Q&A clarifications

WC03 Call to support for Heritage/Cultural spaces in West Cornwall

Q1: What is the maximum size/budget of a project?
A1: There is no minimum or maximum amount imposed up to the limits of £250,000 grant that is available under the call (European Regional Development Fund - ERDF). We will expect the applicant to determine good value for money depending on the impact of the proposal. The call could invest in a single project, if outstanding, or could fund several smaller proposals.

Q2: Can my project be in core AND functional?
A2: No, the building postcode will determine whether the project is in core or functional. It will either be 100% core or 100% functional but can't be both.

Q3: What is good Value for Money for P12 outputs 'Square metres public or commercial building built or renovated in target areas'?
A3: Value for Money will depend upon how much grant funding is used and the space built or renovated - the benchmark for the programme is around £1,300 per m^2 (this can go up to an average of £1,600 per m^2 for workspace). This amount is worked out as follows: £ Grant requested/m2 built or renovated.

Q4: Can indirect employment be counted as an output?
A4: No, only jobs created as a direct result of the investment can be counted as an output (if created within 12 months of the end of your project or by 31st December 2022 - whichever is the soonest). However, if you can demonstrate indirect jobs are possible this would provide further supporting information for your application.

Q5: Can long-term economic impact justify CLLD investment?
A5: In order to be funded, the project will have to demonstrate short, mid and long-term economic impact. Projects that will only demonstrate long-term economic impact without clear outputs generated during the lifetime of the project will not be enough to justify investment.

Q6: Do I need to create a job to be eligible?
A6: No, creating a job is not a condition of funding; however, applications that can demonstrate direct job creation as a result of the investment will score higher.

Q7: What is the latest start date?
A7: There is no latest start date, project can start as early as January 2021. However, all projects have to be complete and have submitted their final claim for funding by December 2022.

Q8: Can my project be match funded by other grants?
A8: Yes, CLLD grant can be used in combination with other types of funding as long as they are not European funds. CLLD is a funder of last resort, which means the applicants will have to demonstrate one of the following: there are no other grants available at that time to cover the costs of this project; that he project cannot be funded privately; or that there is a gap in the overall funding package which CLLD could fill. It is also important to understand the levels of public funds in any one project may be limited by State Aid; this will be determined on a case by case basis.

Q9: What documents relating to the building do I need to provide at Expression of Interest (EoI) stage and at Full Application (FA) stage?
A9: EoI stage doesn't require any specific documentation regarding your building. EoI is to scope out your idea and whether this is something the LAG is interested in, more than a technical exercise. However, if you have supporting documents, such as those set out below, these can be included to strengthen your application as the LAG is more likely to fund a project that looks ready to deliver than one which has several years of work to be completed.

At Full Application stage, we will require much more detailed information about your proposal. The exact list will very much depend on the type of building you are working on and your facilitator will liaise with you to ensure you have an accurate list as soon as possible. This is likely to include:
- proof of ownership or copy of lease
- planning permission / change of use permissions
- listed building consent where relevant
- surveys, plans and drawings
- building regulation approval
- detailed cost plan and building programme
- proof of match funding
- Health and safety, environmental consents, etc.

The Full Application will also require a very detailed budget including a cashflow, a precise building programme, and proof of match funding.

NB: In order for a project to receive the funding all the relevant documents and permissions MUST be in place before signing the Grant Funding Agreement.