

Tenants' Bid – Terms of Reference



What is the Scheme?

Bid for Funding - Hundred Houses Society has set aside an amount of money for residents to use each year to enhance, improve, rejuvenate or make better use of a space in their community. This allows residents to enjoy and use the facilities around where they live and empowers residents to really make a difference. The money is there each year and so needs to be spent!

The Aims and Objectives – The scheme is designed to enable residents to improve the environment around which they live and to encourage neighbourhood cohesion and kindle community spirit within our communities.

The amount of money available may vary from year to year, but not all improvements need loads of money spent on them, with a little bit of DIY and help from neighbours it amazing who much can be achieved.

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Purpose – To give Hundred Houses Society residents a chance to receive a grant to make improvements to their estates and neighbourhoods. To help residents work together for the improvement of their environment and to encourage them to build on the existing community spirit and wellbeing of the area.

Who can apply? – Any group of Hundred Houses Society Residents can bid. It could be an existing residents group or simply a few HHS residents.

Making an application – Residents need to demonstrate that the project will benefit the local or wider community. This means that consultation of local residents is needed before approval can be given. HHS staff can help with this process but it must be resident led.

Use of the funds

- Improve or change use of an area/space that is currently misused, uncared for or no longer needed for the original intend use.
- To rejuvenate or update a facility or space, that will encourage residents to use and enjoy it.
- To promote an idea to discourage vandalism or harassment in that area, which will to give a feeling of safety and wellbeing to other residents.
- A one off payment to kick start a project which is supported by the community in general i.e. youth group or over sixty's lunch club
- Hire of equipment/labour/venue to improve an area for communal use.
- NB – the funding can only be available to improve a HHS owned area.

Total funds awarded - This will depend on the amount of money HHS has put aside and how many projects applications have been received. Small projects could start from £50.00. The maximum amount per bid is £2,000 although this will be considered on a case by case basis.

Applications should be made using the Tenants' Bid Application Form. Here an outline of the project, how it will benefit the community and who has been consulted will be given. We also ask that costs of the scheme are considered and are more than happy to provide help if needed.

Assessment – All applications will firstly be assessed by the Residents' Association Committee. Each case will be assessed individually and will take into account the benefit to the wider community and the local environment and also the outcome of the consultation. This decision would then be ratified by Hundred Houses Society taking into account any management or maintenance issues.

Completed application forms should be sent to the Tenants' Bids, c/o HHS 51 Scotland Road, Chesterton, Cambridge, CB4 1QW.

Please note: Bids for coach trips, street/Christmas parties/dinners or any one off event which is not the start of a future project will not be considered under this scheme.

If residents wish to organised a coach trip they should contact the Residents' Association, who may be able to assist.