



# 100 CIC Grant Project Ideas

## Unlock Inspiration for Your Next Successful Funding Bid!

**Created by Kexx founder of CIC Tribe** – The UK's #1 Community Interest Company support service. Since 2022, we've helped over 1,000 CICs launch and secured £40 million+ for grassroots projects. Our mission: empower changemakers like you to turn ideas into impact!

Inside this guide, you'll discover 101 practical, fundable project ideas—grouped by the UK's most popular grant funders. Ready to build your CIC, secure funding, and transform your community? Let's get started!

## 40 Community Fund Project Ideas

- Mental health weekly peer support groups for adults. Add food and art activities.
- After-school clubs tackling food poverty. Add youth mentoring, free meal, fun activities.
- Community gardening and healthy eating workshops. Target unemployed or disabled giving purpose. Tackle food insecurity and get people into nature.
- Befriending services for isolated elderly people. Add a warm space and free food.
- Financial literacy classes for single parents. Online and in person programs. Add guest speakers.
- Digital skills training for over-50s. Guest speakers. Roll 6 week block programmes.
- Community kitchen for families in crisis. Free food distribution. Add cooking on a budget workshops.
- Men's mental health walking groups. Run hikes weekly. Add peer to peer support groups online.
- Volunteer-run repair cafés for household items. Upcycle or repair to save money and landfill. Brings people together adding a cafe and socials.

- Domestic abuse survivor support circles. Online trauma informed a 12 week programme with a weekly workshop with a variety of activities and themes from art to exercise.
- Parenting workshops for young mums. Teach skills and bring mums together in the weekly season in person and online facebook group.
- Intergenerational storytelling sessions. Workshops and events sharing and learning stories. Add an exhibition at the end to showcase to the community.
- Community art mural projects. Add a series of art workshops designing and teaching skills.
- Pop-up health checks in deprived areas. Add a weekly health workshop teaching health habit changers.
- Language classes for refugees. Add sign posting service and support drop in to translate important letters.
- Carer respite days with wellbeing activities. Add free meal and online whats app or facebook group to encourage long term peer support.
- Community choir for wellbeing. Weekly group with an added public performance event.
- NEET or homeschooled Youth safe space drop-ins. Add arts and craft activities for expression and learning.
- Peer mentoring for ex-offenders. Add sign posting for services and free meal to encourage attendance.
- Community bike repair schemes. Add group cycle events and an online support group
- Holiday hunger lunch clubs for kids. Add some activities like dance, art and games.
- Sensory play sessions for children with SEND. Add SEND parents support online groups to share activity ideas outside of sessions.
- Local history walking tours. Add a online facebook group to encourage long term connection.
- Skills swap events (e.g., sewing, DIY). In person and online.
- Community litter-picking days. Add workshops on reducing waste and carbon admissions for families.
- Free legal advice clinics. Add sign posting services and education workshops on different themes affecting disadvantaged people.
- Support groups for people with chronic illness. Add free food and online peer support.
- Creative writing workshops for wellbeing. Add a collective book or reading event.
- Community film nights. Add free food and social hour.
- Free dance fitness classes. Add health snacks and health education workshops.
- Grief counselling support groups. Add some group walks once a month.
- Community book exchange libraries. Add some art workshops to recycle unwanted books.
- Youth leadership training. Add youth pitching events and real world guest speakers from business.
- Mindfulness and meditation groups. Add health snacks and online group networking and support.
- Parent and baby play sessions. Add free food, baby clothes and toys bank distribution and whats app group for support.
- Community recycling and upcycling workshops. Teaching skills and reducing landfill.

- First aid training for local residents. Add workshops on health and safety in the home.
- Community meals to celebrate cultural diversity. Add events with music and performance.
- Peer support for people in addiction recovery. Add a range of positive activity taster session
- Community newsletter or podcast project. Teach media skills and train volunteers. Target unemployed or young people.

## 10 Sport England Project Ideas

- Girls' football empowerment league.
- Inclusive yoga for people with disabilities.
- Walking group for peri-post menopausal women.
- Community cycling for beginners.
- Boxing for confidence in young men.
- Family fun run events.
- Skateboarding workshops for teens.
- Multi-sport taster days for kids.
- Outdoor fitness bootcamps in parks.
- Swimming lessons for ethnic minorities.

## 10 Arts Council Project Ideas

- Community mural painting days and workshops learning new street art skills
- Storytelling workshops for children.
- Public art installations co-created with residents. Add training workshops lead by artists
- Drama therapy for trauma recovery. Workshops teaching drama with end performance
- Local music festivals for emerging artists.
- Creative writing for mental health. Workshops with an end of project anthology publication.
- Photography projects celebrating local heroes. Workshops teaching photography with an exhibition at the end of the project.
- Dance workshops for all ages.
- Art therapy for carers. Regular workshops.
- Film-making courses for young people. Add public showing at the end.

## 10 Children in Need Project Ideas

- Breakfast clubs for children at risk of hunger.
- Mentoring for care-experienced young people.
- Drama groups for children with SEND.
- Homework help clubs with added fun activities
- Play therapy for children affected by trauma.
- Weekend adventure camps for disadvantaged kids.

- Sensory play for autistic children.
- Youth leadership and confidence workshops.
- Support groups for young carers.
- Creative arts sessions for bereaved children.

## **10 Heritage Lottery Project Ideas**

- Oral history projects with local elders. Add findings to the local archives and create an exhibition
- Restoring historic community buildings.
- Heritage skills workshops (e.g., stone masonry).
- Local archive digitisation projects.
- Festivals celebrating local cultural heritage.
- Community archaeology digs.
- Story mapping the area's history.
- Heritage trails and guided walks.
- Youth-led research into local history.
- Preserving traditional crafts sessions.

## **10 Environmental Project Ideas**

- Community tree planting drives.
- Beach or river clean-up events.
- Recycled art workshops.
- Community composting schemes.
- Wildlife gardening workshops.
- Upcycling furniture projects.
- Renewable energy awareness campaigns.
- Plastic-free community initiatives.
- Bike-to-school days.
- Nature walks for wellbeing.

## **10 Local Council Grant Project Ideas**

- Community safety awareness days.
- Street art mural.
- Healthy eating on a budget courses.
- Community transport for isolated residents.
- Digital inclusion for older adults.
- Youth anti-knife crime campaigns.
- Community markets for local producers.
- Support for new parents.
- Local history exhibitions.
- Community sports tournaments.

## Typical budget items and wording

- Sessional worker lead facilitator x100 days work over two years at £150 day rate = £15,000
- Accountants fee £600 based on three quotes
- Marketing budget £200 including social ads and printing flyers
- Venue hire £75 per day rate based on 72 sessions. Gained three quotes
- Workshop and equipment costs £1000 Budget for 72 workshops
- Refurbished laptops £250 each x 10 based on three quotes
- Refreshments budget £1200 £20 per session
- DBS checks x 3
- Safeguarding training £600 based on three quotes
- Website hosting needed to manage emails contacts and events RSVP £388 with Wixx based on three quotes.

## Ready to Turn Ideas into Impact?

### Get started with CIC Tribe:

- **Online CIC Set Up Course:** Step-by-step guidance to launch your CIC and secure your first grant. [Learn more & enrol](#).
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## Take Action Now!

*You have the ideas. We'll help you make them happen.*