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How much can I apply for?	£100 up to £500
How long is the investment for	1 year
When are the investments available to and from?	1 October 2019 - 31 December 2019

Who can apply?

Any voluntary, community or not for profit group or organisation (including charities), social enterprises or community interest companies that are based in or serves the communities of Northumberland. Additionally, we can only accept one application per project.

Who cannot apply?

We would not accept applications from businesses and other for profit organisations, those under investigation by the Charity Commission or Town or parish councils or schools.

What the funding will pay for and cannot support?

Yes	No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovation • Training costs • Equipment • Sustainable events • Venue hire • Materials • Equipment • Community events, workshops, outings, groups, social excursions • Activities that engage the county's diverse target audience • Start up costs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goods and services already purchased • Uniforms/personal clothing for paid employees • Advertising and marketing • Tourism • Religious or political activity • Medical equipment, research or treatment • Loan repayments • Feasibility studies or pre-project costs • Annual or repeat funding • Where funding would be more clearly available from another source e.g. Community Chest (to be discussed) • Second hand equipment

What other criteria are there for funding?

- The group or organisation is not already in receipt of monies from the Council or NHS for the provision of a service or project suggested in the bid.
- Not have applied for a grant previously unless you have a significantly different idea.
- Only one application per project.
- We actively encourage applications from groups that have come together to make a bid. You will need to identify one partner as the budget holder.

How is my application form assessed?

Your Locality Co-ordinator has a set of criteria which has been developed by the Empowering Communities Project Steering Group. This criteria is based on eligibility, proposed idea, community involvement, outcomes to be delivered, project resources and sustainability.

The Priorities of the Empowering Communities Project are:

These are based on the evolving findings through the work undertaken by the Locality Co-ordinators.

How do I find out if my application has been successful or otherwise?

You will receive a letter from Northumberland County Council advising you of the outcome of your application. It will take approximately 10 working days for your application form to be processed.

What happens if my application is successful and I am offered of an investment?

If you are successful, you will receive an offer letter from Northumberland County Council via email that will outline how much Northumberland County Council are granting, the terms of the offer and the methods of monitoring the investment.

Please note that you may not receive the full amount requested. All investments will require you to submit details of your bank account and sign an agreement. You will also be provided with information on monitoring arrangements for the investment.

What do I need to do if I receive an investment?

1. Celebrate the investment for your community
2. Tell your community
3. Start your project
4. Consider how to capture your new project, perhaps with a short video once the project is up and running

How do I manage the investment?

Northumberland County Council would like to know how you have spent the investment as this will support their research and success of your project. Northumberland County Council therefore ask you to keep track of how the grant has been spent, this can be through keeping receipts and invoices.