

ESSEX ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS



# COUNTY UPDATE

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## Essex County Council Community Initiatives Fund - April 2019

# EXCITING NEWS!

The word 'EXCITING' is in large, purple, gradient letters with a starry background. The word 'NEWS!' is in large, red, gradient letters with a starry background. Two colorful party hats with confetti are positioned on either side of the word 'NEWS!'.

New Community Initiative Fund to be launched  
1st April 2019

New Fund to encompass existing CIF, Local  
Service Fund and Micro Grants

New Initiative to be administered by the EALC,  
on behalf of Essex County Council





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## Types of Funding Available

- Capital or Revenue Grants up to £10,000
- Micro Grants up to £500

## Who can apply

- Town or Parish Councils
- Formally Constituted Groups
- Community Groups/Associations
- Social Enterprises
- CIC's
- Community Benefit Societies

This fund excludes administrative areas of Southend and Thurrock.

The CIF panel will comprise of members from different sectors. They will meet at the EALC offices in September 2019 and 4 meetings will take place back to back on that day. The meetings will be split into areas and each application will be assessed on merit, outcomes and how their initiatives will feed back into the ECC strategy aspirations.

Micro-grants of up to £500 are available throughout the year to enable community projects at a grass roots level to gain access to funds quickly and easily. Projects could include, purchasing a fridge for a food bank, organising a community clean up or planting/maintaining a community garden.

All forms will be available for download from our website.



Grants will be paid up front and monitored on a regular basis. Feedback will be distributed via our County Update, to showcase your achievements since receiving the funds.

We will be holding briefing sessions at the EALC offices, dates to be confirmed in due course.

## 2019 Time-Line Submissions

Pre Application Forms— Close of Business 31st May

Application Forms— Noon 18th August

These dates do not apply for Micro-grant applications

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