

# CUMBRIA COUNTY COUNCIL

## CUMBRIA CAPITAL FUND

### **Who is it for?**

Cumbrian businesses based within the Barrow, Carlisle, Eden and South Lakeland District Councils' areas.

### **What are the Guidelines?**

Loans will be considered for any type of venture, be it a new business, an expansion of an existing business or even a business rescue.

The Board's view is that they are seeking to be as flexible as possible in the consideration of all submissions.

### **What are the Guidelines?**

The Guidelines governing the Fund are kept to the absolute minimum. The following are the main criteria:

1. The Fund will make loans in the range of £5k to £15k – exceptionally £20k.
2. The loans will be repayable by monthly instalments over a period of three years but this arrangement can be varied by agreement.
3. The rate of interest attaching to the loan is bank base rate plus 2%. The rate will be varied only if interest rates move (up or down) cumulatively by 2% or more.
4. Premature repayment will be allowed without penalty.
5. The Fund is seen basically as the lender of last resort. Loans would not be made if the funding could be raised from some other source; a loan could be a part of much larger borrowing package.
6. Loans will be made for any type of venture be it a new business, an expansion of an existing business or business rescue.
7. The Fund will take security/a charge on a loan if available but non-secured loans will be made.
8. No job measures are set but job creation will be a consideration.

### **How does it work?**

Applications should, in the normal course of business, be made through Furness Enterprise, Cumbria Rural Enterprise Agency, Cumbria Chamber of Commerce and

Industry and Business Link Cumbria who will, again in the normal course of business, be expected to subsequently monitor the firm's progress.

### **Loan Applications**

No standard form of application has been prescribed. A business plan will be required outlining what the firm does or is preparing to do, the current financial position (supported by annual accounts) of existing firms cash flow and profit and loss and balance sheet projections for at least two years ahead. The figures in these forecasts should be supported by other documentary evidence or be detailed in the plan.

### **What does it cost?**

There is no charge in processing any loan application, although successful applicants are expected to arrange to their monthly instalments to be paid by standing order.

### **Next step**

Contact your local Enterprise Agency Office:

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