VHIG Fund Stage 1 Application Form

Section A - Contact Details

Please refer to the eligibility criteria on the ACRE website before completing this online form. The information given in this form should relate to the whole project and not only the work for which the grant is requested.

* 1. Details of your hall

Name of hall

Address line 1

Address line 2

Village/Town

County

Postcode (where known)

* 2. What is the current legal status of your organisation? Please tick all that apply

- Registered Charity
- Charitable Incorporated Organisation
- Charitable Company
- Charitable Trust
- Church Hall
- Scout or Guide Hall
- Parish or Town Council as Sole Trustee
- Other

Other (please state)

3. If your organisation is registered as a charity please provide the Charity’s number


* 4. Is your organisation registered for VAT?

- Yes
- No
5. Do you have the freehold or leasehold interest in your village or community hall?

- Freehold
- Leasehold

If Leasehold, how many years are left on your Lease? (Note: The hall should have a leasehold with at least 21 years to run.)


6. Does the hall or project have a website, Facebook page, Twitter, Instagram account or a page on another website? Please provide the links below.

Website
Facebook page
Twitter
Instagram

7. Name of the main contact for this project

- Your Name
- Position within your organisation
- Address line 1
- Address line 2
- Village/Town
- County
- Postcode
- Telephone Number

8. Please state the name of your governing document or constitution. e.g scheme, trust deed, constitution, etc
* 9. When was your hall built?

* 10. What is the standing capacity of your main hall only?

* 11. Please list the facilities of your hall e.g. number of toilets, rooms, bar area etc

* 12. List all the activities, both regular and one-off bookings which took place in the last year, e.g. coffee mornings, after school clubs, etc

* 13. Current income from hall hire (last financial year, whole numbers only, no £ sign, no commas):

* 14. Current Expenditure (last financial year, whole numbers only, no £ sign, no commas):

* 15. Current population of the parish/town in which the rural hall is based

* 16. Please give a breakdown of the age demographics of your town/parish
17. Which of the following facilities exist in your community? (tick all that apply)

☐ Shop  ☐ Recreation ground  ☐ Good mobile signal
☐ Post office  ☐ Playing field  ☐ Good broadband service
☐ School  ☐ Play area  ☐ none
☐ Church  ☐ Pub

18. Are there any other community halls in your parish/town

☐ Yes  ☐ No

19. Please provide any further information which you may see as important to consider as part of this application e.g. strengths and weaknesses of your community, its geography


20. Is your village likely to have more than 10 additional houses built in the next 3 to 5 years? (e.g. identified in the Local Plan or planning permission being sought/granted?)

☐ Yes  ☐ No

Section D: Details of your Project
This section is your opportunity to tell us briefly about your project, the work that will be carried out and the difference it will make to your community and the hall itself.

21. Project title


22. Description of your project (max 75 words)


* 23. What problems or issues will the project address for your community?


* 24. What are the current issues for the building?


* 25. In response to the issues above, what building and other work are you proposing?


26. Is the Parish Council involved with project?

- Yes
- No

* 27. What type of work is to be undertaken? (tick all that apply)

- New extension
- Reconfiguration of the internal layout of the hall
- Refurbishment Project
- Other (please specify)

* 28. Planned start date for your project

* 29. Planned end date for your project

30. Have you carried out any community consultation, a survey or questionnaire for example, specifically relating to the village hall and its needs and usage? Please note; Any village surveys, feasibility studies, consultations with the community and letters of support may be requested to support an application for a full application at Stage 2.

- Yes
- No
The priority for funding will be the updating and adaptation of rural village and community halls so that they are fit for purpose and provide activities which deliver the outcomes set out in the eligibility criteria: improves health & wellbeing/reduces loneliness in the community, demonstrates environmental benefits, supports the local rural economy.

Please complete one or more questions, from numbers 31, 32 or 33.

31. Please explain how your project will help address the overall health & well-being of your community, what social benefits your project will provide?

Note: Support for individuals such as learning, health and personal welfare. Social support such as youth clubs, luncheon clubs, pre-school etc. Social interest such as indoor sports, drama participative music and dancing, gardening and history clubs, organisations such as Scouts and WI. We are particularly interested in how your community building addresses or will be able to address loneliness and the range of age groups that use the building.

32. Please explain what environmental benefits your project will provide?

Benefits that relate to energy efficiency, renewable energy systems, sustainable materials for construction, provision of a service that means less car journeys out of the village, landscaping that attracts wildlife. Also explain how the improved environment in your hall will increase useability.
33. Please explain how your project will support the local rural economy

*Employment of staff, provision of space in which individuals earn a living such as keep fit instructors, work for caterers and building trades. Volunteering which builds skills and education opportunities. Hall may have a shop or post office or provide a café for ramblers.*

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**Section F Project Costs**

* 34. Please upload a copy of your project costs document in word or pdf (DOC, DOCX, or PDF)

A copy of the project costs document can be downloaded from the ACRE Website, http://acre.org.uk/our-work/rural-hall-improvement-fund.php Please download the form, fill in your information, save it to your computer then upload here.

Choose File  
No file chosen

* 35. GDPR opt in permission

☐ Click here to opt-in and confirm your consent to us using the personal details you provide to contact you about your application to the Village Halls Improvement Grant Fund. We will not use your details for any other purpose unless you give us permission. Full details of how we use and protect personal data are set out in our Privacy Notice

http://www.acre.org.uk/privacy