

Community Grants in Devon: Information from Council Websites December 2023

Council	Grants Offered
Devon County Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growing Communities Fund: £500 - £1,000, focus on cost of living issues through reducing food and fuel inequalities, building self-reliance, community resilience and improving mental health and wellbeing. • Locality Budget: each County Councillor allocated £5,000 to support local needs. Scheme very similar to the Exeter Ward Grant. • Community Library Support Fund: £100 - £300, focus on enhancement of community libraries in Devon i.e. shelving; seating; books; lighting.
East Devon District Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small Community Grants: £300 - £500, focus on community led ideas and initiatives that will benefit East Devon's communities. • Community Buildings Fund: up to £5,000, focus on helping refurbish, improve or even build village halls, community shops or community buildings in rural areas. Scheme very similar to Exeter Large Grant / Strategic Fund. • East Devon Action on Poverty Fund: up to £5,000, focus on community led ideas and initiatives that will benefit East Devon's communities. Examples include tackling hidden poverty, debt/money advice, supporting people access services, low income residents access internet/develop digital skills, community events etc.
Mid Devon District Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vibrant Town Centres: up to £5,000, focus on supporting ideas/projects that will help to revitalise town centres, i.e. revive high streets. • Mid Devon Prosperity Programme: £1,000 - £20,000 across five business grant schemes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Field to Fork – grants towards equipment needed to support businesses to develop, produce and market local food and drink products. – Business Growth and Innovation – a mixed grants programme targeting micro-businesses and social enterprises with innovative ideas and high growth potential to help them buy new equipment, improve processes etc. This includes capital funding for net zero infrastructure for rural businesses and diversification of farm businesses. – Visitor Economy (Sustainable Tourism) – capital grants towards the development of quality visitor attractions and experiences to expand or enhance the tourism offer and support farm diversification. – Work Hub Development Scheme – grants for local businesses to support incubator space and work hub development to create small flexible office and workshop space for start-up and growing micro-businesses. – Investment in the Social Economy (2024/25) – capital grants to support community businesses such as community shops, community pubs, and community energy organisations, to increase access to key services, support community infrastructure and facilitate de-carbonisation.
North Devon Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Councillor Grants: each District Councillor allocated £1,000 to award local groups that benefit the residents or environment of North Devon, can be used to help with equipment costs, activities or just to help with day-to-day running and operation costs. Scheme very similar to the Exeter Ward Grant.
Plymouth City Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Community Grants: annual grant allocation (amount not disclosed on website) to help not-for-profit groups and organisations with local community projects. • Living Streets Grant: not a grant, but a community-based initiative where Councillors work with residents to direct funding to resolve highways related issues in their wards.

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South Hams District / West Devon Borough Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable Communities Locality Fund: each Councillor allocated £2,000 (South Hams) or £500 (West Devon) to support community projects that benefit their Ward or the wider local community. Scheme very similar to the Exeter Ward Grant. • Community Project Grants: up to £5,000, focus on helping community groups purchase equipment or fund building related costs, e.g. sports equipment or repairs to a village hall. Scheme very similar to Exeter Large Grant / Strategic Fund. • Shared Prosperity Fund incorporating the following schemes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Decarbonisation Grant – businesses that have developed a decarbonisation plan as part of a recognised scheme can apply for up to £10,000 to implement the solutions identified in their plan. The funding is for activities to reduce the carbon footprint of your business and reduce expenditure on energy/fuel. Limited companies, including social enterprises and CICs, sole traders/ partnerships and registered charities can apply. – Agri-tech Grant – capital grants for agricultural businesses of between £5,000 and £10,000 to adopt new technologies and products, preferably that they have piloted as part of the agri-tech alliance project. Businesses in the agricultural sector can apply. – Clean Diversification Grant – for businesses diversifying into areas of activity that will enable them to operate more sustainably, efficiently and for them to be as low-carbon as possible. Grants can be from £2,000 to £10,000. Limited companies, including social enterprises and CICs, sole traders/ partnerships and registered charities can apply. – Community Resilience Grant – to support the resilience of community facilities, such as community and village halls, village shops, and other sites which provide a range of services to their local communities. Grants can be from £2,000 to £10,000. Social enterprises and CICs, registered charities and town/parish councils can apply.
Teignbridge District Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillors' Community Fund: each Councillor allocated £1,000, focus on supporting one-off projects within their wards. Scheme very similar to the Exeter Ward Grant. • Teign Estuary and Coastal Partnership – Small Grants Scheme: up to £500, focus on supporting projects that positively address the social, economic and environmental wellbeing of communities around the Teign Estuary and adjacent open coastline, including Dawlish, Holcombe and the Ness. To encourage community groups, clubs and organisations to undertake projects for the good of the area which are broadly in line with one or more of the TECP's Strategic Policies.
Torbay Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Ward Fund: each Councillor allocated £2,000, focus on help with replacing and repairing a number of council and community owned assets across the Bay that due to years of austerity and hard decisions have being made they have not been replaced or fixed. Scheme very similar to the Exeter Ward Grant, but focused on assets rather than community activities/events. • Torbay Community Fund: up to £400, focus on small community-led schemes that improve people's health and wellbeing e.g. purchase equipment or to promote a project that enables local communities to get more active, look after themselves better, or become more connected.
Torrige District Council	(no information found on Council website)