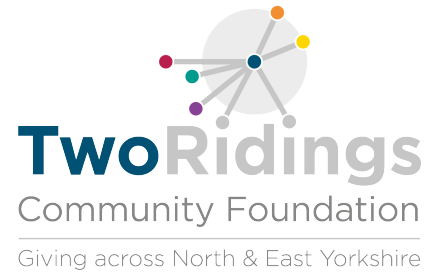


North Yorkshire Recovery – Community Resilience

Guidance Notes



Overview

The North Yorkshire Recovery - Community Resilience Fund is designed to support communities in Swaledale, Wensleydale & Arkengarthdale that were flooded in July 2019 who want to improve their community's resilience to future flooding.

In July 2019 flash flooding caused major devastation across parts of Swaledale, Arkengarthdale and Wensleydale. In response and thanks to generous donations from across the UK, Two Ridings Community Foundation opened the Swaledale & Wensleydale Recovery Fund to provide assistance to people affected by this flooding. Over £250,000 was raised, much of which was led by the local community. All of this money has been spent helping those whose homes were so badly affected to get back on their feet and to help Parish Councils to make emergency repairs to watercourses and other local infrastructure that was badly damaged.

In summer 2020 the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government announced they would match fund the £250,000 that had been raised locally, following the presentation of the case from Two Ridings, Richmondshire District Council, North Yorkshire County Council, York and North Yorkshire LEP and the NFU. The funding will be used to support individual resilience, community resilience and infrastructure work.

Community Resilience Grants

There are a range of community resilience projects that could be carried out, some of which are highlighted below. Further information can be found in the directory, which includes details of experts you may wish to contact to support you. If you have an idea and are not sure it meets the criteria, contact Roxanne Wood (rwood@tworidingscf.org.uk) who may be able to support or signpost you to a more appropriate person.

- Slow the Flow Projects/Natural Flood Management projects*
 - Leaky Damns
 - Tree Planting
 - Earth Bunds
 - Hedge Planting
 - Debris Damns
 - Mapping community interventions that could help flood alleviation

- Flood resilience measures that will benefit a specific area/street*
 - Bulk buying trash screens for culverts
 - Purchasing flood alleviation measures to be used by the community
 - Flood warning arrangements
 - Community flood plans, wardens and related equipment and training

- Community Health and Wellbeing
 - Measures to raise awareness of the risk of flooding or other adverse incidents and the individual actions residents can take to reduce or mitigate risks

- Peer support to encourage actions to reduce impact of financial, emotional or other impacts of flooding
- Response to address and improve community resilience

*Applicants may apply for projects for work on their own land or for work on other land with the owner's permission.

The applicant is responsible for checking if planning permission is required for any proposed works funded by the grant scheme.

Grant size

Groups and individuals can apply for up to £10,000

Eligibility

Constituted groups and individuals can apply for grants from this scheme. All groups should meet our general eligibility criteria which can be found here: <https://www.tworidingscf.org.uk/how-to-apply/>

Groups must:

- Have a management committee with at least 3 unrelated members
- Be a voluntary organisation, community group, registered charity or other not for profit organisation
- Have a bank account in the group's name (with two unrelated signatories as a minimum)

Please get in touch if you are not a constituted group and would like support as we will be able to signpost you to organisations/people who can support you.

The Process

Applying

- Complete the online application form accessed via our Swaledale and Wensleydale Fund web page <https://www.tworidingscf.org.uk/fund/swaledaleandwensleydale/> and attach supporting documents. If supporting documents cannot be attached then please forward these by email to grants@tworidingscf.org.uk

If you experience any difficulties with completing the application or providing any of the requested documentation please let us know via email.

Award

- An assessor may contact you to obtain further information, please ensure that the person named as the main contact is familiar with the application and can be available to discuss the detail.
- All Applications are considered by a local panel and the final decision cannot be changed.
- We will aim to get a decision to you within 6 weeks of receiving a completed application however we may 'hold' your application in a pipeline if we cannot fund it straight away.
- We will contact you by email to let you know the outcome. When we contact you we will copy in a trustee/member of your management committee so it is important that we have email addresses for your Board members.
- Payment runs will usually be done on a weekly basis. If your application is successful, provided we have everything we need, your payment will be made on the next payment run following your offer email.

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