

The Community Investment Fund is managed and delivered by the Community Investment Board. The Board, hosted by SAVS, is made up of local residents volunteering their time to make investments enabling Southend residents to improve their lives. The board is seeking ideas looking for up to £10,000 per year that will support the delivery of their vision, mission and key themes.

Our vision is of a sustainable Southend where residents engage in their wider communities, are empowered to realize and reach their full potential; in a city they are proud of, feel safe in and can enjoy healthy and fulfilling lives.

Our mission is to utilize the strengths and assets of Southend by motivating residents to create sustainable resilient communities taking community led-action that will improve mental health. To achieve this the Board have identified key themes they are seeking to invest in;

1. **Young People (<35):** To enable young people to maximize their health and wellbeing through increased resilience.
2. **Improve Community Spaces:** To enable communities to improve public spaces to build stronger health and wellbeing. Spaces that are safe and that local residents are proud of - indoor and outdoor.
3. **Reduce Poverty:** To ensure local residents realize and reach their aspirations. The Board are keen to support those with ideas around out of working hours support, activities for those living with addiction and that reduce isolation and loneliness.
4. **Enhance a Thriving Voluntary Sector** to deliver the Board's vision.

All ideas will too further the delivery of Southend City Council's 2050 vision.

### What can I apply for?

- Activities involving and benefiting the most marginalized residents within Southend.
- Ideas minimizing use of statutory services.
- Project or core costs for up to 2 years for ideas that will have a long-term and sustainable benefit.
- Ideas that have been designed and will be delivered and evaluated by those who will benefit.

### How to apply?

To apply click here to access our form which will ask for information on your organization, beneficiaries and how they will be involved, what you plan to do, your budget and the difference you will make.

### What will the reporting look like?

The Board will seek to find out the impact of your activities; whether that was for a particular community, how much was spent and how it contributed to their aims and the Southend 2050 themes and outcomes. If funds are for over a year the board will seek a progress report before year two funds are approved.

### What happens next?

The Board meet monthly and aim to review applications as soon as possible when complete and ready for review. Funds cannot be used for the furthering of religious or political aims and only for future plans. Feedback will be provided as soon as possible after board meetings. Successful projects will be asked to acknowledge the Community Investment Fund and Southend City Council. Funds will be paid into an account in the name of an organisation. Applicants are asked to seek what is needed, which may be less than £10,000.

To receive this information in an alternative format, find out more or talk through your idea contact the Community Investment Fund Coordinator, using [cib@savs-southend.co.uk](mailto:cib@savs-southend.co.uk) or 07415 846506. Any ideas will not be shared with the board until complete. The board is unable to consider incomplete ideas.

Thank you for taking the time to share your ideas with us, we look forward to being in touch with you.