

# **Alliance Homes Community Micro-Grants**

## **£50.00 to £1000.00**

### **Aims & Overview**

The aim of this grant funding is to enable groups, locally based charities, and organisations to help Alliance Homes to create vibrant communities that bring people together and support them to lead happy, independent lives.

The focus of this investment will be to make a positive difference to Alliance Homes communities and customers.

Grants are to cover specific costs or needs of groups and organisations. Applicants must demonstrate how projects or initiatives will provide specific benefits to our communities.

Funding is available to support activities across Alliance Homes geography (North Somerset, Bath and North East Somerset, Bristol, Sedgemoor, and South Glos). We welcome customer led grant applications and those that demonstrate there is active buy-in and support from our customers.

### **Alliance Homes Corporate Plan & Community Investment Priorities**

- Great Customer Service e.g. volunteer led gardening scheme for tenants
- Make Every Place a Home e.g. opportunities for community cohesion such as events and gatherings within communities, projects that aim to regenerate or develop community spaces
- Planning for a Greener Future e.g. Increasing biodiversity, rewilding projects, community gardens, environmental projects
- Health and Wellbeing e.g. Increased social connection and reduced isolation through meeting spaces, gatherings and events and projects that build and maintain connections or projects that aim to improve physical or mental health
- Community Resilience e.g. Developing community leaders, providing spaces and forums for meeting and building relationships, projects that encourage communities to support each other

- Finances e.g. money saving scheme or projects that aim to support those on lower incomes
- Home Maintenance and Environment e.g. Improving the quality of the local environment and public spaces, projects that aim to support people to maintain their homes
- Digital e.g. providing training and access to technology

### **Application process**

We have a simple application process and approval system allowing us to approve grant requests quickly.

A team of representatives (social value group) from across the organisation and community will review all applications once every six weeks.

Please complete the attached form to apply for grant and read the notes and terms and conditions below.

### **Applying for a grant - what you need to know**

- We will pay grants of £50 to a maximum of £1000 to support a wide variety of activities.
- The amount of funding for your project will be decided by independent panel members.
- The primary purpose is to benefit a community. This will usually be taken to mean a geographical community but could be a group of people with a particular characteristic or need within a community.
- Grants will bring benefit to Alliance Homes tenants, leaseholders, and members as well as the wider Community.
- Grants will only go to projects which have involved the community in their development, and which show a clear need.
- The grants could support a wide variety of projects in communities such as:
  - improving an existing facility or amenity.
  - offering a new service or improving on an existing service.
  - funding an event or activity or a series of events or activities.
- No funding will be granted for purposes which conflict with Alliance Homes values.
- The fund will not support:

- Applications for foreign trips
- Applications for individuals
- Applications for activities that promote religion or politics
- Applications for activities that are part of a public bodies' statutory obligation.
- Funding will not be given where it is thought that there would be ongoing management implications or maintenance costs which have not been considered in the application. We are keen to let others know how our funding can make a difference.
- As part of the evaluation process, we ask those receiving funding to provide a case study, a quote about the impact of funding and photos for use across Alliance Homes communication channels (you will need to obtain the consent of anyone in photographs before sending them to us). We understand that in some cases it may not be appropriate to publish photographs of a project or activity.
- By providing imagery of your project you grant the Alliance Homes full rights to use the images resulting from the photography/video filming, and any reproductions or adaptations of the images. This might include (but is not limited to), use in printed and online publicity, social media and press releases.
- You can apply again one years from the date your grant was awarded.
- If you would like to discuss your project before applying, please contact the Community Growth Manager (Andy Ryan) on 01275 398016 or [andy.ryan@alliancehomes.org.uk](mailto:andy.ryan@alliancehomes.org.uk)