



Working Together

Progress Power Community Benefit Fund

Funding available to support local communities and organisations operating within the parishes of Eye, Mellis, Thrandeston, Yaxley and Brome & Oakley

Projects awarded funding in Fund Year 1 (2024/25) - Round 1

4 applications were received, totalling £51,402.35. Each application was assessed by two Officers using a scoring matrix, providing an aggregate score out of 38. The applications were then considered by the Grant Panel who awarded funding as below. One application was not funded

Organisation	Project	Amount
Thrandeston Parochial Church Council	St Margaret of Antioch Thrandeston Churchyard Project: to replace churchyard gates and install 2 new seating benches in the churchyard	£ 7,344.95
Families Together Suffolk	Eye "Learn & Grow" Family Group - 3-year funding to support running costs of free weekly family support group for children aged 0 - 5, offering activities to promote child development, and a supportive space for local families to develop friendships and access support.	£12,078.50
Game Anglia CIC	To deliver "ELEVATE EYE" programme, a community-based games design programme for young people aged 16+ (targeting individuals who are NEET, suffering poor mental health, facing barriers to access education, employment or social support)	£ 9,900.40
TOTAL	3 Projects	£29,323.85

Note: Families Together Suffolk project ceased operating after year 1. Funding for years 2 and 3 withdrawn.



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Projects awarded funding in Fund Year 1 (2024/25) - Round 2

5 applications were received, totalling £104,919 (including three applications for 3 year funding). Each application was assessed by two Officers using a scoring matrix, providing an aggregate score out of 38. The applications were then considered by the Grant Panel who awarded funding as below. One application was not funded, with Eyes Open CIC receiving an offer of one year funding but invited to re-apply in future rounds.

Organisation	Project	Amount
Eyes Open CIC	Funding of a core sustainability plan covering both running costs and some capital projects.	£10,000
Brome and Oakley Village Hall	To install solar panels and battery storage at the village hall as part of a 4-year programme to fully insulate the Victorian building and reduce its reliance on grid power and heating oil.	£10,000
Eye and District Cricket Club	To purchase new mobile Cricket covers for the club grounds to help reduce the number of days play lost due to inclement weather.	£5,346
Eye Town Moors Woodland Society	3-year funding request for infrastructure improvements to bridges, pathways and waymarking posts and improved visitor information and engagement programme.	£30,000 over three financial years
TOTAL	4 Projects	£55,346*

*Funding allocated from 2024/25 financial year is £35,346, with remainder from next two financial years



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Projects awarded funding in Fund Year 1 (2025/26) - Round 3

5 applications were received, totalling £47,890 (including one application for 2-year funding). One application was incomplete and therefore the applicant was advised to resubmit the following round. Each completed application was assessed by two Officers using a scoring matrix, providing an aggregate score out of 38. The applications were then considered by the Grant Panel who awarded funding as below. Two applications were not funded, with Eye Opportunity Group offered a visit from panel reps to acquire further information on the organisation and invited to re-apply in future rounds. Suffolk Mind were requested to provide evidence of place-based working and need if they wished to reapply.

Organisation	Project	Amount
Mellis Memorial Hall	Funding to replace exterior wooden gables and facias with UPVC and internal redecoration of the hall.	£9,390
Yaxley & Mellis Pre-School	Funding to create an outside classroom including a sensory calming area to address support needs for SEND children and cater for increased numbers.	£10,000
TOTAL	2 Projects	£19,390