

NEW COMMUNITIES CAPITAL GRANTS PROGRAMME

APPENDIX 1 - COMMUNITY FACILITY GRANTS

1. Who is eligible to apply?

Parish Councils or their representatives, village hall committees, youth organisations or community groups. The application should come from the organisation with legal ownership or long-term tenure of the facility or land in question.

The applicant should have day-to-day responsibility for the building or land in question.

The facility or land will have full community access and have insurance cover, including for public liability.

2. What projects are eligible ?

New village halls or community centres and improvements to existing village halls and community centres

Village car parks associated with village halls, community centres, youth facilities or recreation grounds

Other community buildings where it is the primary community building in the village; for both new build and improvements to existing facilities.

Community mini buses, which are available to the whole community and accessible to disabled users.

New/improvements to disabled access to any community facility, which is substantially used by the community.

Youth buildings/centres or drop-in facilities.

Priority will be given to the main village halls or community centres in a village, where one exists. Halls linked to places of worship/churches may be eligible to apply for grants towards disabled access only where there is substantial community and non-faith related use of the hall. Evidence of this will be required including a programme of use and letters of support from user groups. Parish Councils will also be expected to support and contribute financially towards any scheme.

3. Consultation

Thorough consultation is expected for any new village or community hall project or indeed any substantial improvement scheme. Evidence must be provided that all sections of the community have been consulted, including young people, those with a disability and those from minority groups.

We wish to see these capital grants helping to increase community activity, rather than maintain existing activity levels.

4. Further information required

All applications must include a programme of use for the existing or proposed new facility.

5. Maximum Grant award

The Council's maximum grant award under this scheme is £40,000.

6. Contact Officer

For more information and an application pack please contact the Resource Officer, Sustainable Communities on 01954 713359, or by email at sustainablecommunities.grants@scambs.gov.uk