

Grants Criteria

Leeds Community Foundation is delighted to be working with Northern Gas Networks and Northern Powergrid to double the available funding to enable community groups to deliver schemes that tackle issues that are close to their hearts as utility companies – such as affordable warmth or the lack of young people choosing STEM subjects. As well as providing a short-term funding boost, we want to find organisations who can become our long-term partners. By working with groups who are embedded in their local communities, we can have much bigger impact.

Focus of the Fund

The Community Partnering Fund will focus on supporting Third Sector organisations and community groups (in the geographical areas highlighted at the end of this document) with innovative approaches to delivering sustainable initiatives that help broaden Northern Gas Networks and Northern Powergrid's reach and educate and support communities and individuals on the following objectives:

- Alleviating hardship associated with fuel poverty and promoting innovative energy-related environmental impact, energy efficiency or carbon reduction
- Educating and informing communities about safety in relation to domestic gas and power including the dangers from Carbon Monoxide (CO) poisoning and how to protect against it
- Encouraging interest in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) subjects and related career opportunities
- Promoting use of the Priority Services Register, a free service provided by network operators and suppliers to customers in vulnerable circumstances within communities

We appreciate that you may have an innovative idea but would need additional support to deliver it. Northern Gas Networks and Northern Powergrid are offering to support applicants in non-financial ways with training, information materials and networking opportunities related directly to carbon monoxide, energy efficiency, Priority Services Register, STEM subjects or fuel poverty. This means you do not need to be an expert in these areas in order to apply as we can provide briefings or training if needed. Just be sure to state if you'd like this additional support in your application.

Grant Amount

Grants of between **£1,000** and **£10,000** are available.

Grants Criteria

To be eligible to apply for a grant your organisation needs to meet all of the following criteria:

- You are a volunteer-led group, a registered charity or a not-for-profit organisation with charitable aims
- You have a management committee, board of trustees or board of directors with at least 3 people who are not related or living at the same address and form a majority
- You have a separate bank account under the name of your group with at least two unrelated signatories or you have a charitable partner organisation willing to bank any grant awarded for your group (please get in touch if the latter case applies)

We will prioritise projects that:

- Are run by local people, for local people - your group needs to demonstrate good local links
- Can show a strong understanding of the needs of the community that will benefit
- Will have a direct impact on the community and local needs
- Are not one off events and could become sustainable in the longer term
- Focus on supporting those who are vulnerable and/or face barriers to other services
- Have not previously applied, unless the application is for a significantly different activity

We will not fund:

- Projects that have already taken place or applications for retrospective funding
- Activities that would normally be funded from statutory sources
- Projects that are primarily for the advancement of religion or politics
- General appeals and contributions to large scale projects
- Applications from individuals or to support an individual
- Organisations raising funds to donate to other causes or charities
- General capital costs (they must be clearly linked to the delivery of specific activity applied for)

Geography

The majority of your beneficiaries need to be located in the following areas:

Allerdale Borough Council	Kirklees Council
Barrow-in-Furness Borough Council	Leeds City Council
Bradford Metropolitan District Council	Middlesbrough Borough Council
Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council	Newcastle-upon-Tyne City Council
Carlisle City Council	North Tyneside Metropolitan Borough Council
City of York Council	North Yorkshire County Council
Craven District Council	Northumberland Council
Cumbria County Council	Redcar and Cleveland Council
Darlington Borough Council	Richmondshire District Council
Durham County Council	Ryedale District Council
East Riding of Yorkshire Council	Scarborough Borough Council
Eden District Council	Selby District Council
Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council	Sheffield City Council
Hambleton District Council	South Tyneside Council
Harrogate Borough Council	Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Hartlepool Borough Council	Sunderland City Council
Kingston-upon-Hull City Council	Wakefield Metropolitan District Council

Primary Beneficiary Groups

We would be interested in applications that seek to help those who are considered 'hard to reach' or vulnerable. We prefer not to define vulnerability and understand that there are varied reasons why someone may be vulnerable. We would like applicants to tell us about the specific needs of their beneficiaries. However, we appreciate that some guidance may be useful so following are examples of those who may be more vulnerable in these areas (this is not a comprehensive list):

- Older people
- Individuals with a physical impairment
- Individuals with a mental health condition
- Individuals with communication or language challenges
- Individuals in financial hardship (including but not limited to those in fuel poverty)
- Individuals who are socially isolated
- People moving into rented properties for the first time
- Young people not in education, employment or training

Process

Round 2 of Community Partnering Fund will be launched **week commencing 21 January 2019** where you'll be able to apply via our website.

You will need to complete an online application form; this involves answering questions about your organisation and the project you are applying for. You will also need to attach the following supporting documentation to the form:

- List of names and addresses of management committee / board members / directors
- Audited accounts or approved management accounts that are no more than 15 months old
- Copy of governance document

All applications will be considered by an independent panel in a competitive process. Successful applicants will be required to submit a Funding Agreement and proof of your bank account details. You will be asked to give an interim report on grant expenditure and outcomes at the end of March 2019 and again at the end of the project.

Northern Gas Networks and Northern Powergrid see this as an opportunity to build ongoing relationships with organisations, explore further opportunities to provide support, gather case studies and share learning so do require feedback during as well as at the end of the grant period.

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