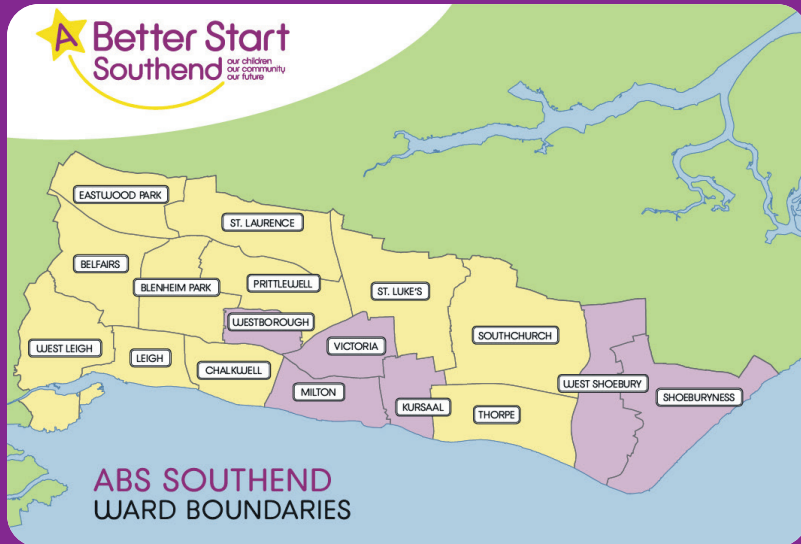


A Better Start Southend provides services and support to children under four and their parents, as well as expectant parents, in six wards across Southend. The wards we operate in are Kursaal, Milton, Shoeburyness, Victoria, Westborough and West Shoebury.



Our work has three main priorities:

- ★ Social and Emotional development
- ★ Communication and Language
- ★ Diet and Nutrition

In addition, in Southend, we have chosen to focus on;

- ★ System change - through service design and co-production and engagement with partners.
- ★ Community resilience - building the community's ability to address issues.

For help with the application process, please contact abss@savs-southend.co.uk

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ABSS Community Ideas and Development Fund

At A Better Start Southend we know local people can make great things happen. We are investing over ten years to improve the lives of Southend's very youngest residents; and we're working with local people every step of the way.

Our Community Ideas and Development Fund (CID Fund) enables community-led change. It helps support community groups, organisations and individuals who have a great idea about how to make lives better for Southend's young children and their families.



What can the fund be used for?

We are looking for proposals that are:

- ★ Innovative and creative new ideas
- ★ Will help us achieve our goals and strategic aims
- ★ Ideas which build partnership working and have long-term sustainability
- ★ Projects delivering to ABSS beneficiaries. Check our website for information

What the ABSS Community Ideas and Development fund cannot do:

- ★ Offer a general grant (e.g. towards regular running costs or large capital spend items, etc.)
- ★ Fund work which is already being undertaken on an ongoing basis as part of a statutory service
- ★ Projects proposing to operate outside of A Better Start Southend wards which benefit non-ABSS beneficiaries
- ★ Fund groups whose main aim is campaigning

Who can bid?

The A Better Start Southend CID Fund is open to:

- ★ Formally constituted voluntary or community organisations
- ★ Local individuals, groups or organisations within Southend who are able to demonstrate benefits which are in the voluntary or not-for-profit sector
- ★ Applications which have two or more partners engaged

How much is available?

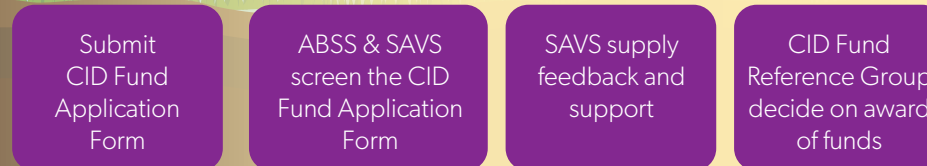
The total budget for the CID Fund is £60,000 a year for the next 3 years; £20,000 has been allocated to the Seed Fund and £40,000 has been allocated to the Grow Fund. Organisations will be funded for 1 year with an option to extend funding subject to need, development and success.

Grow Fund Application Process



Grow Fund: Funding is for projects applying for between £5,000 and £10,000. A larger pot of funding, which will help larger projects working across multiple A Better Start Southend communities to solve challenges that have affected families within our wards for years.

Seed Fund Application Process



Seed Fund: Funding is for projects applying for up to £5,000. A smaller pot of funding which works with Southend partnerships, allowing specific and specialised needs within our community to be addressed.

The ABSS Community Ideas and Development Fund is designed to encourage local innovation and engagement in the design and delivery of activities that align with our key strategic areas.

Our overarching outcomes – children achieve well because:

- ★ Their parents are ready for parenthood
- ★ They have a positive parent/child relationship
- ★ They and their families receive effective and consistent professional support
- ★ There is improved health at individual, family and community level

CID Fund Conditions

Proposed projects can only be funded once throughout the year. There is no set limit on the number of proposals an organisation/group may submit, however the project ideas must be different each time. This is a rolling fund with no set submission deadlines and the review cycle will be on a fortnightly basis.

For more information, and help with the application process, please contact abss@savs-southend.co.uk