



## Small Grants Guidance

### What is Heart of Sidley?

Heart of Sidley Big Local is an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for Sidley residents to have a say on how £1,000,000 is invested in our community. Heart of Sidley is about bringing together the local talent, ambitions, passions, skills and energy from individuals, groups and organisations who want to make the area a better place to live.

### Our Vision statement:

In 10 years' time, Sidley will be a place where people will want to be **actively** involved in a community that they are proud to **belong** to and that has a **commitment** to its future. **Act, Belong, Commit.**

### Our Priorities:

- 1. Communications** - Developing good communications so that residents can get information on local activities/facilities and how and where to access them.
- 2. Investment & Enterprise** - Ensuring that the people of Sidley have a platform to showcase their abilities by investing in our potential and creating new opportunities
- 3. Environment, Image & Community Pride** - Improving the physical environment to promote a more positive image of Sidley and encourage people to come to Sidley to use our shops, business's and facilities thereby creating pride in our community.
- 4. Community Support & Activities** - Provide a range of activities which will inspire people to participate, take ownership and forge a strong community spirit
- 5. Community Facilities** - Supporting community facilities to cater for the needs of all ages, the vulnerable, disabled, and isolated.

### What is the Heart of Sidley Big Local Grants Pot?

This year the Heart of Sidley Partnership has allocated £12,000 to support projects which benefit local residents, and fit one or more of the above themes and aspirations.

## Who can apply?

- Community groups can apply for up to £3,000 for a local project and the Partnership Board will make the final decision on which projects will be funded. Community groups must be not-for-profit and hold a bank account requiring at least two signatories. Applications may be made for up to £3,000, but we want the pot to go as far as possible, so please apply only for what you need.
- If you are an individual or a group which isn't formally established, contact the Heart of Sidley Project Officer, we still may be able to support your great ideas!

## Important points to consider when making an application:

- Your project must benefit the residents of Sidley
- If your application involves contact with children or vulnerable adults, you will need to provide evidence that all the required DBS security/safety checks have been carried out.
- Heart of Sidley has limited resources which it aims to spread as widely as possible. Our grants are here to kick start your project/idea in the Heart of Sidley area, so we want to know if you to have either tried other sources of funding before approaching Heart of Sidley, or that you intend to seek support from Rother Voluntary Action ( 01424 217259 / [office@rva.uk.com](mailto:office@rva.uk.com) / visit <https://www.rva.uk.com/how-we-help/funding/>) to apply and fundraise for additional / continuation funding from other sources.

## The Heart of Sidley Small Grants will NOT grant funding for the following:

- Projects that do not benefit residents of Heart of Sidley.
- Projects that relate to political or religious activities.
- Projects that exclude certain members of the local community.
- Projects that only benefit one individual.

## For further information contact:

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