

## **Funding for local community projects in the Dover District**

In the 2011/12 financial year, there are three community grant schemes available via Dover County Council Members (councillors) and the Dover District Neighbourhood Forums, which are run jointly by Kent County Council and Dover District Council:

### **Member Community Grant (KCC)**

Each Dover County Council Member can recommend local projects for financial support, up to £10,000 a year per councillor.

### **Local Schemes Grant (KCC)**

The Local Schemes Grant is to support revenue or minor capital projects.

- Examples of capital costs – in general terms any expenditure that leads to the acquisition of a fixed asset (land; buildings; plant; machinery; equipment; vehicles etc) or increases the life or market value of a fixed asset.
- Examples of revenue costs – all other expenditure, normally considered to be day to day running expenses of a business/organisation.

### **Small Community Capital Projects (SCCP) Grant (KCC and DDC)**

KCC and DDC have allocated funding to the Dover District Neighbourhood Forums to award grants for community projects. The SCCP grant scheme is for local projects involving capital costs, such as those involved with the purchase, creation or significant renovation of capital assets.

### **‘You Decide’**

This year the Dover District Neighbourhood Forums are again using Participatory Budgeting (PB) as a way to allocate the KCC / DDC Small Community Capital Projects grant fund. In addition some of the Dover county councillors are adding their Member Community Grant and Local Schemes Grant funds to this pot.

PB directly involves local people - residents, community groups and representatives of all parts of the community - voting on grant applications and recommending how the grant money is spent on projects in their own area. By using this method we aim to:

- Engage local residents in decision making
- Give residents a bigger say over how public money is spent in their area
- Involve as many people in the Forum areas as possible
- Encourage local groups to put forward ideas
- Strengthen the relationship between the forums and the community

If you would like more information on these funding streams or would like application forms for the Member Community Grant and Local Schemes Grant please contact Emma Carey, Community Engagement Manager (contact details above).

An application form for the ‘You Decide’ funding events can be downloaded [here](#).