

**Worthing CIL Neighbourhood Fund Engagement Sessions
9th to 11th 2023
Unanswered Questions and Responses**

Question	Response
<p>Why do some CIL areas have a bigger pot of money than others?</p>	<p>The amount of money in each CIL area is dependent on the level of CIL receipts received across the borough. CIL is collected on liable developments (such as new houses) and the larger the amount of development in an area, generally speaking, the higher the level of CIL receipts.</p> <p>15% of all the CIL receipts Worthing Borough Council receives in a CIL area must be allocated to the CIL Neighbourhood Fund.</p> <p>It is worth noting that some funds were allocated and spent during the first funding round in 2021. Details of these can be found on our website.</p> <p>Information on the amount of CIL funds collected each year is reported in our annual Infrastructure Funding Statement (IFS).</p>
<p>What about projects that impact the whole town? Which CIL area should we apply to?</p>	<p>If your project has a base location (for example, where people meet for your project), then you should apply for the CIL area which the location is in.</p> <p>However, if your project has no specific location, or has multiple locations across different CIL areas, then you should think about which CIL area will have the biggest positive impact from your project. Alternatively, is there one area of development which has a link to your project?</p> <p>It would be a good opportunity for your group to consider who will be impacted by your project.</p>
<p>Can I reapply for the CIL Neighbourhood Fund the next time if I have previously applied?</p>	<p>Yes, you may apply in the future for a different project (or future phase of the same project).</p> <p>However, you cannot reapply in the future for more CIL money if the previous amount allocated has not been sufficient to run your project.</p>
<p>Can we put in more than one bid at a time?</p>	<p>We recommend that you prioritise one project which you need funded.</p> <p>This allows fairer access to the funds for other groups and smaller projects. This will also avoid different bids which are dependent on each other.</p>
<p>Who are Community Works?</p>	<p>Community Works are your local organisation who can offer support to groups and individuals who are delivering projects for social good in the area. They support community</p>

	organisations, charities and groups set up safely and access resources such as funding.
Will Community Works help people write their funding bid?	Community Works can provide some support with applying to the fund. Throughout the year there are free courses on bid writing, fundraising and chance to meet other funders in the area. They don't write funding bids but do provide training to skill your organisation up to be able to apply to a number of funds.
Can the Council help with bid writing?	No, we don't currently have an in-house resource to support community groups with bid-writing but our partner Community Works can offer a range of support (see above).
Can groups collaborate to bid for a project?	Yes, it is encouraged that groups work together to deliver a project. The application form can only be completed by the 'lead' organisation, but it should be made clear in the form that the project is being delivered in collaboration with another group.
Can an umbrella group apply for multiple groups or can the groups apply individually?	The groups can apply individually, provided they meet the criteria. It is likely that the umbrella organisation will cover the criteria such as bank account, constitution etc. An umbrella group could also apply on behalf of the smaller groups, if needed.
Can churches or religious organisations apply for this fund?	CIL cannot be used to fund projects which relate solely to religious purposes. However, if the project has a wider community benefit, then the group could apply.
Can groups who are based outside of Worthing apply?	Yes, however your group will have to demonstrate that there will be a tangible benefit to the communities in Worthing. Your project MUST be being delivered within one of the 4 Worthing CIL areas with money available this funding round.
How do we improve communications between community groups and the council?	Great question - we are all learning on this one and we need to take this question back to our ward councillors and council officers. On a positive note, the CIL Neighbourhood Fund sessions taught us much about how to do 'community comms' and we will be sharing with our colleagues in other directorates. Working with your ward councillors can also be very effective. Click here for the contact details of your ward councillor. If you have any other suggestions about how we can improve external communications please contact our Communications Team via simone.hellyer@adur-worthing.gov.uk or our social media channels:

	<p>Adur & Worthing Councils Facebook Worthing Borough Council Facebook Twitter</p> <p>Community Works is your local community membership organisation that works alongside the local council. They are often asked to represent the community as they work with over 250 local organisations. To keep up to date with local and national policy that affect communities, and if you are part of a local group please consider becoming a member of Community Works.</p>
What is happening with Teville Gate and Brooklands? Are there still opportunities for groups to use space?	<p>Teville Gate is still available for expressions of interest for meanwhile use in advance of any housing development.</p> <p>We are currently investigating whether there are still opportunities to use space at Brooklands. Please contact ruth.pineda@adur-worthing.gov.uk if you want more information.</p>
How to make sure our community spaces are meeting the needs of our hardest to reach communities?	Ensuring community spaces are accessible to seldom heard communities, and minority communities require spaces to be fully accessible and welcoming, without judgement or bias. If you would like support in understanding whether your space is accessible please contact Community Works .
How do we better connect communities to our community assets?	In addition to the above, the council is exploring what technology might support us to make our community spaces more visible to our communities and our role in supporting community centres to engage with more diverse communities.
Have we considered what will happen to unspent funds?	<p>Any funds which aren't allocated this year, will roll forward to the next year. There is no requirement for all the funds to be allocated from a CIL area pot.</p> <p>There is a requirement for 15% of all CIL funds to be spent in the neighbourhood where the development took place. Therefore, the money is ring-fenced for the CIL Neighbourhood Fund and can't be spent on other projects.</p>
How do we find out how much money is available in each of the CIL areas?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Coastal East: Heene, Central and Selden: Pot total £177K ● Coastal West: Marine and Goring: Pot total £84K ● North West: Northbrook, Castle and Durrington: Pot total £365K ● North: Tarring, Gaisford and Salvington: Pot total £25K ● North East: Broadwater and Offington: Pot total £0K
Has the carbon footprint of developers been taken into account in terms of contribution by developers?	No, this is not taken into account currently. The UK Government sets out the CIL Regulations, which details how much money we collect from developers.

<p>How will funds be allocated across different types of projects?</p>	<p>Funds will be allocated according to the evaluations which are undertaken by the assessment panel for each application. A copy of the evaluation form will be available on the website along with the application form.</p>
<p>Could the assessment panel approve funding for a lower amount than was asked for? Particularly in areas where there is less funding available?</p>	<p>Yes, however it is likely that the assessment panel will have discussed this option with you and how it will affect the delivery of your project.</p>
<p>Is there an assessment criteria for applications?</p>	<p>Yes, all applications will be evaluated by the assessment panel. The Evaluation Form will be made available on the website prior to the application form going live on 22nd May.</p>
<p>What is the criteria for bids above 15K?</p>	<p>Applications for larger sums, of up to £30K, could be considered in CIL areas where the pot is greater than £50K, providing the applicants can demonstrate that they have actively sought matching funds from alternative funding providers. Have you actively sought out other sources of funding?</p> <p>It is suggested that groups consider whether their project benefits multiple wards in Worthing. The application form should show how your group has evidenced that there is a need for your project in Worthing.</p> <p>Also, are there any other groups who you can collaborate with to help deliver your project and reach a wider audience?</p>
<p>Can 'match funding' include "in kind" contributions i.e. volunteering hours?</p>	<p>Yes, this should be included on the application form.</p> <p>Volunteering time is valued between £10 and £20 per hour based on whether the role is non professional or professional, and a detailed report on this can be found here; https://www.powertochange.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Value_of_Volunteering_Working_Paper_Final.pdf</p> <p>You can find more salary information here for costing up roles; https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/scale-up-going-rates-for-eligible-occupations/scale-up-going-rates-for-eligible-occupations</p>
<p>If two groups submit applications for different projects, but they work together on certain projects, would that count against them when their applications are evaluated?</p>	<p>As long as the projects are different, then it would not count negatively. We encourage groups to collaborate on projects.</p>

<p>What happens if two groups want to run a joint project but are from different CIL areas?</p>	<p>We recommend that you name one organisation/group as the lead organisation, who will complete the application form. They will then apply for their CIL area and the application will be evaluated against other applications in that area.</p>
<p>Can the maintenance costs be incorporated into the project costs when submitting an application?</p>	<p>No, as CIL is a one-off project cost and there is no commitment to ongoing maintenance costs.</p>
<p>Can we meet again?</p>	<p>Yes, let's! It was great to see how much people took from the networking sessions. If there is an appetite to meet again in our community spaces then please feel free to continue the conversation with the attendees from your session. If you want any help with organising or facilitating please get in touch with ruth.pineda@adur-worthing.gov.uk.</p>