

# **UK Shared Prosperity Fund RCTCBC Community Grant (Transitional Year)**

## **Community Information Events March 2025**

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# Shared Prosperity Fund - UK Overview

The UK Shared Prosperity Fund is a central pillar of the UK Government's Levelling Up agenda and provides £2.6 billion of funding for local investment by March 2025, with further transitional funding confirmed for 2025-26.

The Fund aims to improve pride in place and increase life chances across the UK investing in **communities and place**, supporting local business, and people and skills.

# UKG Shared Prosperity Fund

It will support the UK government's wider commitment to level up all parts of the UK by delivering on each of the levelling up objectives:

Boost productivity, pay, jobs and living standards by growing the private sector, especially in those places where they are lagging

Spread opportunities and improve public services, especially in those places where they are weakest

Restore a sense of community, local pride and belonging, especially in those places where they have been lost

Empower local leaders and communities, especially in those places lacking local agency.

# Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council

- RCT Council agreed the approach to the transitional Community Grant on 19 February 2025
- Effectively committing £6.5 million over the 4 year period to building community resilience and supporting community developments within RCT
- This commitment recognises the key role of Community groups and organisations in building resilient, resourceful communities and places.

# RCTCBC Corporate Plan 2024 – 2030

## Working with our Communities

### Wellbeing Objectives:

- 1. PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES** - Supporting and empowering RCT residents and communities to live safe, healthy and fulfilling lives.
- 2. WORK AND BUSINESS** - Helping to strengthen and grow RCT's economy.
- 3. NATURE AND THE ENVIRONMENT** - A green and clean RCT that improves and protects RCT's environment and nature.
- 4. CULTURE AND HERITAGE** - Recognising and celebrating RCT's past, present and future.

[The Council's Corporate Plan | Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council](#)

# RCTCBC – Community Grant Allocation

Financial Year	Allocation (£)
2022 - 2023	700,819.41
2023 - 2024	1,413,834.81
2024 - 2025	2,473,894.78
2025 - 2026	1,750,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,338,549.00</b>

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# RCTCBC – Community Grant 2025-2026

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Has a very clear focus on:

- Meeting Community Needs
- Consolidation
- Sustainability
- Legacy and the Future

# RCTCBC Community Grant – Application Window

- Open - **25<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 9:30am**
- Close - **14<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 5pm**

**Projects to commence from 01 April 2025**

**All Projects *must fully* complete by 31 March 2026**

**All applications will be considered, competitively after  
14<sup>th</sup> March 2025 by the Assessment Panel**



# RCTCBC Community Grant – Eligibility

**The Community Grant is open to applications from organisations that are not managed for personal profit such as:**

- Community Groups
- Third Sector
- Voluntary Sector

If applying, as lead, on behalf of a partnership, all partners must not be for personal profit.

**All organisations must have:**

- Organisational Bank account with at least 2 signatories
- A constitution or governing documents

# RCTCBC Community Grant – Project Development - 2025-26

All Projects must demonstrate within the application:

- Clear community value and positive impact
- Robust financial management and governance arrangements
- At least 1 year of legacy & sustainability
- Must clearly contribute to the outputs and outcome of the grant.

# RCTCBC Community Grant – Revenue Outcomes

## 2025 - 26 – Lower and Medium Level

- Number of volunteering opportunities created as a direct result of support.
- Improved engagement numbers

# RCTCBC Community Grant

## Capital Outputs

### 2025 - 26 – Lower and Medium Level

- Increased amount of low or zero carbon energy infrastructure installed (m2)
- Amount of green or blue space created or improved (m2)
- Number of amenities / facilities created or improved (numerical value)

# Community Grant – Applicants

All bids must be made on the RCT Community Grant Fund Application e-form. Full Guidance is available online.

- All successful bidders are expected to engage in monitoring and evaluation activities as defined within the guidance note.
- All successful bidders will be expected to agree to the UKG Shared Prosperity Fund Grant Conditions

# RCTCBC Community Grant – Application criteria – Lower Level

**The application process is competitive, covering:**

- Project plan – Demonstrating need
- Project Plan - Activities and timescales
- Project Plan - Partnership working
- UKG Shared Prosperity Fund Outputs and Outcomes
- Climate Change
- Equality, Diversity & Inclusion
- Welsh Language
- Proven track record
- Legacy, Sustainability, Exit Plan
- Project Costs - Value for money

# **RCTCBC Community Grant – Application criteria – Medium Level**

**In addition to the Lower-Level application information, Medium Level applications must also include:**

**RCTCBC Corporate Plan; Working with our  
Communities**

**A Project Plan Template is provided for Medium Level which needs to be attached to application.**

# RCTCBC Community Grant – Process – 2025-2026

- All applications will be considered against agreed, published criteria. This is a **competitive** process.
- Decision outcome - All applicants will be informed of the decision outcome in writing.
- Payment will be made on receipt of invoices for lower-level awards only.
- Medium Level awards will be paid in arrears with a bespoke Grant Agreement.



# RCTCBC Community Grant – Monitoring and Reporting - 2025-26

- **Monitoring Meetings** - Regular planned meetings with the Project Team Compliance and Monitoring Officer
- **Monitoring and evaluation Form** - outputs and outcomes. Including evidence such as registration forms/registers.
- **Case Study** - Impact assessment
- **Financial report** – Income and Expenditure, Invoices etc

# Community Grant Delivery Timeline for 2025-26

- **6<sup>th</sup> March 2025** - 2 x Community Information Events
- **25<sup>th</sup> February 2025 – 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025** - open for 2025 - 2026 applications.
- **14<sup>th</sup> March – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025** – assessment period.  
**Full spend delivered by 31 March 2026**

# Community Grant – Further Information

**RCTCBC** Funding and Resource Support | Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council

**UK Government ; UK Shared Prosperity Fund:**  
prospectus - GOV.UK ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk))

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# Community Grant – Support

**Any member of the RCT Together Community Development Team:**

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