

Community Support Plan - Options for new funding programme 2026-2029

Option 1

Status Quo, which retains Capacity and Revenue Programmes in their current format. This option is not recommended given that feedback received highlighted the need for change to meet the needs of the sector and communities.

Grant	Budget (approx.)	Max Award £	Duration (no of years)	Min. No Awards	Actual no of awards
Capacity	£1.85m	50,000	3	36	43
Revenue	£1.45m	20,000	3	72	87
Totals	£3.3m			116	130

Option 2 – with £3.3 million budget

- 1) Community Support Large Grant – offers financial support for both programme and core running facility/staff costs (Maximum individual award **£40,000**) and
- 2) Community Support Small Grant (Maximum individual award **£2,500**)- offers financial support for small scale project costs

Grant	Budget (approx.)	Max Award £	Duration (no of years)	Min. No Awards	Potential no of awards based on trend in current applications (ie: not all applicants apply for maximum award)
Large	£3.2m	40,000	3	80	90
Small	£0.1m	2,500	1	40	45
Totals	£3.3m			120	135

Option 3 – with 4.8 million budget

- 1) Community Support Large Grant – offers financial support for both programme and core running facility/staff costs (Maximum individual award **£50,000**) and
- 2) Community Support Small Grant (Maximum individual award **£5,000**)- offers financial support for small scale project costs

Grant	Budget (approx.)	Max Award £	Duration (no of years)	Min. No Awards	Potential no of awards based on trend in current applications (ie: not all applicants apply for maximum award)
Large	£4.6m	50,000	3	92	104
Small	£0.2m	5,000	1	40	45
Totals	£4.8m			132	149

Option 4 – with 4.8 million budget

- 1) Community Support Large Grant – offers financial support for both programme and core running facility/staff costs (Maximum individual award **£45,000**) and
- 2) Community Support Small Grant (Maximum individual award **£2,500**)- offers financial support for small scale project costs

Grant	Budget (approx.)	Max Award £	Duration (no of years)	Min. No Awards	Potential no of awards based on trend in current applications (ie not all applicants apply for maximum award)
Large	£4.6m	45,000	3	102	116
Small	£0.2m	2,500	1	80	90
Totals	£4.8m			131	135

Option 5 – with 4.8 million budget

- 1) Community Support Large Grant – offers financial support for both programme and core running facility/staff costs (Maximum individual award **£40,000**) and
- 2) Community Support Small Grant (Maximum individual award **£2,500**)- offers financial support for small scale project costs

Grant	Budget (approx.)	Max Award £	Duration (no of years)	Min. No Awards	Potential no of awards based on trend in current applications (ie: not all applicants apply for maximum award)
Large	£4.6m	40,000	3	115	130
Small	£0.2m	2,500	1	80	90
Totals	£4.8m			195	220