

Locality Fund and Local Community Fund 2023/24

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The focus of today's session

- The difference between the Locality Fund and Local Community Fund grant programmes
- What projects have been funded so far
- What makes a good project proposal
- Tips and Tricks
- Ready-made project proposals that you and your colleagues can fund today!



Locality Fund 2023/24



- Fourth year of the scheme
- £5,000 for each member
- No carry forwards from last year
- Rules as simple as possible
- Minimum spend of £300
- Schemes to benefit community
- Consider the environment

Local Community Fund

- Funding allocated on a district basis
- £12k - £36k per district based on number of ECC members (£4000 x number of ECC members)
- Spending by ECC as determined by ECC members and approved by officers and Cabinet Member
- Focussed on
 - **Levelling up**
 - **Youth Services**
 - **Climate Action**
- Replaces LLUF and Youth Service Grants



How much?

Based on £4,000 x the number of members in the district

Basildon
£36,000

Braintree
£32,000

Brentwood
£16,000

Castle Point
£20,000

Chelmsford
£36,000

Colchester
£36,000

Epping
Forest
£28,000

Harlow
£16,000

Maldon
£12,000

Rochford
£20,000

Tendring
£32,000

Uttlesford
£16,000

What is your role in the Local Community Fund?

Members for a district collectively make recommendations

- Will need to be approved by Cabinet Member and the relevant service.

Minimum allocation of £1,000

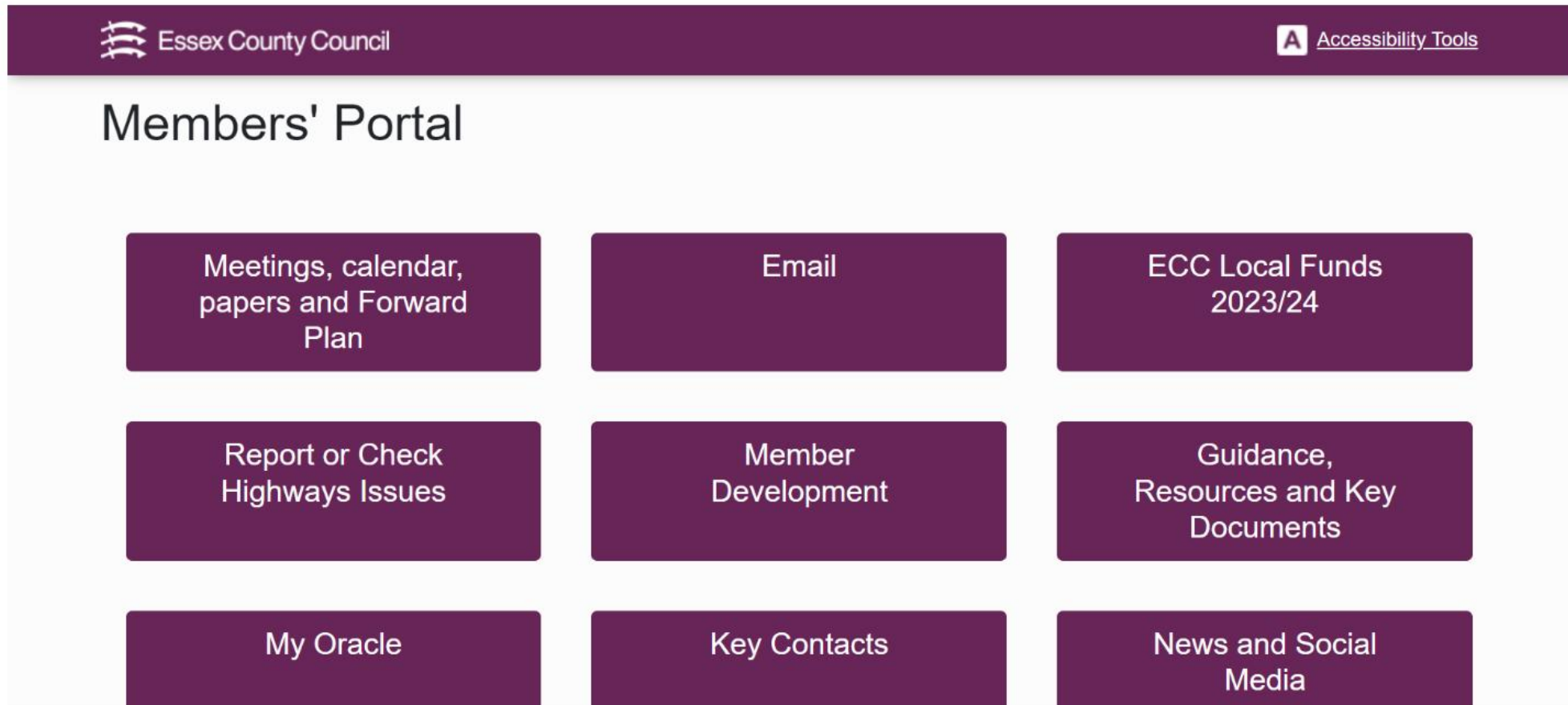
Match funding preferred, dependent on partner

Consider consulting district councillor colleagues

Youth Grant ideas need to involve young people

There is a list of 'pre approved' schemes that you may want to consider

The Members Portal



<https://members.essex.gov.uk/>

Nominations

Members need to come together as they did for LLUF

Decide whether any of the ideas on the list are for you

If you want to use your own proposals – ones that aren't on the list

- Test them with the relevant officers
- Involve young people (YS) (The Youth Service can support you in this)

Make sure that the panel supports the proposal:

- The 'panel' is all ECC members representing the district
- We would like you to aim for unanimity
- If you can't achieve unanimity, then you need to do your best and explain why it's not been achieved
- Explaining Lead Members – they are a coordinating role only

Lead Members

- Cllr Laureen Shaw - Rochford
- Cllr Anthony McQuiggan - Chelmsford
- Cllr Lewis Barber - Colchester
- Cllr Mark Durham - Maldon
- Cllr Michael Hardware - Harlow
- Cllr Susan Barker – Uttlesford
- Cllr Holly Whitbread – Epping Forest
- Cllr Andrew Sheldon – Castlepoint
- Cllr Tom Cunningham – Braintree
- Cllr Jeff Henry – Basildon
- Cllr Louise McKinlay – Brentwood
- Cllr Mark Platt – Tendring

How the Local Community Fund has been used

The full list is an appendix to the covering paper, but I just wanted to give a few examples of the types of schemes that have already been funded which you could consider:

- **Literacy workshops** in Brentwood aimed at both preschool and KS1 (£2160)
- Canvey Island **Youth Project**– paying for youth workers, promotion and one to one support service to help young people better deal with anxiety (£12,500)
- Chelmsford Funding for **tuition of NEETS** in skills such as brickwork and carpentry, as well as the provision of a weekly trade club (£22,500)
- Funding a one year post for a **Family Solutions Worker** to operate across Tendring (£20,000)
- Trustlinks in Rochford – funding a weekly **youth wellbeing and support group** session for young people with mental health issues. Activities included cooking, crafting, sports and gardening. Funding paid for projects workers and resources (£25,000)

Tips and Tricks

- Arrange a meeting between yourselves and the lead member to discuss ideas – we are stronger together
- What are your priorities for your area? E.g. Youth Activities, Digital Inclusion, Raising Climate Awareness
- Remember you need to achieve unanimity if possible – so work with colleagues in advance
- If you are struggling to find projects to spend the fund on, why not:
 - Contact local community hubs in the relevant district
 - Look at the members portal, which has a link to a list of schemes that is continually updated by officers
 - Get in touch with the nominated officers leading on this scheme to discuss your area

How you might want to work together

- **Essex is diverse, our members are diverse, our districts are diverse**
- We have panels of between three and nine members
- There is no general officer support – the ask is that **Members organise themselves**
- We recommend that each district has an initial conversation to decide how members want to work
- You may want to have regular meetings, or you may want to do things by email
- You may want to work with another organisation (e.g. CVS) - although there is no money for this
- Visit the project you fund – share pictures and assets with officers

Why have some submissions been rejected?

- No clear outcomes for residents
- Does not fit with one of the three specified themes
- Funding is for a full or half year project, but is submitted near the end of the financial year
- Projects are treated as an extension of individual locality funds and show no evidence of working together collectively as members in a district (work with your lead member to agree consensus)
- Schemes submitted are for below the £1000 minimum threshold
- Project/scheme submitted very light on detail, so hard to make a decision as to the quality of the proposal. You will need:
 - Details of the organisation
 - Details of what the money is going to be spent on
 - (more detailed than for LF if it isn't on the list)
 - Information about the benefit
 - Details of how you think outcomes of the cohorts will be improved

What's not normally allowed – Local Community Fund

Voucher schemes

Food bank funding

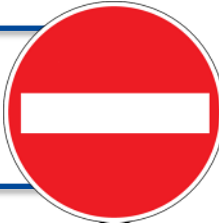
Repairs to buildings or car parks

Parish Council funding unless they provide 50% match funding

Funding current activities

Providing core funding

Schemes that don't improve outcomes



Projects you can fund right now

- The list is there to give you ideas, you don't have to use the list
- It may give you quick wins
- If you are interested check that the item on the list applies to your district
- It may be possible to 'customise' the item – in which case speak to the relevant service

List of suggested schemes



Levelling Up Essex

“Everyone should have the opportunity to succeed in life and fulfil their potential; and that all places and communities should be able to share in this.”

Improving access to
good jobs

Improving access to
high quality green
spaces

Supporting people to
have good physical and
mental health, leading
an independent and
active life

Improving educational
attainment, and access
to quality skills to
support lifelong learning

Supporting people to
feel safe and have
strong ties and mutual
support within their
geographical or social
communities

- Schemes must benefit one of the Levelling up cohorts
 - People with SEND, learning disabilities, or mental health conditions (children and adults)
 - Children / young people on free school meals
 - Working families on low incomes
 - Young adults (16-25) who have not been in education, training, or employment for more than six months.
- Programmes must seek to be sustainable.
- For more information about ideas from the Head of Levelling up Co-ordination or to discuss their own ideas, Members should contact the Head of Levelling up Co-ordination
rebecca.gipp@essex.gov.uk

Climate Action

**Increasing green
infrastructure**

Renewable energy

Active travel

Waste reduction

**Engagement,
education &
awareness**

- Schemes must support voluntary and community projects on climate action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and/or increase climate resilience to flooding or overheating
 - Programmes must seek to be sustainable
 - Climate projects can deliver multiple outcomes including levelling up and increased youth provision
- For more information about ideas from the Director, Environment and Climate Action or to discuss their own ideas, Members should contact the Director, Environment and Climate Action Samantha.kennedy@essex.gov.uk or Rosalyn.murphy@essex.gov.uk

Youth Projects and Priorities

Youth Service Youth Voice Survey 2023

2372 young people in Essex completed the youth service survey to state topics they felt were important. The top voted topics were:

1. Mental health and wellbeing
2. Bullying
3. Low confidence
4. Drugs, alcohol, smoking and vaping
5. Making life choices

Community Stakeholder Events

Current projects available for funding right now

The Decision Process

Members work together to decide what to submit

One member submits electronic form which is automatically sent to all members in the district

If anyone disagrees with the proposal they should email Locality Fund immediately

The submitted proposals are then then sent to the relevant service for checking/approval

We will get further information from the organisation

All bids are sent to Deputy Leader via a CMA (in batches)

Decision is made and published

Subject to call in

Outcome notified to members and to recipient after call in expiry

Deadlines – Local Community Fund

- Applications will be approved in batches
- No bids will be accepted after Friday 2 February 2024



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For more information

Levelling up

- Philip Oldershaw
- Rebecca Gipp

Youth Service

- Julie Auger / Glenn Crickmore

Climate Action

- Samantha Kennedy
- Rosalyn Murphy
- Kerry Burgess

Technical Support (not advice)

- Emma Hunter
- Paul Turner
- Joanna Boaler



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