

Community Chest Budgeting Arrangements

The Community Chest budget (amounting to £10,000 during the current financial year) will be divided and apportioned to each local governance area by the following proportions:

- ¼ of total – Mile End
- ¼ of total – Island Gardens
- ¼ of total – St George's
- ¼ of total – Holland
- ¼ of total – Glamis

In order to be approved for funding applications/projects must meet the following criteria:

- They must demonstrably benefit the local community.
- The organisation must be based in or operate in the local area.
- It must be shown that the application has taken into account the need to ensure Value for Money is obtained.
- It must be shown that Health & Safety considerations have been taken into account prior to any project being granted funding.
- The recipient organisation must not be at variance with the EeH corporate goals and objectives.

Applications for funding or support can be made via the local EastendHomes board. Applications for funding of up to £250 can be made between local board meetings with the agreement of the board Chair and Vice Chair. Applications for more than £250 must be approved at a meeting of the local board.

Monies will be held centrally and paid directly to the project or scheme nominated, and would not be distributed through the local boards. This would not detract from the responsibility and authority given to local boards to decide on the allocation of funds. For publicity purposes it will be possible for a cheque to be presented by the local board to the recipient organisation.

In order to avoid the need for local boards to procure and organise audited accounts the monies will be retained centrally. This will ensure that all the budget is used for community purposes and not for professional and administrative fees.

The allocated budget is available for the financial year only. Applications made prior to the end of a financial year where payment may be made slightly after this point may be considered, but monies cannot be "carried over" into subsequent financial years.

The budget is "ring-fenced" with a fixed amount for each housing centre area. In exceptional cases, where all relevant local boards agree, the money can be used to support projects across more than one local area.