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Dales doing it Together Grant FAQs

What are the Community Priorities?

The Community Priorities were determined through consultation before the East Midlands Mayor Combined Authority (EMMCA) funding and are the priority areas for grant applications. All applications need to meet at least one of these priorities.

Celebrating communities - Projects that promote cohesion, diversity, and a welcoming environment - examples include cultural events, social eating initiatives, community gardening, and activities supporting healthier communities.

Support for volunteers - Many local projects rely heavily on volunteers. Funding can support safe and meaningful volunteer placements, volunteer recruitment and training or infrastructure that helps volunteers thrive.

Community communications - There is a recognised need for improved coordination of community information. Funding can support digital and printed newsletters, translated materials, community networking and shared resources and coordinated communication platforms.

Investing in young people - Activities that provide positive engagement for under 4s through to later teens. Funding can support youth outreach, parental engagement and programmes building long-term pathways for young people.

Supporting people facing financial hardship - Projects that help lift residents out of hardship, including food provision, employment support, ESOL classes, welfare rights advice and financial resilience and budgeting sessions

General tidiness and cleanliness - Initiatives improving the appearance, safety, and cleanliness of local neighbourhoods.

Who can apply for grants?

Any groups or organisations whose activity is focussed in the Dales area.

What are application dates?

Large Grants – closing date 29 March 2026 – will reopen again in January 2027.

Small grants closing dates of 1 June 2026, 31 August 2026, 30 November 2026 (dates for 2027 to be confirmed)

What can the funding be spent on?

Project activity costs, including staff time, volunteer expenses, travel, refreshments, venue hire etc.

Capital funding is limited and only available in Year 1.

How will applications be assessed?

A Community Panel (of residents, organisations and a local councillor) will review how well applications meet the Community Priorities and the grant priorities.

Are there geographical restrictions for the funding?

Yes. Funding must be spent within the Dales Ward.

What is the deadline to spend the funding?

Funding must be spent within 12 months.