



# Factsheet

Funding for  
Community Led  
Housing  
Organisations

### Group Stage

Parish Council funding	<b>Amount:</b> Small sums may be available from your local parish council to help you get started.
Area Board Funding	<b>Amount:</b> Small sums may be available which could be used for community engagement and/or to legally form your group. Projects where the total cost of the project is up to and including £1,000 do not require match funding, however, applications will be considered more favourably where a financial contribution is made. For funding requests of more than £1,000 financial support from other sources must be identified (match funding).
Big Lottery Awards for All	<b>Amount:</b> £300 to £10,000. Your project will need to meet at least one of their funding priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• projects that bring people together and build strong relationships in and across communities</li><li>• projects that improve the places and spaces that matter to communities</li><li>• projects that help more people to fulfil their potential by working to address issues at the earliest possible stage.</li></ul>
Crowdfunding	<b>Amount:</b> the group sets the target. There are more than 65 community finance platforms to choose from; here are the platforms that community led housing groups have run campaigns with to date: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Crowdfunder UK</li><li>• Ethex</li><li>• Spacehive</li></ul>
Power to Change: Homes in Community Hands	<b>Amount:</b> revenue grants averaging £50,000 - they expect grants to be above £15,000 and below £100,000.  Small amounts of capital funding averaging around £25,000 are also available to applicants to sit alongside the main revenue grant. This funding pot is to support organisations to put down small deposits to help them secure land and buildings. In Wiltshire and Swindon the scheme must be a <b>genuinely innovative</b> community led housing project.

### Site and Build Stages

Power to Change: Homes in Community Hands

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CAF Venturesome Community Led Housing Fund

**Amount:** Pre-development loan finance up to £150,000 and up to £100,000 grant. Standby facilities up to £150,000 to raise community shares or as a bridging loan. Land purchase facility up to £400,000 (with an element of grant).

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**Amount:** the target is set by the group; the legal form of the group must be such that it can lawfully issue community shares.

### Build Stage

Community Share Issues

**Amount:** the target is set by the group; the legal form of the group must be such that it can lawfully issue community shares (i.e. co-operative societies, community benefit societies and charitable benefit societies).

CAF Venturesome Community Led Housing Fund

**Amount:** Loan finance for development up to £400,000 (acting as a junior lender, behind a bank/building society)

Bank and building society loans

**Amount:** Depends on risk and other funding; ethical lenders with a proven track record of working with community led housing groups understand the community led housing sector.

Other local funding sources may also be available – Please contact Homes of Our Own for more details.

Funding detailed above correct as at March 2020.



# Homes of Our Own:

Enabling Community Led  
Housing in Wiltshire & Swindon



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