

The following criteria must be met in order to be eligible for funding under this community Investment scheme:

- a. Investments will be given only to voluntary and non-profit making groups and organisations to support community initiatives that benefit residents in their local area.
- b. Investments should support the achievement of the Council's Council Plan as agreed by the Cumberland Council. In addition, projects and initiatives should fit with locally identified priorities or plans for example, ward profiles, community plans, neighbourhood plans, parish plans etc.
- c. Investments will be awarded for one-off project costs for example, purchase of equipment, building work, refurbishment costs etc.
- d. Investment applications will be considered for non-recurring expenditure only, therefore operational running costs, general maintenance costs (energy bills, insurance) will not be funded.
- e. Applications will be considered from constituted groups only, we do not accept applications from individuals.
- f. Applications for less than 100% of costs are preferred and groups are advised to try other avenues of funding in addition to this fund.
- g. We will not normally accept more than one application for funding per organisation or group in any one financial year. We may accept more than one application from the same group for clearly identifiable different projects in the same financial year.
- h. Projects from schools, churches or other religious groups cannot be funded unless they have a clear wider non-religious community benefit for example, a church hall that is used by a local community group, a play area also open for public use, etc.
- i. Organisations or groups that operate a policy of exclusivity or have a closed membership and is thereby not open to any member of the public will not be considered for funding.
- j. We cannot fund community events if they are intended to pass on any surplus income to other organisations, for example, concerts with benefits to 'local charities'.
- k. Investment applications will not be considered from political organisations.
- l. Investments will not be awarded retrospectively, for example, investments will only be awarded for work or resources still to be purchased at the time the application is made.
- m. Organisations or groups with outstanding Project Achievement Report (PAR) will not be considered for future funding.