



## Sheltered Scheme Starting Blocks guidelines

Red Kite's Starting Blocks fund aims to support tenants living in our sheltered schemes, which are specific properties for those aged 55+.

The purpose of this funding is to support projects and activities delivered within these schemes, or that take the residents of these schemes to specific activities. Activities will often link to improving wellbeing and reducing social isolation.

### The fund can support:

- One-off events
- Transport costs, e.g. coach hire
- Community meals and social events that bring people together
- Art and craft events and activities leading to improved wellbeing or reduced isolation.
- Set up of classes, sessions, activities, and events for the community
- Buying equipment for community-based activities
- Providing refreshments, snacks, and meals as part of an activity
- Marketing and promotion to increase participation in activities

### How much are the grants?

The grant size is £200 to £750 once per financial year.

### Essential Criteria

- The activity must be delivered within 12 months of receiving the grant
- The activity must be accessible and inclusive to all
- You must be able to demonstrate that you have given all residents at the scheme a reasonable opportunity to help shape the decision-making for the

activity, and a reasonable opportunity to participate in the activity should they like to

## **Payment**

Red Kite will pay suppliers directly on receipt of invoices or make payments into existing community bank accounts.

## **Photographs**

At least two images of the project must be supplied with the project evaluation form and Red Kite has the right to use these images for promotional purposes. It is important photo consent forms are completed as part of the project evaluation form.

## **Evaluation and Reporting**

We expect you to provide information on the project/activity within a month of completion of the project/activity. **It is essential that you contact us if the project is no longer going to go ahead or is going to be significantly changed from the agreed scope.**

## **Help and guidance**

Please contact [nahida.latif@redkitehousing.org.uk](mailto:nahida.latif@redkitehousing.org.uk) or 01494 476288 to discuss the eligibility of your application, and for help with completing the application form or evaluation form.

## **Our Privacy Policy**

We will use the information you have given us to help us assess your application and review the success of the Springboard fund. We will also use this to contact you about other community projects we run – we will not share your information with other parties.

If you do not want to be contacted about further opportunities, please tick here  (or you can tell us at any time in the future if you want to stop receiving this information)