

Chorley Council Play and Open Spaces Fund 22/23

Chorley Council is committed to providing high quality play areas, parks, and open spaces across our communities. It is crucial that residents can access local provision, feel proud of where they live and opportunity to be as active outdoors.

In recognition of the importance of non-council owned provision, we have created this fund to work with Parish Councils, voluntary clubs, community groups and external partners to improve local play and community facilities across the borough that are not on Council owned land. If you want to check land ownership please use the mapping tool on My Chorley [My Chorley - Chorley Council](#)

In total, £200,000 is available in grants:

Small grants	Up to £10,000
Large grants	>£10,000 up to £20,000

In exceptional circumstances, grants of over £20,000 may be made; applicants must be able to demonstrate the critical need and / or significant impact.

What is the funding for?

The funding is designed for projects which are going to have a positive long-lasting impact within communities and provide quality play and open spaces for residents to enjoy. It might be that funding is needed to enhance existing provision or could involve transforming an unused piece of land into an attractive open space amenity.

The investment in these amenities can be effective in tackling health inequalities amongst the population of Chorley, as well as getting people involved in their communities.

Please read the criteria below which is required to ensure your organisation and project meets expectations for you to receive this funding:

Eligibility Criteria

To be considered for a funding award, applicants must:

- Be based in Chorley
- Be a Parish Council, registered charity, club, or constituted community group
- Be the landowner, long-term lease holder or have appropriate permissions
- Have a bank account registered to their group or organisation.
- Able to commence a maximum of six months after the funding has been issued
- Ensure that it is Open access for all community to enjoy
- Demonstrate the positive impacts which will be made through the project
- Have match funding/in kind contribution – we will not fund 100% project costs
- Seek to increase the engagement of residents who do not utilise the amenity

The Play and Open Spaces Fund can support the following types of provision:

Type of Provision	Primary Purpose
Parks and gardens	Accessible, high quality opportunities for informal recreation and community events.
Provision for children and young people	Areas designed primarily for play and social interaction involving children and young people, such as play areas, ball courts, skateboard areas
Allotments and community gardens	Opportunities for those people who wish to grow their own produce as part of the long-term promotion of sustainability, health, and social inclusion
Natural and semi-natural greenspaces, including urban woodland	Wildlife conservation, biodiversity and environmental education and awareness.
Amenity greenspace	Opportunities for enhancement of the appearance of local greenspace areas

Application Process

Applications must be made online at www.chorley.gov.uk/funding

Key Milestones	Date
Fund Launch	October 2022
Open for applications	October – December
Deadline for applications - however, we do encourage earlier submissions, in case clarification or further detail is needed	Friday 9th December
Scoring of applications	December/January
Final decisions being made	January 2023
Applicants notified of the outcome of their application	February 2023
Agreements signed with successful applicants	February 2023
Funding allocated to groups	March 2023
Ongoing monitoring as agreed	March onwards

Monitoring and evaluation

All successful applicants will be required to provide monitoring information

This may include, but is not limited to:

- Project details
- Breakdown of spend including invoices
- User feedback
- Photographs / promotional materials / opening event
- Demonstration of desired outcomes and impact