

# Deflog VQ Stronger Futures Fund

## Guidance Notes



### Overview

The Deflog VQ Stronger Futures Fund has been established by the Deflog Vocational Qualification Trust. The fund will distribute up to £75,000 per annum to small voluntary and community groups, small charities and other types of not for profit organisations provided that the purpose of the funded activity is wholly charitable.

Grants are available for projects working with young people or ex service personnel that aim to build the skills and confidence that can increase social inclusion and enable people to move into volunteering, work based training, further education or permanent employment.

Two levels of grant award are available through the scheme

- 1) Kick Start awards offering grants of between £500 and £5000 for projects that support people to learn new skills and gain confidence through access to supported volunteering or to undertake work based training to gain meaningful employment. This award is aimed at providing support to groups to develop the idea into a deliverable project locally.
- 2) Development awards offering grants from £5001 to £25,000 are available for projects delivering services/activities that support people experiencing significant barriers to employment to learn new skills, gain confidence through access to volunteering or work based training to gain meaningful employment and increase social inclusion.

For exceptional projects with proven evidence of success in delivering similar projects the panel may award multiple year awards.

Barriers to employment arise for a variety of reasons for example lack of skills and confidence, mental health difficulties or homelessness and for the larger grant awards priority will be given to groups working in areas of significant disadvantage or with a particularly disadvantaged beneficiary group and in particular those at risk of becoming NEETS (Not in Education, Employment or Training).

### Applicants need to:

- Be small local groups and run by local people.
- Although grants can be made in both North and East Yorkshire, priority will be given to groups operating in Kingston upon Hull or East Riding of Yorkshire. Applications are particularly welcomed from groups operating in the Beverley & Driffild areas as this where the Deflog Trust was operational and where staff were based.
- Have a constitution, including suitable dissolution clause

**Some of the Impacts TRCF are aiming to achieve are:**

- More people accessing training opportunities
- More people accessing employment opportunities
- More people accessing opportunities for volunteering
- Increased confidence and reduced isolation amongst hard to reach individuals
- Improved mental health and financial inclusion

**Activity that could be supported:**

- Mentoring/ befriending project to provide one to one or small group support to improve confidence in disadvantaged groups
- Team building activities to increase confidence (projects should be able to clearly demonstrate how activities can help to move participants on into training, volunteering or work placements)
- Supported IT training
- Supported volunteering/work placements
- Volunteer training/ buddying programme
- Transport to attend training or work/volunteering placements

This list is not exhaustive but intended to act as a guide only

**General Eligibility**

The Community Foundation welcomes applications from charitable and voluntary groups with very few exceptions however some types of work cannot be funded.

<b>Who can apply?</b>	<b>Who cannot apply/ what work will not be supported?</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Registered charities</li><li>• Voluntary and community groups</li><li>• Smaller groups and other type of not for profit organisation that may not be registered as a charity provided that the purpose of the grant is wholly charitable.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Private Businesses</li><li>• Organisations based outside the area of benefit</li><li>• General appeals or sponsorship</li><li>• National organisations and their affiliates</li><li>• Work which has already started or taken place</li><li>• Work normally funded from statutory sources</li><li>• Work undertaken by or on behalf of statutory bodies as part of their statutory activities</li><li>• Work undertaken by/ on behalf of schools, colleges or universities as part of their statutory curricular activities</li><li>• Work for the advancement of religion</li><li>• Work where the main beneficiaries are animals</li><li>• Work which does not directly benefit people living in the area of benefit.</li><li>• Overseas holidays or trips</li><li>• Organisations that mainly give funds to other organisations or individuals</li></ul>
<p><b>Priority will be given to work which:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Addresses needs identified by local people</li><li>• Fulfils needs not already being met</li><li>• Supports community involvement</li><li>• Demonstrates a commitment to equal opportunities through activity</li></ul>	

## The Process

### 1. Applying

- Ensure you are eligible and that the fund is currently accepting applications.
- Complete the online application form. A link to this is found on the Deflog VQ Stronger Futures page of the Two Ridings Community Foundation website [www.tworidingscf.org.uk](http://www.tworidingscf.org.uk)
- Supporting documents, if not attached to the online application form, should be emailed to [grants@tworidingscf.org.uk](mailto:grants@tworidingscf.org.uk). If this is not possible, paper copies can be sent to Two Ridings Community Foundation, Pavilion 2000, Amy Johnson Way, York YO30 4XT.

**Applications will only be processed when all documentation has been received**

### 2. Assessment and Award

- All eligible applications will be assessed. An assessor may contact you to obtain further information or to arrange an evaluation. This may be over the telephone or in person.
- All Applications are considered by the Two Ridings Community Foundation Grants committee. The final decision cannot be changed and no discussion will be entered into although we will try to provide constructive feedback if we can. In certain circumstances applicants will be awarded a pledge. This is the promise of a grant if/when certain conditions are met.
- Following the panel meeting, we will contact you by email to let you know the outcome.

### 3. Monitoring and Evaluation

- When your project is complete, you must fill in an End of Grant Monitoring Form. This is available as an online form very similar to the online application form and should your application for funding be successful the link to your end of grant report will be sent to you when your grant payment is made. You will not be eligible to apply for further grants from this scheme until we have received this form as it finalises your grant.
- We aim to undertake monitoring visits on a proportion of funded applications and we will contact you to arrange a visit if this is required.
- Successful applicants **must** ensure that the Foundation is included in any publicity and our logos will be provided for this purpose.

If you require any assistance with the completion of your application please contact Two Ridings Community Foundation on 01904 929500.