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Sovereign Network Group: Thriving Communities Fund - Terms and Conditions

General

These terms govern your participation in the Thriving Communities Fund via Crowdfunder (Fund) under which your project receives Funding from Sovereign Network Group (Funding). References to “We” refer to Sovereign Network Group and Crowdfunder Limited.

If you are participating in the Fund on behalf of an organisation, you agree that your organisation will also be bound by these Fund Terms and Conditions and [Crowdfunder's Terms of Use](#). If you do not want to be bound (or your Organisation does not want to be bound, if applicable) by the Fund Terms and Conditions and Crowdfunder's Terms of Use, please do not participate in the Fund.

In the event of inconsistency between these Fund Terms and Conditions and Crowdfunder's Terms of Use, these Fund Terms and Conditions shall prevail.

If there is any reason to believe that there has been a breach of these Fund Terms and Conditions and/or Crowdfunder's Terms of Use, we may, at our sole discretion, exclude any project owner, organisation, backer or user from participating in the Fund.

These Fund Terms and Conditions are subject to the laws of England and Wales.

We reserve the right to hold void, suspend, cancel or change the Fund, and may amend these Terms and Conditions from time to time.

Eligibility Criteria

You confirm that your organisation meets the [eligibility criteria](#) for the Fund. The eligibility criteria form part of these terms and conditions and you confirm that all information provided in your application for Funding is true and accurate.

Fees

Crowdfunder will charge the following fees on pledges to your project. This will be deducted from the pledges before they are transferred to you:

	Platform fee	Transaction fee
Crowd pledges	The platform fee set out on our fees page (which depends on your project type)	The transaction fee set out on our fees page (which depends on your project type)
Pledge from the Fund	0%	0%

Claiming your Funding

You must set up a wallet with Crowdfunder's third party payment services provider, Mangopay via the Crowdfunder platform.

You must draw down your Funding through Crowdfunder within 3 months of the successful completion of your crowdfunding campaign. Any Funding not drawn down after 3 months will be deemed unspent and returned to Sovereign Network Group.

Using your Funding

Your Funding may only be used for the specific purposes as set out on your Crowdfunder campaign page, if you are unable to use the Funding for the purposes set out on your Crowdfunder campaign page, please notify us as to how you intend to spend the funding at grants@sovereign.org.uk. We will determine at our discretion whether the revised use of the funds or extended timeline is approved, or whether the Funding distributed to you must be repaid or your application has been rejected, as appropriate.

You must maintain proper accounts for the funds received and we may ask you to provide evidence of how you have spent these funds. If you fail to provide this information, action will be taken to recover the Funding you received.

Evaluation

Sovereign Network Group require successful applicants to complete quarterly impact reporting about your project from when the project you are crowdfunding for begins. We may also request additional information throughout and after your campaign. You may also be asked to take part in a short interview about your experience of the fund. You agree for your contact details to be passed on to us for this purpose and to supply any information requested in a timely manner.

Successful applicants will be allocated a member of the SNG Community Investment Team, who will contact you once you have been informed of the outcome of your application. You will be invited to attend a webinar as a guide to completing reporting for the SNG Thriving Communities Fund. Your allocated member of the Community Investment team will also offer support with this monitoring and evaluation process. They will be your main point of contact and will support you throughout the duration of the project, if needed. They will also be happy to discuss any future partnership opportunities with your organisation and further support offers available to you at SNG.

Branding and Recognition

We may wish to use your campaign details and the Funding to form part of a case study that we will publish on our website or social media platforms to show good-practice and provide support to other organisations wishing to crowdfund as an alternative source of funding. We will discuss and agree the content with you.

Successful applicants must acknowledge financial support of Sovereign Network Group in its documentation and publicity material by following our communications protocol and brand guidelines. To see a copy of these please email grants@sovereign.org.uk.

Organisational Issues

Please inform us in writing of any major changes to your organisation, this may include impending mergers, financial difficulties, significant loss of funding, significant changes in staffing, and/or Charity Commission / Companies House matters. If you change your address or contact details, please inform us via email grants@sovereign.org.uk providing details of your new address and contact details.

Additional terms

Where applicable, You must have insurance and all relevant consents and approvals for any activity which the Funding will be wholly or partly funding.

Sovereign Network Group are committed to Safeguarding and the safety of the people that benefit from our funding is a priority for us. If you are awarded funding **your organisation must have the relevant and up to date policies, processes, and insurances necessary to deliver in a safe and legal manner.**

We reserve the right to withdraw, reduce, vary or withhold the Funding, in whole or in part in the event of any failure to comply with these terms and conditions, [Crowdfunder's terms and conditions](#) or where the law is not being complied with.

Crowdfunder may continue to review your Project even after it is accepted to participate in the Fund and Sovereign Network Group reserves the right to remove a Project from the Fund at any time if it is identified that the Eligibility Criteria are not met. You will also be ineligible to receive Funding if, at our sole discretion We are not satisfied that all the Supporter pledges on your project are genuine pledges.

Where projects or pledges are identified as fraudulent, potentially fraudulent, or demonstrative of manipulating the pledging on a project in order to obtain match funding, this is taken very seriously. Where appropriate, the police or other relevant authorities will be informed. In addition:

- Your application for the Fund will be refused and any existing commitment for Funding will be withdrawn.
- Your Crowdfunding project may be cancelled and you will be ineligible for future applications or projects.
- Action will be taken to recover Funding which has been paid out.

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