Do If for East Yorkshire Community Grant 2024-2025

Application Guidance Introduction

East Riding of Yorkshire Council recognises that the cost-of-living crisis is putting unforeseen pressures on residents and community groups across the county. We are committed to supporting activity that will provide community activities to improve health & well-being, improve access to local resources & services and reduce social isolation. This fund will also support activity that will enhance pride of place to contribute to better use of community services and encourages pilot projects to trial their future potential as sustainable activities.

This fund is to help support new or additional activity rather than activity that already exists.

Please note if you have previously applied for a Do It for East Yorkshire Community Grant you can apply again with a different project, however, you must have finished your previous project activity, submitted all required monitoring information and had it accepted and approved.

How much money is available?

Applications can be submitted for £1,500 - £5,000 towards project activity. We will also accept applications for up to £10,000 for projects that have capital costs only.

When does my application need to be submitted and the project delivered?

Applications must be submitted by **30 September 2024. Applications will be closed earlier if all the money has been awarded before this date.**

All project activity must be delivered and spent by **31 December 2024**, with the submission of their monitoring by 3 March 2025 to ensure full payment by the end of March 2025. Applications will remain open until the fund has been fully allocated. **We ask that you please make sure you can meet the above requirements before applying to this fund.**

If you would like to discuss your application, please contact localgrowth@eastriding.gov.uk or contact your Ward Councillor https://www.eastriding.gov.uk/council/councillors-and-members-of-parliament/ward-councillors/

Eligible applications need to fit with the below themes and activities, please also ensure you check the considerations before applying.

Theme	Example Activities	Outcomes	Considerations
Supporting cultural, heritage or arts activities	Music, drama, arts, film photography or creative events or festivals. Heritage talks, exhibitions.	• Improved wellbeing through engaging in arts, culture, or heritage. • Reduced isolation for community members. • Increased volunteering. • Improved community belonging.	Please ensure you have event licenses, road closures, public liability. Please go to https://howtodoitforeastyorkshire.org/running-public-events/ We cannot fund core staff salaries. Sessional staff costs are eligible.
Supporting social infrastructure, community projects and volunteering	Community activities including social groups, luncheon clubs & welcoming place activity. Health and wellbeing related initiatives? i.e. defibrillators Volunteer recruitment, training & expenses. Community consultation to support decision making around regeneration or community engagement. Activities for young people.	• Reduced isolation for community members. • Increased volunteering. • Improved community belonging. • Improved mental health.	Please ensure you have public liability insurance and a safeguarding policy. Welcoming place activity must be regular, venues can also claim a contribution towards their energy costs, costs of running activity and food/drink costs. Please note that room hire costs are not eligible. We cannot fund core staff salaries. Sessional staff costs are eligible.
Supporting infrastructure improvements to increase accessibility	Accessibility improvements to community facilities. Accessible play park equipment. Defibrillators Creating accessible paths.	• Reduced isolation for community members. • Improved community belonging. • Improved mental health. • Improved access to community facilities. • Improved physical health. • Improved wellbeing through engaging in arts, culture, or sports activities.	Applications can be up to £10,000 for capital projects in this theme. Applications for improvements can only be made by organisations that own the building/asset where you are seeking improvements. Quotations will need to be submitted for each item over £500.

			Applications for defibrillators need to consider an electricity source and the costings for this plus permission for the placement of the defibrillator is essential
Supporting activity and improvements that 'design out crime'	Activities that are specifically designed to reduce anti-social behaviour. Improvements to lighting. Security barriers or gates Improvements to bicycle security i.e., bike safety events, locks.	• Reduced crime & antisocial behaviour. • Improved perception of safety.	Applications can be up to £10,000 for capital projects in this theme. Applications for improvements can only be made by organisations that own the building/asset where you are seeking improvements. Quotations will need to be submitted for each item over £500.
Supporting environment and climate change projects including energy efficiency, green space and biodiversity	Improvement to or creation of green spaces. Awareness raising of the climate & ecological emergencies. Local measures to enhance the natural environment. EV charging points and active travel projects i.e. bike lock stands Projects that support carbon reduction. Circular projects e.g. to minimise waste and improve resource efficiency	• Carbon savings. • Improved wellbeing through green space activity. • Reduced isolation for community members. • Increased volunteering. • Improved community belonging. • Improving the quality of or creating new habitat for wildlife. • Improved wellbeing through engaging in arts, culture, or sports activities • Improved access to services	Applications can be up to £10,000 for capital projects in this theme. Activity must showcase environmental benefits, including carbon savings or biodiversity enhancements, as well as community benefit **whilst cost savings may be a co-benefit of activity, they will not be considered for applications solely on this basis.** Applications must be made from organisations where the location is owned by the applicant.

| | | | Applications for biodiversity enhancements, must support local native habitats or species.

Please email sustainable.development@eastriding.gov.uk if you wish to discuss any environmental project before submitting |
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All applications need to consider the following:

- Applications will need to include new/developed elements to their event/activity.
- We will not fund activity that has previously been funded by the same organisation.
- Please consider why you want to do this activity and what evidence you have that this is needed.
- What are the outcomes, benefits of delivering the activity.
- How will you capture the evidence to show that the benefits and outcomes have been realised.

Grant Process

Please allow **at least six-eight weeks** from when your Expression of Interest (EOI) has been submitted. You may be required to supply additional information as part of the grant process, if you do not supply the requested information **this could delay your application further.**

Can I apply for the whole amount of my activity costs?

Grants are funded at 100% and no match is required. Applicants will be expected to monitor the social impact of their activity and report on it.

How to Apply - [Do It for East Yorkshire](#)

- Fill in an Expression of Interest form and the team will check the eligibility of your proposal. Should your proposal be eligible your organisation will be invited to submit a full application.
- Ensure your application highlights what you want DIFEY to specifically fund
- You don't need to spend time selling your organisation, focus on the project you are going to deliver what evidence you have that it is needed and the outcomes.
- Provide quotes for all items over £500. If you need to find a local company for a quote you can use https://www.thesupplychainnetwork.co.uk/

Who Can Apply?

- Voluntary and community groups who have a set of rules and a bank account with at least two unconnected people to approve all transactions and withdrawals.
- Registered charity
- Charitable incorporated organisation (CIO)
- Not-for-profit company
- Community interest company (CIC)
- Community benefit society
- Town or parish council
- Schools where they are providing a community activity
- Youth groups
- Community sports clubs
- Churches where they are providing a community activity.

What types of activity can be funded? This list is not everything please check the eligible projects table above or alternatively email the Local Growth Team, if you're unsure.

Activities that:

- Deliver one-off events and festivals (including insurance, licenses, and road closures).
- Improve access to services.
- Community activities, such as a lunch club.
- Focus on encouraging people to join community activities.
- Sessional staff (reasonable costs).
- Encourage local people to get more involved in your organisation.
- Purchase of small equipment to project activity.
- Encourage volunteering.
- Activities for young people.
- Match funding to assist with delivery of commuted sums activity.
- Welcoming place activity (activity must be regular, venues can also claim a 15% contribution towards their energy costs, costs of running activity and food/drink costs, Room hire costs are not eligible unless by exception (please contact the Local Growth Team to discuss).

What types of activities and costs cannot be funded?

- Purchase of buildings or land or contributions towards.
- Core salary costs (specific sessional staff can be funded).
- All and any financial liabilities, provisions, contingencies, donations, gifts, and credit arrangements.
- Any work on the activity prior to receiving a grant agreement.
- Any activity other than the agreed project.
- Activities of a political nature or an exclusively religious nature.
- Activities for which the authority or its partners has a statutory obligation to provide.
- Prizes for raffles.
- Fundraising activities i.e., events to specifically fundraise are not eligible.
- Cost overruns.
- Project expenditure that includes alcohol.
- Profit making or fundraising activities.
- Recoverable VAT.
- Projects that are more appropriate for other grant funds (please see information below).
- Private members clubs.
- Coronation event activity.
- Play Park repairs/maintenance (other than 10% match funding for commuted sums activity).
- Repeat activity previously funded through this fund.
- Applications on behalf of another organisation.
- Activities that promote or benefit private enterprise.

- Payment towards hire costs of a building owned by the applicant organisation.
- Contingency costs.
- Normal activity for churches or places of worship.
- Town & parish council essential services.
- IT equipment & digital equipment. Applicants wishing to apply for IT equipment can apply for a digital grant using this link https://www.eastriding.gov.uk/council/grants-and-funding/uk-shared-prosperity-fund/
- Hanging baskets.
- Political activity

Project Change Requests

Project expenditure other than the qualifying expenditure will require a project change request (PCR) to be supplied for any changes to your project spend.

We understand that sometimes things change, and you need to amend what you originally asked for.

If you want to change your funding request from your original application for example:

- the final quote differs from the original application,
- you managed to receive some items in kind,
- you would like to completely change what you would like to spend the funding on
- you need more time to deliver your project.

You will need to request a project change request form by emailing localgrowth@eastriding.gov.uk

Please note any changes for each item above £500 will require you to submit a quote with your form.

Newly established groups

If you are not a constituted group with a bank account or any of the above apply to your group you can get help, advice, by going on https://howtodoitforeastyorkshire.org/

The website will help you access useful information about running an event, writing essential policies, & managing volunteers

Alternatively, you can get support from HEY Smile Foundation. https://heysmilefoundation.org/

Are there other types of funding available?

Digital Grants

Applications from VCSE organisations for values between £2,000 and £25,000 for underline capital projects will be considered. Match funding is welcome but not required. Applications are invited for:

- improvements to community facilities to increase digital connectivity.
- Provision of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) equipment and software to community assets to enhance and develop their provision of services and support to their local communities.

The application process for projects under this call is a two-stage process – submission of self-assessment diagnostic and full application. Self-assessment diagnostics will be appraised against qualifying criteria and those passing the criteria will be invited to full application stage. The deadline for submissions is 20 December 2024, however we reserve the right to close the call earlier if all the funding is allocated.

This is a competitive application process. All applicants must complete and return the self-assessment form and discuss their proposed application with the Local Growth team before being invited to full application. Full details of call compliance, indicative lists of eligible and ineligible expenditure, the self-assessment form and full context of this call can be found in the Digital Grants Specification document available to download below. To discuss your project idea please contact the East Riding Local Growth Team at **localgrowth@eastriding.gov.uk**

[UK Shared Prosperity Fund (including Multiply and the Rural England Prosperity Funds) (eastriding.gov.uk)](#)

KCOM Grants

Funding community-led projects between £5,000 - £25,000 across the Humber that will have an impact one or more of the following priorities:

- Addressing digital challenges

- Building stronger communities
- Connecting generations
- Developing digital skills and awareness

The grant programme aims to listen, learn and explore scalable projects that can enable digital inclusion within local communities.

Groups applying for over £5,000 will be offered a conversation with HEY Smile Foundation to discuss their proposal further to ensure proposed impact is measurable and shared learning is captured.

This grant is due to open in April 2024 but please check the website for more details www.beecan.org

Community Energy Fund

The North East & Yorkshire Net Zero Hub will be opening the Community Energy Fund on 4 March 2024.

The Community Energy Fund (CEF) is a £10m grant scheme for urban and rural communities to develop energy services to benefit their local area.

The funding will help to kickstart clean energy projects including small-scale wind farms and rooftop solar partnerships, as well as battery storage, rural heat networks, electric vehicle charging points. It can also be used to fund fuel poverty alleviation schemes such as energy efficiency, retrofit, and advice projects.

The new fund follows the success of the Rural Community Energy Fund (RCEF), with an expanded remit to include both rural and urban areas in England.

The CEF aims to empower local people to take control of their energy future by:

- Increasing the number of community-owned low-carbon energy assets.
- Supporting communities to reduce energy cost and demand.
- Generating local income through community-owned energy assets.
- Reinvesting income locally and kickstarting private investment.
- Supporting local jobs, growth and volunteering opportunities.
- Enabling places to benefit from clean, renewable, local energy.

The fund will achieve its aims by supporting the earlier-development stages of community-scale projects.

The fund is for the development of projects from concept to investment-ready scheme. It does not provide capital funding for the installation of projects themselves.

Funding will be offered for a Stage 1 Feasibility Grant of up to £40k to produce a feasibility study to establish the technical and financial viability of a project, and/or a

Stage 2 Development Grant of up to £100k for a more detailed investigation of the technology, for planning applications and to develop a business case.

Applicants need to show that a good level of community engagement has been carried out, and that there is genuine community support for the project, including plans for ongoing community engagement.

For more information, please go to Community Energy Fund - North East & Yorkshire Net Zero Hub (neynetzerohub.com)

Village Hall Small Grants Fund

Grants are intended to support smaller capital projects in village halls such as boiler replacements, insulation, toilet upgrades and new kitchens.

Awards can be made to cover 20% of eligible project costs, up to a maximum amount of £5,000. The balance of funding must for the works proposed must be in place, or at least confirmed within 6 weeks of making an application to small grants fund.

The fund is expected to stay open until December 2024, however it may be withdrawn before this.

Please read the fund criteria and FAQs before submitting your application. We recommend you only submit this once the project is ready to proceed, and you have everything in place. For more information, please contact ACRE at villagehallsfund@acre.org.uk

https://acre.org.uk/village-halls-small-grants-fund/#:~:text=Grants%20are%20intended%20to%20support,maximum%20amount%20of%20%C2%A35%2C000.

Two Ridings Community Foundation

Small Grant - https://www.tworidingscf.org.uk/

The Two Ridings Community Foundation Small Grants Fund is aimed at helping small voluntary & community groups, small charities, and other types of not-for-profit organisation with **grants of between £200 and £2000** for projects which can help with either direct project costs or costs relating to the ongoing development needs of the organisation which will allow them to better meet the needs of their beneficiaries.

Funding can be used for either project or core running and development costs. If you are applying for core running costs, please tell us how this will help to support your organisational development to meet the needs of your beneficiaries.

YOR4Good

Resource Support Initiative

The resource Support Initiative will enable local community groups to apply to receive support from resources that are available during a YORhub framework construction project being delivered nearby. This form of initiative is not a means of receiving a cash grant but intended to take advantage of resources donated by contractors in the form of labour, materials or plant from their own firm or their supply chain often known as benefit in kind. For more information, please go to Economic regeneration | YORhub or email stan.brown@eastriding.gov.uk

Other funding information & guidance

Visit https://www.eastriding.gov.uk/council/grants-and-funding/finding-a-grant/ to see what other monies could be available to fund your project, or visit East Riding 4 Community, the community funding support website for the East Riding area: https://www.idoxopen4community.co.uk/er