Community Led Housing

North Yorkshire Council Funding Applications:
Community Development Fund

What Funding Can be Accessed?

A total of **£100,000 per home** being developed can be accessed through the community led housing fund framework across the 3 funds available through North Yorkshire Council.

The **Community Development Start–up Fund** will provide funding of up to £10,000 per group to support the development of a specific community group, who are interested in developing a community-led housing scheme within their community.

Early engagement between local groups and North Yorkshire Council is essential to understand what you want to achieve. Our Community Housing Enabler ca help you through the process. Further guidance is available by contacting: **ruralhousingenablers@northyorks.gov.uk**

Eligibility

Eligibility Criteria:

A requirement that the community must be integrally involved throughout the process in key decisions (what, where, for who). They do not necessarily have to initiate and manage the development process, or build the homes themselves, though some do;

A presumption in favour of community groups that are taking a long term formal role in ownership, management or stewardship of the land/homes and;

A requirement that the benefits to the local area and/or specified community must be clearly defined and legally protected in perpetuity.

What We Will Fund?

Funding can be used to support engagement work with local communities to enable them to set up a community organisation and to support the development over time.

Specific work areas can include:

- Set up costs for the group including legal structures and governance
- Advice on community-led housing models and the most appropriate models and approaches for their community/development
- Any training requirements
- Identifying other funding opportunities
- Assistance with funding applications and other support
- Longer term group and business development
- Other specialist support

If a community group is not yet constituted at the time of application, North Yorkshire Council will pay suppliers direct until such a time they are legally constituted and have a bank account.

Step-by-Step Process

1. Meet with Community Housing Enabler for North Yorkshire Council
2. Request application form
3. Send Application to **ruralhousingenablers@northyorks.gov.uk**
4. Forms are assessed and feedback provided
5. If funding is secured, grant agreement and subsidy control assessment is sent for community group to review
6. Grant agreement signed by group
7. Funding Issued

Other Funding Available

Further funding can be applied for via two separate grants. A **Feasibility Fund** grant and a **Development Fund** grant.

The Feasibility Fund will provide funding of up to a maximum of £80,000 per project to undertake initial feasibility work to identify the potential to develop a community-led housing scheme. The outcome of any feasibility work will determine whether a scheme will progress to the development stage.

The Development Fund will provide grant funding for capital costs to cover project management costs and construction costs will be made to cover up to 50% of the total development cost of the scheme. Subject to the amount of funding. Capital funding will only be specifically granted to organisations whose financial and organisational capacity meets the Council's procurement requirements.

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