

Project Eligibility for SDC's CIL Strategic Infrastructure Funding Scheme



A quick overview for representatives of Town & Parish Councils



Is the project needed to directly help address the pressures created by new housing development being built in the area?

Not really....
There has been very little new housing in our area or
This project was needed anyway, regardless of new housing.

Partially yes, the impact of new houses in the area are one reason for pursuing this project, but not entirely.

Yes, this project is needed as a direct result of new local housing being developed in the area.

Will most of the people benefitting from this project be from a wide geographical area? (ie, 70% or more of the users live outside of the town or parish in which it is located)

Your project is unlikely to be suitable for the CIL Strategic Funding Scheme.
Please see the next page for alternative suggestions for help, support and funding advice.

Not really, Local people from within just our Town/Parish area are the main beneficiaries of this project.

Yes, and we can provide evidence to prove this.

Is the project a large capital build project (or essential part of) costing more than £10,000?

No – part or all of it is revenue costs, or the total costs are less than £10k.

Yes, and we have formal quotations / surveyors estimates to evidence this.

Your project may be eligible to Bid for SDC's CIL Strategic Funding Scheme. We recommend that you check SDC's Local Plan and the IDP (Infrastructure Delivery Plan) to see how your project supports the delivery of planning priorities. It is also advised that you contact SDC's CIL Team to have an informal discussion about your project and to find out more about the CIL bidding process.

Alternative sources of help and support for Local Neighbourhood Projects

CIL Neighbourhood Portion.

This is a separate stream of CIL funding, collected from new housing development to support the delivery of smaller community projects. All monies collected into the CIL Neighbourhood Portion are automatically given to the relevant Town and Parish Council every 6 months, in April and October of each year. The recipient Town and Parish Council decide what are their local priority infrastructure projects, and we have seen this invested in a wide range of local facilities such as play areas, community halls, sports grounds and walking and cycling tracks. Monies cannot however be used to purchase land and should be spent within 5 years of receipt.

For more information on the Neighbourhood Portion, go to SDC's '[Community Infrastructure Levy](#)' Webpages or email the CIL Team at cil@stroud.gov.uk

Project development & Funding advice.

SDC have an agreement with the Gloucestershire Rural Community Council (GRCC) for them to help community organisations in the Stroud District with a range of issues, including project and business planning to fundraising support and organisational development.

GRCC can help community groups to undertake successful community engagement and consultation, which is essential in building an evidence base for funders. They can then help with finding potential funders and acting as a critical friend with the application process.

In addition to the above, GRCC also run Voluntary and community Sector (VCS) network meetings for representatives of the voluntary sector groups in the stroud district. Members can meet peers, develop fundraising ideas and share best practice on governance and organisational issues.

Contact Jason Spinney – Community Capacity Builder, GRCC. Email: jasons@grcc.org.uk

Village Halls and Community Buildings.

In addition to the services stated above, GRCC also provide a specialist advice service for the committees of community halls. GRCC are experienced in understanding the nuances of operating multi-use community facilities and they also run a county-wide 'Community Buildings Network' that meets 5 times a year, where committee members can meet each other and share knowledge on problem solving and best practice.

Contact Jason Spinney – Community Capacity Builder, GRCC. Email: jasons@grcc.org.uk

Waste & Recycling

[SDC's Litter Bin Policy](#) provides some useful background information and formalises the assessment of provision.

Kerbside waste and recycling services are offered to all properties in the district.

If you would like to know more about waste management services in the Stroud district, in the first instance please direct any queries to SDC's Community Services, email: community.services@stroud.gov.uk

Sports & Recreation Facilities.

SDC's [Leisure and Wellbeing Strategy](#) provides an important framework for delivering and facilitating leisure, health and wellbeing provision across the district for the next 20 years. This strategy along with more interesting supporting information may be accessed from the 'Health & Wellbeing' section of the council's website.

SDC's [Playing Pitch Strategy](#) gives a robust audit and assessment evidence base of open space and sport and recreation areas, set within a Green Infrastructure network. It informs policy and development and aims to help protect and improve the accessibility and quality of the existing open space network and supports the provision of new open space.

SDC's [Open Space, Green Infrastructure, Sport and Recreation Study](#) looks at the current and projected needs for open space, green infrastructure, sport and recreation in Stroud District.

SDC's [Physical Activity Action Plan](#) provides opportunities for everyone to be more active and gain the many benefits that being active can bring, regardless of age or ability. The plan's core objectives are: 1) Active Start - to increase levels of participation by children and young people 2) Active Everyday - to provide opportunities for adults to build physical activity into everyday life 3) Stay Active - to encourage older adults to maintain and continue to lead active lives.

For more information email: healthylifestyles@stroud.gov.uk

Childrens Play Areas

SDC's [Play Area Consultation and Development Action Plan](#) aims to ensure residents have good access to high-quality play areas in key locations across the district. Working with relevant external partners, children and young people is important to ensure that play areas continue to be fit for purpose and provide exciting opportunities to play. The plan aims to ensure that play areas are well designed, well located and well regarded by communities so the sites are valued by local people, encouraging local ownership and engagement.

For further advice and assistance on the development of play areas, contact Hannah Drew, Physical Activity & Health Development Manager hannah.drew@stroud.gov.uk

GRCC (details above) can also help with project planning and fundraising support.

Walking & Cycling Projects

Depending on the size of your project, it is possible that both SDC and GCC Highways may be able to help with funding support and project advice.

SDC currently operate a Walking and Cycling Fund which aims to support the delivery of new and improved local walking and cycling infrastructure in the Stroud district.

For more information contact Simon Maher, Senior Neighbourhood Planning Officer simon.maher@stroud.gov.uk

Schools, Libraries, Roads & Highways, Walking & Cycling, Public Rights of Way

Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) are responsible for delivering the very large strategic services named above. For the contact details of the relevant service areas, see GCC's website: www.gloucestershire.gov.uk

Other Fundraising Opportunities

Community Wellbeing Grant - SDC fund voluntary and community organisations through the. This grant is for a three year term and applicants must satisfy a number of criteria based on community wellbeing. The current grant term will end in April 2025. Information about the next tranche of Community Wellbeing funding will be available shortly before this date.

Small Grants - SDC is currently reviewing the process of fund raising for small grants of less than £1000. It is hoped the Council will find a way to match fund while generating external funding for smaller bids. Further information on this will follow in 2023.

Lucky Severn Lottery – SDC support a District lottery scheme called Severn Lottery. For more information on how Lucky Severn can help you fundraise for your organisation visit www.luckysevernlottery.co.uk.

Grantfinder – SDC holds a licence to search the national grants database Grantfinder. If you require help to search the database for project funding please email hw@stroud.gov.

Gloucestershire Funders – Gloucestershire has a partnership of more than a dozen charitable funders Gloucestershire Funders. Organisations complete one application form which is seen by all funders in the group. They meet fortnightly to consider applications which can result in several funders choosing to offer funding to one application. For more information visit www.glosfunders.org.