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Community projects given green light thanks to funding from West Midlands Railway

Community rail projects have been given the green light thanks to funding from West Midlands Railway (WMR).

Grants of between £10,000 and £100,000 have been made available via the “Your Community, Your Fund” scheme which offers support to projects which benefit both rail passengers and local communities.

The scheme, funded by the Department for Transport, is aimed at inspiring

people to get involved with the railway and has been made available for applications by WMR.

Cara Higgs, WMR community strategy manager, said:

“This funding is crucial for the railway and the vital projects make a real difference to local areas.

“The scheme has already supported a number of community-led projects in recent years and I am delighted that we have secured funding for new applications.”

The funding is split between projects from WMR and its sister company London Northwestern Railway (LNR).

Previously, projects have included enhancing Smethwick Rolfe Street with bedders, planters and artwork and the opening of a new tea room at Bricket Wood station in Hertfordshire.

The deadline for applications is 11.59pm Tuesday 16 April.

For more information visit www.wmr.uk/ycyf.

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- **London Northwestern Railway** services operate between Liverpool and Birmingham, and on the West Coast Main Line to and from London Euston.

- **West Midlands Railway** services operate to destinations across the West Midlands via Birmingham New Street and Birmingham Snow Hill.

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