

## **PURPOSE OF FUND**

The Towns and Villages Regeneration Fund is specifically aimed at attracting visitors and residents to town and village centres and projects could include:-

- Improving public (not business) display boards and signage (where the owner's permission is obtained).
- Part- funding (50%) shop front grant schemes managed by parish and town councils.
- Production of local walking and cycling trail maps and promotion.
- Improvements to the accessibility of high streets and visitor attractions for disabled visitors and residents.
- Small scale environmental tidy ups of public green spaces.
- Part funding (50%) creative and makers and heritage events accessible to the public.
- Other – please outline in your application.

Grants from £500 to £4000 can be applied for per applicant.

Applicants will be expected to raise between 20% to 50% of the total project cost from other sources.

Applications can only be submitted by the organisations listed below.

## **WHO CAN APPLY?**

Organisations eligible to apply and manage funds are listed below and must have a bank account.

- **Parish and town councils**
- **Constituted** voluntary and community organisations for example:-
  - Community Interest Company
  - Limited company limited by guarantee
  - Cooperative society
  - Community benefit society
  - Charitable incorporated organisation (CIO)

## **HOW TO APPLY**

### Applications

**There is a two-stage application process, please complete the online Expression of Interest form [test link](#)**

- This will then be reviewed and more information will be requested by Officers by email in order to complete a due diligence process to ensure that the proposal and organisation meet the below criteria.
- If a paper form is required please email [regeneration@highpeak.gov.uk](mailto:regeneration@highpeak.gov.uk)

## **CRITERIA**

### Proposals **MUST**

- be managed by an eligible organisation.
- meet the purpose of the fund (see **Purpose of Fund**),
- demonstrate value for money, and show appropriate efforts have been made to secure other support (including match funding) in the time available to accomplish the project.
- have three written quotes for projects over £2000 (or provide a brief explanation why the Council should waive the requirement in this case).
- have appropriate landowners and planning permissions and insurances and ensure that these are retained by the applicant for audit purposes.
- confirm that the applicant will be responsible for on-going maintenance of any funded project.

## **WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?**

- Applications will be assessed by regeneration officers and recommendations sent to the Deputy Leader & Executive Councillor for Regeneration, Tourism and Leisure to approve projects which will accrue the most benefit and meet the priorities of the fund.
- Payment arrangements will be made in accordance with the Council's Finance procedures for approved projects. Requirements in relation to will be set out in a funding agreement to be signed by successful applicants.
- The Council reserves the right to publicise projects receiving support from the Regeneration Grants. A condition of grants is that grant recipients must cooperate in any media or photography activity organised by or agreed by the Council.
- The Expression of Interest form will be closed when the fund is fully allocated and a notice placed on the [website](#).