



Community Chest Grant

Reducing anti-social behaviour (ASB) and addressing safety concerns associated with the Upper Orwell Street, Orwell Place, Tacket Street, Eagle Street, Dogs Head Street and Upper Brooke Street Area - Applications now open

Amount: A total funding pot of £5,000 is available for this theme/area. This may be awarded as a single grant or divided among multiple successful applicants.

You may apply for anything up to £5000.

Area: Alexandra

Issue or emerging need: Reducing anti-social behaviour and addressing safety concerns.

Closing date: Friday 23rd October by 5pm.

Community Chest grants are designed to tackle an issue or address an emerging need within the community.

We are looking for a group or organisation to deliver a project or service which supports reducing anti-social behaviour and addressing safety concerns associated with the Upper Orwell Street, Orwell Place, Tacket Street, Eagle Street, Dogs Head Street and Upper Brooke Street Area. A map of this area can be seen below. Applicants can apply for the grant to expand on an existing service, or to start a new project the area and we welcome partnership applications.

If you are considering starting a new project in the area, we ask you to consider the longer-term impact and potential sustainability beyond this grant wherever possible.

Projects must be delivered by **April 2027**.

What We Are Looking to Fund

We are looking for projects that help reduce anti-social behaviour, improve community safety, strengthen community connections, and create positive opportunities for residents. We are particularly interested in preventative and early-intervention approaches that address the root causes of anti-social behaviour while encouraging pride in the local area.

Activities could include:

- Community outreach projects that engage residents who may be isolated or at risk of becoming involved in anti-social behaviour.
- Community events and neighbourhood activities that encourage positive use of public spaces.
- Environmental improvement projects, such as community clean-ups, planting schemes, mural projects, gardening initiatives, and enhancements to neglected spaces.
- Projects that increase community ownership and pride in communal areas.
- Community-led campaigns to tackle issues such as littering, vandalism, fly-tipping, and graffiti.
- Projects supporting individuals affected by addiction, including recovery-focused activities, peer support groups, and community reintegration programmes.
- Early intervention projects aimed at reducing the impact of substance misuse and related anti-social behaviour.
- Projects that increase community cohesion, build trust, and create a greater sense of belonging.

This list is not exhaustive, and creative approaches are encouraged. We recognise that a single grant will not solve anti-social behaviour challenges on its own. However, we are looking for projects that can make a meaningful contribution to improving community safety, reducing negative behaviours, enhancing the local environment, and creating stronger, more connected communities.

Eligibility criteria

This fund is for existing local groups or organisations, who must be constituted and be able to meet the following due diligence requirements:

- A committee with at least three members
- A bank account in the group's name, with two signatories for all withdrawals (living at two different addresses)
- Provision of a recent bank statement (within 30 days) with visible transactions (confidential details may be redacted, for example if an individual has paid a donation into the account)
- A Safeguarding Policy in place if they are working with children and/ or vulnerable people

- Any other policies or insurance which are deemed necessary or related to the activity

Community Chest Grants cannot be used for:

- Paid staff costs which are unrelated to the project
- Activities which are the statutory duty of any organisation, including IBC
- Paying for any activities retrospectively
- Political activities for any party
- Activities with a religious focus, or which may exclude residents based on faith (this does not exclude activities which are affiliated with a religious group provided they are open to all)

How to apply

Applications are to be made using the following form and must be received by **Friday 23rd October by 5pm.**

[Community Chest Application form 2026 – Fill in form](#)

Next Steps

Applications will be reviewed at the next Community Grants Recommendation working group on the 11th of November.

If your application is successful, we will request due diligence documents from you and make the required checks. Once complete, we will ask you to sign an agreement and make arrangements for payment.

We aim for the Community Chest Grant process to take no more than two- three months in total, inclusive of due diligence checks and processing payment.

If you require any further information or support, please contact communities@ipswich.gov.uk.