

RED GAP COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND



Fund Overview:

The **Red Gap Community Benefit Fund** has **£50,400** available per year for community projects. The Fund allows groups to apply for grants as follows:

- Minimum grant level - **£500**. There is no upper limit for Round 1 (i.e. you can apply for the total amount available of **£50,400**)
- Match funding is not required for applications less than **£5,000**.
- Grant applications above **£5,000** will require a minimum of 20% match funding

There is one application round to apply to each year. The application closing date for Round 1 is **2 August 2017**.

Project Location:

All projects must be located or be delivered to benefit communities within the Borough of Hartlepool.

Priority will be given to applications within the Parishes of Elwick and Dalton Piercy which are closest to the wind farm development.

We are expecting a high number of applications from these two parishes for Round 1. Therefore if your project is outside these areas please consider carefully whether it might be advantageous to defer your application until subsequent rounds.

Project Purpose:

Grants will be available for:

- **Community buildings and facilities.** For example: capital improvement works to village halls, community centres, museums, heritage centres and community cafes.
- **Community activities and services.** For example: projects addressing health and wellbeing, social isolation, family poverty, community safety, access to amenities, targeted young and old people projects, and projects providing support for local clubs and groups.
- **Environmental and public open space projects.** For example: projects involving parks, nature reserves, community growing schemes, and habitat/species conservation.
- **Sports, recreation and play.** For example: playgrounds, skate parks, indoor climbing walls, sports equipment and sports field drainage projects.

Eligible Organisations:

Eligible Organisations, who can apply for funding include:

- Voluntary, community groups and local charities
- Parish Councils
- Social Enterprises and Community Interest Companies

Applicants need to have a written constitution, a set of rules, or a governing document, plus a bank or building society account with a minimum of two signatories in place before applying for a grant.

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