

# Funding Criteria



Crawley Borough Council has received **£45,000** funding to support those communities identified as being most effected **as a result of Covid19**.

**Putting Communities First (PCF)** is a 12 month programme to ensure that Crawley based communities are supported to deliver services that will;

- a) Build the **strength** and **resilience** in your community group
- b) Ensure any project is **sustainable** beyond the terms of the funding opportunity

From **30th November 2020** we will start to accept bids for funding from communities – this may be existing charities and community groups or any that are newly established.

Your project bid should consider the following criteria;

## Who?

- Young people and working age adults
- People from ethnic minorities
- Faith groups
- People at increased occupational risk from Covid19 such as; health and care workers and people who are in close contact to others and are unable to work from home
- People in Langley Green, Bewbush or Broadfield neighbourhoods
- People with long-term health issues such as; obesity, diabetes, ill mental health, poor heart health
- People from gypsy and traveller communities
- People from the LGBTQ community
- Children who may be educationally disadvantaged. For example unable to study at home
- People with learning disabilities
- Any community that has been disadvantaged by Covid19

## What?

Projects should consider the effects of Covid19 and how it can improve;

- Prevention messaging particularly, young and working age people
- physical health and wellbeing
- mental health and wellbeing
- the increased risks of coronavirus on communities with high cases of; obesity, diabetes, cardiovascular disease and dementia
- Reaching people who may otherwise be difficult to engage
- Uptake of flu vaccine
- Impact of poverty, housing and food insecurity
- Impact on educational inequalities for young people

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Ideally, your project should look at what is needed to support your group and local community as well as the delivery of your project outcomes.

## Example

If your project was looking at tackling obesity and diabetes in your community, consider how you can deliver multiple, long-term weight loss groups specific to your community needs.

Your project might be to train people within your community to become nutritional advisors who can delivery many weight loss groups as ongoing support.

## When

The project timeline asks that projects commence no later than **1st April 2021**.

Key dates are;

30 <sup>th</sup> November 2020	Putting Communities First will launch and be open to receiving funding requests
22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2021	Closing date for all bids
WC: 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	Bids will be reviewed by a panel of key partner organisations
WC: 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	All bids will be informed if they have been successful or not
1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021	Official project start date
June 2022	Final evaluation

## Your Questions Answered

Q. We are not a charity or large organisation can we still apply?

**A. Yes – everyone is welcome to apply for the grant funding and support. As well as financial support, Putting Communities First will offer expert support and guidance throughout the project.**

Q. Can our group apply for more than one grant?

**A. Yes.**

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Q. When do we need to submit the application?

*A. The closing date for applications is **Friday 22 January, 2021.***

Q. When will we know if we are successful?

*A. We will respond to all applicants by **Friday 12th February, 2021.***

Q. Where or who will the money be paid to?

*A. If your organisation has a bank account any funding can be paid directly. If you are a smaller community group or individual without a bank account funds can be held on your behalf by Crawley Borough Council.*

Q. We've never written a bid before – can someone help us?

*A. Yes – we are keen to make sure that support is given to grassroots community projects please contact us directly and we will be able to help.*

Q. How much money can we bid for?

*A. You can request funding for your project up to a maximum of **£5,000.** There is no lower limit. If you only need a small amount of funding please complete an application form.*

Q. Can we make a request in partnership with another community group?

*A. Yes.*

Q. When is the start date of the project?

*A. Your project should start no later than **1st April 2021.***

Q. When do we have to spend the money by?

*A. All funding should be spent by **April 2022 at the latest.***

Q. What sort of reporting and updates will we have to supply?

*A. You will need to submit quarterly reporting throughout the project year with a final evaluation – we can support you through this process.*

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Q. Is there anything that we can't use the money for?

*A. Yes – we are unable to fund, staff wages, existing running costs, vehicles or repayments.*

Q. Can we ask for funding for capital items (equipment?)

*A. We will consider each case individually and may be willing to fund low value items (under £250) or consider contributing towards larger cost items.*

Q. What if we don't spend all the money?

*A. Any underspend will need to be repaid to Crawley Borough Council.*

Q. Our group already receives a Community Grant from Crawley Borough Council, can we still apply for a **Putting Communities First** grant?

*A. Yes*

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