

Programme Summary

Community Led Local Development is a bottom-up community development initiative to deliver economic outcomes in the most deprived areas. The programme aims to increase employment and skills, social enterprise, and social inclusion in order to support social regeneration within deprived areas. Projects must demonstrate that activity targets the most deprived areas and priority will be given to activity targeting the top 20% deprived wards.

North Durham CLLD area covers: Chester le Street, Pelton Fell, Whitehills and Pelton, Sacriston, South Stanley, Craghead around the outskirts of Annfield Plain and Harelaw. Beneficiaries must live within the eligible programme area and a full map can be found at:

www.durham.gov.uk/northdurhamclld

There are 5 priority themes which the programme aims to address between November 2017 and March 2022. These being:

- Sustainable Communities
- Enhancing Economic Inclusion
- Stimulating Entrepreneurialism
- Enterprising Spaces
- Developing Growth & Enterprise

[North Durham CLLD Local Action Group](#) (LAG) is made up of representatives from the public, private and voluntary sectors. They have responsibility for overseeing the delivery of the North Durham CLLD programme and will make informed decisions on Expressions of Interest and Full Applications. They will consider eligibility, value for money, strategic fit, need/demand and deliverability.

Grant Value

Minimum Grant Value for Projects is expected to be £10,000

There may be a degree of flexibility regarding the minimum grant value and we anticipate some smaller projects and some larger projects through this call.

All projects will need to provide a minimum of 45% of eligible match funding from non-European sources.

(The amount of match funding on project calls will be review on a bi-monthly basis)

Application Process



Project Idea – Any organisation looking to apply needs to contact the North Durham CLLD Co-ordinator to discuss their project idea. The Co-ordinator will provide advice and guidance about the application process and agree submission deadlines.



Expression of Interest – All organisations will need to complete an Expression of interest. This will be subject to a technical appraisal and presented to the Local Action Group for consideration. Expressions of Interest will need to be received by 23:59pm on the agreed deadline date. Invitations to proceed to full application stage do not in any way indicate an offer of grant.



Full Application – A full application can only be developed, submitted and considered if your Expression of Interest is supported. Significant further detail will be required during this stage. Full applications will be subject to a technical appraisal and presented to the LAG for final decision. Submission deadlines will be agreed when projects are initially invited to complete a full application and this will take account of [scheduled LAG meeting dates](#). Full applications will need to be received by 23:59pm on the agreed deadline date.

There is a range of useful documents available to support projects through the application process. Initial contact needs to be made with the North Durham CLLD Co-ordinator (details below). Other useful resources include:

- North Durham CLLD [Local Development Strategy](#) All projects must evidence they meet the strategic need of the CLLD area
- [Scoring Criteria](#) - Scoring criteria has been developed to support the technical assessment of projects

All projects must demonstrate added value and complement, but not duplicate, existing European Social Investment Fund activity.

This project call is a rolling call and will be reviewed at the Local Action Group meetings held on 5th July, 6th September, and 8th November 2018.

Who Can Apply

Organisations who are formally constituted and able to provide a copy of their organisations constitution, memorandum and articles of association/ rules or registration numbers at application stage. This may include the following but is not exhaustive:

- Voluntary & Community Sector Organisations
- Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises
- Community Interest Companies
- Registered Charities
- Companies Limited by Guarantee, Companies Limited by Shares
- Parish or Town Councils, and
- Local Authority.
- Higher and Further Education establishments

SME's will need to confirm number of employees and turnover.

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