

Community Innovation Fund FAQs

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<p>What is the Community Innovation Fund?</p>	<p>The Community Innovation Fund supports community-led projects that promote inclusion, wellbeing, and positive social impact. It is designed to help ideas grow and to help make sure the benefits last long after the funding ends.</p> <p>We back projects that are shaped with people who have lived experience of substance use, mental health, learning disabilities and autism, or sexual health and wellbeing. By co-designing programmes together, we can create support that truly reflects what local people want and need.</p>	
<p>Who can apply?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turning Point services • Registered charities, community groups, not-for-profits • Applicants must be based in areas where Turning Point provides services 	<p>Applicants must have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A signed constitution • Dual-authorisation bank account • 12 months of accounts • Active board • Safeguarding policy
<p>What themes should projects focus on?</p>	<p>Projects must be co-designed with people with lived experience and have a clear theme that aligns with both the Marmot Principles (reducing health inequalities) and the Five Ways to Wellbeing (Connect, Be Active, Take Notice, Keep Learning and Give).</p> <p>This means your project should contribute to creating fairer, healthier communities while helping people build wellbeing in everyday life. Projects can focus on themes such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment, Volunteering & Skills – supporting people to learn, grow and access opportunities. • Social Connections & Community Participation – helping people build relationships and feel part of their community. • Environment & Sustainability – improving local spaces and encouraging pride, safety and connection to place. • Housing & Basic Living Standards – making sure people have stability and the essentials they need to thrive. • Access to Health & Care Services – removing barriers and helping people get the right support when they need it. • Healthy Lifestyles & Prevention – promoting safer choices, wellbeing and early support. • Tackling Racism, Inequality & Stigma – creating inclusive, welcoming communities where everyone is valued 	
<p>What costs are not funded?</p>	<p>We do not fund: projects outside TP areas, unrelated core wages, overheads, capital purchases, completed activities, alcohol-promoting activity, political/ religious activity, overseas travel, fundraising, profit-making activity and evaluation/reporting costs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitation costs must be ≤20% unless justified. 	
<p>When will I hear back?</p>	<p>If you do not hear from us within 2 weeks of the application deadline, please assume your application was not shortlisted.</p>	
<p>Can I apply more than once?</p>	<p>Yes, but priority is given to applicants who have not received a grant in the past 12 months</p>	

How to apply to the Community Innovation Fund

Visit the [Community Innovation Fund webpage](#) or scan the QR code.

On the webpage you'll find:

- Full guidance on how to apply
- The application form
- The budget sheet template

You can submit your application in writing or as a video — choose whichever format works best for you.

Need support?

Email Innovations@turning-point.co.uk if you have any questions or need help with your application.

