

## **North Durham Community Led Local Development (CLLD) Funding Opportunity – ESF Project Call**

### **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. A full map can be found at: <http://www.durham.gov.uk/northdurhamclld>

### **ESF Call Details**

We are looking to support projects focusing on offering support to those furthest away from the labour market through activities such as:

- Education & Training;
- Wellbeing Support; preparing for interviews
- Income maximisation e.g. money and budgeting advice
- Bringing employability support to where it is most needed.

**£143,714** is available (The Accountable Body reserve the right to increase or reduce this amount)

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

All projects will need to provide a minimum of 50% eligible match funding from public sources.

Project delivery can be up until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021.

The Accountable Body or LAG reserve the right to withdraw or change the call document at any time.

### **Who Can Apply**

Organisations who are formally constituted and able to provide a copy of their organisation's 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

## Public match funding sources are defined as:

ESF Match-Funding Source	ESF Private/Public Match-Funding Classification
Local Authority Funds	Public
University Funds	Public
Non-Departmental Public Body Funds	Public
Central Government Funds	Public
Public Sector Reserves	Public
Growth Deal	Public
Health Service Funds	Public
Big Lottery Funds	Public

The following are classified as private sources and NOT eligible for this call:

Private Sector Investment	Private
Third Sector Funds	Private
Project Income	Private
SME Contributions	Private

## Application Process



**Project Idea** – Any organisation looking to apply needs to contact the North Durham CLLD Coordinator 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 applicants 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. 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.

There is a range of useful documents available to support projects through the application process on our website.

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

**Please contact the North Durham CLLD Project Team, to discuss your project idea:**

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