

STARTING BLOCKS



Sheltered Scheme Starting Blocks guidelines

Red Kite's Starting Blocks fund aims to support tenants living in our sheltered schemes, which are properties specifically 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
- Setting 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 to and inclusive of 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 to participate in the activity should they wish to do so.

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 that 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 at nahida.latif@redkitehousing.org.uk or on 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 Starting Blocks fund.

We would also like to use it to contact you about other community projects we run – we will not share your information with third parties.

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