

Community Led Local Development West Cornwall Local Action Group

Call for Projects: WC03 Support for Heritage/Cultural spaces in West Cornwall

Community Led Local Development (CLLD) is launching a new call to support heritage and cultural spaces in West Cornwall. If you are a Gallery, Library, Archive, Museum, heritage related institution or performing space in West Cornwall, we would like to hear from you, discuss your proposal and support you in developing your project! We can help you to build, extend, renovate or refurbish a building and develop new services that will boost your institution growth and increase local economic development. These CLLD grants will offer capital (& a little bit of revenue) investment for projects that can demonstrate a strong economic impact on the most deprived areas of West Cornwall.

Context and Local Development Strategy

[The Local Development Strategy](#) for West Cornwall identified the natural, cultural and heritage assets as a route to skills, training and employment as well as having the potential for business growth and development. Arts and creative activities were recognised as a strength and a sector with opportunities.

This call focuses on supporting heritage and cultural spaces in West Cornwall to encourage economic development and lead to skills and employment opportunities.

Total amount available: **£250,000 (ERDF)**

Intervention rate: depending on the project from 45% to 72%

Match: to be found from non-EU sources.

Who is the call for?

Eligible applicants will be from the GLAM sector: Galleries, Libraries, Archives and Museums in West Cornwall. The call will also consider performing spaces including gardens and heritage related institutions. See our eligible geographic areas [HERE](#) (bottom of the page).

Applicants **MUST be** based in core or functional areas (the priority will be given to buildings/projects in a 'core' area but a maximum of 30% of the total budget allocated can be spent on 'functional areas').

What is the call for?

Developing the economic potential of the natural, cultural and heritage offer in the area by:

1. building, extending, renovating, refurbishing buildings **and/or**
2. developing new offers that will increase the economic growth of these institutions and/or the economic potential of their local area.

The call will support projects through:

1. ERDF capital investment (equipment, building and infrastructure)
2. However, applicant can include up to 20% of their total costs as staff time (ERDF revenue funding) if they can demonstrate that this will be critical to the success of their proposal.

Examples of eligible activities (***non-exhaustive list***):

- Development/adaptation or refurbishment of existing heritage buildings to provide space for communities
- Revitalisation of high streets/town centres leading to economic growth (recognising that retail activity is ineligible)
- Provision of workspace/new business units to rent to facilitate growth
- Refurbishment of existing buildings for use as coworking and hot desking spaces
- Development/adaptation of existing community buildings to provide space for work
- Creation of new spaces (expansion of existing facilities) leading to growth for the organisation through the provision of new services
- Refurbish a room to support businesses Research and Innovation
- Develop innovative approaches to support economic growth for local communities

Please note that:

1. feasibility studies will **not** be supported
2. CLLD cannot fund projects directly related to tourism, retail and hospitality activities (e.g. work related to a museum shop would not be eligible).
3. Projects focussed solely on increasing visitor number from tourism should not apply; however, projects that can demonstrate a positive economic impact on their local community and engagement with the core areas will be welcome. While we understand that cultural institutions are heavily reliant on tourism related revenue, projects under this call must focus on CLLD objective of supporting the most deprived areas in Cornwall. Other sectoral restrictions may apply, depending upon the nature of the project; it is recommended that you attend one of our information sessions to find out more.
4. Applicants will have to demonstrate they cannot secure other sources of funding to cover the costs of their projects.

Impact

We would expect projects to deliver one or more of the following:

- Significant economic benefits for the applicant such as job creation, more sustainable business model, etc.
- Communities that have the resources and skills to generate and sustain local economic activities, supporting community employment and businesses directly.
- Applicants to have stronger viability through diversifying or developing new business opportunities, with growth and employment potential.
- Local assets are better managed and sustainably used in community based economic activities.

Outputs

Our expectation is that projects will deliver multiple outputs

The range of outputs projects should deliver are:

P12	Square metres public or commercial building built or renovated in targeted areas
C1	Number of enterprises receiving support
C5	Number of new enterprises supported
C8	Employment increase in supported enterprises

Timeframe (Note, projects will have a maximum duration of 24 months to complete).

Call launch	1 May 2020
EoI to be submitted to CLLD@cornwalldevelopmentcompany.co.uk	25 June 2020 - 5pm
EoI LAG meeting	6 July 2020
Full application to be submitted to CLLD@cornwalldevelopmentcompany.co.uk	25 September 2020 - 5pm
Full application LAG meeting	30 November 2020
Earliest project start	January 2021
Latest project completion (delivery)	December 2022
Latest project financial completion	March 2023

The CLLD team will deliver 2 information sessions on **Tuesday 19th May (10.00 to 11.00)** and **Thursday 21st May (14.00 to 15.00)**.

If you are interested, please register [HERE](#). There will be a presentation of the call and a Q&A session.

If you have any specific questions, please send them to the CLLD team **by noon on Monday 18th May (for the 1st session) or by noon on Wednesday 20th May (for the second session)** at CLLD@cornwalldevelopmentcompany.co.uk