

## **MILTON KEYNES DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP**

### **MKDP COMMUNITY FUND- SUMMARY/INFORMATION SHEET**

#### Overview

Milton Keynes Development Partnership LLP (MKDP) is an independent legal entity, wholly owned by Milton Keynes Council, with an overarching strategic objective to generate commercial activity that delivers long term sustainable commercial, social and financial value to MKDP, the Council and Milton Keynes as a place

Under its Accountability Framework, MKDP is establishing a Community Fund to;

- Seek improvements to areas adjoining consented MKDP sites that are in the process of being developed, that are cannot be provided as a planning requirement;
- Provide improvements enhancing the lifestyle within the wider Milton Keynes area

MKDP is seeking bids from not for profit organisations to utilise the fund.

#### Potential categories

The potential categories for consideration may include the following, although this not an exhaustive list:

- Environmental/Green improvements
- Energy improvements/carbon reductions
- Enhanced public safety
- Local demands arising from MKDP development
- Small scale property needs of local organisations benefitting area
- School initiatives
- Play area improvements

#### Qualifying Criteria

- Fulfils an exception/variation arising from the consented development of an adjoining MKDP site, not catered for within a planning approval
- Provides improvements enhancing the lifestyle within the wider Milton Keynes area
- Enhancements to meet criteria identified in consultation with local representatives
- Scheme provides an assessed, identifiable benefit- for example, value for money, social benefit
- Scheme is open to not for profit community groups who are active within the MK area/MKDP development site area.
- Scheme has the support of the wider community
- Scheme benefits local residents, their quality of life and the neighbourhood/community.

- Scheme actively involves residents local to the scheme (if appropriate)
- Scheme supports fundraising initiatives that benefit the communities affected
- Scheme raises the MKDP development profile and address local concerns (where appropriate)
- There is a clear exit strategy for the scheme
- The scheme has financial robustness, and includes evidence of support from other funders as may be required.
- Scheme fulfils an identifiable shortfall in one of the deliverable themes anticipated under the MKDP Community Fund
- The promoting organisation operates with no restriction on its membership.
- Organisations will be limited to one successful bid per year
- Any conditions attached to an offer are to be fulfilled. This includes promotional material identifying MKDP support
- There are clear arrangements for future management of the scheme

#### Projects will not be considered if they are:

- Intended to deliver improvements that can reasonably be provided for through the planning system
- Donations to political parties, general grants, campaigning
- To be awarded to an individual

#### Scope

The MKDP Community Fund comprises a single pot of £60,000 per annum. Applications will be requested and considered twice yearly. Individual grants are anticipated to range from £500 upwards for work that benefits residents, communities and their quality of life

#### Application details

Application forms are available from MKDP's website: <http://www.mkdp.org.uk>

#### Contact

For further details of the MKDP Community Fund, please contact MKDP by telephone on 01908 254321 or by e mail on: [enquiries@mkdp.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@mkdp.org.uk)