



Lewisham

Lewisham NCIL 2025-2027

Overview

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

What is CIL?

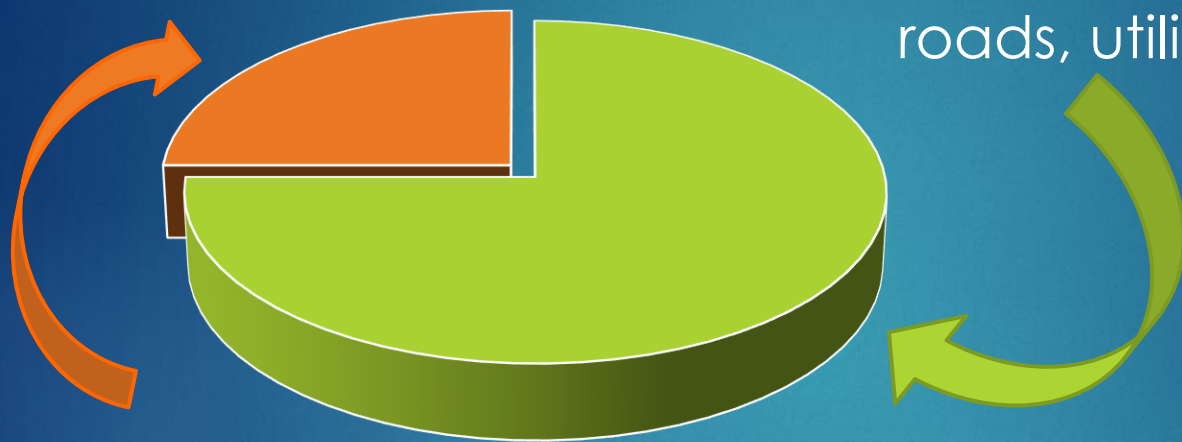
The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is **a payment that local authorities charge developers** when they build schemes over a certain size.

CIL must be spent on local infrastructure to offset the impact of a development on an area.



How can CIL be spent?

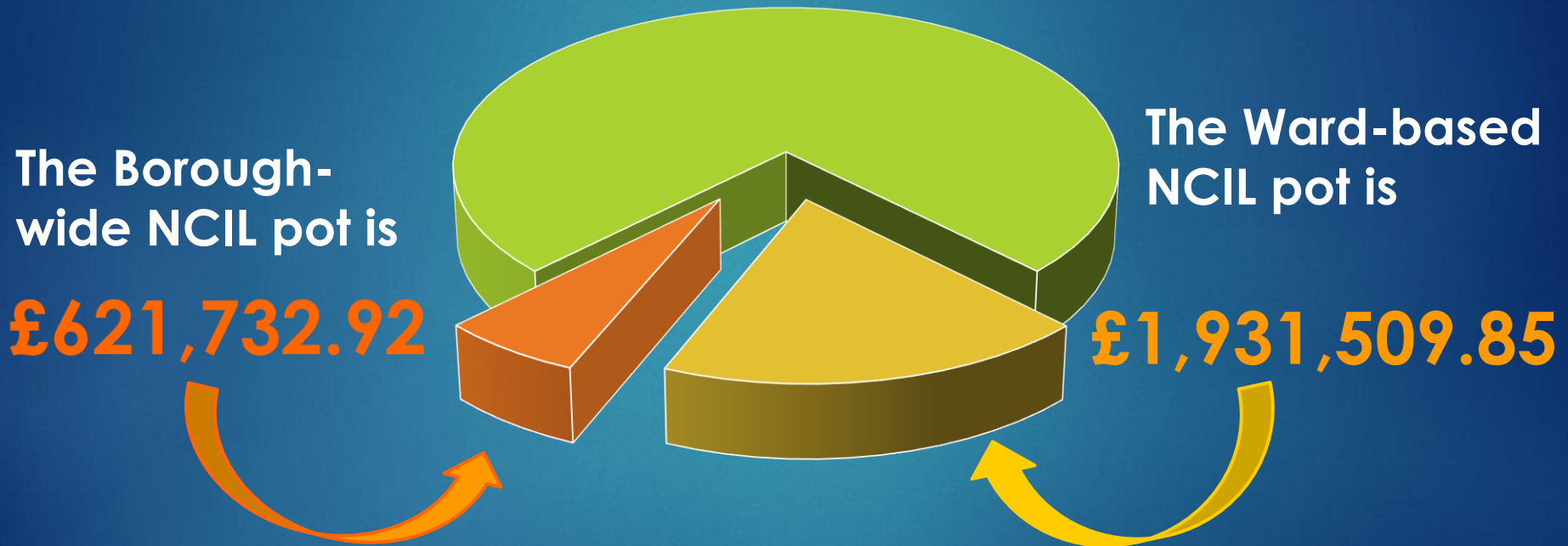
75% of CIL can be spent on things like schools, hospitals, roads, utilities or leisure facilities



Lewisham Council set aside 25% of the CIL they collect to spend on local priorities identified by communities – these funds are known as Neighbourhood CIL (or NCIL)

How much NCIL does Lewisham have?

Lewisham has both borough-wide, and ward-based NCIL funds which can be spent on both capital and revenue projects.



Does every ward have the same amount to spend?

The amount of NCIL available in each ward depends on the **amount of development** that has taken place in an area

Each ward's pot can fund both **capital** and **revenue** projects, and both council and community delivered projects for the ward

The total of projects applying to each ward pot is **likely to be more than the sum available.**



What are **capital** projects?

Projects are capital funded when the grant will cover a **physical structure** or **piece of equipment** and its **installation**. For example:

plants and planters

playground equipment

appliances or AV equipment

community centre refurbishment

outdoor gyms and sports pitches



What are **revenue** projects?

Projects are revenue funded when the grant will deliver **activities and services to residents**. For example:

community festivals,
cinema and events

training or employment
support for people

community meals and
gardening groups

social groups or health
and wellbeing support

singing groups or arts
activities

walking groups and
exercise classes



Examples of
revenue funded
projects 22-24
NCIL

From **gardens**
and **singing**
playgrounds
to **community**
meals and
well-being
activities



What will you bid for?

Capital projects ~ learning from NCIL 22-24

In the last round of NCIL, residents and organisations applied for projects that would be delivered by Council teams ~ a number of these, when fully costed and assessed for delivery, either:

- ▶ exceeded the funding requested or
- ▶ were undeliverable in the NCIL timeframe because of a number of technical challenges.

Capital projects ~ so what have we changed?

We have proposed a range of projects based on:

- ▶ local demand and feedback from residents
- ▶ projects we were unable to fund in the 22-24 NCIL round
- ▶ how well projects match the NCIL fund criteria
- ▶ whether they meet Lewisham's Corporate priorities
- ▶ affordability
- ▶ deliverability



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Applying for NCIL funding

Lewisham's Priorities

All applications need to address one of the following priorities:

Cleaner and Greener

Safer Communities

A Strong Local Economy

Children and Young People

Open Lewisham

Health and Wellbeing

An additional priority of **Addressing Inequalities** has been added for applications to Borough-wide NCIL

Borough-wide NCIL

Total Fund £621,732.92

All applications:

- ▶ should address **at least one** of Lewisham's Corporate priorities **and/or** meet the additional priority of **Addressing Inequalities**
- ▶ need to benefit **at least 3 wards**
- ▶ can be for a project that is either **revenue** or **capital** or **both revenue and capital**
- ▶ should not exceed the total sum available for the ward

Ward-based NCIL

Total Fund £1,931,509.85

All applications :

- ▶ should address **at least one** of Lewisham's Corporate Priorities
- ▶ need to **identify the ward that primarily benefits** from the project (no cross-ward applications)
- ▶ can be for a project that is either **revenue** or **capital** or **both revenue and capital**
- ▶ should not exceed the total sum available for the ward

Who can apply?

Applications are open to groups seeking to deliver services and activities in Lewisham, including:

Community Interest Companies (CICs)

Local businesses

Amenity, business and community groups made up of residents

Neighbourhood Forums or Tenant and Resident Associations

Registered charities

Who can apply?

Funding can be given to:

- ▶ established organisations or groups but **not individual residents**
- ▶ If the organisation is less than 12 months old, it may only apply for up to £10,000
- ▶ **Collaborative or partnership applications are encouraged**, though one organisation will need to agree to hold the funds for the partnership.

The application form

We have acted upon feedback working with Lewisham Local and Community Fundraisers to simplify the application form.

You should find that this time:

- ▶ **questions** are easier to understand
- ▶ there is **less duplication**
- ▶ **updated guidance** includes examples of possible answers
- ▶ the application only needs to **meet one Lewisham priority**

The application process

We strongly encourage all applicants to read the guidance before starting an NCIL application.



You can find the guidance here:

<https://communityfunding.lewisham.gov.uk/ncil/guidance>

or by scanning this QR code:



Consider monitoring required

All NCIL funded projects will need to provide **monitoring returns** which should include:

Data showing how you are meeting your targets

Successes and challenges in delivering the project

Evidence of the impact of your project; photographs, reports and anonymised stories

Any changes you may need to make or support you may require to make your project a success

We will ask to **speak about your project at the Local Assembly meetings** in the ward/wards you received funding from

NCIL timeframes



July-Sept applicants can prepare and submit applications and residents can show support for capital projects in their wards

23rd Sept

NCIL fund closes for applications

Oct~Dec

Applications assessed and recommended projects identified

Dec~Feb

Recommended projects presented at ward assembly meetings

Mar 25

Mayor and Cabinet consider further feedback from residents and agree NCIL programme for 2025-2027

Apr~May

Organisations plan project delivery

Jun 25~
Jun 27

Delivery of projects

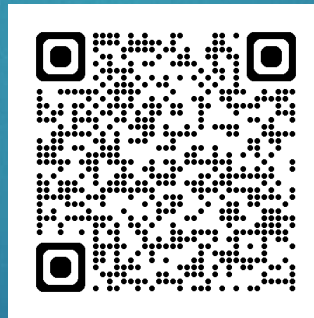
How can you show support for a council delivered capital project?

You can visit the council's **Consultation Hub** to view and like projects.

Go to:

<https://consultation.lewisham.gov.uk/planning/lewishamncil/>

or scan the QR code



What support is available?

In-person workshops for organisations seeking to **apply and/or work in partnership**

Drop-ins for **1 to 1 discussions** with council officers about the **application processes**

Advice from community fundraisers on what to **include in an application**



NCIL Helpline: 020 8314 6595
(Monday to Friday 10am – 4pm)

Email enquiries: ncilfund@lewisham.gov.uk

Community Funding Website:
<https://communityfunding.lewisham.gov.uk/ncil>

