Rural England Prosperity Fund (REPF)

Stage 1: Community Grants Application Form

Not-for-Profit groups/organisations are invited to apply for between £1,000 and £20,000 to deliver capital projects which address a demand or need within their local community, across Tendring (excluding Clacton and Holland on Sea). Eligible locations in Tendring are defined by DEFRA's 'Magic Maps Platform, which is viewable here.

Community focussed grants are available for capital works only. No match funding is required, however any revenue costs (e.g. human resource, ongoing maintenance of a new facility, project overheads etc.) must be sourced from elsewhere as REPF cannot support these elements.

The community strand includes the following interventions, as per Government's criteria:

- Funding (capital grants) for investment and support for digital infrastructure for local community facilities.
- Funding (capital grants) for investment in capacity building and infrastructure support for local civil society and community groups.
- Funding (capital grants) for creation of and improvements to local rural green spaces.
- Funding (capital grants) for existing cultural, historic and heritage institutions that make up the local cultural heritage offer.
- Funding (capital grants) for local arts, cultural, heritage and creative activities.
- Funding (capital grants) for active travel enhancements in the local area.
- Funding (capital grants) for rural circular economy projects.
- Funding (capital grants) for impactful volunteering and social action projects to develop social and human capital in local places.

This Stage 1 form allows groups/organisations to submit a project idea and find out if it would be eligible for support in principle. If successful, applicants will be invited to make a more detailed Stage 2 application, which will then be assessed by Councillors and Officers to decide whether the project can be supported.

Stage 1 applications are being welcomed from 9th June 2025 until 7th July 2025. Please return this form to the following email address: tendring4growth@tendringdc.gov.uk by 23.59 on 7th July 2025.

Please refer to the Terms & Conditions published on the Tendring District Council Website for further information, or alternatively you can contact tendring4growth@tendringdc.gov.uk with any questions you may have.

CONTACT DETAILS

Please give us your name and contact details, along with the group you represent, and please include an email address as this will be the primary method of communication with you (unless otherwise requested).

PROJECT BACKGROUND (Maximum 200 words)

Give a brief outline of your suggested proposal under the following headings:

- 1. Project Outline
- 2. Community support for the project
- 3. Who would benefit from this project
- 4. Value for Money

ANTICIPATED RESOURCES REQUIRED (Maximum 200 words)

What do you need to deliver your proposal? (equipment, people, specialist advice, funding) please also indicate any resources you will be providing such as volunteer time. Keep in mind that this fund can support capital spend only, and revenue funding will have to be sourced from elsewhere.