

Community First, Neighbourhood Match Fund Project **Survey Year 2**

A) FINDING OUT ABOUT COMMUNITY FIRST

First we'd like to ask you some questions about how you became aware of Community First

Ask all

QA 1

How did you first find out about Community First?

SINGLE CODE

RANDOMISE ORDER

1. Another community/voluntary organisation
2. An online advertisement (specify)
3. Local newspaper or newsletter (specify)
4. Another organisation (e.g. the local council)
5. A member of your local community
6. Word of mouth (specify)
7. Local Community First Panel website
8. A Panel member directly
9. Other (specify)

QA 2

Did you look for any further information about Community First before deciding to apply for funding?

SINGLE CODE

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know

Ask if QA2 = Yes (code 1)

QA 3

Which, if any, of the following sources have you used to find out more about Community First?

MULTICODE 1-5

RANDOMISE ORDER

1. Local Community First Panel website
2. A Panel member directly
3. Community Development Foundation (CDF)
4. Local council
5. Another community/voluntary organisation
6. Other (specify)

Ask if QA3 = Panel website (code 1)

QA 4

Overall, how useful, if at all, did you find the information from the Panel website?

SINGLE CODE, REVERSE 1-4

1. Very useful
2. Fairly useful
3. Not very useful
4. Not at all useful
5. Don't know

Ask if QA3 = A Panel member directly (code 2)

QA 5

Overall, how useful, if at all, did you find the information from the Panel member?

SINGLE CODE, REVERSE 1-4

1. Very useful
2. Fairly useful
3. Not very useful
4. Not at all useful
5. Don't know

B) ABOUT YOUR GROUP/PROJECT

The following questions will help us understand a little more about you and your group/project.

Ask all

QB 1

Did your group already exist, or was it set up to apply for funding through the Community First Panel?

SINGLE CODE

1. Already existed before applying for funding through Community First
2. Set up to apply for funding through Community First
3. Don't know

Ask if QB1 = Already existed before applying for funding through Community First (code 1)

QB 2

How many times, if at all, has your group applied for grant funding prior to applying for funding through the Community First programme?

SINGLE CODE

1. Never
2. Once
3. 2-3 times
4. 4-5 times
5. 6 times or more
6. Don't know

Ask if QB2 = codes 2, 3, 4 or 5 – pull through relevant codes from QB2

QB 3

And how many times, if at all, has your group been successful when applying for grant funding (prior to applying for funding through the Community First programme)?

SINGLE CODE

1. Never
2. Once
3. 2-3 times
4. 4-5 times
5. 6 times or more
6. Don't know

Ask all

QB 4

Have you finished the activity or project that was funded through the Community First Panel?

SINGLE CODE

1. Yes, it's finished
2. No, it's ongoing
3. No, it hasn't happened yet
4. Don't know

Ask if QB4 = Finished or ongoing (code 1 or 2)

QB 5

Have you submitted the online monitoring form to CDF?

SINGLE CODE

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know

Ask if QB4 = Finished or ongoing (code 1 or 2)

QB 6

Have you provided details of your project and/or photographs for the Panel website?

SINGLE CODE

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know

Ask if QB6 = No (code 2)

QB 7

Why is that?

SINGLE CODE

1. We weren't aware we needed to
2. We are not able to because of the nature of our project
3. We still plan to do so
4. Other (specify)
5. Don't know

Ask all

QB 8

Did your project involve people...?

- **participating in the activities who have not been involved in similar activities before**
- **helping to run the activities who have not helped to run similar activities before**

SINGLE CODE FOR EACH

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know

QB 9

And to what extent, if at all, do you think your project will encourage people who have not been involved in similar activities before to...?

- **participate in this type of activity in the future**
- **help run this type of activity in the future**

SINGLE CODE FOR EACH

1. A great extent
2. To some extent
3. Hardly at all
4. Not at all
5. Don't know

QB 10

Most projects seem to fall into one or more of the following categories – which does yours fit into? Please select all the options that apply

MULTI CODE OK
RANDOMISE 1-7

1. Improve, repair, replace equipment and facilities
2. Connect people together – e.g. neighbours, residents, families, vulnerable people etc
3. Encourage people to volunteer, donate or participate in the community
4. Encourage people to be active and healthy – e.g. sports, dance, healthy eating etc
5. Help people to learn – e.g. culture, music, drama, cooking, gardening, languages, job skills etc
6. Improve the environment and encourage interaction with local surroundings – e.g. greening, neighbourhood watch, decorating, public art etc
7. Addressing unemployment and financial hardship
8. Other (specify)
9. None of the above

QB 11

Which of the following issues did your project cover?

MULTI CODE OK 1-10

RANDOMISE

1. Finance / income, employment, local business
2. Housing
3. Education and skills
4. Health and care
5. Crime and safety
6. Environment
7. Involving vulnerable or excluded people
8. Digital access and skills
9. Wellbeing
10. Changes to local services
11. None of these

C) GRANT FUNDING AND DECISION MAKING

The following questions ask about the grant application process.

Ask all

QC 1

Were you involved in the process of applying for grant funding through the Community First Panel?

SINGLE CODE

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know

Ask if QC1 = 1

QC 2

What were the different steps required for your group to apply for grant funding?

Please select all that apply:

MULTI CODE OK

1. Written application
2. Presentation
3. Dragon's Den-style application
4. Interview
5. Informal discussion
6. Online application to your local Panel
7. Other (specify)
8. Don't know

Ask if QC1 = 1

QC 3

Overall, how easy or difficult did you find the application process?

SINGLE CODE, REVERSE 1-5

1. Very easy
2. Fairly easy
3. Neither easy nor difficult
4. Fairly difficult
5. Very difficult
6. Don't know

Ask if QC1 = 1

QC 4

For each of the following aspects of the grant application process, please indicate from which, if any, of the following sources you received support.

Please choose all that apply.

MULTI CODE OK

Side of grid

- a) Help completing online forms
- b) Help in writing our application
- c) Help identifying the matched funding part of our application
- d) Other support

Top of grid

- 1. Panel members
- 2. Community Development Foundation (CDF)
- 3. The Panel Partner
- 4. Local council
- 5. Another community/voluntary organisation
- 6. Friend/family
- 7. Another source
- 8. We did not receive any support with this aspect
- 9. Don't know

Routed from Other support (code d for any of codes 1 – 7 in top of grid)

QC 4 oth

**You indicated that you received another type of support. What was this support?
Please type in below:**

OPEN RESPONSE

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Ask if QC 4 = Yes for Panel members

QC 5

Overall, how useful, if at all, was the support you received from Panel members?

SINGLE CODE, REVERSE 1-4

- 1. Very useful
- 2. Fairly useful
- 3. Not very useful
- 4. Not at all useful
- 5. Don't know

Ask if QC 4 = any support received

QC 6

What additional support, if any, would your group have liked to receive?

Please type in below:

OPEN RESPONSE

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Now we would like you to think about the funding you received.

Ask all

QC 7

Which of the following have the funding and matched resources helped you to do (or will help you to do) through the project?

MULTI CODE OK

1. Continue to do what you already do (e.g. to pay for ongoing expenses or equipment hire)
2. Do more of what you already do (e.g. including more people/new types of people in an activity or extending the hours you offer)
3. Improve the quality of what you already do (e.g. hire better equipment or invest in training for volunteers/staff)
4. Begin completely new activities (e.g. organising a one-off community event or starting a new community scheme)
5. Don't know

QC 8

Do you think the project would have happened without Community First funding?

Please choose all that apply.

MULTI CODE FOR CODES 1-5; SINGLE CODE FOR CODES 6-8

1. Yes, with funding from other sources
2. Yes, but it would have taken longer
3. Yes, but on a smaller scale
4. Yes, but not to the same standard as with the funding
5. Yes, but we would have run the project differently
6. No, probably not
7. No, definitely not
8. Don't know

Ask if QC8 = More than one of codes 1 to 5

Pull through relevant codes at QC9 (e.g. code 1, 2 and 3 at QC8 – include 1, 2 and 3 at QC9, etc)

QC 9

And which of these options do you think would have been most likely had you not received Community First funding?

Please choose one option only.

SINGLE CODE ONLY

1. The project would have happened with funding from other sources
2. The project would have happened, but it would have taken longer
3. The project would have happened, but on a smaller scale
4. The project would have happened, but not to the same standard as with the funding
5. The project would have happened, but we would have run the project differently
6. Don't know

QC 10

Two of the key aspects of the Community First Panel approach are:

- Decision making by a local Panel
- Matched funding (requiring the grant funding to be matched to other sources of funding, volunteer time and in-kind contribution)

To what extent do you agree with each of the following statements...?

“Panels of local people are best placed to fund local priorities”

“Providing matched funding is a good way to encourage new community activities”

“Providing matched funding is a good way to support existing community activities”

“Providing matched funding is a good way of helping local people recognise the value of local community assets (people and resources)”

SINGLE CODE FOR EACH

1. Strongly agree
2. Tend to agree
3. Neither agree nor disagree
4. Tend to disagree
5. Strongly disagree
6. Don't know

D) IMPACT OF THE COMMUNITY FIRST PROGRAMME

The following questions ask about the impact of the Community First Programme in your local area

Ask all

QD 1

Thinking back to before you applied for funding through the Community First programme, how much, if anything, would you say you knew about each of the following...? Please answer using a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 is 'Nothing at all' and 10 is 'A great deal'.

SINGLE CODE FOR EACH

the organisations and people that have influence in your local area
how to organise events and activities to address local needs
the needs and aspirations of other people in the local area

1. 0 – Nothing at all
2. 1
3. 2
4. 3
5. 4
6. 5
7. 6
8. 7
9. 8
10. 9
11. 10 - A great deal
12. Don't know

QD 2

And how much, if anything, would you say you know about each of the following now...? Please answer using a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 is 'Nothing at all' and 10 is 'A great deal'.

SINGLE CODE FOR EACH

the organisations and people that have influence in your local area
how to organise events and activities to address local needs
the needs and aspirations of other people in the local area

1. 0 – Nothing at all
2. 1
3. 2
4. 3
5. 4
6. 5
7. 6
8. 7
9. 8
10. 9
11. 10 - A great deal
12. Don't know

QD 3

Thinking back to before you applied for funding through the Community First programme, how confident were you with each of the following...? Please answer using a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 is 'Not at all confident' and 10 is 'Extremely confident'.

SINGLE CODE FOR EACH

Finding sources of grant funding
Developing and presenting ideas for projects
Making a successful funding application
Using websites and other IT

1. 0 – Not at all confident
2. 1
3. 2
4. 3
5. 4
6. 5
7. 6
8. 7
9. 8
10. 9
11. 10 – Extremely confident
12. Don't know

QD 4

And how confident are you with each of the following now...? Please answer using a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 is 'Not at all confident' and 10 is 'Extremely confident'.

SINGLE CODE FOR EACH

Finding sources of grant funding
Developing and presenting ideas for projects
Making a successful funding application
Using websites and other IT

1. 0 – Not at all confident
2. 1
3. 2
4. 3
5. 4
6. 5
7. 6
8. 7
9. 8
10. 9
11. 10 – Extremely confident
12. Don't know

QD 5

For each of the following, please indicate whether you think this has become more or less common in the local area since the Community First programme began, or whether it is about the same.

SINGLE CODE FOR EACH

RANDOMISE

- new people taking part in local groups, events and activities (i.e. those who have not taken part before)
 - people generally taking part in local groups, events and activities
 - strong links between different local organisations and groups
 - people aware of and acting on their rights
 - people are able to say what they think needs to change in their area
 - people feel proud of their neighbourhood
 - people have the skills to organise activities and projects for themselves and others in the neighbourhood
 - people trust each other
1. Much more common
 2. A bit more common
 3. Stayed the same
 4. A bit less common
 5. Much less common
 6. Don't know

Ask if QD5 = More common (codes 1 or 2) for any

QD 6

Overall, to what extent, if at all, do you think the positive changes in the local area are as a result of the Community First programme?

SINGLE CODE

1. To a great extent
2. To some extent
3. Hardly at all
4. Not at all
5. Don't know

Ask if QD5 = Less common (codes 4 or 5) for any

QD 7

Overall, to what extent, if at all, do you think the negative changes in the local area are as a result of the Community First programme?

SINGLE CODE

1. To a great extent
2. To some extent

3. Hardly at all
4. Not at all
5. Don't know

Ask all

QD8

Are there any other comments you would like to add about the Community First programme? If so, please write in below.

DO NOT FORCE RESPONSE

OPEN RESPONSE []

E) INFORMATION ABOUT YOU

This section asks a few short questions about you and your background, which will allow us to understand the types of people applying for funding through Community First Panels. Any information you provide will be treated in the strictest confidence and will not be used to identify you. These questions are being asked in line with the latest equalities legislation, but if you do not wish to answer a question please select "prefer not to say".

Ask all

QE 1

What was your age on your last birthday?

SINGLE CODE

1. 16-24
2. 25-34
3. 35-44
4. 45-54
5. 55-64
6. 65-74
7. 75-84
8. 85+
9. Prefer not to say

QE 2

Are you...?

SINGLE CODE

1. Male
2. Female
3. Prefer not to say

QE 3

What is your ethnic group?

SINGLE CODE

White

1. English / Welsh / Scottish / Northern Irish / British
2. Irish
3. Gypsy or Irish Traveller
4. Any other White background (specify)

Mixed / multiple ethnic groups

5. White and Black Caribbean
6. White and Black African
7. White and Asian
8. Any other Mixed / multiple ethnic background (specify)

Asian / Asian British

9. Indian
10. Pakistani
11. Bangladeshi
12. Chinese
13. Any other Asian background (specify)

Black / African / Caribbean / Black British

14. African
15. Caribbean
16. Any other Black / African / Caribbean background (specify)

Other ethnic group

17. Arab
18. Any other ethnic group (specify)

19. Don't know
20. Prefer not to say

QE 4

What is your work status?

SINGLE CODE

1. Employee in full time job (30 hours or more per week)
2. Employee in part time job (less than 30 hours per week)
3. Self employed - full or part time
4. Government supported training (e.g. Modern apprenticeship / Training for work)
5. Unemployed and available for work
6. Permanently retired from work
7. Full-time or part time education (i.e. at school, college or university)
8. Looking after family / home
9. Permanently sick / disabled
10. Other (specify)
11. Don't know
12. Prefer not to say

QE 5

Please indicate the **highest** educational or professional qualification that you have obtained to date, if any?

SINGLE CODE

1. GCSE/O Level/CSE
2. Vocational qualifications (=NVQ1+2)
3. A Level or equivalent (=NVQ3)
4. Bachelor degree or equivalent (=NVQ4)
5. Masters/PhD or equivalent
6. Other (specify)
7. No formal qualifications
8. Don't know
9. Prefer not to say

QE 6

Which, if any, of these have you done in the last two or three years?

MULTI CODE OK

RANDOMISE

1. Voted in the last local council election
2. Discussed politics or political news with someone else
3. Discussed community issues or community news with someone else
4. Signed a petition
5. Donated money or paid a membership fee to a charity or campaigning organisation
6. Done paid community work
7. Done voluntary local community work (e.g. organising a street party in your area)
8. Done other voluntary work (e.g. writing letters for Amnesty international)
9. Boycotted certain products for political, ethical or environmental reasons
10. Expressed my political opinions online
11. Taken part in party political activities (e.g. meetings, canvassing)
12. Been to any community meetings (including Council meetings)
13. Taken part in a demonstration, picket or march
14. None of the above (SINGLE CODE ONLY)

QE 7

How long, in total, have you lived or worked in the local area your Panel operates in? If you have lived/worked in the area on separate occasions (e.g. moved out and then back in) please tell us the total length of time you have lived there.

SINGLE CODE

1. Under 3 months
2. 3 months up to 1 year
3. 1 year up to 2 years
4. 2 years up to 5 years
5. 5 years up to 10 years
6. 10 years up to 20 years
7. Over 20 years/all my life
8. I do not live or work in the area my Panel operates in
9. Don't know

QE7a

Are your day-to-day activities limited because of a health problem or disability which has lasted, or is expected to last, at least 12 months?

SINGLE CODE

1. Yes, limited a lot
2. Yes, limited a little
3. No
4. Prefer not to say

QE7b

What is your religion?

SINGLE CODE

1. No religion
2. Christian (including Church of England, Catholic, Protestant and all other Christian denominations)
3. Buddhist
4. Hindu
5. Jewish
6. Muslim
7. Sikh
8. Any other religion (specify)
9. Prefer not to say

QE7c

How would you describe your sexual orientation?

SINGLE CODE

1. Heterosexual
2. Gay man
3. Gay woman
4. Bisexual
5. Prefer not to say

QE 8

We'd now like to ask you how you view other people. Generally speaking, would you say that most people can be trusted, or that you can't be too careful in dealing with people?

SINGLE CODE

1. People can be trusted
2. You can't be too careful
3. Depends

There is considerable interest in people's wellbeing, and this is now being measured across the country. Please could you answer the following four questions – your answers will help us to understand Community First Projects within the context of wellbeing more generally.

QE 9

Overall, how satisfied are you with your life nowadays? Please use a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 is not at all satisfied and 10 is completely satisfied.

SINGLE CODE

1. 0 – Not at all satisfied
2. 1
3. 2
4. 3
5. 4
6. 5
7. 6
8. 7
9. 8
10. 9
11. 10 – Completely satisfied
12. Don't know
13. Prefer not to answer

QE 10

Overall, to what extent do you feel the things you do in your life are worthwhile? Please use a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 is not at all worthwhile and 10 is completely worthwhile.

SINGLE CODE

1. 0 – Not at all worthwhile
2. 1
3. 2
4. 3
5. 4
6. 5
7. 6
8. 7
9. 8
10. 9
11. 10 – Completely worthwhile
12. Don't know
13. Prefer not to answer

QE 11

Overall, how happy did you feel yesterday? Please use a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 is not at all happy and 10 is completely happy.

SINGLE CODE

1. 0 – Not at all happy
2. 1
3. 2
4. 3
5. 4
6. 5
7. 6
8. 7
9. 8
10. 9
11. 10 – Completely happy
12. Don't know
13. Prefer not to answer

QE 12

Overall, how anxious did you feel yesterday? Please use a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 is not at all anxious and 10 is completely anxious.

SINGLE CODE

1. 0 – Not at all anxious
2. 1
3. 2
4. 3
5. 4
6. 5
7. 6
8. 7
9. 8
10. 9
11. 10 – Completely anxious
12. Don't know
13. Prefer not to answer

THANK AND CLOSE