

Community Waste Prevention Fund Guidance and fund criteria



Community Grants

1 What is the purpose of the fund?

The community waste prevention fund is a grant giving scheme that supports the reduction of household waste whilst seeking to improve the quality of life for people living in Cumbria through community based projects. The ultimate aim is to:

- Reduce the amount of waste produced in Cumbria by encouraging specific behaviours relating to the waste hierarchy of reduce, reuse and recycle and encouraging resourcefulness through repairing, refurbishing, repurposing, sharing, swapping and composting.
- Reduce the negative impact of waste on our society and environment by encouraging better management of waste and exemplifying new ways of dealing with waste as a resource.
- Enable residents and communities to get involved in environmental and waste related initiatives and support permanent changes in individual behaviours.
- Raise awareness of resource efficiency and educate people around resource efficient behaviours.

Applications will be welcome for new projects and to support existing worthwhile projects to continue or diversify. Those applications for support which demonstrate that they are closely aligned with the aims of the waste hierarchy will be given priority

We will look favourably on projects that demonstrate an innovative approach to waste prevention and can be used as models of good practice in sustainable waste and resource management.

We would welcome applications that demonstrate social value, positive behavioural change, and/or lead to the maximisation of household income.

2 What is on offer?

This year a fund total of £50,000 will be available and will be split equally between Cumbria's 6 local committees. A total fund of £8,300 will be available for each Cumbrian district to support project delivery within Cumbrian districts.

Applications will be invited for between £500 to £3000 for supporting projects to be delivered within district boundaries.

We would like to see applications that use the fund to attract other funding opportunities, or to support or complement other resources from other public, private and voluntary organisations in supporting new waste prevention initiatives.

We will not fund projects which will duplicate or would be in conflict with services provided by Cumbrian waste collection or disposal authorities.

We will not fund running costs or projects that form part of the organisations' normal ongoing activities unless this is due to expanding the group's activities to engage in an eligible project.

3 What are the desired outcomes?

- Where possible outcomes should be measurable.
- Outcome should show a change in waste related behaviour; a reduction in waste, increase in recycling and/or increase in reuse.
- All applications will be assessed against the agreed project criteria. We will look to support projects that:
 - o Demonstrably drive down the county's waste arisings.
 - o Focus on behaviours as high up the waste hierarchy of reduce, reuse, recycle as possible as a priority order.
 - o Work within and empower Cumbrian communities.
 - o Demonstrate sustainability beyond the grant secured.
 - o Offer innovation or replicate best practice.
 - o Demonstrate an effective partnership approach.
 - o Demonstrate social value and or maximise household income.
 - o Offer learning on which future projects might build.
 - o Lead to permanent changes in householders behaviours around waste and resources.
 - o Complement Cumbria County Council's local area plans.
- Only one grant will be awarded per applicant per year.

4 How do I apply for a Community Waste Prevention Fund grant

Community Waste Prevention Fund applications can be made via the Community Grant Application Form.

It is preferred that the grants will fund community groups, voluntary organisations or social enterprises; but, we will consider applications from other agencies if they work closely with the local community and local assets.

When completing your application you should consider the guidance and fund criteria as described in this document. We would always recommend making contact with your local area team to discuss your project prior to any application.

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