



Whiteinch & Scotstoun
Housing Association



**COMMUNITY PROJECTS
FUND 2026-27**

The Whiteinch & Scotstoun Housing Association Community Projects Fund

For the third year running, Whiteinch and Scotstoun Housing Association (WSHA) have supported a Community Projects Fund with Gift Aid from its subsidiaries: WSES and WSPM. This year's funding pot is £15,000.00.

We use a **participatory budgeting** model to operate The Community Projects Fund, and the process is overseen by the Community Voice Panel which is made up of members of the local community. The group is supported throughout the process by the staff of WSHA and TWC.



What is Participatory Budgeting?

Participatory Budgeting (PB) is recognised internationally as a way for local people to have a direct say in how and where public funds can be used to address local needs.

The Scottish Government supports PB as a tool for community engagement as it sits alongside the objectives of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 and is an important resource to build on the wider development of participatory democracy in Scotland.

If you would like more information about Participatory Budgeting check out the following websites:

- www.pbscotland.scot
- www.pbnetwork.org.uk



In the 2025/26 fund we supported the following projects:

- Whiteinch Community Meal
- K&K Companionship Walks
- Whiteinch Gaming Hub
- Classy Jewellery
- Pathways to Employment
- English for Absolute Beginners
- Storytelling
- The Man Club
- Jo Jingles
- G14 Wellbeing Support



Community Investment Key Priorities for 2026-2027

1. Support people into employment
2. Improve local environments
3. Recognise and reduce social isolation in our communities
4. Reduce food and energy poverty in our communities
5. Build local connections
6. Improve health and wellbeing

The WSHA Community Projects Fund is split into two separate pots

Small but Mighty

Apply for a maximum value of £500.

Big and Bold

Minimum Value: £501.

Maximum Value: £1,500.

Applications are invited from individuals, groups and organisations working and delivering in the Whiteinch and Scotstoun (G14 postcode) area. Project ideas should fit with our community investment key priorities as outlined in the supporting information. We are happy to discuss your ideas in advance – get in touch via reception@whiteinchcentre.org.uk or call us on 0141 950 4434 and speak to our Community Projects Team.

How does it work?

Local individuals, groups and organisations apply for funding for their projects.

The Community Voice Panel will assess all applications to ensure they align with at least one of the Community Investment Priorities for 2026-27. Provided they meet the criteria, the applications will be taken forward to the Big Vote Decision Event which will be held at TWC.

The approved applications will be presented to residents at the decision event, where members of the local community can vote for the project/s they would like to secure funding. Winning projects will be announced later that day, once all votes have been counted.



How do I participate?

You can submit your project idea by completing an application form – available from reception at TWC – or you can get involved by simply turning up to the decision event and casting your vote for the project or group you think is most worthy or by voting online.

Who can apply?

Anyone, if your project meets the criteria. Project proposals are invited from individuals, groups and organisations either delivering or proposing to deliver, operate and benefit people within the G14 postcode area.

Individuals, groups and organisations can apply once for each of the 2 Funding Pots: Small but Mighty, and Big and Bold. If you are not sure which your project fits into, get in touch.

What can I apply for?

Your project must:

- Benefit WSHA tenants and the local community
- Demonstrate value for money
- Support at least one of the Community Investment Key Priorities for 2026-2027:

1. Support people into employment

2. Improve local environments

3. Recognise and reduce social isolation in our communities

4. Reduce food and energy poverty in our communities

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What we won't fund

Applications from:

- Glasgow City Council or Arms Lengths External Organisations (ALEOs)
- Other HA's or Housing Providers
- Projects funded in 2025 – 2026, unless we have received your Project Report.



How much can be applied for?

Small but Mighty projects: You can apply for up to a maximum of £500.

Big and Bold projects: You can apply for up to a maximum of £1,500. The minimum award is £501.00.

If you are not sure which project to apply to – get in touch. Contact details are noted on the last page.

What is a Storyboard?

To help promote your project all short-listed projects will be asked to produce a digital storyboard (a PowerPoint presentation or similar) which should outline the key information for your project.

Information should include the following details:

- Name of Project
- Who you are
- What you want to do
- Where & When you are running your project
- Why your project is needed
- How your project will meet identified needs
- The Difference & Impact your project will have on the local community
- Budget – how you will demonstrate value for money.

Don't worry if you haven't done this before! TWC and WSHA will provide materials and devices for the storyboard and hold workshops to help you produce it. All storyboards will be on display before and at the Big Vote Decision Event to help promote your project to everyone who attends.



Big Vote Decision Event and Online Voting

Local people will have the opportunity to vote online or in person for the projects they believe best support their community.

Online voting will be open from Monday 2nd February to Friday 20 February 2026.

This will be followed by a Big Vote Decision Event at TWC on Saturday 21st February 2026.

The event will showcase all project ideas through storyboards on display; giving the community a chance to explore each proposal in more detail.

During the event the 'Big Vote' will take place, allowing the community to vote for their favourite projects.

To ensure fairness and local representation, votes from local residents will be weighted, giving greater influence to those living within the G14 area.

Project winners will be contacted after the event finishes.

Key dates and timeline

Tuesday 28th October 2025

Information session and application process opens

Monday 1st December 2025

Deadline for applications

Tuesday 9th December 2025

Community Voice Panel Assessment Meeting followed by notification to shortlisted applicants

Week Commencing 12th January 2026

Virtual storyboard creation workshops

Monday 2nd February 2026

Online voting opens

Friday 21st February 2026

Online voting closes

Saturday 21st February 2026

The Big Vote Decision Event at TWC

Please submit your application and checklist by 5pm on Monday 1st December 2025 to reception@whiteinchcentre.org.uk. If you have any questions about the Community Projects Fund or would like an application form, please come into reception at TWC, email reception@whiteinchcentre.org.uk or call us on 0141 950 4434 and speak to our Community Projects Team.

Application Checklist

Essential Criteria for All Applications

Your application should demonstrate how you or your group/organisation propose to benefit WSHA tenants, the local community and meet at least one of WSHA's Community Investment Priorities:

- Support people into employment
- Improve local environments
- Recognise and reduce social isolation in our communities
- Reduce food and energy poverty in our communities
- Build local connections
- Improve health and wellbeing

Individuals, groups or organisations must comply with the following conditions:

- The project must deliver, operate and benefit people within the G14 postcode area.
- You must be able to attend the decision event on 21st February 2026.
- You must prepare a digital storyboard.
- You must have all legal permissions required to carry out your project.
- You must have appropriate insurance in place for your project.
- You must have DBS/PVG checks in place, if appropriate.
- You must allow your project to be used in any promotional material.
- You must submit monitoring and evaluation in an agreed format detailing the outputs and outcomes of your project.
- You must have a bank account, otherwise we will be unable to award you funding.
- You must be able to spend the funds within 12 months, if successful.



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