

2024 Platinum Jubilee Village Halls Fund - Stage One Application

Guidance and Instructions

It is important you read through all information on our [website](#) before applying to the Platinum Jubilee Village Halls Fund.

You must answer all questions. This will help us to determine your eligibility and suitability against the fund criteria.

You must read all fund documentation provided on the ACRE website before you attempt to complete this application. For instance, you can download a copy of the [questions](#) so you can see the information we require before submitting your online application.

Once you begin completing the form, you can **save and return to your application** at any time using the facility provided. Upon completion, you will also be able to **print or save a copy** of your application.

There is currently no set deadline for completion of this Stage 1 form. However, we cannot guarantee your application will be processed should the Fund be oversubscribed. ACRE will process applications in order of receipt.

If your Stage 1 application is successful, we will contact you with details of how to progress your application at Stage 2.

Should you have any questions about the application process, please contact your **ACRE member** in the first instance or email villagehallsfund@acre.org.uk

Data consent

1. 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 Platinum Jubilee Village Halls Fund. We will not use your details for any other purpose unless you give us permission.

Details of how we use and protect personal data are set out in our [Privacy Notice](#).

Yes

2. What's the name of your organisation/ group?

3. Where is your organisation/ group based?

Bath & NE Somerset

Bedfordshire

Berkshire

Buckinghamshire

Cambridgeshire

Cheshire

Cornwall

Cumbria

Derbyshire

Devon

Dorset

Durham

Essex

Gloucestershire

Hampshire

Herefordshire

Hertfordshire

Humber & Wolds

Isle of Wight

Kent

Lancashire

Leicestershire & Rutland

Lincolnshire

Norfolk

North Somerset

Northamptonshire

- Northumberland
- Nottinghamshire
- Oxfordshire
- Shropshire
- Somerset
- South Gloucestershire
- Staffordshire
- Suffolk
- Surrey
- Sussex
- Tees Valley
- Warwickshire
- Wiltshire
- Worcestershire
- Yorkshire

4. What is the postcode of your organisation/ group?

Eligibility

Please complete the following questions to see if you are eligible for funding

5. Did your organisation/ group receive money from the previous Village Halls Improvement Grant Fund available from 2019-2022 or from the Platinum Jubilee Village Halls Fund in 2023.

Yes

No

Eligibility

Please complete the following questions to see if you are eligible for funding

6. Which of the following best describes your organisation/ group? (Please select all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Charitable company | <input type="checkbox"/> Charitable trust |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Interest Company (CIC) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Association (registered as a charity) | <input type="checkbox"/> Parish Meeting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial & Provident Society, Co-operative or Community Association (no charity registration) | <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-purpose church hall |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sole charity trustee of a Parish/ Town Council | <input type="checkbox"/> Parochial Church Council |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School hall | <input type="checkbox"/> Scout or Guide building |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sports pavilion | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): | |
| <input type="text"/> | |

7. Registered charity number (if applicable)

Eligibility

Please complete the following questions to see if you are eligible for funding

8. If you have a Lease for your building please confirm it is current and has a term of more than 21 years remaining. If the lease is less than 21 years your application MAY be considered but Defra's decision will be final and subject to your committee providing any information requested.

- Our hall is held freehold on trust for the community, we do not have a lease
- Lease with more than 21 years remaining
- Lease with less than 21 years remaining (please email villagehallsfund@acre.org.uk)

Eligibility

Please complete the following questions to see if you are eligible for funding

9. What is the population of the parish/ town in which your organisation/ group is based? (Not sure? Check the FAQs document or use this [link](#))

- 500 or less
- 500 to 1,000
- 1,000 to 3,000
- 3,000 to 5,000
- 5,000 to 10,000
- More than 10,000

Assessed criteria - proposal

Please complete the following questions to tell us about the work you would like to be funded. Your responses will be assessed against the funding criteria

10. What type(s) of work do you require to be funded? (Please select all that apply)

Please note the fund cannot be used for projects that solely seek to repair, maintain or renew buildings.

- Damp proofing
- Extensions
- Improvements which help to increase energy efficiency
- Internal reconfigurations
- New installation of communication systems
- New roof and roof refurbishment which includes insulation
- Refurbishment of toilets and kitchens
- Other (please specify):

11. Please describe the work you would like to be funded.

Your answer should itemise specific improvements or building work you have in mind.

(Max 1,000 characters)

Assessed criteria - proposal

Please complete the following questions to tell us about the work you would like to be funded. Your responses will be assessed against the funding criteria

12. In what ways will this work make a difference to your community? (Please select all that apply)

Please note you will be asked to supply further information about this at Stage 2.

Improved health & wellbeing

Environmental benefits

A stronger rural economy

Greater community cohesion

Other (please specify):

Assessed criteria - proposal

Please complete the following questions to tell us about the work you would like to be funded. Your responses will be assessed against the funding criteria

To help us understand how much money you need, we require some financial information about your proposed project. These figures can be approximate as full financial information will be required in Stage 2.

13. Please specify the amount of funding you have already secured for your project to date and any amounts you have applied for but which are not yet confirmed.

Total unconfirmed funding (including the amount you are applying for)

Total confirmed funding

14. Please tell us about your eligible project costs

Capital works/eligible items (Refer to the FAQs) excluding VAT.

VAT on capital works/eligible items (unless you are registered for VAT & can reclaim it)

Installation of broadband/WiFi (Up to £1000 can be included in your project for this work)

15. Please specify the total amount of grant you expect to apply for.

This must be 20% or less of the eligible project costs i.e. the total you submitted in the previous question.

The minimum amount for which you can apply is £7,500. Please apply to the [Small Grants Fund](#) if you need a smaller amount.

The maximum grant available per applicant is £75,000.

(The figure you submit here should must be rounded to the nearest £500. Please enter the amount in full, i.e. 7500, 30000, 75000 etc and do not include the £ sign)

Assessed criteria - your hall and local area

Please answer the following questions to tell us about your hall and local area. Your responses will be assessed against the funding criteria

16. What activities, groups and events has your hall hosted in the past year? (Please select all that apply)

- Fitness and other sessions that keep people active
- Weddings and other family life events
- Social events that bring the community together
- Clubs for personal interest for example, small mat bowls, gardening & cooking
- Activities for young people
- Space for Parish Council meetings/polling station and similar hires
- Hosting a playgroup or nursery
- Cafe and/or lunch club
- Other (please specify):

Assessed criteria - your hall and local area

Please answer the following questions to tell us about your hall and local area. Your responses will be assessed against the funding criteria

17. Does your parish/ town have any other meeting spaces? (Please select all that apply)

- Church hall
- School hall
- Scout/Guide hut
- Sports pavilion
- No other meeting place
- Other (please specify):

Assessed criteria - your hall and local area

Please answer the following questions to tell us about your hall and local area. Your responses will be assessed against the funding criteria

18. How many of the facilities/assets listed below are available in your village/town?

Church		Post Office	
Good broadband		Pub	
Good mobile signal		Recreation ground	
Play area		School	
Playing field		Shop	

None 1-4 5-10

Assessed criteria - your hall and local area

Please answer the following questions to tell us about your hall and local area. Your responses will be assessed against the funding criteria

19. Does your organisation regularly use any of the following platforms to engage with your community? (Please select all that apply)

- Facebook page
- Instagram account
- X account
- Website

20. Does your hall have a broadband connection so that it can provide WiFi for hirers of the hall?

- Yes
- No

Assessed criteria - your hall and local area

Please answer the following questions to tell us about your hall and local area. Your responses will be assessed against the funding criteria

21. 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
- Don't know

Disqualified notification

We're sorry but based on the answers you have provided, you don't qualify for the Platinum Jubilee Fund. For more information please see the [eligibility criteria](#). If having read this information you believe you may still be eligible, please contact villagehallsfund@acre.org.uk.

Thank you for your interest.

Contact details

To process your application we need some contact details

22. Main contact name

23. Main contact email

24. Main contact phone number

25. Please let us know if we can contact you in the future

Would you like to receive press releases, blogs and other information published by ACRE, by email?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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WARNING!

This is the last page in the application form. If you click 'submit' your application will be formally submitted and no further changes can be made!

You will be able to print or save your response as a PDF record after submitting.