

## Community Investment Fund: Funding Awards February – April 2022

The Community Investment Fund is managed and delivered by the Community Investment Board, made up of local residents volunteering their time to make investments enabling Southend residents to improve their lives. The board are responsible for determining how to spend £1.5m of funding from Southend City Council to further the Southend 2050 vision. In February, March and April 2022 the board met to consider a range of applications from smaller voluntary sector organisations in Southend. This is the first time that spend of council funds has been wholly decided by local residents, with over £400k being awarded. Through this funding the board were not only able to utilise their own experiences of being local residents but too they sought to support the harder to raise core costs for organisations over the coming 3 years.

They were delighted to support the following plans;

<b>ORGANISATION</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>AWARD</b>
<b>MILTON COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP</b>	Core costs in the delivery of community events and activities benefiting residents in Milton.	£ 28,200.00
<b>PACKED WITH SMILES</b>	To provide uniform packs for school children.	£ 9,900.00
<b>SAFE HARBOUR</b>	Core costs of running bereavement support groups.	£ 26,620.00
<b>SAFE ESSEX</b>	Core costs of providing activities for those living with autism.	£ 23,760.00
<b>TRINITY FAMILY CENTRE</b>	Core costs in the provision of activities support the community in Westcliff.	£ 29,847.00
<b>SEACA</b>	To continue the community steel pan group.	£ 2,700.00
<b>SHOEBURY AND THORPE BAY BAPTIST CHURCH</b>	To employ a mental health support worker to engage with young people in Shoebury.	£ 30,000.00
<b>57 WEST</b>	Core costs of support to those facing homelessness in Southend.	£ 30,000.00
<b>YOGA4ALL</b>	Community yoga sessions.	£ 2,620
<b>COMMUNITY CAKE CLUB</b>	Core costs of groups and one to one support for new and young families.	£ 30,000
<b>LIFESTREAMS</b>	Training to improve community outreach in Eastwood and pledge towards building costs of new community café space.	£ 10,000
<b>OFF THE STREETS</b>	Core staff costs in provision of accommodation and support for those facing homelessness.	£ 30,000
<b>THE OLIVE TREE CENTRE</b>	Core costs of counselling provision for young people and adults.	£ 29,654.40
<b>GET THE KIDS OUT</b>	Core costs in provision of activities for children, young people and families in Central Southend.	£ 30,000
<b>CHALKWELL LIFE GUARDS</b>	New engine for boat used to provide beach safety on Chalkwell beach and around.	£ 1,424
<b>WELCOME TO THE UK</b>	Those who have English as a second language from overseas.	£ 30,000.00
<b>ABACUS COUNSELLING AND SUPPORT</b>	Counselling for Southend residents delivered in Shoebury.	£ 9,461.00
<b>EXPERIENCE PROJECT - WHITTINGHAM CHURCH</b>	Residents around the Newington Avenue area and north of St Lukes.	£ 30,000.00

<b>FRIENDS AND PLACES TOGETHER</b>	Social activities for young people living with SEND.	£ 30,000.00
<b>STEPHEN'S PLACE</b>	Support living and rehabilitation for adults facing homelessness and addiction	£ 30,000.00
<b>THE ART MINISTRY</b>	Arts and craft sessions for sheltered housing residents / those living with a visual impairment.	£ 29,157.00
<b>STOREHOUSE - SOUTHEND VINEYARD</b>	Outreach and support for Central Southend Residents	£ 23,595.00