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We've set out some clear criteria for how projects can be considered for funding. To make sure the projects align with Settle's values, applicants will need to demonstrate how their initiative contributes to at least one of the following areas:

- **Community Wellbeing**

Supporting vulnerable groups, promoting health and social activities, and tackling anti-social behaviour.

- **Safety and Sustainability**

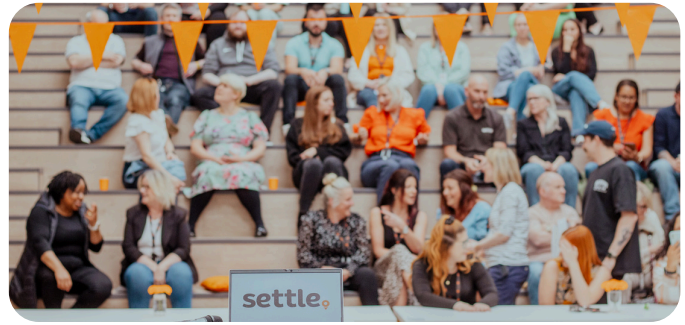
Enhancing safety in the community, protecting local environments, and promoting sustainable practices.

- **Opportunities**

Providing opportunities for training, education, and employment that support residents' long-term growth.

Additional requirements:

- It will benefit the local community and residents
- At least 50% of the beneficiaries must be Settle residents
- It is a community-led initiative, where residents have a key role in shaping and delivering the project.



Projects that can be funded

The types of projects we're looking to support include, but are not limited to:

- Creating or improving community spaces, like local hubs or green areas
- Running workshops or training programmes that support residents' personal development
- Organising community safety initiatives that encourage Community engagement and reduce the fear of crime & anti-social behaviour
- Developing activities for vulnerable groups to help tackle loneliness and isolation within the Community
- Creating activities that support and promote the diversity within our community.

We will not fund:

- Applications to cover the running costs of existing projects
- Spending that has already taken place (i.e., retrospective funding)
- Individual sponsorship or redistribution of a grant to individuals or other organisations
- Applicants who have received funding in the same financial year, except under exceptional circumstances or where a pilot project has been funded
- Applicants who have not provided the agreed monitoring information following previous funding.

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Who can apply?

Anybody living in the community can apply for funding for their project, provided that the project meets the required criteria. This includes the following:

- Settle residents
- Other residents living in the local community
- Community groups
- Community Interest Companies (CIC)
- Registered charities
- Community facilities e.g. Community Centres, Drop in facilities.

How much can I apply for?

You can apply for any amount from £250 up to £3000. As part of the application process, you will be expected to supply a clear project plan that shows how the project will be run and how the costs are calculated.

Funding windows

Funding windows will be open throughout the year. Please check [Settle Connect](#) for further details.

How do I apply?

Applications can be submitted in the following ways:

- Via [Settle Connect](#)
- Send a completed application form by email
engagement@settlegroup.org.uk
- Post a completed application to Settle, Blackhorse Road, Letchworth, Herts, SG6 1HA

Both successful and unsuccessful applicants will be notified of the decision made on your application in writing / via email.

Need help?

If you're not sure if your idea qualifies, or you'd like some support with your application, get in touch – we're here to help.

[Contact us](#)

