

Community Grants available from Test Valley Borough Council in 2026/27

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1. Councillor Community Grant

This grant is designed to support communities to address their own priorities and deliver local solutions to local issues.

Not-for-profit, charitable community groups and organisations can apply for a grant up to **two-thirds** of the cost of their project or activity, up to a maximum of **£1,000**.

For more information visit: www.testvalley.gov.uk/ccg

Contact Councillor David Drew if you wish to apply.

2. Rural Business & Community Enterprise Grant

This grant is designed to support rural businesses that are of wider benefit to the rural economy, and community or charitable organisations that provide a commercial service. It offers small grants to promote economic prosperity and increase the sustainability of Test Valley's rural communities. It is suited to businesses and community organisations that provide rural products and services to their customers and communities on a commercial basis.

Many rural enterprises, including pubs and shops, provide more than just commercial services. They also act as places where communities can meet, and they are part of the fabric of village life. Other enterprises offer traditional rural products and services to their customers. However, it is increasingly difficult for many organisations to survive due to rising costs and competition with larger businesses and online services. In addition, community organisations increasingly need to diversify to generate income, e.g. a village hall might launch a business hub for those working from home.

Grants of **£1,000-£10,000** are available. This grant can be used to meet up to **80%** of the cost of a project. The applicant organisation is required to source a minimum of 20% of their project's costs.

For more information visit: [Rural Business and Community Enterprise Fund | Test Valley Borough Council](#)

Contact Community Engagement Officer before applying:

www.testvalley.gov.uk/ceofficers

3. Climate Change Grant

The Climate Change grant is available to community groups and other not-for-profit community organisations for core works to improve their energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions and / or deliver projects to improve community resilience to climate change.

The following organisations are eligible:

- Not-for-profit community groups
- Charitable community organisations
- Community building and asset management committees
- Community associations
- Parish and Town Councils

Eligible organisations can apply for a grant of up to **£10,000**. Match funding of 20% of the total cost of the project will be required for grants of £5,000 or more. Anything less than £5,000 will not require match funding.

A minimum of £250 will be set for grant applications.

In order to be awarded funding through this grant, eligible applicants have to be able to provide evidence showing how the project or works will reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with community assets or improve community resilience to climate change.

For more information visit: [Climate Change Grant | Test Valley Borough Council](#)

Please contact climatechange@testvalley.gov.uk to discuss your project and establish whether it is likely to be eligible prior to submitting an application.

Updates are due soon for the following community grant schemes

- **Community Planning Grant** www.testvalley.gov.uk/caf
- **Community Asset Fund** www.testvalley.gov.uk/cpg

Also recommended

Test Valley 4 Community FREE online grant finding directory.

Visit: [Test Valley 4 Community | Test Valley Borough Council](#)