

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

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](#).