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# Q&A

Funding applications generate many questions, so to help understand CLLD a little more we have created a list of our frequently asked questions.

## 1. What is Community Led Local Development (CLLD)?

CLLD is an European Funded programme which aims to deliver economic outcomes to deprived areas of North Durham, delivering a bottoms up approach to look at increasing 'jobs and growth'.

## 2. Is the funding affected by BREXIT and how long is the funding available?

No the funding is not effected by BREXIT, it is confirmed funding and will not be withdrawn. All CLLD projects will be expected to finish delivery by 30th September 2021.

## 3. What does CLLD support?

There are four priority themes which the programme aims to address.

These being:

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

## 4. Where does the North CLLD area cover?

The CLLD area covers deprived areas within Chester-le-Street, Stanley and Dipton. Projects must demonstrate that activity targets the most deprived areas and priority will be given to activity targeting the top 20% deprived wards.

## 5. How much can I apply for?

The minimum Grant Value for projects is expected to be £10,000. However there may be a degree of flexibility regarding the minimum grant value and we anticipate some large scale projects through the calls process.

## 6. 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
- Small & Medium Enterprises
- Community Interest Companies
- Registered Charities
- Companies Limited by Guarantee
- Companies Limited by Shares
- Parish or Town Councils, and
- Local Authority.
- Further Education establishments

## 7. Is match funding required for my project?

Projects need to provide up to 45% of total project costs as match funding.

## 8. What can be used as a source of match funding?

Match funding can come from a variety of sources. All projects must meet the match requirement in line with the programme call document but a variety of funds or a single fund could be used to make up the match funding.

Sources of match funding could be:

- Bank loan
- Personal savings
- Organisation's reserves
- Staff time
- Area Action Partnership funding
- Stanley Community Fund

## 9. How can I apply for the funding?

There is a designated North CLLD Team, made up of a Co-ordinator and CLLD Support Officer who will be happy to meet with you to discuss the application process further.

## 10. Will support be available throughout the application process?

There is a dedicated CLLD Co-ordinator who is on hand to provide advice and guidance throughout the development of your project idea and the completion of the application forms.

It is the responsibility of the applicant to complete the forms but the Co-ordinator will be on hand to support with queries relating to the documentation and what the applicant is required to provide.

## 11. How long does the application process take?

The application process can vary depending on how long it takes to develop the project idea. It is a two tier application process with the first stage of completing and submitting an Expression of Interest.

The first stage is submission and completion of an Expression of Interest (EOI) process. The project concept which is presented within your EOI is presented to LAG members for discussion and decision.

The LAG may approve an EOI inviting to Full Application, defer for further information or reject if strategic fit is not present.

Detailed technical appraisals are conducted however timescales may vary.

## 12. How is a decision made on my funding application?

Every application will have a technical assessment conducted by the Accountable Body. This is to ensure compliance and eligibility. Assessments are presented to the Local Action Group (LAG) for a decision.

## 13. What is the role of the Local Action Group?

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. LAG members are the decision makers for the projects being granted funding for CLLD for the projects, and will award funding to those projects demonstrating strategic fit within the North Durham CLLD LSD.

The group meet on a regular basis to discuss projects and the running of the CLLD programme.

## 14. Acronym Guide

With CLLD you will hear a lot of acronyms, below is a guide to them:

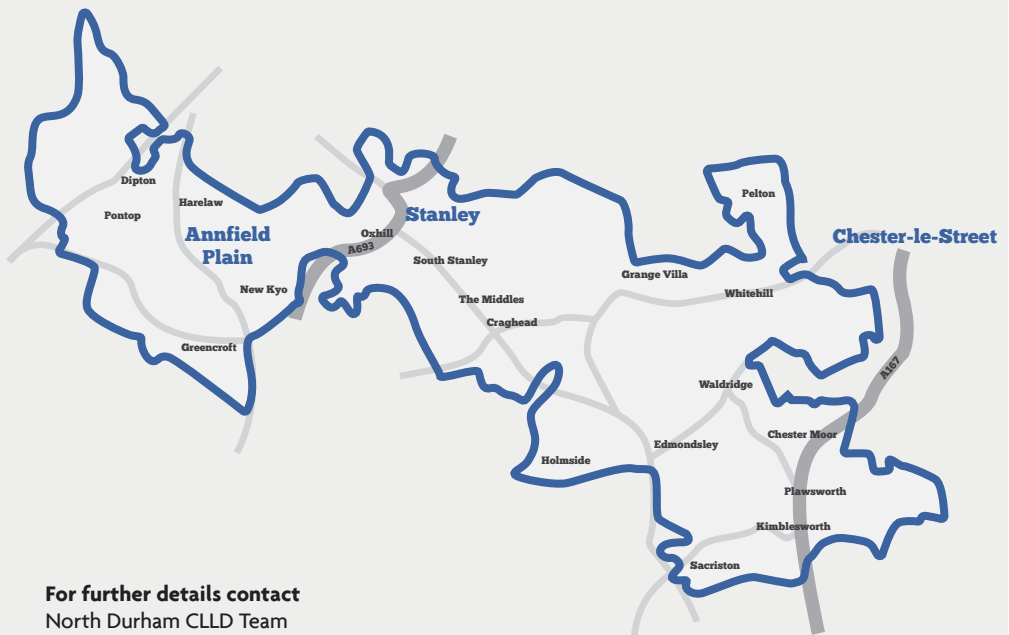
<b>CLLD</b>	Community Led Local Development
<b>ESF</b>	European Social Fund
<b>ERDF</b>	European Regional Development Fund
<b>LAG</b>	Local Action Group
<b>LDS</b>	Local Development Strategy
<b>ESIF</b>	European Structural & Investment Funds



## North Durham CLLD

All projects must support individuals and/or businesses that reside or are located within the North Durham CLLD area as shown on the map.

Projects must demonstrate that activity targets the most deprived areas and priority will be given to activity targeting the top 20% deprived wards.



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