

Selection Criteria for Spacehive Neighbourhood CIL

Projects

CIL Neighbourhood Funds

The Council attributes 15% of all funds collected from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) to a Neighbourhood Fund which is to be spent by residents/community groups on local development of the neighbourhood. The Neighbourhood Fund can be used to fund a wide range of projects empowering communities to deliver priority supporting infrastructure and development including:

- 1) The provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure;
- 2) Anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area.

How it works with Spacehive

Spacehive is an online crowd-funding platform where local community groups can submit their project proposals. The public will be able to view project proposals and “like” proposals they are in favour of and pledge donations and volunteer time towards any they would like to support.

Projects under £500 (micro-projects) will apply for CIL funding through a separate streamlined process on Spacehive. The Council will match-fund 100% from the Neighbourhood CIL fund if the projects meet the criteria and subject to funding availability.

Crowdfunding projects are split according to three sizes: **small, medium** and **large**.

Small projects will be looking to crowdfund **between £501- £1000** for their projects. The Council will match-fund up to a maximum of 100% from the Neighbourhood CIL fund if projects meet the criteria and subject to funding availability.

Medium projects will be looking to crowdfund **between £1001 - £8,000** for their projects. The Council will match-fund up to a maximum of 60% from the Neighbourhood CIL fund if projects meet the criteria and subject to funding availability.

Large projects will be looking to crowdfund between **£8001-£20,000** for their projects. The Council will match-fund up to a maximum of 50% from the Neighbourhood CIL fund if projects meet the criteria and subject to funding availability.

The Assessment Criteria

The assessment criteria are based on the three key objectives outlined in the *Growing A New Redbridge: A Partnership Plan for 2025* which are;

- 1) Regenerate the borough**
- 2) Be a great place to live with family**
- 3) Tackle the root cause of our social challenges**

The projects need to meet at least one of these key objectives to be considered for match-funding from CIL. The projects should be inclusive, open and bringing value to all in the community.

Projects also need to consider helping make Redbridge a child-friendly and young- people friendly borough.

The assessment criteria for which project proposals will be assessed and scored against in detail as shown in Table 1.

Table 1: Assessment Criteria according to project size

Assessment Criteria	Small Projects (between £501- £1,000)	Medium Projects (Between £1,001 - 8,000)	Large Projects (Between £8,001 - 20,000)
Objective 1: Regenerate the borough	✓	✓	✓

Objective 2: Be a great place to live with family	✓	✓	✓
Objective 3: Tackle the root cause of our social challenges	✓	✓	✓
Accords with the CIL Regulations and government guidance on CIL	✓	✓	✓
Assessment Sub-Criteria			
Demonstrates how the project helps to deliver at least one of the 3 key objectives	✓	✓	✓
Demonstrate how the project meets neighbourhood priorities	Brief statement acceptable	✓	✓
Evidence of how the project addresses local needs	Brief statement acceptable	✓	✓
Deliverable and starting within a year of receiving funding.	✓	✓	✓

Feasibility, sustainability and viability of the project	Brief statements acceptable	✓	✓
Financial pledges for the project	✓	✓	✓
Volunteer time pledged for the project in wishlist	✓	✓	✓
Support from Members and/or Internal Departments from Redbridge Council	Not essential	✓	✓
Number of existing similar projects within the area	✓	✓	✓
Achieve the required minimum percentage financial and/or volunteer donations of 25%	Desirable	✓	✓

The Process

A Selection Panel will review all submitted projects before being published on the CIL match-funding platform on Spacehive to ensure that projects meet at least one of the key objectives (1. Regenerate the borough, 2. Be a great place to live with family, 3. Tackle the root cause of our social challenges).

Projects will go live on the Spacehive website and the public will be able to show their support by “liking” projects, pledging financial donations and by pledging volunteer time if in the project wishlist.

The Selection Panel will review all proposed projects on a single day which will be at least three weeks after the deadline date for new project proposals. The Selection Panel will assess how the qualifying projects perform against the criteria and assign scores. The assessment criteria will be published online to view. The Council will match-fund successful projects by up to 100% for small sized projects, but only up to 60% for medium and 50% for large sized projects. However, the Council reserves the right to pledge additional funding for projects from disadvantaged communities; in priority areas; where there is significant community benefit; and where it meets corporate priorities and need.

Spacehive will notify all project applicants on whether or not the Council has awarded a CIL match funding pledge. Projects will continue to fundraise online to meet their total target through crowdfunding pledges. Once proposed projects meet their target, Spacehive will then notify the backers that collections will begin in two days' time. Then applicants will be paid the total money awarded from the Neighbourhood CIL fund and crowdfunded donations.

Small sized projects will have to provide a delivery report at the close of their projects, whereas medium and large sized projects will have to provide quarterly updates on the progress of their projects as well as a closing delivery report for monitoring purposes. Further information on monitoring requirements will be available online.

Further details on the CIL Neighbourhood funding criteria will be provided on Spacehive's website so groups can assess the likelihood of securing match-funding from the Council.

Projects that are not granted Neighbourhood CIL funding may continue to crowdfund for their projects on Spacehive, or are welcome to submit another proposal in the next funding round(s).

Who can apply?

Applications will be accepted from the following:

- Constituted voluntary organisations and resident associations
- Constituted business organisations and associations
- Registered charities
- Individuals may apply via a constituted organisation or group falling into the definitions stated in this list, and in certain circumstances from Council teams such as the Neighbourhoods Team
- Charitable branch of Schools
- Registered community interest companies
- Charitable companies (incorporated as not for profit)
- Registered charitable incorporated organisations
- Exempt or excepted charities
- Registered charitable industrial and provide society or charitable cooperative.
- Applications will also be considered from Redbridge Council departments, where they demonstrate community support.
- Applications submitted by a Ward Member on behalf of a community group falling into one of the aforementioned definitions.

Applicants must:

- Have the support of the organisation they represent
- Have the approval of all parties with legal interest in the land or asset that is the subject of the proposal

Applicants must not:

- Conflict with statutory, regulatory or policy requirements of the Council or other relevant regulatory bodies

Unsupported Project Proposals

The Council is unlikely to support proposals which:

- Only support community features or assets unaffected by development and which would have little or no benefit to development,
- Exclude any particular groups in society or those with protected characteristics,
- Would only support private interests, or
- Have little or no public benefit.

The Council will not accept proposals from political groups, projects that are part of a campaign or promote particular religions/faith/ or political ideologies/ not considered to be inclusive.

Other information

The Neighbourhood CIL fund is a limited fund which is split into the four borough areas of North, East, South and West. There are differing total amounts of money available in each area due to the differing levels of Neighbourhood CIL income and spend from developments. We may cap the total number of small, medium and large projects per area to account for the fund limitations.

Although we expect that most projects will be put forward by resident/community groups in specific areas, we will allow funding for cross-area projects.

There is a weighted scoring applied to projects considered by the Selection Panel. This is to ensure that projects are fairly spread across the borough, accounting for the limited available funds.

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The Council will require photographs of the project as part of the monitoring requirement. The appropriate permissions will be needed from all people in photographs.

There is no appeal route as applicants do not have any grounds to appeal a decision. This is because of the highly transparent nature of the selection process. The public and applicants will be able to view the criteria and scored assessment template online. Everyone can see the amount pledged financially and volunteer time and support through "likes". Unsuccessful applicants can re-apply at subsequent rounds (with improvements to their project) and/or continue to crowdfund on Spacehive.

If applicants for micro-projects decide they want more money after submitting their project proposals, they will have to re-apply in the next funding round. The project proposals should be different although they can still be related to the original project.

The same community groups/ applicants can apply for projects in different funding rounds but the projects must be different. The Selection Panel will consider if previous groups/ applicants have applied when assessing applications and prioritise new applicants.

All physical projects must fall within the boundary of the London Borough of Redbridge.

Please note, where relevant, proposed projects will require permission from the landowner and will need to provide evidence at the time of application.