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Crowdfund Guildford welcomes schools and parish councils.

We're inviting local schools and parish councils to join our Crowdfund Guildford movement. Opening up applications to these integral community hubs empowers even more community ideas to come to life. We can support these ideas with up to 5k funding and it's not too late to create a project with our Autumn round. The current round will close 31 January 2024. Our funding is supported by the UK Share Prosperity Fund.

Now schools can get money to make their ideas happen, we could help them fund activities after school or create new learning spaces. For parish councils, it's an opportunity to help improve community spaces, organise local events, or fix things that matter. If you can dream it, you can create a project with Crowdfund Guildford. We're looking to support projects that:

- help people who need it most, including those who might find it hard to get help and people from different cultural backgrounds
- that improve rural areas, like stopping crime, taking care of nature, and creating fun things to do
- improve green spaces or build new ones, to make sure there are accessible green spaces for everyone
- make it easier for people to enjoy nature and see wildlife near where they live
- improve people's wellbeing by providing sports and creative opportunities

Leader of the Council and Crowdfund Guildford Ambassador, Cllr Julia McShane, said:

"We want everyone to be able to contribute to a thriving and inclusive Guildford. That's why we've extended our support to schools and parish councils through crowdfunding. This will give even more local people the backing they need to make their community ideas come to life.

"Our autumn round is still open for ideas big or small that'll make a real difference. Your ideas can become reality and with Crowdfund Guildford we can make it happen together. We've already got projects crowdfunding that need your support! Join us in backing these local ideas on our projects page. Every pledge counts!

"Crowdfund Guildford is our way of showing we care. We're behind each and every one of your ideas to better the lives of people living here. We know that the added contributions from schools and parish councils, no matter the size, will be significant steps towards helping that happen."