

The co-operative membership Community Fund

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Who?



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Co-operative Values and Principles

- We are a co-operative society, not a company.
- Everything we do is underpinned by our Values and Principles.

owned
by our
members



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Values

- Self help
- Self responsibility
- Democracy
- Equality
- Equity
- Solidarity



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- Thousands of clubs, community groups and self-help organisations benefit
- Over £8m has been raised and awarded by our members since 1997.



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Who can apply?

- Community groups, self-help groups, voluntary groups and community charities
- A group does NOT have to be a charity.



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Excluded groups

- Groups other than community, self-help and voluntary groups
- Core activities of auxiliary groups (e.g. Woodcraft Folk, Women's Guilds, etc.)
- Credit unions
- Cadets

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Eligibility

- Projects must be charitable i.e. benefit the wider community.
- Projects must be in line with our Values and Principles.



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How much can you apply for?

- Between £100 and £2000.
- If more than £500 accounts information needed
- Newly formed Groups can only apply for up to £500.



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What can the Funding be for?

- Equipment
- Events
- Running costs
- Training
- Fixtures
- Capital costs
- Project costs



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Completing an application

- Applications are **online**
- There are instructions on what you will need before you start
- Takes 45 minutes to an hour.
- You must complete the form in one session as your form cannot be saved.

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Before You Start

- List of questions from web site
- The name, address and telephone number of an independent referee
- A copy of your group's accounts.
- What items you're asking for and how much they cost.
- A printer, linked to the PC you're working on

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Online application (1)

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Online application (2)

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How Will it be Judged ?

Your group must carry out positive work in the community and

- address a community issue
- provide a good long-term benefit to the community
- support co-operative values and principles
- ideally be innovative in its approach

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FAQs

- How long does it take?
- Who decides whether my group is successful?
- Do groups always get the full amount they apply for ?
- How much extra information can a group include?

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How to contact us?

For further information please visit:

www.co-operative.coop/communityfund
or call 0161 8275879

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