

# **Community Resilience Grant (CRG)**

## **Grant Scheme**

### **Guidelines for applicants**

**May 2026**

**Contact Derbyshire Dales Council for Voluntary Service**

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## What is the Community Resilience Grants Scheme?

**Derbyshire Dales District Council** are pleased to announce the Community Grants Scheme (CRG) is open for applications from qualifying groups across the Derbyshire Dales. This money has been made available by the District Council after the ending of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, as part of the Derbyshire Dales **Corporate Plan** priority of delivering prosperous and sustainable communities and businesses.

The CRG is funded by the Derbyshire Dales District Council and administered on behalf of Derbyshire Dales District Council by **Derbyshire Dales Council for Voluntary Service**.

The CRG scheme aims to provide **local community & voluntary** organisations, **parish & town councils** and **social enterprises** with small scale grant support for projects aimed at **strengthening** local communities and fostering **local resilience**.

The CRG scheme will complement and not duplicate the Better Derbyshire Dales Fund, or other public funded programs providing support to community projects which:

- Maintain key rural services or facilities
- Deliver community-led projects which will boost community/volunteering capacity to tackle locally identified challenges, enhance social inclusion, and help maintain safe and healthy communities
- Take local action on climate change to reduce carbon emissions and promote behaviour change

**To apply, you must show that your project meets the fund requirements. If you need support, please contact us at [enquiries@ddcvs.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@ddcvs.org.uk). You need to demonstrate:**

- That your project is clear, well-evidenced and costed application for community projects, that are clearly focused upon the scheme's outcomes and outputs.
- That your organisation's activities align with the vision and values of the Derbyshire Dales District Council.
- That you have match funding of a minimum of 20% of your total project costs.

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Projects should also be able to achieve at least one of the following outputs or outcomes:

- Low or zero carbon energy infrastructure installed
- Tonnes of carbon dioxide reduction – This must be calculated using the <https://www.carbonfootprint.com/calculator.aspx>
- Volunteering opportunities supported/created
- Increased users of facilities/amenities
- Community -led arts, cultural, heritage & creative programme delivered

**Applications which address carbon dioxide equivalent reductions will be particularly welcome, however, don't be put off if your project isn't related to Co2 reductions, if it meets one or more of the outputs.**

Which organisations can apply?

- Organisations which benefit those living in the Derbyshire Dales.
- Constituted voluntary organisations.
- Registered Charities.
- Community Interest Companies, Community Benefit Societies and other forms of 'Social Enterprise' organisations
- Parish Councils and Town Councils.

Which organisations cannot apply?

- Organisations that are solely commercial.
- Statutory bodies other than Parish and Town Councils.
- Unconstituted groups without a clear governance structure.
- Individuals or sole traders.
- Organisations with no base in the Derbyshire Dales.
- Organisations with an annual turnover of more than £500,000 per annum in the last three financial years.

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## How do I apply?

**Please ensure that you read the guidelines carefully before applying.** If you are unsure whether your organisation or project is eligible for funding or need help with registration, please contact DDCVS for guidance. We are here to help.

**Complete the on-line form and submit the required documents via email by the deadline.** (To help with the admin we ask applicants to complete the online form. If you would like a Word version to help anticipate questions, please contact us).

The **Development Team** at DDCVS will be available to discuss your project, and offer **guidance** about things such as budgeting, finding match funding, recording outputs and outcomes etc. **We won't write your application** for you, but we will support you.

When you have submitted your application, you may be contacted for additional information about your project.

If you are **unsuccessful**, you can contact the Development Team for support to find **alternative potential grant funds**.

## What documents will I have to submit?

- Your governing document
- Your most recent signed annual accounts, or for a new organisation your most recent financial statement
- 3 Quotes for any capital items of expenditure
- Evidence of match funding for your project
- Evidence of any licenses, planning permission, where appropriate
- A copy of your insurance schedule
- Permissions that you require to enable your project to take place
- Data Protection Policy
- Safeguarding of Vulnerable Adults and Children Policy
- Equality and Diversity Policy
- Health and Safety Policy
- Financial Procedures
- Risk assessment for the project
- Any documents / local data / surveys which explain what has informed your decision making

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## How many applications can I submit?

You can submit **one** application per organisation; this application can be for either revenue or capital.

## When do we need to apply by?

**9am Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2026.** *If you are a Parish Council and may have difficulties meeting this deadline, and would like to apply, please contact us.*

**We will not be able to tell you the outcome** of your application until the **grants panel has met** and **we will not be able to tell you whether your application is likely to be successful.**

**Applications will only be submitted to the grants panel** when we have received **sufficient information** from the applicant to enable the grants panel to decide. In some cases, the grants panel **may request additional information.**

Your application will be assessed to see if it **fits with the objectives and outputs** of the fund, **value** for money, written **quotations** for the work (where appropriate) evidence of need for the work, the **effectiveness** of your project in meeting the **need** you have identified and your organisation's **ability to deliver** the project as described.

If you are awarded a grant, we will notify you and ask you to sign a **grant agreement**. This will set out the **terms and conditions** of the grant including **monitoring** requirements. We will pay the grant **directly to your bank account once we have received your signed grant agreement.**

We expect the grants panel to meet in September, **please don't contact us to find** out the outcome, **we will contact you.**

## Deadlines for projects

All projects **must be completed** (carried out the work / completed the project and submitted monitoring and evidence of expenditure) **by 31st March 2027**, with monitoring until March 2028.

## How much can I apply for?

**Community Grants** – Grants will typically be between **£3,000** and a maximum of up to **£20,000**, though **revenue** amounts are likely to be **smaller.**

### Do we have to match fund the project?

Yes, organisations are required to **'match fund'** the project costs. This means **you must** fund at least **20% of the overall cost**.

*For example, a project costing £10,000 would be eligible for a grant of up to 80% (£8,000) of that total you will be expected to have sourced a minimum of £2,000.*

Match funding can be from your **organisation's own free reserves**, or from **other successful applications** that you have made for your project. Please note **you cannot use any award from the Better Derbyshire Dales Fund** as your match funding. We do not accept 'in kind' contributions as match funding such as volunteer hours.

Contact the Development Team if you are unsure.

All CRG payments are **gross and inclusive of any VAT** that the applicant is unable to recover, so this cost should be included in applications for non-VAT registered organisations. **If you are eligible to reclaim VAT, it is expected that you will do so and recoverable VAT will not be paid** as part of the grant.

*The grant award is final and no further funding will be provided to cover an organisation's unexpected VAT costs.*

### Should we apply for revenue or capital costs?

**Revenue** costs are **short-term** costs that you will incur to deliver your project, such as staffing costs, volunteer expenses, venue hire, consumables etc. The emphasis during this round will be on capital, however if you have a project which needs a relatively small amount of revenue, please apply.

**Capital** costs are the purchase of something that is a **longer-term investment**, such as equipment, or refurbishing a building.

### Will we need quotes for building work / capital before I apply?

Yes, you need at least 3 quotes to submit your application. If you need help meeting this requirement, please let us know.

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### Can previous applicants apply?

**Yes**, regardless of whether you received funding.

If you have **previously** been awarded a grant from the CRG, **please ensure that all monitoring forms have been returned** with the requested information. You should have met or exceeded your original objectives for the funding and submit evidence of outcomes, as this could impact on any new application.

### What kind of costs will the fund support?

We will support any kind of costs that directly relate to the delivery of your project, which contribute towards the objectives and outputs of this fund, and which are clearly additional to your normal running costs as an organisation. Please note, however, that **we are unable to fund retrospective costs**, in other words expenditure that has already been incurred prior to your application being made.

For your information, there are **outputs** and outcome targets for the overall fund. These are:

- 8 Grants distributed
- 3 Low or zero carbon energy infrastructure installed
- 7 Tonnes of carbon dioxide reduction
- 13 organisation receiving non-financial support
- 90 Volunteering opportunities supported/created.
- 1, 419 Increased users of facilities/amenities
- 1 Community -led arts, cultural, heritage & creative programme delivered

We thought this might help to know the overall outputs and outcomes. Your individual project needs to contribute to one or more of these overall targets, you are **not required to meet every one**.

***If you are successful in your grant application, you will need to supply evidence of actual costs as part of the evaluation process. Where there is insufficient evidence of actual money spent, the grant money will need to be returned to DDCVS for re-allocation to other projects. Privacy notice.***

Your privacy is important to us. Please see our privacy notice at <https://www.ddcvs.org.uk/about-us/data-controller-statement/>

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