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Connecting rural and urban communities through community benefit funding

The Experience of the Copeland Community Fund

Defining urban within a rural setting



Rural challenges

- Deprivation (IMD) vs perceived high income vs Rural proofing
- Isolation, engagement and accessibility
- Basic service provision
- Infrastructure deficit
- Access to employment and training
- What does growth mean – what is the appetite locally, within the Energy Coast Economic Blueprint, within Cumbria LEP, from Government

Commonality across Copeland

- Community benefit from hosting nuclear sector
- Within and on periphery of major national park / tourism opportunity
- Coastal regeneration
- Young people's agenda
- Poor health stats / low educational attainment
- Community partnerships

Making Delivery work through partnership across the rural / urban divide

- Starting from 3 tier local relationships
- Maximising strengths and opportunities across the area
- Enabling an equality framework
- Connected locality community planning
- Political common purpose re nuclear



The Copeland Community Fund

The Fund

Grants Schemes:

- Development Grants up to £1000
- Small Grants up to £50,000
- Large Grants over £50,000

£10 million endowment:

- £5 million set aside for long-term investment, return used to fund administration and community development costs.
- £5 million set aside for Investment grants – either very large grants or investments that could provide a return or loans.

Community Development Team

- Team Leader
- Grants Officer
- 2 x Community Development Workers
- Additional support from RST for large projects

Headlines

Strategy of Open Applications against themes 2012/2013

- Number of Grants Allocated: 50
- Value of Grants Allocated: £4.4 million
- Value of Match Funding: £9.3 million

Full Three Years 2010-2013

- Number of Grants Allocated: 128
- Value of Grants Allocated: £7.9 million
- Value of Match Funding: £18.1 million

Urban / Rural Mix

<i>Delivery area</i>	<i>Popn</i>	<i>Proj</i>	<i>Value</i>	<i>% tot</i>
Howgate/Distinguon	7.8%	7	£193k	2.4
Whitehaven	36%	28	£1.8m	23.6
North East Copeland	17%	14	£561k	7
West Copeland	18%	18	£720k	9
Mid Copeland	7.8%	14	£508k	6.4
South Copeland	13%	18	£706k	9.5
Whole Borough	100%	29	£3.3m	41.7

Young People and Community

Grant Allocated

£1,443,437

Match Funding

£2,376,567

No of Grants

13



Sunbeams Music for Health and Wellbeing



Harbour Youth Project



Arts, Culture, Sport & Education

Grant Allocated

£2,108,805

Match Funding

£4,974,227

No of Grants

17



Egremont Cricket Club – encouraging girls cricket



Aspiration Sports Coaching

Social Enterprise

Grant Allocated

£78,883

Match Funding

£99,035

No of Grants

4

Phoenix Enterprise
Centre –Access
Copeland Project



Millom Network
Centre



Quality Open Spaces

Grant Allocated	Match Funding	No of Grants
£197,526	£950,550	6



Greenbank
Play Area



St Bees Village
Playground



Built Environment

Grant Allocated

£546,539

Match Funding

£944,133

No of Grants

9



J&E Gunson Almshouse Trust - Ulpha

Year 4: 2013-2014

- As at the 1st December 2013, the following grants have been made in the year 2013-2014:
 - Grants Allocated: £1,031,243
 - Match Funding: £1,679,440
 - Number of Grants: 21

The Drigg Society	Annual Grant	£50,000.00
Regen NE Copeland Ltd	Community Partnerships Together	£124,000.00
Inspira Cumbria Ltd	Friday Night Project	£257,700.00
Egremont and Area Regeneration Partnership Ltd	Florence Mine Centre	£164,000.00
Haverigg Lighthouse Centre Ltd	Haverigg Lighthouse Capital Gap	£79,994.00
Egremont and District Swimming Pool Trust	Swim In Egremont: Egremont Swimming Pool Organisational Development and Sustainability	£82,462.61

Year 4: 2013-2014

Kirkgate Arts (Arts Out West)	Arts Out West in Copeland	£31,105
Home to Work Ltd	Skills 4 You Pilot Project	£45,000
St Bees Parish Council	St Bees Beach Play Area Regeneration Project	£30,250
Allerdale Borough Council	Rugby League World Cup (RLWC) 2013 'Be There' Community engagement project - Copeland	£12,998
Bootle Village Hall	Bootle Village Hall Raise the Roof	£18,157
Egremont Crab Fair and Sports	Egremont Crab Fair and Sports	£30,454
Mirehouse Residents Group	Mirehouse Cattle Arch & pathways improvements	£8,084
Lake District National Park Authority	Ennerdale Views	£9,570
Copeland Stadium Trust	Function Room Refurbishment	£4,000
Whitehaven Fishermen's Co-operative Limited	Sea Safety Training	£13,312
Egremont Youth Partnership	Egremont Youth Cafe	£10,000
Beckermet Village Association	Beckermet Playground Improvement	£7,786
Moresby Parish Council	Moresby Parks Play Area	£20,154
Copeland School Sports Partnership	Copeland Young Sports Leader Academy	£22,738
New Arts North	Sing- a West Cumbrian singing network	£9,480

Moving Forward in partnership across the urban / rural divide





Continuing rural challenges

