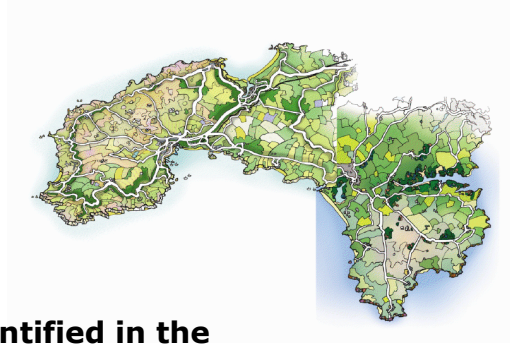


West Cornwall Local Action Group

Small Community Projects



- **to support community initiatives identified in the community plans**

The scheme aims to meet the objectives of the West Cornwall Local Action Group:

- To stimulate rural innovation and access to the environment.
- To encourage the provision of workspace and build enterprise in rural areas.
- To improve quality of life and access to learning opportunities.
- To derive sustainable socio-economic benefits from rural tourism activities.

The Local Action Group welcomes applications which deliver the community plans in the West Cornwall area. The Group has made it clear that priority is given to projects in the Lands End Area Forum Action Plan and the South Kerrier Alliance Action Plan. The scheme may fund projects up to 90% of their costs with some local contribution. In unusual and exceptional cases grant of up to 100% of costs may be made.

Some contributions can be made in kind and you are asked to contact the Local Action Manager to discuss this further when making your application.

Projects must be ready to start when receiving their grant offer and the offer will be withdrawn after six months. The offer will be withdrawn back to the fund to benefit other projects.

The streamlined grant process is as follows:-

1. The enquiry about grant for a project is made to the Local Action Manager. This interview will check the basic information about the project to assess whether it is eligible for the scheme.
2. If the project and organisation are eligible then you will be sent an application form to fill in. (If you have any queries on the form please contact the Local Action Manager.)
3. The Grant Panel will meet monthly to take decisions on the grant for each project put before them. The decision will be sent to the applicant. This is a competitive process and there is a limited fund for this scheme.
4. Where successful the applicant will be sent guidance on the project reporting and claiming system. The rules and evidence required for the small grants are the same as they are for larger grants.

Small Community Projects – Grant Criteria

Maximum Grant Amount	£15,000
Maximum Project Cost	£30,000
Project Period	<p>Projects must start within 6 months of receiving their grant offer otherwise it will be withdrawn back to the fund.</p> <p>Projects should be identified in the community plans and must show evidence of current positive support from the community.</p>
% Grant rate	Maximum of 90% but up to 100% might be considered in exceptional cases.
Eligible activities can include	<p>Small scale capital investment. Capacity building, technical support. Establishing a new basic service.</p> <p>Small scale capital and revenue to effect village renewal. Marketing support. Bespoke training intrinsic to project.</p> <p>Environmental/heritage audits and action plans. Small scale infrastructure improvement. Research or other studies. Interpretation and materials.</p>
Non-eligible activities	Grant aid is not used for continuation funding for existing activities, statutory services, work to meet a statutory requirement or Health and Safety legislation unless part of a construction project, general motor vehicles, and work undertaken before a grant is approved by the Local Action Group. (If you are unsure if all your costs are eligible, discuss this with the Local Action Group Manager prior to submitting your application form).

The scheme will be reviewed in April 2010 and these criteria may be changed please check our website or call.

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