

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE FUND (CIF) 2024/2025

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Milton Keynes City Council Community Infrastructure Fund provides match funding for public realm projects. Each year, £100k is allocated to the fund and the final list of projects that score highest against set criteria are put forward for approval in March 2024.
- 1.2 Parishes can apply for up to £20k of funding from the CIF with the other half coming from parish funds.
- 1.3 The deadline for applications is 5pm on 31 August 2023
- 1.4 All the information including the application form for 2024/25 is on the MKCC website here: [Working with parish councils | Milton Keynes City Council \(milton-keynes.gov.uk\)](https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/working-with-parish-councils)

2. CIF CRITERIA

- 2.1 Any CIF application received will be scored out of 4 on the following areas:
 1. Persistent Problem - is there a historic problem that the project/equipment will solve?
 2. Safety - improves safety or helps to sort an existing issue
 3. Community benefit - for both the local and wider MK
 4. Added value - what will the project or equipment bring to the area?
- 2.2 Any parish councils that wishes to fund repairs, maintenance or a project involving the highway can submit a Project Request Form MKCC providing all the details. The application will be reviewed by one of its highways team and if feasible, they will provide a quote for the works. Parish funded projects carried out this year include street name plate rewraps, a new feeder pillar for festive lights and the installation of benches, planters or verge protection fencing.
- 2.3 Projects must be within the public realm e.g. on the highway or public open space. They must not incur ongoing maintenance costs to the council.
- 2.4 More details on the criteria for funding from CIF is attached in the annexes to this report