



Applications for Washington Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme

The Neighbourhood and Community Board has agreed a Project Brief and proposed Call for Projects for a new project to support investment in Community Assets

Washington Area Committee Funding Opportunity Call for Projects – Supporting Community Assets

Introduction and background

Washington Area Committee would like to invite interested local Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) groups who lease or manage community facilities in Washington to submit proposals to deliver a project in the local community which supports delivery of their priority to 'Support the voluntary sector to grow capacity and to provide additional services within the local community' (Washington Area Committee Neighbourhood Investment Delivery Plan). Wards covered by the Washington Area are Washington Central, Washington East, Washington North, Washington South and Washington West.

There is an opportunity for local VCS groups and partner organisations with a proven track record in delivering grant funded projects, to deliver this project on behalf of the Washington Area Committee. Formally constituted and 'not for profit' groups which include charities and voluntary and community groups can be involved. CICs can apply but must have three or more Directors that are not related. Registered organisations must be up to date with governance requirements.

Project Description:

Community Wealth building is a strategic objective and focuses on actions that support communities to create wealth and retain more of the benefits of economic growth locally. It is an approach that recognises that the way money circulates in a local economy is important and that growth needs to be shaped and directed. Community Wealth Building aims to re-organise and control the local economy so that wealth is broadly held within the city and is generative, with local roots, so that income is recirculated, communities are put first, and people are provided with opportunity, dignity and well-being. The approach seeks to create resilient communities and local economic security.

Washington Area Committee's Delivery Plan identifies supporting the VCS to grow capacity and provide additional services, and supporting volunteering, as key priorities. By investing in local assets – both people and place, the Washington Area Committee is keen to help 'future proof' some of our valuable community facilities. To that end, the Committee is seeking applications from our local VCS which will repair, refurbish or help maintain the physical fabric of our much-needed community facilities

Project outcomes

All proposals should identify and evidence

1. Needed improvements or repairs required (reports or surveys/quotes to be provided)
2. How those improvements and repairs will help your organisation to provide, or continue to provide, services and activities for the benefit of the local community
3. How your proposal will contribute to the delivery of the Washington Area Committee's Delivery Plan and priorities

All proposals should

- Evidence the organisations' experience of successfully managing a community facility
- Show how proposed actions will benefit the broader local community

Budget:

The total budget available for this Call for Projects is **£100,000. This will be allocated as £20,000 per Ward.** The maximum an organisation can apply for per 'round' will be £5,000 (Small Grants Scheme Procedures and Processes). Washington Area Committee anticipate awarding at least 4 projects per Ward over a 12month period. All applications will be subject to formal assessment and scoring and the Councillors decision will be final.

Next Steps

Any interested Group or organisation should contact the ACDL to request an application pack and discuss your proposal

Email: karon.purvis@sunderland.gov.uk, who will also be happy to answer any questions groups may have.

Assessment

Each project application will be assessed against set criteria. The results of that assessment and a recommendation will be presented to the next available Area Committee.

Timescale

Deadline for Applications for Round 1	January 31 st 2022
Assessment & Consultation	February 17 th 2022
Award of grant (next available Area Committee)	March 17 th 2022

Recommendation – Approve £90,200 Neighbourhood Investment Capital Programme (2021/22 budget) (See Annex 2 for proposal to match fund Neighbourhood Funding to total £100,000)

The Neighbourhood and Community Board recommend approval of this project, which delivers to Washington Area Investment Delivery Plan Priority of 'Support the voluntary sector to grow capacity and to provide additional services within the local community'