

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;

ORGANISATION	ACTIVITY	AWARD
MILTON COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP	Core costs in the delivery of community events and activities benefiting residents in Milton.	£ 28,200.00
PACKED WITH SMILES	To provide uniform packs for school children.	£ 9,900.00
SAFE HARBOUR	Core costs of running bereavement support groups.	£ 26,620.00
SAFE ESSEX	Core costs of providing activities for those living with autism.	£ 23,760.00
TRINITY FAMILY CENTRE	Core costs in the provision of activities support the community in Westcliff.	£ 29,847.00
SEACA	To continue the community steel pan group.	£ 2,700.00
SHOEBURY AND THORPE BAY BAPTIST CHURCH	To employ a mental health support worker to engage with young people in Shoebury.	£ 30,000.00
57 WEST	Core costs of support to those facing homelessness in Southend.	£ 30,000.00
YOGA4ALL	Community yoga sessions.	£ 2,620.00
COMMUNITY CAKE CLUB	Core costs of groups and one to one support for new and young families.	£ 30,000.00
LIFESTREAMS	Training to improve community outreach in Eastwood and pledge towards building costs of new community café space.	£ 10,000.00
OFF THE STREETS	Core staff costs in provision of accommodation and support for those facing homelessness.	£ 30,000.00
THE OLIVE TREE CENTRE	Core costs of counselling provision for young people and adults.	£ 29,654.40
GET THE KIDS OUT	Core costs in provision of activities for children, young people and families in Central Southend.	£ 30,000.00
CHALKWELL LIFE GUARDS	New engine for boat used to provide beach safety on Chalkwell beach and around.	£ 1,424.00
WELCOME TO THE UK	Those who have English as a second language from overseas.	£ 30,000.00
ABACUS COUNSELLING AND SUPPORT	Counselling for Southend residents delivered in Shoebury.	£ 9,461.00
EXPERIENCE PROJECT - WHITTINGHAM CHURCH	Residents around the Newington Avenue area and north of St Lukes.	£ 30,000.00

FRIENDS AND PLACES TOGETHER	Social activities for young people living with SEND.	£ 30,000.00
STEPHEN'S PLACE	Support living and rehabilitation for adults facing homelessness and addiction	£ 30,000.00
THE ART MINISTRY	Arts and craft sessions for sheltered housing residents / those living with a visual impairment.	£ 29,157.00
STOREHOUSE - SOUTHEND VINEYARD	Outreach and support for Central Southend Residents	£ 23,595.00
SOUTHEND STREET PASTORS	Core costs of outreach support overnight on weekends in and around the High Street and seafront	£7,340.00
SHOEBURY ARK	Costs of equipment to support foodbank and support to residents in Shoebury.	£3,710.00
SOUTHEND FOODBANK	Costs of equipment and Deputy Warehouse Manager	£8,000.00