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## **Funding to future-proof Hertsmere**

Funding to help build new or improve existing schools, doctors' surgeries, play areas and other key community facilities in Hertsmere is up for grabs.

Applications are being invited for Hertsmere Borough Council's Community Infrastructure Fund from this month. Through the scheme, organisations which deliver services that benefit the local community can apply for a minimum of £5,000 worth of funding for capital projects, such as extending schools or health centres, improving disabled access into buildings or other infrastructure projects.

The scheme uses money paid by developers of all kinds of properties in the borough for improving facilities and services across Hertsmere (1). Since 2014, developers have been charged a fee, known as the Community Infrastructure Levy or CIL, by the council.

Councillor Dr Harvey Cohen, Portfolio Holder for Planning and Localism, said: "Our residents tell us that while they understand the need for more homes and businesses in the borough, they want to see the infrastructure to go with it.

"That means there should be the school places, health facilities, nursery provision, play areas and other community facilities in place to ensure everyone who works and lives in the borough has a good quality of life now and in the future.

"To help make that happen, we are keen to work with service providers across the borough through our Community Infrastructure Fund. The scheme can help deliver projects which will benefit our community and need that extra funding boost to get them to their final target.

"So if you are a GP, practice manager, headteacher, school governor or a Parent-Teacher Association member then please get in touch. Our planning and economic development service is available to talk you through the process."

Expressions of interest should be submitted before Friday 6 April and full bids by application form before Friday 1 June. Once an application has been submitted, the council's Executive will then determine if it is successful based on the

recommendations of the CIL Investment Panel, a cross-borough, cross-party group of councillors (2).

Although CIL has been collected from developments across the borough, the panel aims to allocate a minimum of 50 per cent of CIL for projects that will benefit the area where the levy has been generated.

For more information, including an application form and further details of the criteria by which applications are assessed, go to [www.hertsmere.gov.uk/cif](http://www.hertsmere.gov.uk/cif)

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