



## COASTAL COMMUNITIES CHALLENGE

### Grants Guidance Notes

#### Completing the application form

##### **What to do before you start**

Before completing your application form, please read these guidance notes. If you are hand writing the form, it is also a good idea to write your answers on a separate sheet of paper before writing them on the form. Please make sure your writing is legible. Application forms will be judged on whether your application meets the fund requirements; therefore make sure that you focus on the content of what you write not on how much you write.

If you have the application form electronically, you can type in your answers, but if you amend any of the questions on the form it will invalidate your application. Please use a minimum of size 12 font.

The application form is divided into numbered sections. For each question on the form there is help in answering the question on subsequent pages of this guidance. If you provide further information on additional pages, you should let us know on the application form where you have added extra pages and which sections they relate to. We will only consider the information we ask you for. Please do not send us any additional material, as we will not consider it or return it to you.

### **Section 1 - About your organisation**

#### **1. Name and address of organisation**

Tell us the name of the organisation that is applying for the funding and a contact address for the organisation. They should be a representative of the main management committee (Chair, Treasurer or Secretary).

*Note: we cannot fund individuals, we can only fund organisations.*

**When did your group start?**

Please provide details

**What type of organisation are you? Does your organisation have a set of rules/terms of reference or constitution?**

Please note that your answer will not disadvantage you during the application process. You will need to send us the set of rules/terms of reference or constitution by which your organisation is managed. If you don't have any, we will expect you to develop some, prior to applying for funding. If you do have them, you must send them to us with your completed application form (your application might be invalid if you don't send us a copy). It is good practice for the constitution to be signed by the Chair or another officer of your organisation.

**Please explain the aims of your organisation**

Tell us the aims and regular activities of your organisation. Tell us what type of organisation you are or describe yourself as: e.g. community organisation, charity, voluntary organisation, black and minority ethnic organisation, faith organisation, company limited by guarantee.

**How many people are involved with your organisation?**

Again, because this fund is prioritised towards organisations run by volunteers or with one or fewer full-time staff or workers, we need you to tell us how many paid workers you have in your organisation, including all staff and sessional workers. Full time is defined as 37.5 hours a week. We'd also like to know how many volunteers work for your organisation and how many hours they work. Please provide details about your Management Committee including names, addresses and roles.

**Have you received funding for your organisation?**

Tell us if you receive funding for your organisation. We want to know if your organisation has any experience in managing grants, donations and other funding.

If you have received any funding over the last 2 years please provide details of where the funding has come from, when you received the funds and the size of the grants.

**Section 2 - About your project**

### **Please give us a brief description of your project**

Please provide a summary about your project. Tell us when and where it will take place and what you intend spending the funds on. Will the project be to continue what you do now or for a new project.? We might use this information in publicity material so it should describe, in a few words, what you want to do.

### **Please provide details of the start and finish dates**

Please tell us the timescale of your project. When do you plan to start spending the funding and when will it be spent. It is unlikely that you will receive funding for a project that has a delayed start date unless you are able to give an acceptable explanation for this. If your group is awarded a grant, you will need to have spent the funds within a year of receipt. This timescale may be extended in special circumstances.

### **Beneficiaries location**

Where do most of the beneficiaries live?

### **What is the need for your project and why is this important to your community?**

Tell us about the need for your project. You will be unlikely to be awarded a grant if you cannot identify a need for it. Have you consulted with your local community? Does it benefit those most disadvantaged? Are you increasing local services or responding to an economic need for the project? Demonstrate how this is so.

Please note that we are not asking you to provide a budgetary breakdown in this section as the financial details will be covered later.

Tell us how the project you have described fits into the normal activities of your organisation and the criteria for CCC grants. We would expect the project to relate to the aims and activities of your group and meet the aims and objectives of the fund.

### **Will the project continue after the funding ends?**

We would like you to explain whether you have plans to continue with the project and if, so how you propose funding it. Priority will be given to projects that can demonstrate a long term impact or sustainability plan. If the project is to continue, you will need to tell us how?

### **What difference will the project make to the people who will benefit?**

How will local people benefit from participating in the project? Will it lead to people being provided with new skills or activities or will they be able to contribute more to their community? Will they feel less isolated or excluded? How will you keep track of your project and provide us with evidence of its impact? Will funding secure the future of an organisation? Will it become more sustainable?

Applications for funding towards the cost of hosting an event should be made at least three months' prior the event taking place and (where a grant has been awarded) the CCC logo must be display on ALL promotional material.

### **Section 3 – Beneficiaries and Theme**

#### **How many people will benefit?**

How many people are members of your organisation or participate regularly in the services you offer?

#### **Primary beneficiaries/ethnic group/issues and age**

Please indicate in the box provided.

#### **Fund Themes**

Please indicate in the box provided.

#### **Do you make a charge?**

Please tell us how much the people who benefit pay to participate in the service you provide. Do they pay weekly, monthly or an annual fee? Or will the activities be free of charge? It may be that they pay annual membership but the project is free. Please confirm.

### **Section 4 - About the budget**

#### **Your project's budget**

We need you to complete the outline budget in the table provided. If you cannot recover VAT, include VAT in both columns where applicable. A short explanation of the table is given below.

*Staff and volunteer costs* - This is where you put any costs incurred by staff or volunteers, e.g. travel, expenses, wages.

*Operational/activity costs* - This is where you put any costs of the actual activity, e.g. refreshments, workshop costs, transport, training, insurance.

*Office, overhead, premises costs* - This is where you put any costs for office resources e.g. photocopying, postage, venue rental.

*Capital costs* - This is for the assets you buy over £1,000 (exclusive of recoverable VAT) and with an expected life of more than one year, e.g. equipment.

*Publicity costs* - This is for leaflets, websites, marketing and any other publicity costs you might have.

We expect you to be insured to carry out the activities we fund, so if you need insurance for your project, you can include it in the budget under operational costs.

**PLEASE PROVIDE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE** where necessary (eg for equipment, workshops costs, activities)

If, in the previous question, the total cost of your project is more than the amount requested in grant, we ask you to explain where the remainder of the money will come from. You are unlikely to be awarded funding if haven't already secured the balance prior to applying for a grant.

Please indicate if you have applied to other funders for a contribution towards the project costs and, if so, whether the funds have been secured.

## **Section 5 – Bank Details**

### **Bank details**

Please provide full details. We need you to send us a copy of your last set of annual audited accounts and recent Bank Statement. If you don't have audited accounts, please provide us with your last set of annual accounts or income and expenditure details. We will use this information when assessing your application so make sure you send it to us. Please note that we do not accept bank statements as a substitute for your annual accounts/cash-flow forecast.

### **Do you have a bank account in the organisation's name with two signatories?**

We will be unable to fund your organisation unless you have a bank account in the organisation's name that requires two signatures to cash cheques. If you don't have a bank account yet, and you are successful, you will have to open

one before we can give you any money. The two signatories must not be related, close friends or living at the same address. Please also provide a copy of a recent Bank Statement.

## **SECTION 6 - Declaration**

### **Signatures of applicants**

Please provide the signatures of the chair, secretary or treasurer of your organisation, who should also be the main contact. By signing the form, these people are confirming that to their best knowledge, all details are accurate. Remember, we need an original signature. Don't use scanned or photocopied signatures, don't sign on behalf of someone, don't type in a signature using a different font in the signature box and don't send us the form unsigned.

#### **What next?**

Please ensure that you have completed all sections of the application form, have the enclosures ready and then send a paper copy with original signatures on it by post to:

Sue Fortune  
Lincolnshire Community Foundation  
4 Mill House  
Carre Street, Sleaford  
Lincs NG34 7TW

**Note: we must receive all the information requested below with your application form otherwise we might not consider your application. Please also make sure that you keep a copy for your own records. You may need this to complete monitoring information if you are successful.**

#### **Checklist: have you enclosed:**

- ≡ The signed and completed application form
- ≡ Any additional papers you used to answer the questions above (evidence of cost)
- ≡ Your organisation's set of rules/terms of reference/constitution, including details of the group's management committee.
- ≡ Your organisation's last set of audited accounts or income and expenditure details and a copy of a bank statement

Remember, additional information will not be considered and will not be returned to you so please do not send it to us.

Ensure you send all enclosures with your application. If you send additional documents separately, we cannot guarantee that we can match them up with your application.

Grant applicants are protected under the Data Protection Act 1998 and no personal details are given out