

Copeland Community Grants Priorities

Projects are asked to contribute to at least one of the Council's key priorities and to the Local Area Plan or locally agreed community priorities in the applicants' area.

Applications that demonstrate evidence of working to reduce deprivation, or projects that fall within areas considered to be the most deprived in Copeland will be looked upon favourably. Due to the geography and dispersed population, applications which address an issue and/or need in relation to rural deprivation will also be prioritised.

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Priority will be for projects that can demonstrate long term benefit and:

- address the NEET sector amongst young people (not in education, employment or training)
- enable access to IT for people on low incomes
- address a public health priority
- offer opportunities for children looked after and leaving care
- Capacity building for communities to take over the running of Cumbria County Council services e.g. converting space for a book drop, providing staff training, equipment to provide a day service
- Enable communities to provide additional services in their area
- Problem solve a particular issue in a community
- Projects that tackle physical inactivity, particularly amongst hard to reach and disadvantaged groups
- Applications to be a minimum of £1,000
- Applications should address how they will create a sustainable model of delivery where possible

Public Health priority areas in Copeland are:

- Promoting breast feeding
- Tackling obesity and/or childhood obesity
- Reducing dental decay particularly in young children
- Reducing the prevalence of smoking
- Reducing unhealthy levels of alcohol consumption
- Improving the mental health and wellbeing of adults, children and young people
- Promotion of preventative and support services
- Challenging risk taking behaviour in young people

Projects that address food poverty:

- Building food security (community food growing; cooking skills; skills, employability & income)
- Protecting people from hunger (holiday food provision and breakfast clubs)
- Low cost food for vulnerable groups (social supermarkets; community cafes; low cost home food delivery; access to white goods and furniture)
- Supporting people in crisis (drop in kitchens; wider support around Food Banks)

Projects that fall outside these priorities are not excluded, however applicants should be aware that projects that do meet a priority will be looked upon more favorably.