

General Information

- This is a 'One Off' Awards Programme
- Each Mid Suffolk District Councillor will be allocated a total of £5000 to award to community groups, organisations and projects
- Awards made can range from £250 upwards
- The application period will run between 1st October 2015 – 8th January 2016
- The application deadline is **8th January 2016**
- We suggest that you make contact with your District Councillor to discuss your application prior to submitting it.
- Application Forms can be obtained from your District Councillor, downloaded from the Mid Suffolk District Council website (<http://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/your-community/community-development/councillors-locality-award-funding/>) or from the Communities Team at Needham Market.
- Completed Application Forms should be returned to the Communities Team at Needham Market

Who Can Apply

- Constituted not-for-profit community groups, organisations and projects
- Applications must demonstrate their direct impact on Mid Suffolk communities
- Applications must demonstrate sustainability
- Applications can be made by the group, organisation or project or they may be nominated by a third party (including a Councillor) – using the Application Form
- Payments cannot be made to individuals
- Applicant organisations must have their own bank account to receive the Award

Awards

- May be given to fund an existing or ongoing project and event
- May be given to initiate a new group or project
- Do not have to be spent by the group, organisation or project on a specific item or within a given time frame
- Are to recognise the work carried out by not for profit groups, organisations and projects in Mid Suffolk

- Applicants selected for an Award must meet one or more of the Council's Strategic Priorities – detailed at the end of this document
- Groups may receive Awards from more than one Councillor
- May be given to a group already receiving support from MSDC
- Award payments must be made before the end of the 2015/16 financial year

Procedures

- All applicants will need to complete the Application Form demonstrating the fit to the strategic priorities
- The Application Forms will be returned to the Communities Team for co-ordination and forwarded on to the respective Councillor
- **The return details are Emma Bendall, MSDC, Communities Team, 131 High Street, Needham Market, IP6 8DL or e-mail emma.bendall@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk**

Additional Information

- If an application is received from a group that the Councillor is not able to support for any reason or if the group is looking for more funds then details can be forwarded to the Communities Team who will endeavour to assist in sourcing grant funding
- If an applicant or potential applicant would like any additional help and support with the Award process they can contact the Communities Team for further details

Further Contacts

- Communities Grant Team are:
- Emma Bendall: Tel: 01449 724650 Email: emma.bendall@baberghmidsuffolk.gov.uk
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MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL'S STRATEGIC PRIORITIES 2015-16

In keeping with Mid Suffolk District Council's Strategic Priorities 2015 - 16, applications will only be considered in keeping with the following headline objectives and outcomes:

Economy and Environment

Lead and shape the local economy by promoting and helping to deliver sustainable economic growth which is balanced with respect for wildlife, heritage and the natural and built environment.

Outcomes

- Strong and productive relationships with business, visitors and partners are established
- Investment is secured and employment opportunities are developed through existing and new business including the delivery of more high value jobs.
- Local skills provision is more aligned to the local economy with our education and training equipping people for work

- Key strategic sites are developed and an infrastructure is in place that delivers economic advantage to existing and new business.
- The natural and built environment and our heritage and wildlife are balanced with growth.
- Our market towns are accessible and sustainable vibrant local and regional centres.
- Growth achieved in the key sectors of food, drink, agriculture, tourism, advanced manufacturing (engineering), logistics and energy sectors of the local economy.
- Potential from the green economy is maximised, for homes and businesses
- Our environment is more resilient to climate change and flooding, water loss and emissions are reduced.
- A cleaner, safer and healthier environment is delivered providing a good quality of life for residents and visitors.

Housing

Ensure that there are enough good quality, environmentally efficient and cost effective homes with the appropriate tenures and in the right locations.

Outcomes

- That the supply of housing meets the needs and demands of all and supports diverse vibrant communities.
- Appropriate amenities and infrastructure for core villages acting as hubs for their surrounding areas.
- A high standard of housing that is energy efficient, accessible, of good quality, in the right locations and with the right tenures.
- People are able to move more readily and have the choice and ability to access appropriate housing.

Strong and Healthy Communities

Encourage and support individuals and communities to be self sufficient, strong, healthy and safe.

Outcomes

- Vibrant, healthy, sustainable and resilient communities maximising their skills and assets.
- Individuals and communities taking responsibility for their own health, wellbeing, fitness and lifestyles.
- Communities feel safer and there are low levels of crime.
- Communities are better connected and have a strong and productive relationship with Mid Suffolk District Council.