

2023/24 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND - ROUND 1

IMPACT REPORT



THE FUND

Community Development funding has been established to help support VCFSE groups in Mid Suffolk establish new and innovative projects in the district, particularly where gaps in existing provision are evident.

Funding for Revenue and Capital projects was available, with a portion of funding ringfenced for pre project costs, such as feasibility studies.

The first round of Community Development Funding opened in April 2023, with the outcome announced over the summer.

AT A GLANCE

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projects supported

£113,407.50

of funding awarded

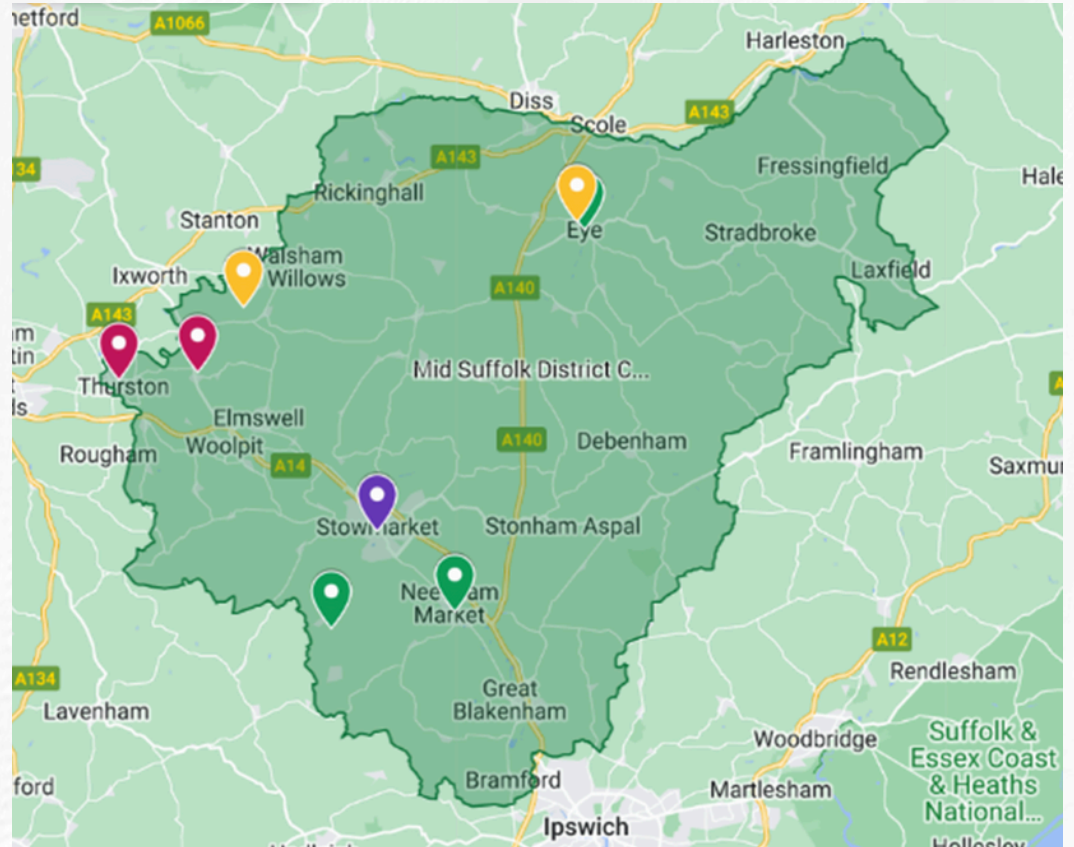
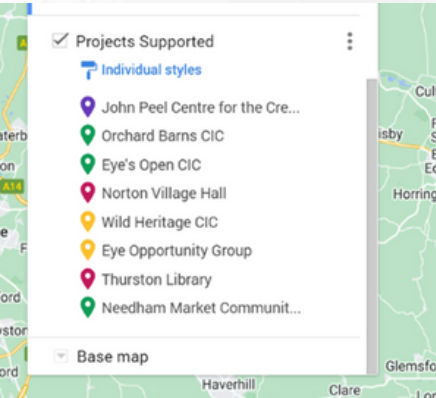
PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY ROUND 1 FUNDING

Project	Applicant	Locality	Amount Awarded
11 Market Place Rejuvenation	John Peel Centre for Creative Arts	Stowmarket	£ 20,000.00
Volunteer Supervision - Making and Fitting Greenwood Roof	Orchard Barns CIC	Ringshall	£ 9,975.50
Salaries	Eyes Open CIC	Eye	£ 18,432.00
Extension and Solar Panel Installation	Norton Village Hall	Norton	£ 20,000.00
Course - Let It Grow Mark II	Wild Heritage CIC	Langham	£ 9,000.00
Play Opportunities	Eye Opportunity Group	Eye	£ 20,000.00
Redevelopment of Thurston Library	Suffolk Libraries	Thurston	£ 8,000.00
Pre-Project costs	Needham Market Community Centre	Needham Market	£ 8,000.00

TYPES OF PROJECTS SUPPORTED

- Arts, Culture and media
- Volunteer opportunities
- Organisation Core Costs
- Community Facility Improvements
- Health and Wellbeing schemes
- Pre project costs

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Volunteering Opportunities supported

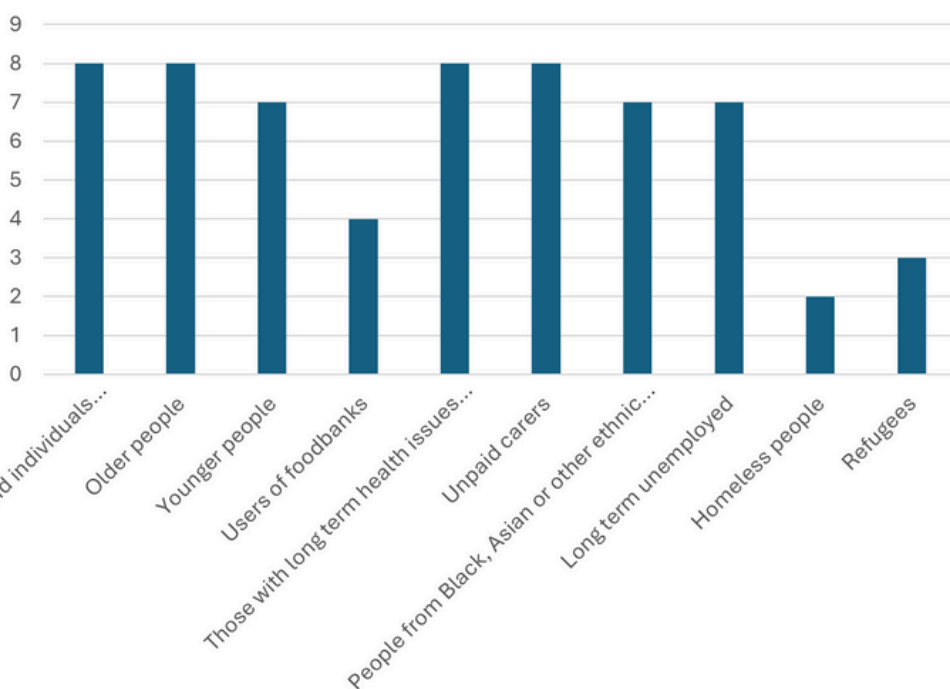
£845,429

match funding brought into the District

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Demographics supported by funded groups



Part of our application form asks applicants to specify which groups of people their organisation supports or provides a service to.

The graph to the left indicates the wide range of groups supported by the funding recipients.

INSIGHTS FROM APPLICANT OUTCOMES

As part of the application, applicants must identify their Outcomes - what they want to achieve from the funding. The Outcomes shared below give an indication of the type of support our successful applicants give to their communities.

“People will have **opportunities for social connection**, whatever their situation and **fewer people will feel lonely**.”

“Trustees are supported to provide **increased space for functions** in the village hall supporting the mental wellbeing of residents.”

“We will enhance and therefore promote the facility as an attractive venue to hire, through **improved facility efficiencies** such as improved utilities consumption.”

“To **introduce participants to new hands-on skills and techniques** and **an appreciation of the Environment**, enabling them to have fun and grow plants.”

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All applicants are required to submit a Monitoring Form one year after the funding was awarded to their organisation, with outcomes and indicators to show the intended improvements brought about by the funding and how this has been measured.

OBee CIC reported the following results from the funding for their project, supervising Volunteers making repairs to the Greenwood Roof.

a group of 87 contributed 936 volunteer days from the period 1/10/2023 - 20/07/2024

Volunteer feedback indicates an improvement in volunteer wellbeing since taking part in the volunteer experience.

“Over shared coffee breaks and lunchtimes we sit together to share stories and experiences and build a community; a family; a group with a common purpose”

“From a wide range of backgrounds and ages we have come together. We have a real sense of pride in what we are achieving together.”

“I have been taught new skills and ways of achieving goals far greater than I bargained for.”

