

BMSDC Grants - Communities

Mid Suffolk District Council

Pride in Your Place Grant Criteria

What is the funding for?

Capital funding is available to support community groups in Mid Suffolk celebrate where they live, through a variety of different projects. We want to encourage our communities to enhance their local area and environment, explore their local identity and heritage, engage in community clean ups and much more. The aim of the fund is to give communities the opportunity to develop projects that make them feel proud of where they live.

Who can apply, and for how much?

- Parish Councils, Town Councils and Parish Meetings with independent bank accounts may apply.
- VCFSE (Voluntary, Community, Faith and Social Enterprise) organisations with support from the Town Council, Parish Council or Parish Meeting.

One application can be awarded funding per Mid Suffolk Parish or Town per financial year.

Applications can be made between £250 and £5,000 to allow for meaningful projects

What can be applied for?

The Pride in Your Place Grant can be applied for towards projects which improve the appearance cleanliness, and environment of communities.

Funding can be put towards direct action, i.e. by local community groups and volunteers, or subcontracting works to external firms.

Eligible projects include but are not limited to:

- Planting projects
- The development of local history, heritage and culture projects
- Purchase of 'village signs', to create a sense of arrival and place
- Purchase of seating and benches for community spaces
- Maintenance/enhancement to public open spaces (ie refurbishing noticeboards/benches)
- Purchase of equipment to enable maintenance to open spaces
- Arranging Community Litter Picks [Community Litter Picks » Babergh Mid Suffolk](#)

What cannot be funded

The Pride in Your Place Grant cannot be used for social infrastructure projects such as:-

- Play equipment or improvements to play areas
- Community facility improvements
- Sports facilities
- Land purchase



Demonstrating Need

Community buy-in or consultation must be evidenced as part of the application.

How do organisations apply?

The application form is available on our website.

Awards and payments will be made within 21 days of receipt of eligible application.

Closing Date for applications

Pride in Your Place Grants will remain open to applications until the annual £50,000 budget is fully allocated.

Post Award

Funding must be spent within 6 months of receiving the award. Evidence of expenditure, such as project receipts and invoices must be submitted to the Grants Team once the project has completed, along with a case study and appropriate monitoring.