# BIG SOCIETY – Stage 1: Tell us your idea:

**BIG SOCIETY** is all about helping people to take responsibility for shaping the communities and areas around them. Here at Tendring District Council we are very keen to work with all voluntary groups, organisations, schools, Town and Parish Councils and neighbourhoods who come up with their own ideas to help benefit the wider community. Projects will need to clearly demonstrate how their initiative will strengthen a community as well as help us deliver on our objectives of **Education, Skills** and increasing participation in **Sport.** Projects will also be expected to generate match or in-kind funding that achieves a return of at least the same as the award being requested if not substantially more.

**What Next?**

We want to hear your idea and would ask that you give us a brief initial outline. Following receipt and consideration of this we will let you know if you have been successful at this first stage and, if appropriate, ask you to develop a more detailed project plan as part of the second and final stage. We will then assess the project to see that it is in line with the Council’s objectives, is affordable and very importantly sustainable following which you will be notified as to whether you have been successful. Projects that are seeking general running costs are unlikely to be successful due to a lack of sustainability.

Applicants should note the more detailed Project Plans will need to show how you have consulted with the wider community and that it meets a local need and that there is community support for the project. Successful projects that receive funding will be required to submit monitoring reports showing how they are delivering on agreed performance indicators.

For more details on the scheme and how it operates go to [www.tendringdc.gov.uk](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Cscorreia-bird%5CAppData%5CLocal%5CMicrosoft%5CWindows%5CTemporary%20Internet%20Files%5CContent.Outlook%5C7CJZTIGD%5Cwww.tendringdc.gov.uk) You may also be interested in a similar scheme run by Essex County Council – [www.essex.gov.uk](http://www.essex.gov.uk) visit for more information.

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| **CONTACT DETAILS** |
| Please give us your name and contact details, along with the group you represent, and indicate how you would like us to contact you. Please also confirm if you are a charity, constituted club or association, school, training provider town or parish council, private enterprise or other. |

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| **PROJECT** *(ideally between 500 – 800 words)* |
| Give a brief outline of your suggested proposal under the following headings: 1. Project Outline
2. Community engagement
3. How the project delivers a significant community benefit
4. How the project helps meet our **Education, Skills** or **Sport** priorities
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| **ANTICIPATED RESOURCES REQUIRED** *(ideally between 300-500 words)* |
| What do you need to deliver your proposal? – Please outline the amount of funding you are seeking from this fund, and the total costs to deliver the project and where the balance is coming from and the funder/s you have applied to and if known the outcome. |

On behalf of myself and the Organisation, I, the individual who submits this application, hereby certify that the information contained in the application is true, accurate and complete in all material respects, and agree that any funding provided by the Council shall be repayable as a debt due on demand if the application is found to be misleading or false in any significant respect.

Please return to bigsociety@tendringdc.gov.uk or by post to: Big Society, Tendring District Council, Regeneration, Council Offices, Thorpe Road, Weeley, Essex, CO16 9AJ