

CIL FUNDING APPLICATIONS BEING CONSIDERED JULY 2026

1 Applications Received

2 applications have been received, as follows:

Bexhill Heritage	£35,000
Egerton Park Indoor Bowls Club	£186,000.

2 Current Fund Position

The RFO has confirmed that the total CIL amount available for community groups is currently £140,496.21, as per the resolution passed at Full Council on the 24th of June.

In October, we do expect to receive more CIL funding from Rother, but we can also anticipate further applications from other organisations in the months ahead.

The RFO has also confirmed the current positive in relation to the General Reserves is as follows:

The Year End balance at 31st March 2026 was £358,912.00.

The Town Council aims to hold up to 6 months of the Precept value in general reserves and this balance at 31st March meets that.

However, the Precept is higher in 2026/27, and it may well increase again in 2027/28 as we take on more assets. The current Precept is £805,294, and so we should aim to increase reserves to £402,646.98 when we set our next budget.

I'm grateful to the RFO for her advice.

Application One – Bexhill Heritage

In their application they have provided:

Evidence of how the project is eligible for the funding and that the organization is eligible for the funding.

A detailed description and plan of the project explaining that it is to fully restore seafront shelter '2' and then use this and the area around it to create a space for children and families.

A comprehensive budget.

Explanation of how the rest of the funds needed for the project will be raised – they are asking the Town Council for £35,000 out of £280,000.

Please note that a representative of the organization will be attending the meeting and can present and answer questions.

Application Two Egerton Park Indoor Bowls Club

Please note that their original application was received in February and they presented to the Town Council in April.

The information submitted shows that:

The project is eligible for CIL funding and the organisation is eligible to receive the funding.

The project is to replace their roof.

The application is for the full amount of £186,000.

There is a roof condition survey report from a surveyor.

There are 3 quotes for the work.

They are also applying to the Rother District Council CIL fund for the full amount – RDC will decide this in the autumn.

After the feedback from the Town Council in April, they have also approached a number of other funders so far without success.

The organisation has already presented to Council, but we've suggested a representative attends in case there are any more questions at the meeting.

Next Steps

At the meeting, Councillors can determine to make a :

- Full Award
- Partial Award
- No Award

in each case.

You can also consider if you wish to set any conditions for the funding.