

## Community Impact Fund

### Background

Gloucester City Homes is a community benefit society operating across Gloucester. Our mission is to work with our residents to provide excellent services and decent homes in successful communities

Each year we ring-fence an amount of money to support specific projects and events linked to supporting our tenants and communities, we call this the Community Impact Fund. The fund is aimed at helping voluntary and community groups and organisations who operate in our areas to develop projects and activities that deliver outcomes to benefit GCH tenants and the communities we work in.

Within our new Community Involvement and Investment framework our priorities for investing in the community are

- **Financial inclusion:** *Financial inclusion is having the ability to access appropriate financial products and services. Assisting people to achieve effective change, greater control over their lives and to develop long term independence*
- **Employment and skills:** *Recognising the potential of all in our society and providing opportunities that empower people to discover and develop their skills and improve employment prospects*
- **Health and well-being:** *Developing the knowledge and understanding, skills, capabilities and attributes which people need for mental, emotional, social and physical wellbeing now and in the future*
- **Digital inclusion:** *Digital skills are a vital route to improve residents' financial literacy, education, employability, wellbeing. They give residents choice, control and access to lower cost, better services*

All applicants are requested to complete an application form describing their request and how it might fit with GCH's community investment priorities.

Applications should clearly demonstrate what outcome/s the project or activity would achieve and how this would create a positive impact for GCH tenants and the community. This could be in social, economic or environmental terms.

## How your application will be assessed

We have developed the following approach for evaluating requests in order to give a fair and equal opportunity to all those who ask for this kind of support.

Every request will be scored using the methodology below and assessed alongside any other applications received during that funding period.

Evaluation	Guide to scoring
Anticipated impact of the grant in relation to GCH mission, aims and objectives	3: High level of synergy and impact 2: Average level of synergy and impact 1: Low level of synergy and/or impact 0: No synergy and/or little to no impact
Amount of funding requested	3: Under £200 2: £200 - £500 1: £500 - £1000 0: £1000+

