

The fund has been established to support community projects in the East Cornwall area focusing on village renewal and development. Projects will be supported that develop the capacity of rural communities in order to empower them to take proactive approaches to improving the quality of life in rural areas.

PROJECTS

Projects may be for:

- Small scale capital works
- Increasing skills and knowledge
- Improving access to services
- Audits and plans, including parish plans
- Research and feasibility studies
- Amenity space and workspace
- Renewable energy provision
- Promoting local culture and heritage

Full details of fund priorities and project examples are on the main leaflet centre pages, and listed on the website.



SPECIFICS

- Minimum grant request of £1,000
- Maximum grant request of £10,000 (we expect the average grant will be £3,000)
- Four funding rounds per year. Closing dates at the end of January, April, July and October
- Projects need to be based or benefit those in the East Cornwall Local Action Group area
- Projects are unlikely to receive funding from Local Action of more than 75% of overall project costs
- Projects with the Local Action funding request as a low percentage of overall project costs are likely to be of a lower priority
- The main assessment criteria is to fit with local action priorities. Effective demonstration of need, wider benefits, long-term sustainability, environmental impact, and value for money will also be assessed
- Applicants can resubmit a project once in a year
- Payment will be in arrears

Community projects needing more than £10,000 funding from Local Action should apply to the main fund.

PREPARATION

We need to understand what it is you want to do, so you need to tell us in the expression of interest about your organisation and the project.

You will also need to be prepared to complete the application form, so we will ask you to give consideration to the following questions:

- Does the project benefit the community?
- Is the project new and not for ongoing activities or services?
- Can you show there is local support for your project and/or will you be working with other groups?
- Are you able to list the alternatives to the project that you've considered?
- Will there be benefits to the area that will continue after the end of the project?
- Do you or does someone in your organisation have relevant experience?
- Have any necessary planning permissions, regulatory compliance or consent been applied for?
- Are you able to identify the problems that may arise when delivering the project?
- Have you agreement for the other funding or an idea of how this will be sourced?
- Are you able to show how your project contributes to a sustainable environment, energy efficiency and developing a low carbon economy?
- Will you be able to start your project within 5 months of a grant offer being made?
- Does your project end by Sep 2013?



If you have access problems, please contact the Local Action Group Manager as the form can be completed by email or over the telephone.

APPLICATION PROCESS FOR SMALL GRANTS

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Review questions overleaf to get yourself ready.

2

Complete the expression of interest form at www.localactioncornwall.info and send to Local Action Group Manager*.

3

The Local Action Group Manager will assess eligibility and will tell you if the project is suitable or if further work needs to be done. This stage may take 10 working days.

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Complete the application form and send to the Local Action Group Manager —key dates end January, April, July and October.

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Applications appraised, and funding decisions made, by the Small Grants – Communities panel. This stage may take 6 weeks.

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