

New fund gives communities power to deliver affordable homes

Over 1,200 new affordable homes will be delivered across England with communities put in charge of where and how they will be built, the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities announced today, Friday 25 March 2022.

The £4 million Community Housing Fund (CHF) programme helps community groups build homes in their local area by covering a range of costs incurred in the process – including renting the town hall for a public meeting, paying for searches, administration costs or legal advice, design work and planning applications. Once planning permission is granted, community groups can fund the build through the government's Affordable Homes Programme, a Housing Association or developer or via a bank loan.

The fund will help level up the country by regenerating derelict areas and delivering homes that are affordable for local people, so more residents can live in the places they love.

The new houses will be part of locally-based organisations such as land trusts or housing co-operatives meaning they stay under the control of the community.

Housing Minister Rt Hon Stuart Andrew MP said:

Part of our Levelling Up mission is to build the quality homes that communities want and need. Community led housing is a great way to ensure local housing needs are met by putting local people in the driving seat.

It is about residents playing a leading and lasting role creating genuinely affordable homes which regenerate and restore pride in communities.

Community led housing also helps improve the design and construction quality of homes using modern methods of construction and gives more opportunity for smaller house builders to work on projects, growing local economies.

Tom Chance from Community Led Homes added:

Community led housing groups are rooted in their communities and truly understand local housing needs. There are so many fantastic community led housing projects planned across the country. This programme will help many of these projects come to fruition.

The fund will help deliver 52 housing projects in England, from Cornwall to Berwick-upon-Tweed. Bradford's Greenwood Community Led Housing group, will build 62 supported homes for people with autism, learning disabilities or dementia. In Leeds, 34 affordable homes are being built to regenerate a deprived part of the city following extensive involvement of residents in the design of the buildings.

Today's announcement follows the publication of the Bacon Review which recommended that reigniting the Community Housing Fund will create more opportunities for communities to build.

-The Community Housing Fund Revenue Programme 2021/22 is funded by DLUHC and will help community-led housing groups in the latter stages of pre-development.

The Community Led Homes Partnership (CLH) will manage the grant programme, assessing all applications and administering the grants.

CLH is a partnership of four leading community-led housing organisations: Confederation of Co-operative Housing, Locality, National Community Land Trust Network and the UK Co-Housing Network.

The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities will be publishing its response to the Bacon Review soon.

[Community Led Homes](#) exists to make community led housing a mainstream housing option. We provide training, funding and practical support to local groups, councils and developers. By bringing people together from the grassroots to those in power, communities can create the homes they want and need.

Full regional breakdown

Local Authority	Organisation	Project name	Funding amount (£)	Postcode of project site	Affordable homes
Bristol City	Ambition Lawrence Weston	Astry Close Community Led Housing	21350	BS11 0RA	34
West Sussex	Angmering Community Land Trust	Mayflower Way	113770	BN16 4AY	12
Bristol City	Ashley Vale Action Group Limited	Bridge Farm	50000	BS16 1BQ	22
Northumberland	Berwick Youth Project	Old Grammar School	32000	TD15 1HF	8
Rother	Bexhill Community Land Trust	Cemetery Lodge / Turkey Road	109323	TN39 5JE	22

Brighton and Hove	Bunker Housing Co-operative Limited	Hinton Close	71743	BN1 7BT	10
Calderdale	Calder Valley Community Land Trust Limited	High Street, Hebden Bridge	37966	HX7 6AZ	20
County Durham	Canney Communities	Canney Communities: Project 1	44630	DL14 8QH	16
Stratford-on-Avon District	Claverdon Community Land Trust	Curliou Lane, Norton Lindsey – Affordable Housing Development	47960	CV35 8DL	10
Cornwall	Cornwall CLT Limited	Ennor Farm St Mary's Isles of Scilly	59091	TR21 0LP	12
Cornwall	Cornwall CLT Limited	Trekersby	49937	TR16 5AG	10
Cornwall	Cornwall CLT Limited	Gwennap	38499	TR16 6BD	10
Kingston upon Hull	Cosmo Community CIC	Cosmo Community CIC	51087	HU5 2DD	20
Eastbourne	Eastbourne Community Land Trust Limited	Bibbenden Close	71310	BN23 7HX	5
Stroud	Eastington Community Land Trust Limited	Eastington CLT: Project 2	33189	GL10 3AQ	31
Holmfirth West Yorkshire	EcoHOLMEs CLT	The Chippings	67470	HD9 1SX	10
Manchester	Edward Mayes Trust	Mayes Gardens	22176	M4 7FN	2
Sheffield	Five Rivers Cohousing Company Ltd	Wisewood Cohousing	62040	S6 4TW	22
Bristol City	Furze Co-operative	Furze Co-operative	78326	BS7 9UH	15
East Riding of Yorkshire	Heron Educational Foundation	Heron Homes Humbleton	15830	HU11 4NN	6
Wealden	Herstmonceux Community Land Trust Limited	Strawberry Field	122507	BN27 4RT	9
Liverpool City	Homebaked Community Land Trust CIC	Homebaked	22450	L4 0UF	8
Gateshead	Hospital of King James Gateshead	The Hospital of St James at Gateshead	191399	NE8 3PA	51

Bradford	Inspired Neighbourhoods Housing Trust	Greenwood Community Led Housing	330192	BD2 1JX	62
Birmingham	Kajans Women's Enterprise Ltd	Kajans Community-Led Affordable Housing	67207	B18 5AU	52
South Lakeland	Kendal Almshouse Charity	Kendal Almshouse Charity. Romleigh Development.	34028	LA9 5QR	3
East Cambridgeshire	Kennett Community Land Trust	Kennett Garden Village	53525	CB8 7QF	60
Leeds	Leeds Community Homes	Mistress Lane	125000	LS12 2HL	34
Manchester	LGBT Foundation Ltd	Manchester LGBT Extra Care Housing	54926	M16 8AJ	103
Bristol City	Lockleaze Neighbourhood Trust	Home Made	40000	BS7 9YD	5
Bristol City	Lockleaze Neighbourhood Trust: Turner Gardens	Lockleaze Neighbourhood Trust: Turner Gardens	45000	BS7 9YD	19
Wiltshire	Nadder Community Land Trust Ltd.	The Old Sports Centre	18275	SP3 6HJ	6
Oxford City	Oxfordshire Community Land Trust	Dean Court Affordable Homes for Rent	67375	OX2 9DD	8
East Hampshire	Petersfield Community Land Trust	Reservoir Lane	102045	GU32 2HY	12
Sefton	SAFE Community Homes CIC	Destination Bootle	82700	L20 4AP	187
Somerset West and Taunton	Somerset Co-housing Community Land Trust Limited (Somerset Co-operative CLT)	Wiveliscombe	182276	TA4 2NY	29
Devon	South Dartmoor Community Energy	South Dartmoor Community Energy/Teign	64845	PL21 0DN	30
South Tyneside	South Tyneside Churches KEY Project	South Tyneside Churches KEY Project	5000	NE33 5RU	10

Bristol City	Southmead Development Trust	Southmead Regeneration – Glencoyne Square	268205	BS10 6EU 95
Cornwall	St Ives CLT	St Ives CLT: Project 1 Old Vicarage Flats	30000	TR26 2DS 6
East Cambridgeshire	Swaffham Bulbeck Community Land Trust	Pony and Cemetery Fields Development	101736	CB25 0LU 18
South Oxfordshire	Thame Community Land Trust	Thame Homes for Thame Families	137299	OX9 2DR 31
Herefordshire	The Buchanan Trust	North Farm	28942	HR8 1JY 2
Maidstone	The Honywood and Douglas Charity (211272)	Honywood and Douglas Charity 23 High street Lenham	50224	ME17 2QD 3
East Suffolk	Ufford Charities	Refurbishment and Extensions to the Ufford Almshouses	7975	IP13 6DS 2
Rutland	Uppingham Homes CLT	The Badley Orchard Housing Development	22348	LE15 9EB 6
Bristol City	We Can Make Knowle West CIC	We Can Make good homes	75000	BS4 1NL 17
Chichester	Westbourne Community Trust	Mill Road Affordable Housing Project	62900	P010 8TH 12
Cornwall	Wheal Luna	Wheal Luna	29925	TR5 0NH 4
Calderdale	Women Centre Ltd	Women Centre Housing Initiative	22191	HX1 1JN 23
City of York	Yorspace CLT Limited	Lowfield Green: Project 1	33595	Y024 3FH 19
City of York	Yorspace CLT Limited	Morrell House – Fully Mutual Housing Co-op (FMHC)	74154	Y030 6EZ 17