



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT FORUM APPLICATION FORM

Application process

This form should be used to apply for funding from any of the five Community Engagement Forums.

Before completing this form, please ensure you check the project funding criteria and application guidance form. You can also get support with completing the application by e-mailing cefadmin@selby.gov.uk. Whether you are applying for a small grant or project funding you will need to complete section 1 and 3 of this application form and then either a grant information form or a project brief in section 2.

This is an application only and will be subject to an assessment process – we cannot guarantee support. The Community Engagement Forum Partnership Board will consider every application received. Please see the decision making flowchart to understand the process your application will go through.

After completing and saving, please send the Word form by email to cefadmin@selby.gov.uk. We would prefer not to receive applications by post, please.

We will let you know if you have been successful by email unless requested in writing.

Which Community Engagement Forum is this application to?

Please indicate which Community Engagement Forum this application is being submitted to (when applying to more than one CEF you will need to complete a separate application form for each CEF).

Central CEF	✓
Eastern CEF	
Southern CEF	
Tadcaster & Villages CEF	
Western CEF	



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Section one: About your organisation

Q1.1 Organisation name

Groundwork North Yorkshire

Q1.2 Organisation address

What is your organisation's registered address, including postcode?	
Selby Civic Centre Doncaster Road Selby YO8 9FT	
Telephone number one	Email address (if applicable)
01757 292124	peter.murphy@groundwork.org.uk
Telephone number two	Web address (if applicable)
07545 926702	www.groundwork.org.uk/newy

Q1.3 Main contact details

Give us the details of the person in your organisation that is the main contact.

Title	Forenames (in full)	Surname
Mr	Peter	Murphy
Position or job title		
Operations Director		

Q1.4 Organisation type

What sector does your organisation fit into?

Social enterprise	
Charity	✓
Voluntary or community group	

Other		Please describe
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When was your organisation set up?

Day	29	Month	November	Year	2001
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Q1.5 Reference or registration numbers

Charity number	1094878
Company number	4331238
Other (please specify)	

If you are an unincorporated association and not registered with the Charity Commission, please tick this box and send us a copy of your governing documents (for example, constitution or set of rules) with your application.

Q1.6 Is your organisation VAT registered?

Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Please note that applications cannot be used to support expenditure on VAT reclaimable by the applicant from HM Revenue and Customs.



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Section Two: Grant information or Project Brief (separate document)

Please see the Allocation of Funding Framework and application guidance form to check whether you will need to complete a Grant information form or a Project Brief.

Q2.1 What is the title of your application?

Selby Town Community Pond Enhancements

Q2.2 Please list the details of your application (500 words limit)

Selby Community Pond is centrally located and highly visible within Selby Town. The pond is managed by Selby Community Trust, who are being supported by Groundwork North Yorkshire to deliver the project outlined below.

A recent survey of the Pond has highlighted it is ecologically rich, but suffering from poor water quality. Our project will clear the vegetation and silt from the reed-bed adjoining the pond, to allow water run-off from the nearby road to be collected and filtered prior to reaching the main pond, to improve the water quality and hence the ecology.

The excavation work will be undertaken by contractors using a mechanical digger. We will then replant the reed-bed, working with local school children and volunteers, who will also plant additional wildflowers to enhance the local biodiversity and do some clearance work to the margins of the main pond to help facilitate pond-dipping.

Some works to enhance the existing site signage and wildlife interpretation and some minor repairs to address trip hazards and improve access around the pond will also be delivered to complete the project.

We will aim to have the main works delivered by the contractor in February/March which will then allow the planting work to follow in April/May.

To celebrate completion of the work, we will run some community events with local school children in June/July, including mini-beast hunts, wildflower identification and pond dipping activities to help raise awareness and appreciation of the wildlife value of the site.



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Q2.3 Is there a specific date your applications needed to be funded by?

Ideally February 2018 to coincide with the start of the capital works



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Q2.4 Which two objectives in the specific Community Development Plan will your application meet? (250 word limit for each objective)

Which objective?	How will you achieve this?
<p>Objective 1:</p> <p>Tidy Environment</p>	<p>The works will provide a range of practical measures to the Town Pond and its environs, that will help to make the area look aesthetically more attractive including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Managing the reed-bed • Planting wild flowers • Repairing worn areas of the path and boardwalk
<p>Objective 2:</p> <p>Promoting the Economy</p>	<p>As a centrally located resource within the Town, the Pond is an attractive resource that is used by the local community and visitors.</p> <p>The proposed works include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving access around the pond, making it safer and easier to use • Replacing damaged interpretation signage with new signage, to help raise awareness and understanding of the resource <p>We also anticipate that the works will see the status of the pond enhanced, by getting the biodiversity improved, which will allow us to promote the value of the area more widely, which in turn will attract more visitors.</p>



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Q2.5 Please outline how the application will benefit the specific CEF area and why there is a need for your proposal? (500 word limit)

Selby Community Pond is sited on the Scott Road Memorial Fields and is centrally located within Selby Town, close to Sainsbury's, the Community Centre and the Leisure Centre. It is therefore highly visible to the community and is an important naturalistic space within the Town Centre.

The Pond can be readily accessed by pedestrians, who are able to walk around the pond and enjoy the wildlife. The waterfowl (e.g., ducks, moorhen) are usually visible, with many other birds making use of the water or the reeds and trees in the area. There is a host of visible wildlife including dragonflies and many different wildflowers that add colour and interest to the site for the local community.

In June 2017, Martin Hammond an Ecologist working for North Yorkshire County Council conducted an ecological survey of the pond. He found that the pond narrowly missed meeting the criteria for a Priority Pond (one of the *habitats of principal importance* defined in Section 41 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006) but indicated that it potentially meets the criteria for a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation. The main management recommendation from his report is:

Selby Town Pond is a valuable resource for biodiversity but it suffers from siltation and poor water quality. This is presumably due to the inflow of road run-off or other urban surface water. High silt and nutrient levels encourage growth of tall, competitive plants like Reed Sweet-grass and Greater Reedmace, which then need managing to maintain habitat diversity. Vegetation management is difficult because the pond is reported to have a butyl liner, which prevents use of machinery. The most sustainable way to alleviate these problems would be to intercept silt and nutrients before they enter the pond.

The proposed project will therefore help to remove the silt and create a new reed-bed to trap future silt and its associated nutrients, helping to address the concerns about the current water quality and in turn raising the biodiversity of the pond to a higher status, helping to ensure its future protection.

Given the high profile nature of the site, we believe that it is critical to ensure that the project is delivered in such a way that the local community understands the need for the works and are given the opportunity to participate either through undertaking practical works or through educational activities, so that local ownership and understanding of this valuable resource is raised. We are therefore asking the Central Area CEF to provide funding to support activities that will allow local schools and families from Selby Town to engage.



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Q2.6 How much funding are you requesting?

£1,500

Please provide a breakdown of the different cost elements associated with your application:

Cost Element	Cost (£)
Reed-bed clearance and disposal of arisings	7,700
Wildflower plants	600
Interpretation Signs	900
Footpath repairs	800
Community Events	2,500
Contract Management	1,500
Project Overheads e.g., insurance, printing, vehicle	500
Total Cost	£14,500

Q2.7 Is the total cost of the application more than the amount you are requesting?

Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
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If yes, where will you get the other funding from and has this been secured?

£12,500 has been secured from the Postcode Local Trust towards the full cost of the capital works and some of the community event costs. The project overhead costs will be met by Groundwork.

The £1,500 grant requested will be used to provide the full range of community activities as outlined in the project description above.