

Worthing Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Neighbourhood Fund

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What is the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)?

- Charge on developers for building new developments, such as houses
- Introduced by Worthing BC in October 2015 to help pay towards delivering infrastructure improvements
- 15% of all receipts must be spent in the neighbourhood where the development took place
- Third round of funding ran in 2024, with 27 successful groups - giving out over £200k



Who is eligible to apply?

- For community groups, local charities or resident associations to 'bid' for funding to deliver projects
- Must be constituted, have bank account and relevant policies / insurance
- Encourage 'joint bids'
- The expectation is that projects which receive CIL funding in 2025 will be delivering projects in the four CIL Areas which have funding available; [Coastal East, North West, North, and North East](#)
- £145k available in 2025



What are the restrictions of the fund?

- Should be spent on projects which can be seen to have a benefit to the local community - this includes revenue projects
- Project proposals can request a minimum of £1,000 and up to a maximum CIL Neighbourhood Fund allocation of £5,000
- The Neighbourhood Fund will be available to fund one off project costs
- Project proposals that match CIL Neighbourhood Fund, with other funding sources, are encouraged
- Projects must be ready to be delivered as soon as possible, at least within 18 months



What are we looking for in 2025?

- Our evaluation criteria for projects in 2025 will be looking at whether:
 - There is a direct benefit to Worthing CIL Area residents and the environment?
 - The group has already secured additional funding to deliver the project?
 - The CIL allocation provides value for money?
 - It is helping to build inclusive and connected communities?
 - There is a demonstrated need in the CIL Area?
 - It has been developed with people who have lived experiences?
 - There is partnership working (e.g. with other groups who operate in the CIL Area)?



What is the application process for 2025?

- Expression of interest stage will open from 19th May for 6 weeks
- Networking events on in June & July - see [Council's website](#)
- Formal application process will then open for 6 weeks from 1st September
- Suitable projects will be sent through to an assessment panel to be held in November
- The assessment panel to be made up of both Elected Members and community representatives will evaluate all applications
- Recommendations made to Cabinet member who will sign off bids - by the end of the year



More information is available on Council website, search for Worthing CIL

<https://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/worthing-cil/neighbourhood-fund/>

Or email worthingcil@adur-worthing.gov.uk



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