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Dear Members

Community Infrastructure Levy funding to Connect Communities

Community groups can apply for up to £100,000 to fund infrastructure projects under the theme of Connecting Communities, as Cornwall Council launches its fifth CIL Fund round.

Since January 2019, Cornwall Council has been charging developers Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), to raise money to help reduce the cumulative impact of development. CIL payments are set aside by Cornwall Council to be spent on infrastructure projects that will benefit communities and support development.

The previous four rounds have seen £5.86m awarded to 87 local infrastructure projects across Cornwall. These have included improved access to nature and sustainable movement around places through creation of accessible paths, walking and cycling routes, as well as improved facilities for youth centres and schools, skate and play parks, Multi-Use Games Areas and football pitches, to name just a few.

The fifth CIL Fund round is seeking to support more infrastructure projects that will connect communities, helping make our existing and new places work better together. This could include physical improvements to existing community assets to increase capacity where needed as a result of development, or building on connectivity within and between communities to improve access to facilities and create a more cohesive sense of place, such as (but not limited to) creating or improving footpath links, and enhancing recreational and educational facilities.

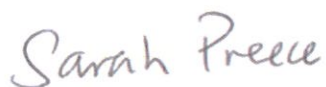
As in previous rounds, applying for CIL is a competitive application process and is open to town and parish councils, constituted community groups and not for profit organisations. Projects can bid for between £20,000 and £100,000 CIL funding to deliver their 'Connecting Communities' local infrastructure proposal.

Projects must be able to demonstrate how their local infrastructure project will help alleviate the cumulative impact of development on their area, or help development to come forward, as well as explain how the project will connect communities. Projects should also demonstrate partnership working within the community, and outline how they will deliver positive local outcomes, including volunteering and community and youth leadership.

The initial Expression of Interest stage will run for six weeks from 16 January, after which the strongest proposals will be invited to submit a full application. Those groups will then have a further twelve weeks to submit detailed project applications, with the successful projects expected to be announced towards the end of 2026.

All information, forms and guidance will be made available at www.cornwall.gov.uk/cil from Friday 16 January 2026.

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