



## **Allocation of Funding Framework**

All funding applications will be considered by the CEF Partnership Board and their recommendation will then be authorised by Selby District Council to ensure the following:

- There has been a logical and justifiable allocation of funds.
- The application meets all necessary criteria including personal identifying checks for the purposes of detecting fraud.
- The decision is compliant with the Council's Constitution and legal framework.

If a CEF Partnership Board has set up a Funding Sub Committee, the Sub Committee may make an initial recommendation to the Partnership Board who must then make a final recommendation which will be authorised by Selby District Council.

## **How often can organisations apply?**

If an organisation has been granted funding they cannot apply again for the same application or project for another 2 years. They may apply for funding for another application or project but they must be able to demonstrate that it is a completely separate application or project to the one they were originally funded for.

If an organisation is unsuccessful in their application for funding they are welcome to re-submit an application at any subsequent CEF meeting; however, they will need to consider how to address the reasons for refusal before resubmission.

An application cannot be submitted retrospectively if the work, project or event has started or already taken place.

Funding approved for grants and projects will only be paid to an organisation and not directly to an individual. An individual applying for funding will have to submit invoices for their approved grant or project which will then be paid by the CEF Partnership Board.

## **Is match funding required?**

Match funding is not required for applications, however as the maximum small grant allocation is £1,000 you may need to seek funding from elsewhere if your application will cost more than that amount. If an application is approved on the basis that part of the funding will be provided from elsewhere then it will need to be demonstrated when this funding will be received before the CEF funding can be allocated.

When making the recommendation members of the Partnership Board will evaluate the merits of each application by the information and detail provided in accordance with the criteria listed below:

### **Consideration of Applications**

Applications cannot be considered until an application form is completed and submitted to the Partnership Board. This will allow the full details of an application to be discussed and properly considered. No funding is to be agreed to grants or projects where an application form or project brief has not been provided. This is to ensure the Council fulfils its requirement to comply with its Access to Information rules.

### **Small Grant (typically £300 to £1,000)**

A grant is funding used to purchase an item or fund a one-off event /activity.

For applicants to be awarded funding, the following must be demonstrated:

- How the application meets at least 2 of the objectives in the CDP for the CEF area.
- How the project benefits the CEF area including residents of the area.
- That funding would have extensive and detailed benefits for one or more defined groups (not an individual) in the CEF area.

### **The following organisations are not eligible to apply for small grant funding:**

- A Parish Council that raises its own precept (Parish Councils may be partners in CEF projects).
- A school – (parent–teacher associations (PTAs) are eligible to apply)
- A commercial organisation generating a profit
- Another statutory or public service – (funding will not be granted to another statutory or public service to assist it to carry out its statutory duties. i.e. where the funding is intended to replace statutory funding. However, the CEF may fund a grant/project if the statutory or public service was providing a service outside of its statutory remit).

Applications cannot be used to support expenditure on VAT reclaimable by the applicant from HM Revenue and Customs.

### **Project Funding (usually over £1,000 for a specific piece of work)**

A project is a piece of planned work or an activity that is completed over a period of time and intended to achieve a particular purpose.

**To be awarded funding the following must be demonstrated in your project brief:**

- How the application meets at least 2 of the objectives in the CDP for the CEF area.
- That funding would have extensive and detailed benefits for one or more defined groups (not an individual) in the CEF area.
- That clear evidence for a high level of need and extensive community consultation is provided.

All organisations are eligible to apply for Project Funding however any applications cannot be used to support expenditure on VAT reclaimable by the applicant from HM Revenue and Customs.

*Note – projects exceeding £5,000 will be subject to Selby District Council procurement rules.*

Funding cannot be provided for continuous work and it should not be expected that a CEF can continuously fund a project or scheme. Applicants should look ensure their project or scheme is self-sufficient once they have received funding from the CEF.

Additionally, retrospective funding for work or projects already underway or completed, or events that have already taken place cannot be provided, and should not be applied for; CEF funding should not be used to underwrite funding gaps in projects or events that have already started or taken place.

### **Procedure for Urgent Applications**

This procedure will only be used if the application is deemed to be urgent and consideration of the application cannot wait until the next Partnership Board meeting. In order for an application to fall into this category, valid reasons for urgency must be demonstrated before the application can be considered.

The application must still fulfil the criteria listed above and state why the application cannot wait until the next Partnership Board meeting.

**The Chair must agree to the reasons for urgency.**

- First action would be to consider whether an additional meeting can be arranged with the application and agenda being published on the Council's website.
- If it is not possible to call an additional meeting, the relevant Director should coordinate consultation with Partnership Board members to reach a decision through email. The application can only be agreed if there are **no objections** from any Partnership Board members. If the application is agreed, the decision would be published on the Council's website in the usual way. The funding decision would be listed (to note) on the next agenda of the Partnership Board.
- If there is any objection from a Partnership Board member, then the application **cannot be agreed** and it must be considered at a Partnership Board meeting.

### **Funding Events**

If a funding event is held, the following rules must be abided by with regard to applications:

- Each funding proposal agreed must with the proviso that an application form must be fully completed before any funding is allocated.
- There must be a written record of all the decisions taken at the event which must include the following information:
  - Name of applicant.
  - Details of proposal.
  - Amount of funding allocated.
  - Reason for decision (applications agreed must still abide by the criteria for grant and project funding).