

**Proposed thresholds, timescales and criteria for community and business grant schemes ((to be finalised in consultation with Portfolio Holder)**

**Thresholds**

- Minimum of £2,000 and maximum of £10,000
  - Expectation of 10% match funding from application

**Timescales**

- w/c 2 June to w/c 30 June 2025 – window open for funding bids
- w/c 7 July – bids assessed
- w/c 14 July – funding awarded

**Criteria**

Projects must be:

1. located in New Forest District and within either:
  - a. towns, villages and hamlets with populations below ten thousand and the wider countryside, or
  - b. market or hub towns with populations of up to thirty thousand.
2. meet the themes, be comparable to the intervention list and deliver against the outputs and outcomes of REPF; and
3. support NFDC's corporate priorities; and
4. demonstrate evidence of liquidity (e.g. accounts showing healthy reserves, and that organisation is sustainable); and either
5. **For community grants** demonstrate evidence of being a community organisation (e.g. parish council, registered charity, CIC, or other form of organisation; or
6. **For local business grants** demonstrate evidence of being a business (e.g. listed on companies house or an equivalent).