

Platinum Jubilee Village Halls Fund - Stage One Application 2025

1. Guidance and Instructions

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 <u>questions</u> so you can see the information we require before submitting your online application.

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

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. You will not receive an email.

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 <u>villagehallsfund@acre.org.uk</u>

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 **<u>Privacy Notice</u>**.

Yes

3. Hall name and county

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?

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 2023-25.

Yes
Na

No

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

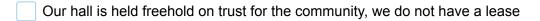
6. Which of the following best describes your organisation/ group? (Please select all that apply)

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

7. Registered charity number (if applicable)

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.



- Lease with more than 21 years remaining
- Lease with less than 21 years remaining (please email villagehallsfund@acre.org.uk)

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 <u>link</u>)

- 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

8. 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.

We do not require a long wordy explanation!

9. 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):

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 tell us about your eligible project costs, these must be above £37,500

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)	

14. 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 funding secured for your project to date

Total unconfirmed funding i.e. including all grants applied

15. Please enter the amount of the grant you would like to apply for i.e. 20% of the total eligible project costs. For instance if the total eligible project costs are £43,000 then you can apply for a grant of £8,600 or less.

The minimum amount for which you can apply is £7,500.

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)



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)

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):

Fitness and other sessions that keep people active

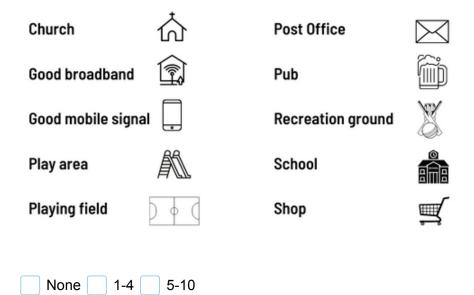
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17. Does your parish/ town have any other meeting spaces? (Please select all that apply)

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

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?



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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
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No No

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

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 <u>eligibility criteria</u>. If having read this information you believe you may still be eligible, please contact villagehallsfund@acre.org.uk.

Thank you for your interest.

17. 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

Yes

Would you like to receive press releases, blogs and other information published by ACRE, by email?

No	

Stop!

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.