



SNG Move on & Thrive

2024-2025

Information pack

Community Investment and Partnership Team

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What is the Move on & Thrive Fund?

- Launched in April 2023, The Move on and Thrive Fund is a £240K joint investment made by The Blagrave Trust and Sovereign Network Group (SNG).
- The programme aims to empower young people on the Isle of Wight to come together to discuss their lived experiences and other issues affecting young people, working together to identify possible solutions.
- Led by a panel of young people connected by their drive for social change, The Move on and Thrive (MOAT) is a three year grant-making programme which gives community organisations and groups, supporting young adults on the Island, the opportunity to apply for funding and resources to address some of these issues and challenges.
- This is a completely youth-led programme where all young participants are equipped with the tools, resources, training and support needed to make informed decisions and influence the strategic direction of the programme.



About us

Sovereign Network Group (SNG)

- Sovereign Network Group (SNG) was formed in October 2023 through the merger of Sovereign and Network Homes.
- We are one of the largest housing associations in the country with over **82,000 homes** serving over **210,000 residents** across London and the South of England.
- Particularly on the Isle of Wight, we have around 3,700 homes that cover the majority of Island towns.
- Our purpose is to provide good, affordable homes (what we believe is the foundation for a better life) and to support thriving communities, over generations.
- As well as providing affordable housing and supported housing such as The Foyer for young people in Ryde, we invest in communities providing our customers with opportunities and support. Through our themes of Employment and Training, Community Action and Money and Digital we work collaboratively with individuals and partner organisations on what is needed, using a holistic approach. This programme builds on our existing work on the island.

The Blagrove Trust

- Blagrove is a Charity Incorporated Organisation (CIO). They fund and collaborate with partners to bring lasting change to the lives of young people. They invest in them as powerful forces for change and act upon their right to be heard in pursuit of a fair and just society.



Move on and Thrive Panel (Year 1)

- The original idea of the Move on and Thrive Programme came from a group of young SNG residents from the Isle of Wight who shared with us how young adults on the Island were finding it increasingly difficult to maintain a tenancy due to several factors.
- A group of 7 young people were recruited from SNG's Foyer to be part of our first Move on and Thrive Panel in April 23.
- These group of young people were particularly interested in reducing youth homelessness and projects that supported young people on the Isle of Wight to sustain a tenancy as well as services addressing mental health issues, substance misuse, and debt.
- They were also interested in projects which promote greater financial awareness and support residents to feel more connected in their communities.
- Round 1 of The MOAT Grants Programme was launched in June 2023. 7 applications were received from which 4 projects were successful and invited to a "Dragon's Den style" face to face interview. Successful partners were Youth Trust, Pan Together, Isorropia and Aspire Ryde. For more information about each project please visit our website.



Move on and Thrive Panel (Year 2)

- On May 24, a new cohort of young people (aged 16-25) was recruited to join the MOAT panel.
- This group are particularly interested in projects which will support young people on the Isle of Wight to engage in positive activities, promote and improve their quality of life, including physical health and mental health.
- They are interested in projects that support the reduction of vaping amongst young people as well as projects that aim to reducing social isolation and connecting young people to their community.
- They would also like to see applications that provide Life Skills sessions that look at finance, housing and money management.
- Funding can be used to cover projects as well as core costs (salaries, wages and running costs)



Key Information

Funding available: 40k

Length of the programme: 1 year

Grant sizes: Awards of £5k-£10K per year

Application: The panel would like to see a written application alongside a video application. The aim of the video is to demonstrate how the project reaches the objectives of Move on and Thrive programme, why they have applied and the impact envisaged.

To send the video application we suggest using the website wetransfer.com

The written application can be accessed here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/39MaWVXMKy>

If you would prefer to apply verbally, or through different means, then please contact us by emailing community.investment@sovereign.org.uk

	Application Open	Application Deadline	Decision released	Programme start
Round 2	09:00- Friday 5th July 2024	17:00- Friday 30 TH August 2024	September 24	October 24



Who can apply? – Eligibility

We encourage applications from:

- Constituted community groups and non-for-profit organisations (including social enterprises) working with young people aged 16-25 years old
- Organisations can only apply for grants between £5k-£10K. Multiple applications can be submitted, but organisations can only be awarded with up to £10,000 in any 12-month period.
- Eligible organisations must have:
 - An open and accountable governing document.
 - Minimum of three unrelated management committee members.
 - Bank account and statement in the name of the organisation
 - Annual income below £5 million
 - Record of income and expenditure (or forecasts for a new group).
 - Safeguarding policy for work with people under 18 or vulnerable adults and any other policies and procedures relevant to the groups activity.
 - Insurance, including public liability where needed.

*Please only apply for this grant if you meet the following criteria but please do not hesitate to email community.investment@sng.org.uk for more information or to share your idea.

Some ideas of projects that we will fund

- Targeted, age-appropriate *substance misuse services for young people*, that put the young person at the centre of treatment, particularly around vaping.
- Projects that support young people to feel part of the community and aim to tackle youth loneliness and isolation.
- Providing positive activities - could be sports related, study spaces, community café type projects
- Mental health support specific for that age range – including mental health awareness, neurodiversity and SEND.
- Life Skills Sessions – looking at finance, housing, money management



Impact & Measurements

Groups in receipt of a grant will be expected to maintain regular communication with SNG and will be required to complete a mid-year and end of year report outlining how the grant was spent and demonstrating the impact of the grant.

SNG will provide you with a Monitoring and evaluation form/template in advance and will be able to offer support on monitoring and evaluating your work.



How we will be making funding decisions

All applications will be assessed by our youth-led Move on and Thrive Grants Panel - a dedicated team of young adults aged 16-25 with different life experiences and who are very passionate about supporting other young people in similar circumstances.

Shortlisted projects will be contacted for any additional information and final decisions will be made collaboratively with the support of SNGs Community Investment and Grants Team based on the grants programme criteria and priorities.

Applications are open until 5pm on Friday 30th August 2024
– apply now

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For any further information about the programme please email community.investment@sovereign.org.uk

