Community Led Housing

North Yorkshire Council Funding Applications:
Feasibility Fund

What Funding Can be Accessed?

A total of **£100,000 per home** can be accessed through the community led housing fund framework across the 3 grant applications.

The Feasibility Fund application 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. 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 Will We Fund?

The Feasibility Fund will support a range of initial feasibility activity, which will determine the development of a community-led housing scheme. Initial feasibility can include:

- Identifying and assessing potential sites and opportunities, cost and values
- Local Housing Needs Surveys
- Developing the initial project proposal
- Advice on early project planning/management and business plan development
- Feasibility studies
- Building surveys and site investigations
- Initial architect drawings
- Option appraisals

This list is not exhaustive and there may be other activities identified, which could be supported by the Feasibility Fund.

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 **Community Development Fund** grant and a **Development Fund** grant.

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.

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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