**North Tyneside Community Partnership Small Grants Fund**

Application Guidelines

What is the North Tyneside Community Partnership Small Grant Fund?

This project is funded by the UK Government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund with the North of Tyne Combined Authority as the lead authority.

The North of Tyne Combined Authority is a partnership of three local authorities Newcastle City Council, North Tyneside Council and Northumberland County Council and the North of Tyne Elected Mayor.

The UK Shared Prosperity Fund is a central pillar of the UK Governments’ Levelling Up agenda and provides £2.6 billion of funding for local investment by March 2025.

The fund aims to improve pride in place and increase life chances across the UK, investing in communities and places, supporting local businesses and people and skills.

For more information visit: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-shared-prosperity-fund-prospectus>

The fund is available to residents and community organisations to include setting up a new, informal social group; organising an event to bring people together, such as a community fun day or street party; setting up an activity to benefit the local neighbourhood; or running a project to share local history, stories and culture. Alternatively, create a community space or garden that will benefit local residents.

What is the grant fund target area?

The target area consists of the wards based in the North West of the Borough of North Tyneside, which includes Weetslade, Camperdown and Longbenton wards.

Who will be considered for the grant?

Applicants which will be considered for the grant include organisations within the Charity sector, which are based in North Tyneside or benefit North Tyneside residents. Examples of organisations that can apply for the grant are as follows:

* Residents/residents groups
* Constituted groups.
* Social enterprises with a charitable purpose
* Registered charities

If you are unsure whether your organisation is eligible to apply for the grant, please contact VODA admin@voda.org.uk

Who will not be considered for the grant?

The following will **not** be considered for the grant:

* We cannot accept applications from individuals, sole traders’ organisations based outside of the UK, statutory bodies, or companies that pay profits to directors, shareholders or members. CIC’s limited by shares, privately owned and profit-distributing companies or limited partnerships are not eligible to apply.
* Organisations with an income of £2m or more in their last set of annual accounts will not be eligible to apply.

For more information email admin@voda.org.uk for the Core Services team at VODA, to get help with their group and/or submission and are encouraged to apply again, if at first unsuccessful.

What can the grant be used for?

Organisations in the charity sector can apply for or may use the grant for the following purposes:

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* Setting up an activity to benefit the local neighbourhood
* Running a project to share local history, stories and culture.
* Alternatively, create a community space or garden that will benefit local residents.

What the grant may **not** be used for?

* Payments to individuals, not consistent with the purposes stated above
* Activities or projects which other agencies should fund as part of their work
* Activities that do not benefit residents in the target wards or delivered remotely
* Holiday activities for children & young people in receipt of free school meals
* Provision of emergency food parcels and fuel vouchers
* Youth provision

Can we apply if we do not have a bank account?

Yes, however you will need to access the funding via a host-constituted voluntary or community organisation or through VODA. Who can process invoices and spending on your behalf.