

The Community Investment Fund is managed and delivered by the Community Investment Board. A group of local residents who have volunteered their time to make investments that will enable Southend residents to improve their lives. The Board are administering funds of £30,000 over 3 years from Southend Education Trust to enable young people living in Southend to improve their mental health. Applications are now being accepted for ideas seeking up to £2,000.

What will the board look for?

- Innovative and tailored ways of enabling young people, acknowledging the need for a different approaches
- Reductions in young people accessing statutory services and removal of the stigma surrounding mental health
- Activities that complement and go above and beyond statutorily provided and/or required services
- Increased resilience in young people enabling them to manage and maintain positive wellbeing

Your idea will begin in early 2023 and encourage collaboration between young people and organizations. Applicants can include schools, faith groups, charities and CICs. Enhancing young people's mental health is a key priority for the Community Investment Board. Having engaged with Southend's recent Make your Mark research the following are identified as key issues for young people locally; up-skilling young people to enable peer to peer support, health campaigns, confidential places to access health support, period poverty, support for the LGBT community, emergency response for those in crisis and managing parental expectations. This is not an exhaustive list of challenges, the Board are aware there are likely others and are interested to hear from those with evidence of the barriers faced by young people in Southend preventing them from enjoying good mental health and wellbeing.

This is the second of three years that the Board will invest £10,000 annually (2021, 2022 & 2023) from the £30,000 available. Successful applicants will be asked to report on their activities at the end of 2023.

How to apply?

To apply [click here to complete and submit our simple application form](#) to tell us;

- What organisation you are representing and what they do
- Who you are – your name, role with the organisation, phone number and email address
- Who and how many people will benefit from your plans
- What you plan to do and how young people themselves have designed your ideas and will be part of implementing them
- Why is your idea important and what difference it will make
- When will your activities take place
- How much money you will need and what you will spend it on
- How will you know your activity has made a difference and how will young people be involved in that

If successful you will be asked to confirm there are two bank signatories and to provide details of a bank account in the name of an organization. Too you may be asked to provide your governing document and safeguarding and equalities policies. Successful projects will be asked to acknowledge the Southend Education Trust when publicly mentioning their work.

What happens next?

Applications completed and submitted by **5pm on Wednesday 16 November**. Feedback will be provided in early December, with funds transferred before the end of 2022 to enable activities to begin from January 2023. Incomplete and late applications will not be considered.

If you have further questions, want to find out more or talk through your idea please contact our Community Investment Fund Coordinator, Gemma Cartwright using cib@savs-southend.co.uk or 07415 846506. By submitting an application you are acknowledging that it will be shared with the community investment fund board members and held by SAVS as the hosts of the board and expressing your authority to make an application to us. The SAVS privacy notice is available [here](#).

If you are seeking funding for up to £10,000 or over the Community Investment Fund is open to larger ideas - please visit <https://savs-southend.org/cib/> to find out more.

We thank you for taking the time to put a proposal together and look forward to being in touch with you.