

## **North Durham Community Led Local Development (CLLD) Funding Opportunity – ERDF Non-Capital 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>

### **ERDF Non-Capital Call Details**

We are looking for proposals to support business (and individuals) within the North Durham CLLD area to establish and grow through our priorities:

- Stimulating Entrepreneurialism – Support and enable businesses and individuals to become enterprise ready.
- Developing Growth and Enterprise – Support existing businesses to expand their position in the marketplace.

**£188,645** 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.

Applicants can apply for up to 55% of the total project cost from the programme

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

This project call is a rolling call and will be reviewed regularly by the Local Action Group.

## 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

## 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 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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