



Tenant Improvement Grant Criteria

What is a Tenant Improvement Grant?

We are looking for projects of varying sizes, from as little as £50 up to £5000, which meet one (or more) of our five priorities to help make life better for tenants and leaseholders

- A clean, safe and enjoyable environment. For all council tenants and leaseholders
- Building strong and vibrant communities. For residents living in council owned areas
- Ensuring economic growth and prosperity
- Providing good quality affordable homes, in particular for those most in need
- Ensuring efficient, effective and modern service delivery

Who can apply?

This grant fund is only available to Dacorum Borough Council tenants and leaseholders. All applicants must be over 18 years of age.

When can I apply?

The application grant process is available three times a year:

- Spring: March - May
- Summer: June – August
- Autumn: September - November

How do I apply?

All applications must be submitted using the online application form. If you are unable to provide documents to us in this format, please contact us.

What can you do with it?

The Tenant Improvement Grant fund is to make a difference to Dacorum tenants and leaseholders and local areas. So the funding can be used for anything from equipment, improvement and activity.

- Community event for example to combat antisocial behaviour and forming Community Agreements
- Communal improvements e.g. security lighting, fencing, sheds and drying areas
- buggy stores
- bike racks
- upcycling old furniture
- improving communal gardens
- installing benches and tables
- garden furniture
- rotary washing lines
- troughs to plant vegetation or flowers

Who decides if a funding bid is successful?

The Tenant Improvement Grant Panel will meet after the application process closes to review all applications. Applications will be assessed and scored according to how well they meet the following criteria:

- Supporting the Council's five priorities
- Evidence that the project/initiative/equipment is required
- Evidence to show that consultation was conducted within the community (This will be carried out by the Improvement & Engagement Officer). But we encourage you to inform your neighbours of your idea to make them aware of your grant application.
- The sustainability of the project/initiative/equipment
- Value for money
- Outcomes the effect your project/initiative/equipment has had on the community and the Housing Service

The applicant(s) will have the opportunity if requested to present their ideas to the Tenant Improvement Grant Panel. All feedback will be provided to all applicants within one/two week(s) of a decision being made.

How do I receive the grant?

The applicant will not receive the grant funding, as this will be handled by Dacorum Borough Council

Evidence of spend and progress of project

The applicant will maintain regular contact and updates of the project with an Improvement & Engagement Officer. A project plan will be created with the applicant, as a means to monitor the progress of the project. This information will also be shared with the Tenant Improvement Grant Panel.

We cannot fund:

- Annual fun days
- Items that benefit an individual
- Activities that are the responsibility of another statutory body
- Projects that take place outside Dacorum
- Computers, tablets, phones and digital devices
- Kitchen and tableware
- Projects that have already started delivery
- Religious/faith activities
- Wages

Terms and Conditions

1. Groups will not normally receive more than one grant in a single year
2. Monies for a project which is being managed by Dacorum Borough Council must be spent within six months of the grant being awarded. If there is a delay, a request to extend the period must be made in writing. Please note that an exception is in place at the moment for any activity unable to take place until after Covid-19 restrictions are lifted.
3. Any remaining monies from the project which is not spent will be returned to Dacorum Borough Council
4. Projects will be included in all council publicity including newsletters and social media. Please note you must inform any members of your group/participants of the council's privacy notice, see below.
5. [Dacorum Privacy Policy](#)