



**Cambridgeshire
Community
Foundation**

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Applying to Cambridgeshire Community Foundation

Funding for community projects

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Process and deadlines

- Around 50 funds
- Most funds – quarterly deadlines
- Funds with different deadlines (see website)
 - Thalia Community Fund
 - Street Aid
 - Stay Well
- Check eligibility: www.cambscf.org.uk/how-to-apply-new-2023
- Review our funds: www.cambscf.org.uk/grants
- Average grant size is £4,500


Deadline	Outcomes Announced
1 st February, 11:59am	End of May
1 st May, 11:59am	End of August
1 st August, 11:59am	End of November
1 st November, 11:59am	End of February

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Funds

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Eligibility Criteria 

Grant type

Any 

Amount

Any 

Eligible area

Any 

Supported causes

Any 

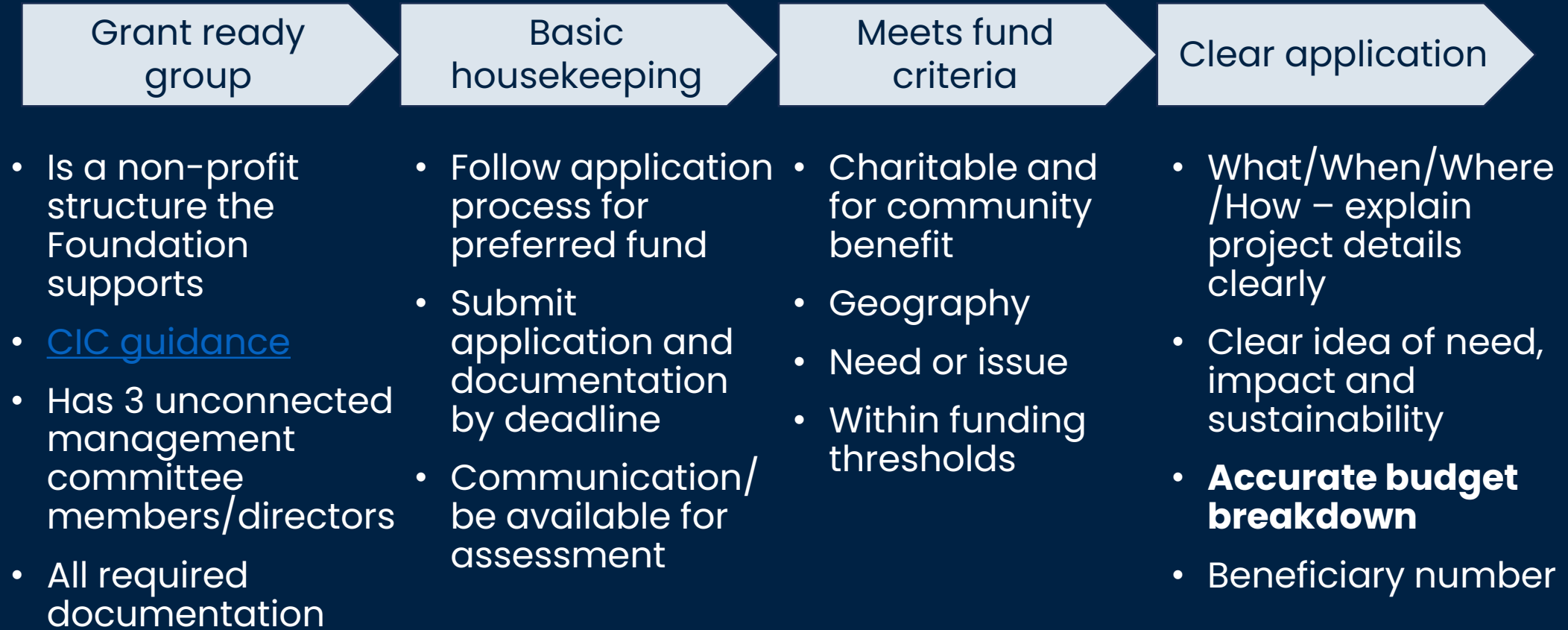
Deadline

Any 

Only show funds currently
accepting applications



Application basics



Application tips

- Ensure contact details are correct
- Write in plain English
- Be specific about plans
- Focus on funder's priorities
- Keep project realistic
- Provide evidence that work is needed
- Have a clear idea of the impact
- Identify risks and solutions
- Make budget specific and check calculations



A note on AI

- We support the use of AI
- But also recognise it doesn't always give the best shot at success
- Your unique story and approach is what makes you stand out
- Consider data, privacy and ensure fact checking



Documentation

Governance document

- Signed by management
- Includes dissolution clause

Accounts

- Most recent financial year

Paying in slip/Bank statement

- Bank statement from last three months

Safeguarding policies

- You will be asked to confirm that you have this in the application
- Question on your organisation's approach

Equality policy

- You will be asked to confirm that you have this in the application
- Question on your organisation's approach

Quotes

- Capital items over £500

Key advice

- Please read all guidance carefully
- More than one application to general round is not recommended
- Apply for a suitable amount
 - Applying for significantly higher than £4,500 reduces the likelihood of funding (unless it's for a fund that accepts larger applications)
- Documents due at time of application
- Don't leave submission to last minute





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Grant monitoring

Why is monitoring needed?

- Essential in the competitive landscape for charitable funding
- To keep us accountable as funders
- To report to donors
- To celebrate your impact and raise profile
- Helps to appeal to new donors and existing donors for greater funding
- Good social impact measurement enables groups to develop new work and improve services
- Motivates and inspires staff and volunteers



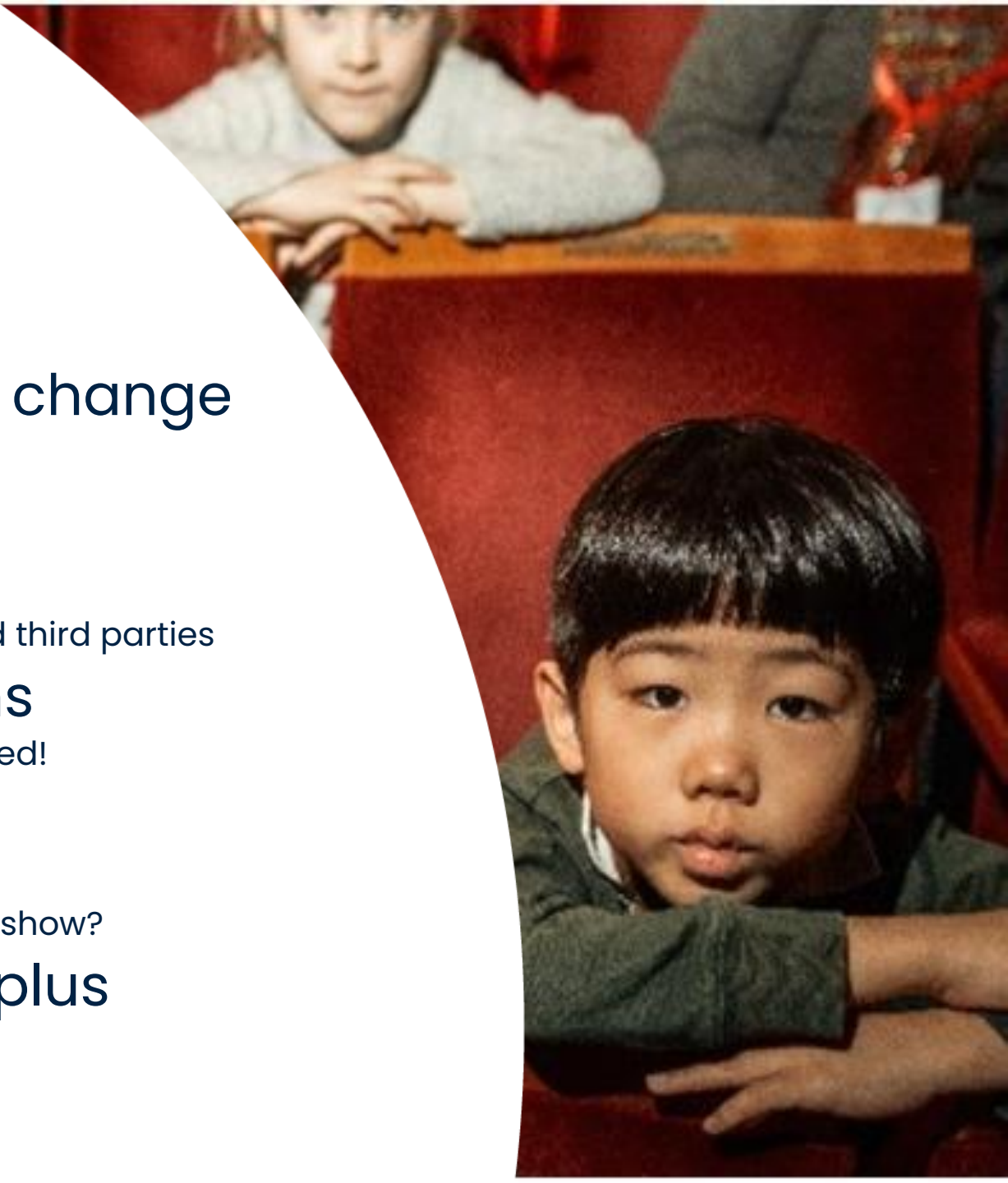
What to expect

- Monitoring requirements and form shared at grant offer stage
- Monitoring due date
- What to record:
 - How funds are spent
 - What activities were carried out
 - Difference it made to people involved
- Project visits
- Monitoring review
- Information shared with donor, reporting and social media



Photographs and case studies

- Provide a case study or story of change for a beneficiary
 - Addresses impact
 - Tells a compelling story of change
 - Is – or can be – anonymised
 - Include verbatim feedback from beneficiaries and third parties
- Share good quality photographs
 - You have gained consent from those photographed!
 - Good lighting
 - Shows action without being blurry
 - Illustrative of project
 - If you can't show beneficiaries, what else can you show?
- For more monitoring guidance plus excellent examples, [visit here](#)





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Our funds

System rebuild

- Improve the process for applicants
- Some disruption to our Winter 2025 round – more info [here](#)
 - Reduced number of funds open
 - Application forms open October 2025
 - Outcomes may take up until May 2026
- Response times might be longer
- Thank you for your patience and understanding

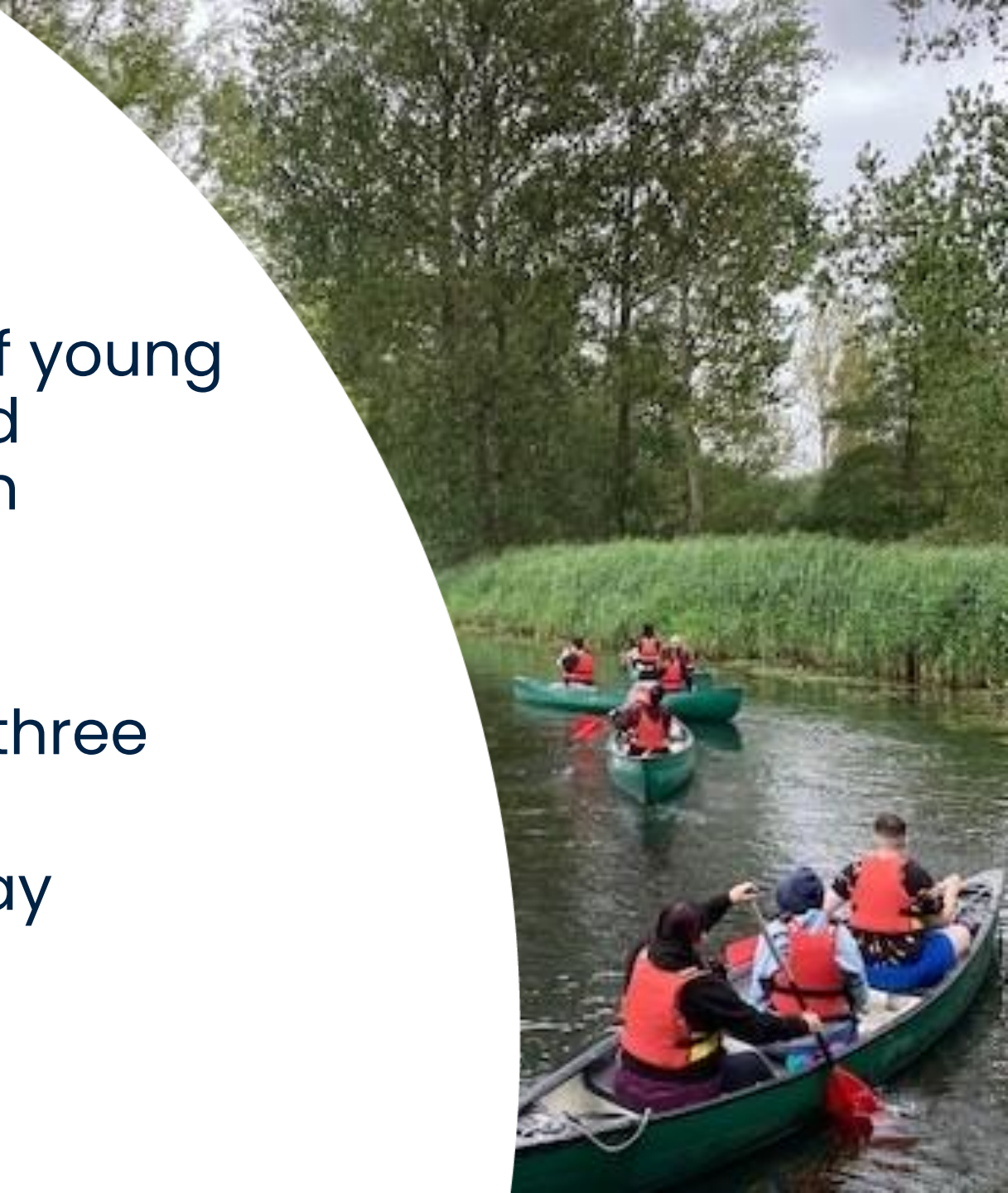


**1st November 2025
Deadline**



Outlook Fund

- Projects improving the lives of young people that face difficulty and disadvantage, with a focus on looked after children
- Countywide
- Grants of up to £12,000 (over three years)
- Deadlines: 1st November, 1st May



**1st February 2026
Deadline**



Harry Cureton Fund

- Medical equipment / healthcare activities
- Supporting people in area covered by Peterborough and Stamford hospitals (postcodes PE1 – PE11)
- Grants for individuals and organisations
- Grants of up to £20,000
- Deadlines: 1st February, 1st August



Olive and Jesse Palmer Fund

- For groups supporting children and young people with learning disabilities
- Peterborough groups only
- Grants of up to £5,000
- Deadlines: 1st February, 1st May, 1st August



Arm Community Fund

- Priorities: Community Development and Engagement; Children, Young People and Families; Adults facing life crisis
- Countywide
- Grants of up to £3,000
- Deadlines:, 1st February, 1st May, 1st August



Dementia Carers Fund

- Projects providing relief, respite and support to full-time unpaid carers
- Focus on small contained projects that support volunteer befriender initiatives
- Countywide
- Grants of up to £3,000
- Deadlines: 1st February, 1st May, 1st August



D&J Lloyd Fund

- Projects providing support and relief to those in need, promoting the arts, protecting the environment, and promoting education
- Countywide
- Average grant size £3,000
- Deadlines: 1st February, 1st May



Microsoft Research Limited Fund

- Countywide projects that fulfil one or more of the following:
 - Enrich lives of disadvantaged local people through provision of cultural/educational events or experiences
 - Improve the local green environment through small scale projects
 - Provide support or training to improve the employability of those facing disadvantage
- Maximum grant £5,000
- Deadlines: 1st February, 1st August



Warwick & Dominey Fund

- **Strand 1:** Grant average of £4,000 for projects that advance education or seek to tackle social disadvantage
- **Strand 2:** £15,000 for projects tackling decarbonisation and climate change
- Countywide
- Deadlines: 1st February, 1st August



Grants newsletter

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Grants bulletin

Sign up to our email newsletter to receive updates on our funding opportunities.

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Declines

- Most common reasons
 - Funds are oversubscribed
 - Application does not meet fund criteria
 - Organisation ineligible
 - Incomplete application
 - Late application
 - Retrospective funding
- Don't be disheartened!



Community Lottery

- Launched in May
- Additional way to increase funding in the local community
- How it works
- Benefits
 - Way to raise additional funds
 - Marketing support
 - Great prizes for your supporters
 - Provides platform for smaller groups
- <https://www.cambridgeshirecommunitylottery.co.uk>





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