

# Ermine Community Fund FAQ Sheet

## 1. What is Participatory Budgeting?

- A** Participatory Budgeting (PB) lets the community decide how funding is spent. Local organisations and community groups apply for funding, eligible projects are shortlisted and the local community votes on which projects should receive the money.

## 2. How much funding is available?

- A** The total budget is £15,000 and up to a maximum of £2,500 can be applied for per project. You will need to match fund 50% of your projects total cost - this can be through contributions, in kind support or volunteers hours.

## 3. Who can apply?

- A** You can apply if you are:
- A community or voluntary organisation
  - A Charity or not - for -profit group
- Your project must benefit the local community and meet the scheme criteria.

## 4. What can the funding be used for?

- A** Funding can support projects that:
- Benefit the local residents
  - Align with the priorities set out in the application form
  - Can offer good value for money

## 5. What can't the funding be used for?

- A** Funding cannot be used for:
- Costs already incurred (retrospective funding)
  - Activities that don't benefit the local community
  - Private or personal gain

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## 6. How do I apply?

- A** Complete the application form and submit by the deadline. Wednesday 17 June 26, Support is available.

## 7. What happens after I apply?

- A** Applications are checked to make sure they meet the criteria. A panel reviews eligible applications. shortlisted projects go to a community vote.

## 8. Who decides which projects are funded?

- A** The community decides through a public vote. Projects with the most votes will be successful.

## 9. When will I know the outcome?

- A** Successful applications will be notified after the community vote. Funding will be released once final checks and conditions are agreed.

## 10. What reporting is required?

- A** Successful organisations and community groups will be asked to provide a report for the Ermine Partnership on how the funding was used and the impact it had on the community.

*If you have any queries or would like to discuss your application prior to submission then please contact [rachel.taylor@lincoln.gov.uk](mailto:rachel.taylor@lincoln.gov.uk) or call 01522 510157*