

## Greatwell Homes Community Grants Fund Guidance and Application 2024/25

**What is the Community Grants Fund?** Greatwell Homes are committed to improving social, environmental, and economic wellbeing and working in partnership with our customers, other providers and the local authority to achieve this. We offer community organisations the opportunity to apply for a share of the fund. We have an allocated sum of £15,000 to be spent on projects from April 2024 through to March 2025 which help improve the quality of life of our communities in line with our Live Greatwell corporate plan.

**What kind of projects will be considered?** Community grants will be awarded to organisations that provide a positive difference to our customers and neighbourhoods and complement our Live Greatwell Corporate Plan themes of Live Happy, Live Safe, Live Proud and Live Green.

### Who can apply?

- Individuals (individuals can apply for a small grant but must be linked to a community organisation to hold the funds on their behalf).
- Charity, voluntary or community groups who carry out activities that are 'not for profit'.
- Groups based in and around Northamptonshire or whose activities demonstrate benefits to our customers.

**What we will not fund** - It is not possible to list everything that our Community Grants scheme is unable to fund but below are some examples:

- Anything that has already been bought or paid for. e.g. an event, project or activity that has already happened.
- Insurances
- Projects or items that are for the sole benefit of individuals, for example, trophies and medals, professional qualifications that are not relevant to achieving the groups outcomes.
- Activities or projects of a political or exclusively religious nature
- Contribution towards salaries of permanent staff
- Sponsorship or training
- Purely commercial ventures

**How much can I apply for?** You can apply for between £500 - £5000.

**How do I apply?** Please contact us to discuss your project either by calling and asking to speak to Nikki Glazebrook on 01933 234450 or by emailing [Nikki.glazebrook@greatwellhomes.org.uk](mailto:Nikki.glazebrook@greatwellhomes.org.uk) who will be happy to discuss our simple application process.

**Who makes the decision to fund?** Applications are decided and awarded by our Customer Assembly which is a group of formally involved Greatwell Homes customers that meet monthly.

**How are grants monitored and evaluated?** You will be asked to provide ongoing evidence of the project to the Customer Assembly this could be in the form of a report, photographic evidence or attending an online or face to face meeting. You can also invite members to attend to visit the project to see the work you are doing. The outcomes of the project will also be reported to our Board and Executive Management Team through our annual Customer Involvement Impact Assessment.