

Q Futures Community Fund

Fund Guidelines

Before completing an application, it is vital you are able to demonstrate a strong and clear link to one or more of the Fund Themes. Please note, priority will be given to projects that create employment and training opportunities for people living in disadvantaged rural communities.

Fund Themes & Priorities:

- Overcoming barriers to employment
- Working in partnership to create strong integrated local communities
- Digital inclusion

About The Grants

- Area of benefit: Please refer to the Area of benefit map at the end of the guidelines to ensure your project is eligible.
- We aim to distribute around £42,500.00 per year.
- Grants are for a maximum of £5,000.00 per round, one grant to be held at any one time (likely award to be in the region of £2,000.00)
- Closing dates are on 1 May and 1 November every year.
- Decisions to be notified within eight weeks of closing date.
- All funds to be spent within a year of receipt or otherwise agreed.

What Can't we fund?

- Financing or spending which has already taken place, deficits or loans.
- Statutory provision
- General appeals or fundraising
- Organisations based outside the area of benefit.
- Party Political or predominantly religious activities.
- Fabric of religious buildings
- Individuals
- Grant making bodies applying for funding to redistribute to others.

What we are unlikely to fund

- Projects that do not clearly address one of the fund themes.
- Bids from national or regional organisations
- Organisations without a strong local track record
- Projects without a clear sustainability plan

Examples of how funding can be utilised

- Running costs and overheads
- Resources & Equipment
- Volunteer recruitment & training.

- Building improvements

Applicants may be constituted voluntary and community groups, registered charities, social enterprises, companies limited by guarantee without share capital, CICs and CIOs. However, the fund is not meant to replace government or other statutory funding, therefore the application must be for a project not eligible for central or local government funding or other statutory funding. National or Regional organisations are unlikely to receive funding unless they have a local management.

Process

- The grant scheme is managed by the Lincolnshire Community Foundation (charity number 1196448), a grant making Trust. The Q Futures Community Fund panel operates under the umbrella of the Foundation and is made up of representative from the Foundation and community. If you are not certain about your project's eligibility for The Q Futures Community Fund, please contact Helen Cater or Katie Littlewood at the Foundation on 01529 305825 or helen@lincolnshirecf.co.uk OR katie@lincolnshirecf.co.uk to have a chat and for further guidance.

Supporting documentation you will need to submit at time of application?

- Constitution or set of rules
- A local management board or committee (names and addresses) If only 2 Directors/Trustees/Management committee they should not be related/living at the same address.
- A recent bank or building society statement for all accounts in the organisation's name with at least two cheque signatories (not related/living at the same address)
- Up to date annual accounts/income and expenditure account. (if running for less than a year, please provide 3-6months worth of bank statements).
- Safeguarding policy (If you organisation works with children or vulnerable adults).

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