

General information on grants from KCC Local Boards, Neighbourhood Forums and Members (for financial year ending April 2012)

These notes relate specifically to Tunbridge Wells district. Whilst all other KCC Districts have similar or identical schemes in place, you should only regard this information sheet as a guide and you should contact the relevant Community Engagement Manager for your district to find out exactly how the local scheme works.

Local Boards (and a variety of derivatives in different districts of Kent such as Neighbourhood Forums) can be the avenue to three different sorts of funding, the **Members Community Grants (or Members grant, MCG) the Small Community Capital Project (SCCP) grants, and the Local Schemes (LS) grants.**

Website www.open4community.info/kent is extremely useful as well and could highlight other areas of funding aside from us that you could access, whilst further information on applying for funding can be found in the KCC External funding website factsheets: www.kent.gov.uk/community_and_living/external_funding/news_and_factsheets/external_funding_factsheets.aspx

The Members Community Grant monies are quite easy to apply for, with a minimum of form filling and waiting. Each KCC member has £10,000 a year to be spent in the financial year April to April. The money can be used for almost anything, providing it benefits the community and the member thinks it is a good idea. Decisions are made as applications are received and can be completed in as little as a week or two. It's better to approach the member first and discuss the idea with them, rather than just submit the application cold. Alternatively speak to the Community Engagement Manager for your area. You will have to go to them anyway to get an application form.

The best way to find **your** local member (and MP's and District Councillors) is go to <http://www.writetothem.com/?keyword=councillors&creativeid=521752599&gclid=CNmGiryVmJoCFQEEZgodW1ZI9Q> Then, simply type in the postcode and you will get contact details for MP's, MEP's, County and District councillors.

SCCG Grants- each district has a set amount to spend related to the population. This effectively means approximately £40-50,000 per district per year, considered once yearly in October. These grants are meant to be for capital expenditure, not revenue, and they get a better reception if they are for part funding something in partnership than for the total cost. They take longer to get decided upon and paid out than member's grants, as they have to go before the Local Board for recommendation, then to a Cabinet member for ratification. SCCP Grants are a once a year application round, deadline for applications September and normally paid out around December in any financial year. **Local Schemes grants** can also be used for *revenue* funding as well as small capital purchases, and take longer to arrange as they require a Cabinet Member decision, but are applied for to the individual KCC Councilor in the same way as the Members grant at any time of the year.

The best way forward if you are thinking of making any application for money is to contact your local Community Engagement Manager. They can give you help, advice and the relevant forms, **and advise you if there are any local differences to the information given here.** (This information specifically relates to the Tunbridge Wells District)

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