

Thirteen Community Fund 2019/20

Thirteen support and work with groups and partner agencies which make a positive contribution to the well-being and sustainability of our neighbourhoods by offering grants of up to **£1,500**.

We welcome applications from groups and organisations working within areas where Thirteen have homes. This includes community groups, local and national charities, residents associations, voluntary organisations, public sector bodies, local authorities and Thirteen service teams.

We expect groups to demonstrate that they have match funding in place in the form of either cash, materials or volunteer time. By supporting and promoting joint working this fund aims to make a significant contribution to the improvement of local communities making them places where people want to live.

Applications must support at least one of the following themes:

- **Social and Personal Development Skills**
Projects and activities which support residents to develop skills to enhance their life skills and employment opportunities.
- **Health and Wellbeing Activities**
Projects and activities which support customers to live happy and healthy lives.
- **Promote Community Involvement and Resident Engagement**
Projects that create a sense of belonging in a community.
- **Community Safety Projects**
Projects and activities which ensure that our communities are safe places to live.
- **Environment**
Projects and activities which make our communities cleaner and greener places to live.
- **Financial and Digital Inclusion**
Projects and activities which enable our customers to access services and facilities that are needed to participate in modern society.

Applications must also link to Thirteen's Strategic Priorities

- Great customer experience
- Delivering quality places to live and improving neighbourhoods
- Being Team Thirteen

(see Thirteen Strategic Plan Summary 2019 – 2024)

https://www.thirteengroup.co.uk/uploaded/thirteen/files/Strategic%20Plan%202019_24%20summary.pdf

Key things to remember when applying

All monies approved will be paid via BACs into a nominated bank account which must not be an individual or joint person's account. We **MUST** receive proof of bank details (such as a paying in slip or bank statement) and we will only request this if your funding has been awarded.

All sections on the application form must be completed fully before the application can be considered. Incomplete forms will be returned.

If this project requires assistance from Thirteen staff you must seek approval before the grant is submitted, these costs will be taken into consideration by the panel.

Grant money awarded may be staged over the delivery of the project.

If you have had funding from the Community Fund previously and have not provided feedback your application will not be considered.

Applicants can only be awarded a maximum of **£1,500** per financial year. Parent groups/organisations and their subsidiary groups/organisations are considered the same applicant.

Please remember that you MUST include evidence of costs listed in the item breakdown (e.g. a quote).

Exclusions

We will not provide funding for the following activities:

- Capital appeals or running costs of fee charging residential homes, nurseries and other such care facilities
- Hospitals, Health Service Trusts, medically related appeals and medical equipment
- Individuals
- Overseas travel & activities
- Overnight accommodation
- Private businesses
- Loans, repayment of loans or retrospective funding
- National Appeals
- Religious advancement or religious buildings
- Activities that are primarily the responsibility of statutory agencies
- Political Activities
- Where Thirteen or another agency is already providing or funding similar local activity
- Funding has already been awarded by another department within Thirteen
- Wages and salaries of staff employed by your group/organisation
- DBS Checks
- Insurance
- Utility costs (including broadband, telephone and mobile phone contracts)
- Fixtures and Fittings (e.g. chairs, tables, carpets etc.)
- Retrospective funding

This list is not exhaustive, and each application will be considered on merit.

If your application includes transport costs we will only provide funding for 50% of the cost.

Feedback

- All successful applicants will be expected to complete a feedback form at the end of their project/event.
- The information provided on the feedback form may be used to promote the Thirteen Community Fund and the projects/events that we support via our website and social media.
- As well as a completed feedback form we require photographs, videos, soundbites, case studies etc.
- If you are using the funding to hold an event please invite us along so we can support with the feedback.
- If we do not receive feedback from your project future funding will not be considered.
- All successful applicants will be expected to ask participants of their project/event to complete a social value participant survey at the beginning and at the end of the project/event.

Social Value Participant Surveys

Social value plays an important role in demonstrating the effect that organisations have on the world around us. Social value allows organisations to examine the work they do in communities and attach a financial value to that work.

Social value covers three key areas:

- Social – ‘people and communities’
- Economic – ‘local economy and enterprise’
- Environmental – ‘the world around us’

Thirteen is a caring landlord providing almost 34,000 homes in the North East. We have a commercial head and a social heart and work to create opportunities for our customers and contribute to the regeneration of the Tees Valley.

We’re committed to making a positive impact in our communities which means that we look at all areas of our business to see where we can add further value.

The Thirteen Community Fund provides grants of up to £1500 to local groups and organisations for projects that benefit our communities. We need to gather information on the social value that this funding provides. Therefore, we require participants of funded projects to complete a social value participant survey before and after their project/event. The questions in the survey are specific to each individual application and we require a minimum of 40% of participants to complete these surveys.

Applications

All applications will be considered by a panel of Thirteen customers who assess the applications against the above themes and exclusions.

You will be informed either by email or letter of the outcome of your grant application **within 10 working days following the deadline date.**

All decisions are final, and appeals will not be considered.

Deadline date for applications
Monday 29 th April 2019
Monday 10 th June 2019
Monday 29 th July 2019
Monday 9 th September 2019
Monday 21 st October 2019
Monday 2 nd December 2019
Monday 20 th January 2020
Monday 2 nd March 2020

Glossary

Activities that are the responsibility of statutory organisations

Anything that is the responsibility of the government/local authority.

BACs

A bank transfer.

DBS checks

Previously known as CRB checks. A record of a person's criminal convictions and cautions – carried out by the Disclosure and Barring Service.

Match funding

Funding that comes from another source. This can include fundraising, money from another grant provider or as time or resources.

Private businesses

A business controlled and operated by private individuals to make a profit.

Parent groups and their subsidiaries

Groups/organisations that are controlled by another group/organisation, which is usually referred to as the parent company or the holding company.

Public sector bodies

Law enforcement (police), fire services, health services, local authorities and public education services.

Retrospective funding

Funding for activities or projects that have taken place prior to funding being awarded from Thirteen

Sustainability of our neighbourhoods

Making communities places where people want to live by:

- Reducing the amount of empty properties
- Reducing or preventing anti-social behaviour
- Reducing social isolation by providing opportunities for people to socialise with others
- Creating a sense of community spirit and togetherness

Utility costs

This includes gas, electricity, water rates, tv licence, council tax, subscription fees (such as cable TV costs).

Wages of staff employed by your organisation

Staff employed directly by your organisation.

Thirteen Community Fund Application Form 2019/20

Q1. Applicant details

Name of your group/organisation <i>Insert the name of your group/organisation as it is stated on your bank account</i>	
Does your group/organisation use a different name in your day to day work or are part of a larger group/organisation? <i>If yes, please give details</i>	
Name of main contact <i>This MUST be a member of your group and will be the person who is contacted regarding this application.</i>	
Position in group/organisation	
Main address of your group/organisation <i>Insert the registered address for your group/organisation</i>	
Main contact address <i>(If different to main address)</i> <i>This will be the address we send any correspondence to in relation to your application</i>	
Contact email address <i>This will be the email address we send any correspondence to in relation to your application</i>	
Contact Telephone number(s)	

Q2. What type of group/organisation are you?

Voluntary group/organisation	
Community group/residents association	
Registered Charity	
Local authority	
Thirteen Service Team	
Other <i>(please give details)</i>	

Q3. Have any person/persons involved in applying for this grant ever been declared bankrupt?*If yes please give details*

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Q4. About your project/event:

What is the name of your project/event? <i>Insert the full name of your project</i>	
When will your project/event start? <i>Funding will only be considered for projects starting within 6 months of an application being approved</i>	
When will your project/event end?	
Please give details of when would be best for Thirteen to attend your project/event <i>We may request to attend your project/event to gather information to promote our fund</i>	
Where will your project/event take place? <i>Please give details of which town or estate your project/event will take place</i>	
Which communities/estates will benefit from your project/event? <i>Please list all communities and estates where the people who benefit from your project/event live</i>	
How many people will benefit from your project/event? <i>Where numbers are unknown please estimate</i>	
Who will benefit from the project/event? <i>Will any persons/groups be excluded – who and why?</i>	
What is the total cost of this project/event? <i>Please give the total cost of your project including the costs you are applying for from Thirteen</i>	
What is the total cost required from Thirteen? <i>Please note that Thirteen can only award a maximum of £1500 per financial year</i>	

Q5. Which of the following themes does your project/event support? Please tick all themes that apply.

Social and Personal Development Skills	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health and Wellbeing	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community Safety Projects	<input type="checkbox"/>
Environment	<input type="checkbox"/>
Financial and Digital Inclusion	<input type="checkbox"/>
Promote Community Involvement and Resident Engagement	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q6. Please tell us about your group/organisations, the work you do and the project/event you would like us to fund. Please also describe:

a) The outcomes your application will deliver for each of the themes applicable

b) How you will measure these proposed outcomes?

c) How does this project meet Thirteen priorities?

Please give as much information as possible that you feel supports your application

Q7. How much will each item or activity cost and how much is being requested from Thirteen?

Please give a full detailed breakdown of each individual cost. Your application may be declined if not enough information is given for each cost.

Please remember that you MUST include evidence of costs listed in the item breakdown (e.g. a quote).

Item or activity <i>Please give individual cost e.g. hourly cost, unit cost etc.</i>	Amount from Thirteen (£)	Match Funding Amount (£)	Total Amount (£) <i>Amount from Thirteen + other funding amount</i>
<i>e.g. Room hire at £5 per hour for 30 hours</i>	£150	0	£150
<i>e.g. Coach hire to Scarborough for 30 people on 28th June 2019</i>	£100	£100	£200
TOTAL			

Q8. What are the ages of the people who will benefit from your project/event?

Age group	How Many People?
People under 25 years	
People aged 25 – 49 years	
People over 50 years	

Q9. How have you consulted with the people who will benefit from your project/event and what were the outcomes? *(Please include comments/feedback from your consultation)*

Q10. Will you require the assistance of Thirteen employees to carry out the project/event at any stage? YES/NO

If yes, you must seek approval before the grant is submitted, these costs will be taken into consideration by the panel. Please explain how much time and for how long you envisage requiring support.

Q11. Have you approached any other department of Thirteen or any other organisation for funding? YES/NO

If yes please give details of where you have applied, a brief description of what the funding is for and the amount you have applied for

Q12. Has this funding been awarded? YES/NO

If yes please give details including dates and the amount awarded.

If no please give details of when you will hear the outcome and how will your project will be funded if it is unsuccessful.

Q13. Does your group/organisation receive any financial support from Thirteen? (e.g. room hire, utility costs etc?) YES/NO

If yes please give details

Q14. Will your project/event increase participation in the following?

Participation	Yes/No	How Many People?
Member of a social/community group?		
Active member of a tenants group?		

Q15. Will your project/event result in regular participation (at least once per week) for at least two months in any of the following?

	Yes/No	How Many People?
Football/Team Sport		
Keep Fit		
Walking		
Yoga/Pilates		
Dance		
Mild exercise (mild exercise – does not noticeably change your breathing or make you sweat)		
Moderate exercise (moderate exercise – raises heart rate and results in breaking into a sweat)		
Gardening		
Hobbies		
Other (please specify)		

Q16. How will you promote and publicise your project/event?

Q17. Who will be responsible for the long-term care and sustainability for the project/event and how will this be funded?

Q18. Does your group/organisation or anybody involved with your group have connections with any board directors, involved customers or Thirteen employees? YES/NO

If yes, please give details

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Q19. Do you have any of the following? (if appropriate)

Child protection policy	
Safeguarding policy	
DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) checks	
Risk assessments	
Public liability insurance	
Leaders' qualifications	
Affiliation to a governing body or registered with Company's House	
Other insurance	
Other (please give details)	
If you answered yes to any of the above, please give more details.	

Q20. How did you find out about the Thirteen Community Fund?

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Before you submit your application please use the checklist below to ensure you have included all information required.

Action	Complete (please tick once complete)
All sections of the application form have been completed.	
An itemised breakdown of costings are included with quotes.	
If you have been awarded previous funding from Thirteen, you have completed and returned your feedback forms.	

Declaration

1. I am authorised to make the application on behalf of the above organisation.
2. I certify that the information contained in this application is correct.
3. I will notify of any changes in the information given as soon as possible.
4. If my application is successful I agree that the funds awarded will only be used for the purposes stated in this application form.
5. I agree to complete a feedback form on completion of the project/event.
6. Should the group receive funding I give permission for Thirteen to release information of the activity supported and agree that Thirteen may request to attend my project for marketing purposes.
7. I will provide photographs and supporting information and will be prepared to take part in a Case Study if required.
8. I agree to submit copies of all receipts to support expenditure associated with this grant application when providing feedback (Thirteen may audit expenditure and reclaim grants where it is not satisfied that monies have been spent appropriately).
9. I agree that a minimum of 40% of participants involved in the activities funded by this grant will be required to complete a social value participant survey at beginning and at the end of the project/event.

Signed: Date:

Position in organisation:

Privacy Promise

- Thirteen Group promise to keep your data safe and secure and in line with the General Data Protection Regulation 2018 (GDPR 2018)
- We will only use your data in order to process your community fund application
- We will not sell your data
- We will not share your data with anyone who you have not authorised us to
- You can manage and review your privacy choices at any time
- To view Thirteens full Privacy Notice please visit our website www.thirteengroup.co.uk

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