

Your Station Your Community Improvement Fund

2026/27



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DfT - Customer Community Improvement Fund (CCIF)

The purpose of the fund is to support projects that will have positive social impacts and real create social value for the communities that we serve, addressing issues that are key for us as a railway, but also for society in general – monitored through the Rail Social Value Tool

- The funding programme was designed utilising the theory behind Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) – where projects are based on building on community strengths, rather than identifying weakness and putting a sticking plaster on it – which addresses the fundamental issue of sustainability for community-based projects and leads to stronger and more resilient communities
- Ideally projects will have high levels of user engagement, co-design and/or be user led – giving the organisation's the levels of understanding, that are needed to properly engage with, support and empower communities

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- ❑ **Key Themes: Community Rail priorities** - mental health, education, employability and confidence building, diversity and inclusion, environmental sustainability and creating a welcoming station environment
- ❑ **Subject Priorities** – Social issues with significant impact on train services - recently they have been around anti-social behaviour suppression, and this year specifically hate crime & violence and intimidation against women and girls.
- ❑ **Organisations** - We welcome applications from registered charities, community of interest companies (CICs), Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIOs), community groups and other not-for-profit organisations such as community rail partnerships, schools & colleges, business partnerships, town councils and parish councils.

Where we can fund

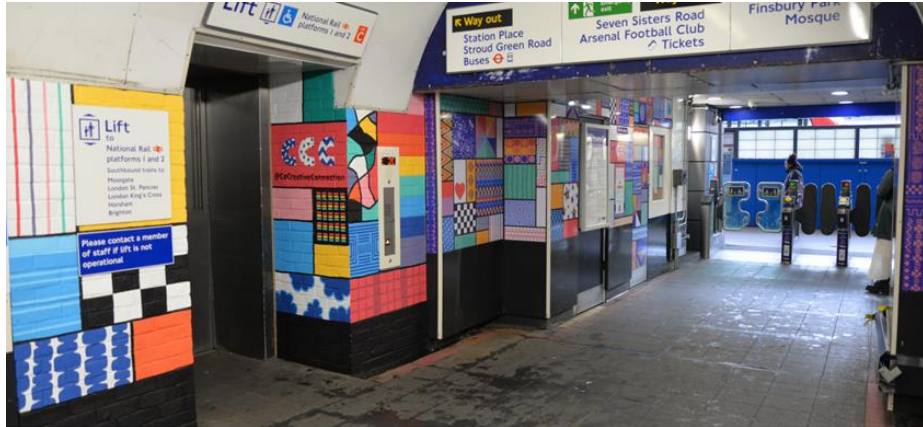
- ❑ Initiatives taking place in the communities around stations served by Great Northern, Southern, Thameslink or Gatwick Express on the GTR network – with a priority for managed stations
- ❑ We only accept bids for work on station property where they are managed by GTR

YSYC 2023/24

- **£338,000 grants** for community-led social and environmental projects
- **£115,000,000** generated in Social Value as measured by the RSVT
- **19 charities and voluntary organisations supported** to run projects in areas served by GTR.
- Chosen from **373 applications**.
- Funding support ranged from **£1,000 to £50,000**, with some awards split over two years.



2023/24 Grants



Funded Schemes

Abandofbrothers

AFK – Working With Disability

Artytime CIC

AudioActive

Autism Bedfordshire

Citizens Online

Clean Up Hastings

Co-Creative Connection

The Daylight Club

Enfield Chase Station Volunteers

Growing Redhill

InStreatham Business Improvement District

King's College Hospital Charity

Meldreth, Shepreth and Foxton Community Rail Partnership

Missing People

Onwards & Upwards

Red Balloon Educational Trust

SoutheastCRP

St Albans Cycle Hub CIC

Sustainable Earlswood

The Winchester Project


Total

YSYC 2024/25

- Applicants encouraged to bid at **£10,000** level
- Over **£2.2 million worth** of application requests received
- 37 projects selected or carried over (31 new projects)
- Social Value monetisation – final figures being collated
- **Total of £448,000 funding**



2024-25 Grants

Organisation		
Arun Church [Arun Youth Projects]		4 projects carried over from 23/24
Brighton Toy and Model Museum		Abandofbrothers
Centre 33		Artytime CIC
Clock Tower Sanctuary		AudioActive
Coulsdon South Station Partnership - GTR		King's College Hospital Charity
Culture Shift		
Dame Kelly Holmes Trust		2 project applied for in 23/24 funded 24/25
Empowering Education CIC		Meldreth Shepreth and Foxtan CRP
English for Action (EFA) London		Southeast Communities Rail Partnership CIC
Friends of Ore Station		
Fun 4 Young People (F4YP) Ltd		
Grassroots Suicide Prevention		
Hillside Clubhouse		
Junction 7 Creatives C.I.C.		
Loughborough Junction Action Group		
Moulsecomb Forest Garden and Wildlife Project		
Repair Café Lambeth CIC		
Sporting Recovery CIC		
Stevenage FC Foundation		
Thomas Pocklington Trust		
Turning Tides Homelessness		
Impact Initiatives - Wild Mind Project		
Borde Hill Garden		
Breadwinners Foundation		
Bute Street Projects CIC		
Bedford and District Citizens Advice Bureau		
Kentish Town City Farm		
Landport Community Hub		
Balcombe Guerrilla Gardeners		
The Margins Project		
Woman's Trust		
Total		Total
		TOTAL Funding
		

YSYC 2025/26

- Budget of £480,000 – Grants totalling £479,988.20
- 26 funded organisations
- Opened for applications Nov 2024
- Closed for applications 18th Dec 2024
- Fund split between funding areas:
 - Up to £10,000 bids
 - £10,001 - £50,000 bids
 - NEW for 2025/26 two **Station Partner Support** grants of £25,000
- 312 bids received



2025/26 Grants

Organisation

Barnham and Eastergate Parish Council

Biggleswade Community Gardens

Bramber Bakehouse

Brighton & Hove Food Partnership

Bromley and Croydon Women's Aid

Cambridge Rape Crisis Centre (CRCC)

Centre 33

Climate Ed

Cycle Sisters

De La Warr Pavilion

Evolve Housing Support

Good Gym

Greening Arundel

Grace Eyre Foundation

Havens Community Hub

Hydrocracker

Lucy Rayner Foundation

Motivez

Protection Approaches

Railway Children

Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew (RBG Kew)

Spiral Skills CIO

Techresort CIC

Wealden Citizens Advice

Cambridge Sustainable Food CIC

Co-Creative Connection

Total



YSYC 2026/27

- Estimated budget of £500,000
- Opening for applications Autumn 2025
- Fund split between funding areas:
 - Up to £10,000 bids – simple application
 - £10,001 - £50,000 bids – need to discuss bid prior
 - two **Station Partner Support** grants of £25,000 – need to discuss bid prior
- 1 year funding – with the possibility of rebidding
- Re-focusing on issues relevant to the railway – maintaining ASB and Hate Crime as priorities
- **Sign up now for advance notice of the details of the fund**



Thank You!

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