



Community Led Care Commission (CLCC)

Community Chest 2025

Funding Criteria

Applicants are encouraged to read these funding criteria thoroughly as applications not meeting the criteria will be rejected.

The 2025 Community Chest grant scheme is now open and welcomes applications from community groups and organisations who would like to help the Council and NHS achieve positive outcomes for people and communities:

- Improving the quality of life and well-being for people;
- Improving the physical health of people;
- Supporting carers breaks.

The criteria are as follows:

1. Applications must be for projects that are based in Cheshire West and Chester, and where the significant majority of beneficiaries are Cheshire West and Chester residents.
2. Organisations must have a turnover of less than £30,000 per year.
3. Applications will be considered by the panel monthly. In circumstances where it is necessary to cancel a panel meeting, any applications will be heard at the meeting held the following month.

4. Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application within 7 days of a decision being made by the panel.
5. There is no closing date for applications, once the funding has been allocated, the Community Chest will close, and this will be confirmed on our website.
6. No precepting authorities, private individuals or commercial organisations are eligible to apply for funding.
7. Applicants will be asked to demonstrate that the organisation to which the application relates to, has a dedicated bank account can provide another account from a suitable holding body.
8. Applicants are welcome to submit more than one application within a 12month period as long as the funding requested is to be used on different projects and/or initiatives.
9. The maximum amount of funding that can be applied for is £500. Applicants must be able to provide a breakdown of the amount that has been requested.
10. Applications to cover salaries or other core running costs of an organisation will not be considered.
11. If the project that has been applied for costs more than the amount requested, applicants must be able to demonstrate where they have or intend to secure the remainder of the funding from.
12. We welcome applicants where match-funding is secured from other grant giving bodies, business sponsorship or the organisation's own reserves.
13. Applications will not be considered from organisations who intend to support or oppose any particular political party, or discriminate on the grounds of race, gender, age, sexual orientation or religion.
14. On completing the funded project, all applicants must complete a brief evaluation to demonstrate the impact that the funding has had. We may ask you for copies of receipts. Any unspent funds, or funds that were used for a different purpose to that which the grant was awarded, must be returned to Cheshire Community Action within 30 days of request.

15. Successful applicants must agree to Cheshire West and Chester sharing any media coverage relating to the project.