

FAQ or Frequently Asked Questions on the Community Fund



1. How do we ensure transparency in the use of Community Fund money?

Transparency in the use of the Community Fund's resources is ensured through an audited annual report. Information will also be provided to the Community Fund Advisory Board.

2. In the case of two legal entities, if both entities have a Community Fund obligation but the people are the same in both entities, are they subject to a double charge?

No.

3. Is participation in the Community Fund voluntary?

No. We have looked at and taken into account feedback from international examples (US, UK) which show that volunteering generally does not work – too much time is spent on tackling the administrative burden rather than on substantive work. Volunteering also has a demotivating effect on those who are willing and feel the need to contribute. Creating a two-tier community in which some people participate and others do not is neither sensible nor effective for the development of a cohesive neighbourhood and community.

4. Why is it not based on square metres and not a component of the rental price?

It is a people-focused, participatory format that aims to get active community collaboration and feedback to improve the neighbourhood. Rental prices do not focus on inclusion and shared values.

5. Has this been done anywhere before?

Business development locations in England, Norway, the Netherlands, the United States, and Australia. In Estonia, for example, at the Ülemiste Centre.

6. Where can I find the Community Fund fee on my bill?

On the rental bill as a separate line.

7. Is the number of people controlled?

No, it is a trust-based fund. The data is requested once a year by the customer account manager.