

Local Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) / S106 Funding Process: Stage 1 Guidance

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What's new in 2026/2027?

New webform

To increase user accessibility, efficiency and accuracy in reporting, we are now collecting Stage 1 applications by a [webform](#). The form can take up to 30 minutes to complete. Make sure you have enough time to complete it in one go because you cannot save it and return to it later.

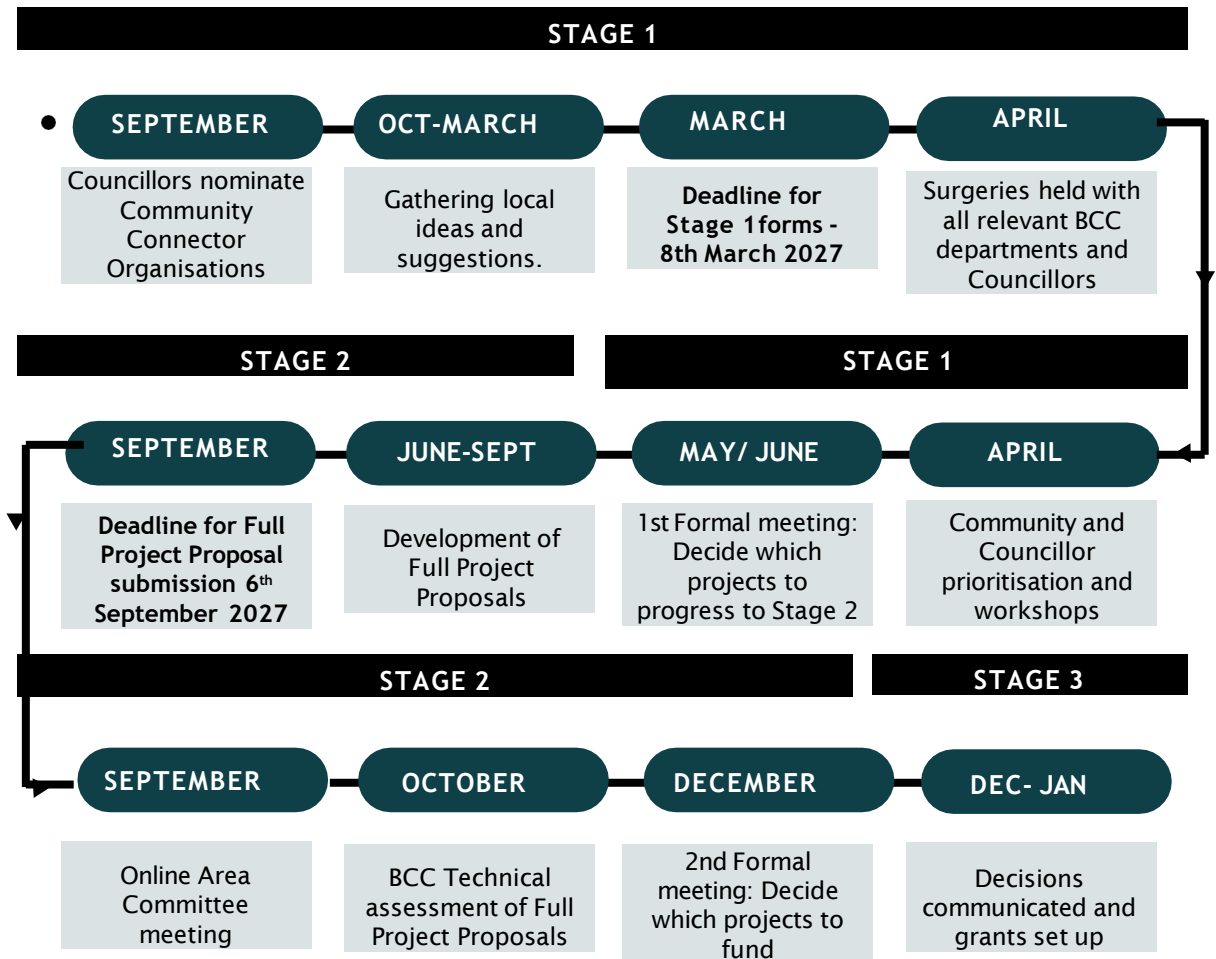
We have also covered all the questions asked in the form in this document. It may be helpful to read through and keep notes of your answer before you start the form.

Support

We are committed to offering a clear and accessible grant making process that is open to everyone.

If you require accessibility support when completing this form, please email Communities@bristol.gov.uk.

Timeline for local CIL Funding Round 2026/2027



Tips for your application

- **Speak to your Councillor:** You need to speak to your ward councillor as soon as possible about your idea as their support is essential to the success of your proposal.
- **Bristol City Council department as delivery body:** If the work is on public land and will be carried out by a Bristol City Council department, proposals will be developed with costs before being considered by your committee.
- **Eligibility to receive local CIL:** To deliver a local CIL project as a group or organisation you must meet the [eligibility criteria](#) to receive local CIL funding. This means being an incorporated group, having trustee indemnity insurance, or working with an accountable body.
- **Sharing knowledge:** It may be helpful to speak to other groups who have raised funds and developed a similar project to yours. You can also reach out to your local [Community Connectors](#) for information and help on developing your proposal.
- **Guidance notes:** You can go to the [2026 guidance notes](#) for more information.

Stage 1 Form Overview

Section 1: your area:

Who is your ward councillor?

Click the link to find
your ward councillor

[Find your Ward Councillor](#)

Have you already talked to your ward councillor about this funding proposal?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

It is important that
your ward
councillors know
about your project.

Do they endorse the proposal?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

Which Area Committee (AC) is responsible for your project?

Please select:

Bristol has nine area committees who make decisions on [how local funds are spent](#) to support improvements in their area:

[Area Committee 1:](#)

Avonmouth and Lawrence Weston, Henbury and Brentry, Southmead and Horfield

[Area Committee 2:](#) Stoke Bishop, Westbury on Trym and Henleaze, Redland and Bishopston and Ashley Down

[Area Committee 3:](#) Clifton, Clifton Down, Cotham and Hotwells and Harbourside

[Area Committee 4:](#) Central, Ashley, Lawrence Hill and Easton

[Area Committee 5:](#) Lockleaze, Eastville, Hillfields and Frome Vale

[Area Committee 6:](#) St George West, St George Central and St George Troopers Hill

[Area Committee 7:](#) Southville, Bedminster, Windmill Hill and Filwood

[Area Committee 8:](#) Hartcliffe and Withywood, Bishopsworth and Hengrove and Whitchurch Park

[Area Committee 9:](#) Knowle, Stockwood, Brislington West and Brislington East

In which ward (within your Area Committee) will your project be?

A ward is an area of the city such as Avonmouth, Bedminster or Redland.

You will be able to choose your ward depending on the Area Committee you have chosen.

Is your proposal in a [Neighbourhood Development Planning Area](#)?

- ☐ Hengrove and Whitchurch Park
- ☐ Lawrence Weston
- ☐ Old Market
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

Community groups can write neighbourhood plans to guide future development in their area.

Current neighbourhood plans:

[Hengrove and Whitchurch Park \(pdf, 2.66 MB\)](#)

[Lawrence Weston \(pdf, 4.48 MB\)](#)

[Old Market \(pdf, 16.75 MB\)](#)

Section 2: your details

The contact's name and details given are the people we will correspond with throughout the process

Name of organisation, group, or individual

Contact name

Phone

Email

Are at least half of your organisation's trustees, senior staff or directors from the specific equalities group your organisation or project is serving?

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable

We ask if your organisation is equalities led as this is one of the criteria of the local CIL Equity Fund. You can read more about Equity Fund for local CIL [here](#).

Equalities-led organisations are those that are led by members of the specific equalities community/group they represent and work with.

Example:

- If you are a community group that works with women from the Roma community, and at least half of your management as stated above are women or people from the Roma community, **your organisations are considered “equalities led”**.
- If you are a group that works with Disabled people, and you have selected “yes” and explained that you identify as “Women and girls” but not “Disabled people”, **your organisation is not considered equalities led**.

If you are unsure whether your organisation is equalities led, please contact us at communities@bristol.gov.uk.

Section 3: your project idea

[More information:](#)
[Eligibility criteria guidance](#)

In order to be accepted, your project must meet one of these criteria:

- Build infrastructure to support development in your area
- Address the demands that development places on the area

Explain how your proposal meets one of these criteria (50 words)

Project title

Give it a short, clear, descriptive title that describes the project such as ‘Replace roof at local pool’

Please keep this short and clear. This will be used in committee papers.
Eg: new toilets at Easton Community Centre

Postcode of the site where the project will take place

Find your postcode on [royalmail.com](https://www.royalmail.com)

Find address

Postcode of site: needed as project location is a local CIL Equity Fund criteria. If your project is not place based or will cover several area, please include this information below .

Please add a full postcode of your organisation / the site if they don't have the postcode for the project, as you will not be able to progress to next step without a full postcode.

Describe the need for this project

If the proposal involves making improvements to a public space such as a park, highway or play area, our officers will work with you to develop a full proposal.

We ask what local issue you are seeking to address as this indicates how the proposal meets the local CIL criteria and helps officers understand the root of a suggestion to support developing the right proposal.

Who would receive the funds and do the work?

- ☐ Community organisation or social enterprise
- ☐ Bristol City Council
- ☐ Don't know yet

[Eligibility criteria guidance](#)

What will the project do?

Please select:

Select the option that best describes the main activity being funded

Activity options

Improve a community building or facility
Build a new facility or community asset
Create or improve a sports or play facility
Create or improve a park or green space
Improve roads, pavements, paths, or transport infrastructure
Install equipment
Improve security or safety
Improve accessibility
Repair or maintain existing infrastructure
Other

The list is not exhaustive, and your project can fall into more than one. Please select the one that is closest to your project.

What is the main aim of your project?

Please select:

Select the option that best describes the change the project aims to achieve

Main aim options

Enhance community safety
Support nature, the environment, or biodiversity
Support community cohesion and promote inclusion
Improve general access to services or facilities
Improve access specifically for disabled people
Contribute to food security
Improve organisational sustainability
Contribute to place-making (arts, culture, heritage)
Other

We group proposals into themes to help decision making and understand the use of local CIL funds.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

CIL funded projects must take steps to eliminate discrimination, promote equality of opportunity and foster good relations between people from different groups.

If your project idea is not targeted towards a specific group, you do not need to answer. This does not affect whether or not your proposal will receive funding.

Is your project idea targeted to benefit a group that commonly or historically experiences structural inequality?

Select a maximum of 3.

- ☐ Not applicable
- ☐ Communities experiencing racial inequality
- ☐ Young people (aged 16-25)
- ☐ Women
- ☐ LGB (lesbian, gay, bisexual) people
- ☐ Transgender people
- ☐ Faith communities
- ☐ Disabled people
- ☐ Economically and educationally disadvantaged people
- ☐ Older people
- ☐ Other

If your proposal is approved to go through to Stage 2, you will be asked to complete an Equality Impact Assessment. This is to think about and demonstrate how your proposal will take steps to eliminate discrimination, promote equality of opportunity and foster good relations between people from different groups.

Section 4: Land ownership and public space

To find out if land is owned by us, use the [Bristol Pinpoint Map](#) which shows land ownership by Bristol City Council (BCC) department. Go to the [Guidance for Applicants](#) for how to use Pinpoint.

Does your proposal involve a public space?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

Use [PinPoint](#) to check if the land your project will take place on is publicly owned. If it is, you will need to work with your councillor to work with the department that owns or manages the land to deliver the project. Projects on private land will need to evidence permission and lease details later in the process.

Which BCC department owns and manages the space? (optional)

Have you contacted that department? (optional)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Provide contact details of the person in that department (optional)

Examples of projects on public land:

Projects in a public park
Changes to the highway
Transport related projects
HRA land

Have you got the landowner's permission to carry out the works?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

What are your next steps? (optional)

You would need to let us know what your next steps are if you don't have the permission yet

Contact communities@bristol.gov.uk if you have any questions about the application process.

Does your proposal involve improvements to a leased building?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

[Information about leased buildings](#)

Please note if your proposal is invited to Stage 2, you will need to provide a copy of your lease agreement.

Do you have any estimates of how much the project will cost or how much funding you're seeking at this point?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Organisations delivering projects independently should give a realistic estimated cost of delivering the work.

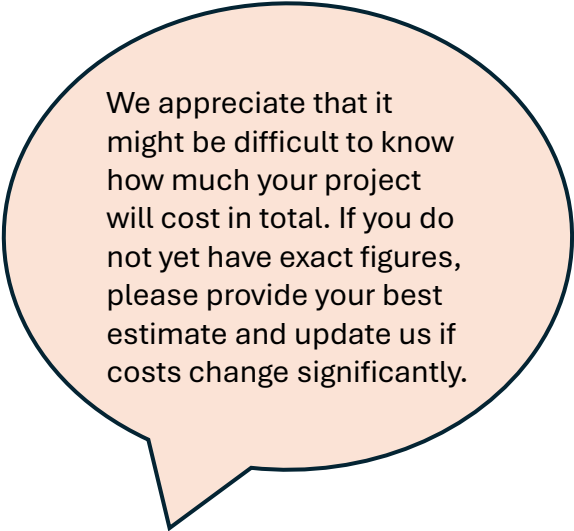
Projects on public land should be discussed with councillors and BCC departments to get costings before the formal meetings.

Section 5: Financial information

You can apply for the full cost of the project or a contribution to it.

How much Local CIL money would you like to apply for? (optional)

£



We appreciate that it might be difficult to know how much your project will cost in total. If you do not yet have exact figures, please provide your best estimate and update us if costs change significantly.

Would you like to also apply for S106 money?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

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£

What is your S106 Permission Code?

You can check Permission Codes on [our website](#)

What is your S106 Site Code?

You can check Site Codes on [our website](#)

S106 (planning obligations) money is a specific stream of funding. To read more on what this funding is and current S106 projects, please visit [this page](#).

Are you seeking any other funding from another source for this project? (optional)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

This could be from other grants or match funding raised.

How much other funding are you expecting? (optional)

£

Is the other funding secured? (optional)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

How much money do you estimate the project will cost in total? (optional)

£

We ask about match funding as this can help councillors assess a project and if their support is likely to help its delivery.

Area Committees have limited amounts of funding, dependent on developments completed and this varies. They may be able to offer funding towards parts of a project.