

RISE Strategic Grant Fund Application Round 2 2026/27

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Before you begin

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Thank you for your interest in applying to the Strategic Grants Fund for the financial year 2026/27.

This fund is part of the RISE development programme, designed to support not-for-profit organisations, covering sectors from Culture, Leisure and Community.

Project delivery funding up to 4k: Your project must meet one or more of the priorities, with a maximum of 5% core cost *(includes back-office expenditure that would be paid for, e.g. day to day management, utilities, office support, etc.). **OR**

Core funding costs up to 4k: If your organisation's core objectives meet one of the Strategic Grants priorities, you may apply for core funding rather than project support. Core costs mean financial support for non-project-based activity such as back-office expenditure that would be paid for, e.g. day-to-day management, utilities, office support, regular staffing, etc.).

Project Priorities:

Projects that contribute to the corporate plan returning pride to our district.

- **Greener:** Improve education and awareness-raising in the community on climate change mitigation, adaptation, impact reduction and early warning.
- **Fairer:** Improve access to food and health services to support healthy lifestyles.
- **Better:** Alleviate poverty and deprivation by offering support for education and training to develop skills to support employment.
- **Stronger:** Promote inclusion and challenge discrimination by encouraging participation in cultural and leisure activities that celebrate diversity and strengthen community bonds.

Please read the [Strategic Grant Round 2 Guidelines](#) before starting your online application.

Deadline for applications is 9:00am Monday 19th October 2026. All projects must take place between **between 19th October 2026 and 23rd March 2027**

If you want to get updates on the RISE programme of funding and support, you can [sign up for our email newsletter](#).

We look forward to receiving your application!

The application form is structured in the following format:

- Section A: Eligibility & Governing Documents
- Section B: About Your Organisation & Financial Position
- Section C: Project Detail
- Section D: Evaluation of funding
- Section E: Financial Breakdown & Declaration

Please complete all questions marked with * as we will not be able to assess incomplete applications and you will not be able to submit the form.

If you have any questions regarding this application form email externaldevelopment@canterbury.gov.uk

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Before you make your application, please confirm you have read the Strategic Grant Application Guide *

☐ Yes

Section A: Eligibility & Governing Documents

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Before we get started, please answer the questions below to check that you are eligible to apply for the Strategic Grant. You must be able to answer **NO** to the following questions to submit an application.

Are the services or activities that you are applying for the responsibility of statutory bodies? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

Are you applying to fund political activities? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

Are you applying to fund worship-led activities? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

Are you a private sector business? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

Are you applying to cover the costs of activities that have already happened? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

Are you applying as an individual? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

You have made a selection that makes your application ineligible.

Please contact the Grants team at externaldevelopment@canterbury.gov.uk for more information.

For the last three questions, you must answer YES to be able to submit an application.

Does your organisation have a UK-based bank or building society account in your organisation's name as shown on its governing document? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

Are cheques, internet, and other withdrawals signed or authorised by at least two people who are not related to each other and do not live at the same address? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

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Do you have Public Liability Insurance? *

☐ Yes ☐ No

You have made a selection that makes your application ineligible.

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Section B: About Your Organisation and Financial Position

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Organisation Details

Name of organisation *

Organisation Name

Address *

Address

Address Line 1, Town/City, County, and Country are required.

Applicant Primary Email *

Must be an email address.

Applicant Primary Website

Must be a URL.

Main Contact

Name of main contact *

Title First Name Last Name

Position within organisation *

Phone Number *

Must be a valid phone number.

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Email *

Must be an email address.

What type of organisation are you? *

Other:

Please provide your Charity or Company number.

Which sector does your organisation mainly represent? *

- ☐ Arts and Culture
- ☐ Community
- ☐ Leisure
- ☐ Mixed

Please tick one as appropriate

What are you applying for? *

- ☐ Core costs up to £4k
- ☐ Project delivery up to £4k

Describe your organisation's financial position for the current financial year (last year's accounts).

Total company income *

Must be a sterling amount.

Total company expenditure *

Must be a sterling amount.

What level of reserves does your organisation have? *

Must be a sterling amount.

Supporting Documentation

Please upload the following documents for your organisation.

File Uploads

Upload one or more supporting documents for your application. Maximum file size is 25MB per file. For best performance, keep files under 5MB where possible.

You may be required to upload a minimum or maximum number of files. If set, your application cannot be submitted unless this requirement is met.

Supported file types include:

- Documents: PDF, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, text files
- Images: JPG, PNG, GIF, and other common formats
- Audio and video files

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- Email files (.msg)
- Compressed files (e.g. ZIP)

Ensure your files are clearly named and relevant to your application.

Memorandum and Articles of Association or Constitution *

Attach a file:

Most recent annual accounts *

Attach a file:

Copy of latest bank statement with organisation name and address listed *

Attach a file:

Any additional supporting documents or images

Attach a file:

Has your organisation shown a deficit in your last annual accounts? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

Please explain why there was a deficit *

Have you received a grant from Canterbury City Council before? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

What was the grant? *

Section C: Project Detail

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Project Priorities

Your application for a Strategic Grant should demonstrate how your work contributes to the following priorities.

Project Title *

Must be no more than 250 characters.

Which corporate plan priority does your project contribute to in returning pride to our district? *

- ☐ Greener: Improve education and awareness raising in the community on climate change mitigation, adaptation, impact reduction and early warning.
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Please tick any that apply

How does your project meet the Strategic Grant Priorities? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 350 words.

EU Sustainable Development Goals

Does your project contribute to any of the EU Sustainable Development Goals?

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|--|---|--|
| ☐ 1. No Poverty | ☐ 7. Affordable and Clean Energy | ☐ 13. Climate Action |
| ☐ 2. Zero Hunger | ☐ 8. Decent Work and Economic Growth | ☐ 14. Life Below Water |
| ☐ 3. Good Health and Wellbeing | ☐ 9. Industry Innovation and Infrastructure | ☐ 15. Life on Land |
| ☐ 4. Quality Education | ☐ 10. Reduced Inequalities | ☐ 16. Peace Justice and Strong Institutions |
| ☐ 5. Gender Equality | ☐ 11. Sustainable Cities and Communities | ☐ 17. Partnerships for the Goals |
| ☐ 6. Clean Water and Sanitation | ☐ 12. Responsible Consumption and Production | |

Please tick which goals it contributes to. For more information on the SDG click [here](#)

Service Users

Tell us how many people will benefit from your project/service. *

Must be a number.

State as a total number NOT a percentage.

Wards covered

Please select the ward areas within the Canterbury district your work covers *

- | | |
|--|--|
| ☐ Barton | ☐ Northgate |
| ☐ Beltinge | ☐ Reculver |
| ☐ Blean Forest | ☐ Seasalter |
| ☐ Chartham and Stone Street | ☐ St Stephen's |
| ☐ Chestfield | ☐ Sturry |
| ☐ Gorrell | ☐ Swalecliffe |
| ☐ Greenhill | ☐ Tankerton |
| ☐ Herne and Broomfield | ☐ West Bay |
| ☐ Heron | ☐ Westgate |
| ☐ Little Stour and Adisham | ☐ Wincheap |
| ☐ Nailbourne | ☐ District wide |

Please tick all that apply

What difference is your project going to make to the people you are working with? *

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Word count:

Must be no more than 250 words.

About your project/organisation

Tell us what you would like to do with this funding?

Briefly describe what your project/ service is? *

Word count:

Provide a short description (250 words recommended) of your project - what are you out to do?

Partnerships, Collaboration and Sustainability

How do you collaborate with local partners and district councillors to deliver your objectives, and how will you share the project's learning and outcomes with other organisations and local councillors?

Word count:

Must be no more than 150 words.

If you have any evidence to show partnership working with other organisations or your local councillor add here

Attach a file:

Please relate these to the priorities applicable for your funding stream

Tell us about the people you work with, what are their needs, and what issues do they face? This can include statistics, surveys, specific feedback, and quotes from service users *

Word count:

Must be no more than 400 words.

This question has extra priority around young people and working with people to improve social cohesion

How will this funding enable you to engage more people, widen access to your project or service? Please explain how you will quickly mobilise your project or service within the available timeframe to increase participation and reach more users. *

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Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

Describe how your users have informed your project? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

Explain why you have chosen the areas to work in *

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

Does this project link to areas shown in the district linked to the index of deprivation *

☐ Yes

☐ No

You can find this information on the [ONS website](#)

Your project legacy

How will this funding help your organisation make a lasting difference, and how will the benefits continue after the funding ends? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

How is your project contributing to the Council's Climate Change Action Plan?

Word count:

Must be no more than 150 words.

Please see [Canterbury City Council Climate Action Plan](#)

Here are some useful tools to look at:

- [Zero waste](#) - How to send nothing to a landfill.
- [Plastic-free](#) - How to make your project, free from disposable, single-use plastics.
- [Free Carbon Calculators](#) - for Individuals and Small Businesses.

When will your project run?

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Start Date *

Must be a date and no earlier than 19/10/2026.

End Date *

Must be a date and no later than 23/3/2027.

Section D: Evaluation of funding

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Evaluation

In this section we would like you to tell us, what you are hoping to achieve and how you will monitor your progress within the funding period.

It is important to understand how you plan to monitor and evaluate your project/service to evidence the difference this grant will make to residents in the district.

How many volunteers will your project/service involve? *

Must be a number.

Approximately how many hours in total will your volunteers give in this project? *

Must be a number.

Do not include employed staff.

Which Issues will your project address *

- ☐ Crime and Anti-social behaviour
- ☐ Domestic abuse
- ☐ Education
- ☐ Climate
- ☐ Poverty
- ☐ Mental Health
- ☐ Physical Health
- ☐ Equality
- ☐ Isolation
- ☐ Other:

Please select all that apply

Outputs Measure

Can you tell us what outputs you plan to measure in this project and how you will measure these?

You can submit up to 3 outputs. Keep them SMART (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic and Timely), followed by the corresponding outcome/measurement.

Outputs are the activities and services that you deliver to help you achieve your desired outcomes. One output per row.

Please "add more" to create a new row and MAXIMISE to assist in completing.

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What is the output you plan to measure?	How will you measure this output?	How will you know this has been delivered?
Example: 10-week junior young people programme targeting year 6 pupils	Example: attendance records	Example: 15 young people engaged and completed 10 sessions to be junior citizens.

Outcomes

You can submit up to 3 outcomes. One per row

Outcomes are the actual changes, benefits or other effects that happen as a result of your activities.

Please "add more" to create a new row and MAXIMIZE to assist in completing

Outcome	Measurement
Example: Equip them with the skills to cope with the transfer to secondary school and the challenges they face as young adults.	From the feedback surveys and case studies, we found ___% of young people are more confident about transitioning to secondary school and discussing the challenges they are facing with workshop leaders and peers.

Section E: Financial Breakdown & Declaration

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Your project's financial information

It is important to understand how you plan to spend the funding you would receive and any other funding that contributes to the project/service.

- Ensure your expenditure is balanced with your income.
- Include expenditure that is appropriate to your project and offers the best value.
- Income can include grants, fees, fundraising, etc.
- Expenditure can include staffing, equipment, building costs, training, etc.

Project Budget (Income)

Please list what sources of income your project or service will have (including the Strategic Grant).

Please indicate if other funding sources have been confirmed.

Please "add more" to create a new row.

Income description	Is this funding confirmed?	Income amount £ (budgeted)	Source of income - add any other information
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Provide a clear description for each budget item. eg: National Lottery, membership subscriptions, etc.		Enter the total amount expected to be received. Must be a sterling amount.	e.g., Where are you expecting this income to come from, specific grant funders.

Total Income

This number/amount is calculated.

Project Budget (Expenditure)

Please list what your project or service will cost under the appropriate heading.

Please show how you have calculated your figures.

Please "add more" to create a new row.

Expenditure description	Expenditure amount £ (budgeted)	Notes
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Provide clear descriptions for each budget item, e.g., Salaries, room hire, etc.	Enter the total amount to be expended on this budget item. Must be a sterling amount.	Please show how you have calculated your figures.

Total Expenditure/Core Costs

This number/amount is calculated.

Balance of Expenditure and Income

Your income and expenditure totals should balance. The below calculation shows if there is any difference between your total income and your total expenditure amounts.

Income - Expenditure

This number/amount is calculated.

Please explain why your income does not balance with your expenditure *

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For project delivery grants, we will not fund above 5% of core costs.

Total Strategic Grant Amount Requested *

What is the total financial support you are requesting in this application? Cannot exceed £10,000

Applicant Declaration and Verification

- I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the statements made in this application are true.
- I understand that, if the Canterbury City Council approves a grant, I will be required to accept the conditions of grant in accordance with the Canterbury City Council audit requirements.
- I consent to the information contained within this application being disclosed to or by the Canterbury City Council for the purpose of assessing, administering and monitoring my current and any future the Canterbury City Council grant applications.
- I understand that, if the Canterbury City Council approves a grant, I will be bound by the contents of my application to carry out my project as I have described and my application will form part of my grant agreement with the Canterbury City Council.

Please fill in details of your organisation representative below as a sign they endorse this application:

Name *

Title First Name Last Name

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Position *

Date: *

Must be a date.

The authority has a duty to protect public funds. It may use the information you have provided for the prevention and detection of fraud. It may also share this information with those bodies responsible for auditing or administering funds for these purposes.

We may seek additional information, including financial evidence, references, and information from other organisations, to verify your application. This application will form the basis of any funding agreement between your organisation and Canterbury City Council.

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If you are successful, we will be carrying out checks around any ongoing investigations with the Charity Commission or any financial body and ensuring all the relevant insurances are in place before your project starts.

By submitting this application form, you confirm that all the information you have provided is accurate and true. If successful, this form will act as a basis of a funding agreement between your organisation and Canterbury City Council. You will also be required to provide additional recent evidence, including supplying original documents of your bank account or building society account that the grant is to be paid into. These must include the name and address under which it is held.

Please confirm that you have read and understood the above statement *

☐ I confirm that I have read and understood the above statement and agree to the terms outlined above