



## Frequently Asked Questions

### Match Funding

**Q.** When will match funding approval be required?

**A.** At Full Application stage.

**Q.** Where will the Match Funding come from?

**A.** Applicant organisations are required to find relevant match funding for their proposed project. Sunderland City Council is subscribed to grant finder and shares potential funding opportunities through its Area VCS Network membership, VCAS and VONNE provide member updates which include potential funding opportunities.

**Q.** Can 'in kind' support be used as match funding?

**A.** Yes. Provided evidence of the time spent on the CLLD eligible project e.g. existing staff member delivering additional hours specifically to deliver CLLD activity.

**Q.** Are volunteer hours eligible as match funding?

**A.** Yes. Volunteer hours can be used for up to 10% of the overall amount of match required.

**Q.** Can current funding streams be used as match?

**A.** Yes. Provided the funding has not yet been spent.

**Q.** If an applicant was to use some of their unrestricted funding to match the project at the point of submission and later secured more funds that were an eligible match, can the match funder be amended for the remainder of the project?

**A.** It is possible to report a change in the source of match funding during a project. This is likely to be considered as a project variation and would need to be reported in the Quarterly Monitoring Report, and agreed by the Accountable Body.





## CLLD grant eligibility and payments

**Q.** Can CLLD be used for capital expenditure?

**A.** No. CLLD is Revenue funding. However, it can be used to purchase items of equipment required to deliver CLLD activity and up to a maximum of £2,500 per item.

**Q.** Can you apply to deliver a project for a pilot period i.e. 12-18 months, and then if the project is successful apply to extend the project for a further time period.

**A.** Yes, if funding is still available.

**Q.** Is there a limit on how much CLLD can be used to cover management costs eligible?

**A.** Yes. Management costs should be no more than 10-15% of overall project costs.

**Q.** When and how will projects receive CLLD payments?

**A.** Payments are made retrospectively. Projects are required to submit Quarterly Monitoring Reports and claims and will be re-imbursed.

## Application

**Q.** Will there only be one call for projects?

**A.** No. the 1st call has a six month window (1st November 2017 – 30th April 2018) and is asking for project applications that can deliver to all three objectives. There will be future calls, subject to funding being available and they are likely to be targeted on specific objectives which are not yet being delivered.

**Q.** Is there a word limit for applications?

**A.** The Outline Application should provide a brief factual description of the proposed project. Some sections suggest that responses are limited to a number of words. These word limits are not fixed and some projects may require a longer response. Please keep your answers as concise as possible and present the information in plain English.



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### **Value for Money**

**Q.** Do we have an indicative cost per output (e.g. cost per engaged person)?

**A.** Some benchmarking took place in the original Local Development Strategy submitted in August 2016. See page 39 of the Strategy on the CLLD Website which provides a summary of the KPIs by action and an average cost per participant. Please note, however, projects will be assessed on a case by case basis so the unit cost is expected to vary.

### **Social Investment**

**Q.** What type of Social Investment will be funded?

**A.** Examples of social investment development include investment readiness and business-planning activities, Support/Training to staff to Fundraise, Loans/Equity Investment Schemes, and Feasibility studies to support com