WHAT IS THE COALFIELDS COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAMME?

The Coalfields Community Investment Programme will assist organisations operating within the Coalfield Communities to help themselves. It will help small groups unlock their communities by supporting new ideas which enhance social cohesion, community enterprise and regeneration activity in their area.

The Investments can be capital and/or revenue, we will accept applications for Awards of between £500 - £10,000 for capital and/or revenue projects. Approved Awards are likely to be in the region of £5,000

The Programme will support projects which constitute activity for a voluntary/community group or a community/social enterprise. We will prioritise projects that complement the new delivery activities of CRT, such as the Coalfields Community Futures Programme and Coalfields Enterprise Programme.

Investments will:
- Encourage community led capacity, innovation and services
- Create an environment in which people can participate and encourage local growth
- Support the community outcomes identified within the Coalfields Community Futures and Coalfields Enterprise Programme
- Increase partnership between players which can act as a catalyst for levering in other funds

WHO CAN APPLY?

Applications are welcomed from new or existing groups that are based or can evidence significant benefit to eligible coalfield communities.

The Coalfields Regeneration Trust will continue to target communities in areas that have been categorised as being within the 20% most deprived within the Scottish Coalfields (for detailed information please call the Alloa Office).

These coalfields are:
- The Ayrshire Coalfield, which includes parts of East Ayrshire, South Ayrshire and the Upper Nithsdale area of Dumfries and Galloway
- The Lothian Coalfield, which includes parts of East Lothian and Midlothian
- The Clydesdale and Strathkelvin Coalfield, which includes parts of West Lothian, South Lanarkshire, North Lanarkshire and East Dunbartonshire
- Fife/Central, which includes parts of Fife, Clackmannanshire, Stirling and Falkirk

An organisation can only hold one grant in any twelve month period.

WHAT SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE?

CRT will provide support to applicants and other voluntary groups to develop skills, knowledge and capacity, in relation to funding.

As well as providing free advice, information and training, staff can help those that most need support, in a variety of ways:

- By providing advice and information on funding and funding sources
- Offering outreach and one to one group support
- Delivering training sessions and workshops on funding and related issues
- Running locally based funding surgeries and organising funding seminars and events

We don’t do the fundraising for you, but can assist your organisation to develop your skills and confidence and provide information that will help you to do it yourselves.
WHAT TYPE OF PROJECTS ARE LIKELY TO BE FUNDED?

Projects must address one or more of the following outcomes:

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<td>Economic</td>
<td>Contribute to the economic viability of communities by reducing welfare dependency, improving household income and encouraging local economic activity.</td>
<td>Training programmes to improve individual employment prospects. New social enterprise projects increasing economic activity.</td>
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<td>Physical</td>
<td>Enhance the experience of living and working in a community by expanding the facilities available to its members.</td>
<td>Maintenance and repair of community buildings. Development and expansion of community facilities and services. Development of outdoor projects of benefit to entire community.</td>
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<td>Social</td>
<td>Provide opportunities for participation in social and healthy lifestyle activities; facilitate capacity building to increase local participation in community development.</td>
<td>Organised sports clubs. Youth clubs and drop-in centres. Seniors’ social and activity clubs. Capacity building support.</td>
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WHEN ARE THE CLOSING DATES?

There are 4 Rounds between 1st April 2014 and 31st March 2015

- Round 1 – 7th May 2014
- Round 2 – 18th June 2014
- Round 3 – 8th October 2014
- Round 4 – 7th January 2015

HOW DO I APPLY?

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