

People and Communities Fund

People and Communities Fund - Context

- Regeneration Strategy launched December 2011
- Focus on strengthening community-led regeneration
- Aim to bring together funding streams within a wider strategy framework
- How funding streams can complement each other in order to benefit communities

People and Communities Fund

- Wider Role funding for RSLs ended in March 2012
- PCF - a new fund for robust community anchor organisations
- Opened for applications on 8 May 2012
- At least £6m available for allocation in each of the three years from 2012/13 to 2014/15

People and Communities Fund – The Aims

- Focus on community-led regeneration
- Support disadvantaged communities to be economically, physically and socially sustainable
- Communities to play an integral role in deciding what they want to see delivered
- Priorities – employability and preventative action

Community Anchor Organisations

- Controlled by local residents and/or by representatives of local groups
- Have a proven track record within their community
- Committed to involving all sections of their community
- Support and encourage community development in their area
- Actively engage with local people
- Deliver services in an holistic way
- Work with public, private and third sector partners
- Attract resources and opportunities into their community

What will the PCF fund?

- Projects identified as meeting the needs and aspirations of the community
- Project/service delivery - primarily funding for eligible revenue and direct overhead costs
- Capital costs will be considered if the applicant makes a robust case
- Projects that are delivered in an holistic way

People and Communities Fund - Guidelines

Partnership Working

- demonstrate co-ordination with other local strategies and joint working

Intervention Rate

- cash match funding from other sources will be expected but no level set

Threshold Levels

- annually - minimum £10,000 p.a. maximum £100,000 p.a.
- over life of project - up to a maximum of £250,000

Duration of Funding

- open application window with multi-year funding available (until March 2015)

Other funds

- will signpost applicants to alternative known sources of funding, where possible

Sustainability

- Make a sustained difference to communities
- Leave a positive legacy
- PCF will not be available as a long-term source of funding for projects
- Future financing
- Opportunities for mainstreaming
- Need robust monitoring and evaluation processes

Further Information

- Information Stall
- Panel Review – David Cowan
- www.scotland.gov.uk/pcf