

Flying Start

application form

Do you or your neighbours have ideas or plans to improve your Harrow Housing estate or local neighbourhood? Flying Start could be the helping hand you need to get going.

We want to support you to make your neighbourhood a better place to live. There are lots of ways that we can help you get started. For example we could help with:

- **A venue** – we have council community halls and green spaces across Harrow
- **Expert advice** from our officers or a **buddy system**, matching you with experienced residents
- **Promoting your event** – we can help with designing and printing as well as publicising events
- **Funding for activities** – small grants are available e.g. for gardening materials (top soil, compost, free plants, tools), cooking/ physical activity equipment, refreshments.

How to apply

The form is made up of two parts:

Part A: Flying Start criteria for support

Part B: Flying Start Application Form

Once you have checked you meet the criteria, complete the form and return it to the Resident Involvement Team.

If you need help filling in the form or have any questions please get in touch.

Resident Involvement Team:

email Rinvolve@harrow.gov.uk

What happens next?

We will review the application and ask any questions we may have within two weeks of receiving the form. We will let you know within four weeks if your application has been successful and what support we will be providing.

Part A. Flying Start criteria

This scheme is run by Harrow Council, projects must meet the following criteria to be eligible for support.

Funding is limited - there is no guarantee that your application will be successful. Harrow Council's decision is final.

1. You must be a Harrow Council resident, living in a Harrow Council property or estate.
2. The project must largely benefit tenants, leaseholders and residents of Harrow Housing council estates and properties (where not living on an estate).
3. At least three people (two being either council tenants or leaseholders) must be involved in and support the project.
4. You must supply a group bank account or that of your local tenants and residents association if you are receiving a Flying Start grant. If you do not have a group bank account, please contact the Resident Involvement team for advice.
5. You must provide a record of what you have spent (including receipts) and submit this at the end of the project or annually (whichever is first).
6. You will be expected to show what outcomes have been achieved – for example providing a report and taking photographs.

Building a Better Harrow:

This could include projects that:

- improve an area e.g. cleaning up areas or planting flowers
- develop community spirit
- involve residents in a common interest e.g. walking, photography, arts and crafts.

Protect the most Vulnerable and support families

This could include:

- setting up coffee mornings, exercise or healthy eating groups
- helping residents to find information and support
- improving English language skills and access to services.

Be more business-like / business friendly

This could include projects that:

- support and train local residents to use computers and get online
- support people to develop skills and improve employment opportunities
- enhance the neighbourhood or improve safety in the community.

Housing Ambitions

This could include projects that:

- use digital communication tools to involve residents e.g. housing website, emails, social media
- work with a wider, more diverse and representative range of residents
- deliver value for money and make the best use of resources.

Part B. Application form

1. What is your project?

Please explain the purpose of your project; what you are planning to do and your timescales.

2. Tell us how your project meets our Flying Start criteria

See Part A for the criteria

3. What support would you like?

For example, funding, equipment, use of a community hall, training, mentoring, etc.

4. What do you expect your project to achieve? How will you know you are achieving your project aims?

5. Have you already raised any funding?

If yes, please tell us how much and where it is from. Do you intend to use all or part of that money to support this project. If not, why not? Is it allocated to another project?

6. Contact details

Please provide contact details for you and two other residents who will be involved in setting up and running the project. At least two of these should be tenants or leaseholders of Harrow Council.

Lead contact

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone number: _____

Please circle: Tenant Leaseholder other

Contact two

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone number: _____

Please circle: Tenant Leaseholder other

Contact three

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone number: _____

Please circle: Tenant Leaseholder other