

*How do I  
apply for  
funding?*



# *GDF Community Investment Funding*



**Mid Copeland  
GDF Community Partnership**

# Welcome

## About the Community Investment Team

The formation of the Mid Copeland GDF Community Partnership marked the start of the siting process for a possible Geological Disposal Facility (GDF) and in its first year awarded £1million made available annually by central government.

Our role is to administer Community Investment Funding for the Mid Copeland GDF Community Partnership by supporting its Community Investment Panel, those applying for grants and those who receive them.

Our summary of the Funding Application Process can be found at [midcopeland.workinginpartnership.org.uk](https://midcopeland.workinginpartnership.org.uk)

**We are open for funding applications and ready to support you.**

## What can Community Investment Funding be used for?

The grants can be used to fund projects, schemes or initiatives that:

- provide economic opportunities
- enhance the natural and built environment, or
- improve community wellbeing.

Within these three main principles, Mid Copeland GDF Community Partnership may also agree locally-specific criteria. Please contact the Community Investment Team for further guidance.

## Who can apply?

We're open to applications from community groups, public sector organisations and businesses that want to do something to benefit the community. And if you're not sure where to start, don't worry, we're here to help, so just get in touch with us.



## Guidance and support

We're here to make your grant application as smooth as possible – and often it starts with a chat about your organisation and your needs.

You might be an established organisation, or you might be a group of people who want to improve things in your area but don't know where to start.

So, start here. You'll find lots of useful information.

And if you would just like to chat through your plans, don't hesitate to contact the team. In fact, we encourage you to chat to us before you put in an application.

That way, when you're ready to put in a grant application, you're much more likely to be successful.







## Is your organisation eligible to apply?

Properly constituted private, public and third sector organisations may apply for funding. Organisations may also apply together but would require one organisation to act as lead organisation for the partnership and 'accountable body' for the funding.

If you are an unconstituted organisation it might be possible for another organisation to apply for funding on your behalf.

Individuals may not apply for funding for their own personal use.





## Some examples of how funding could be used

### **Economic Development**

For example, employment opportunities, job creation, skills development, education or training, promotion of local enterprise, long-term economic development or economic diversification.

### **Natural or Built Environment**

For example, supporting cultural and natural heritage, especially where economic benefits, for example through tourism, can be demonstrated.

### **Community Wellbeing**

For example, improvements to community and sports facilities, enhancement of the quality of life or health and wellbeing of the community.

### **Data Protection and GDPR**

Your information will be processed in accordance with UK Data Protection laws and we have robust systems in place to keep your information safe. Your information will be stored on our secure systems and shared with relevant individuals where necessary to process your query. Please see our full privacy notice at: [midcopeland.workinginpartnership.org.uk/utility/privacy-policy/](https://midcopeland.workinginpartnership.org.uk/utility/privacy-policy/)



# How much can you apply for?

You can apply for a small, medium or large grant:

**Small grants** - under £10,000

**Medium grants** - £10,000 to £50,000

**Large grants** – above £50,000

We always recommend you contact the team to discuss your grant request and funding needs before applying.

## How long do you have to spend the grant?

This would be covered as part of the agreement if you're accepted for a grant. It would be specific to each project and relate to the information you have provided on your application form about your expected project lifetime. All eligible expenditure must be incurred during the lifetime of the project.

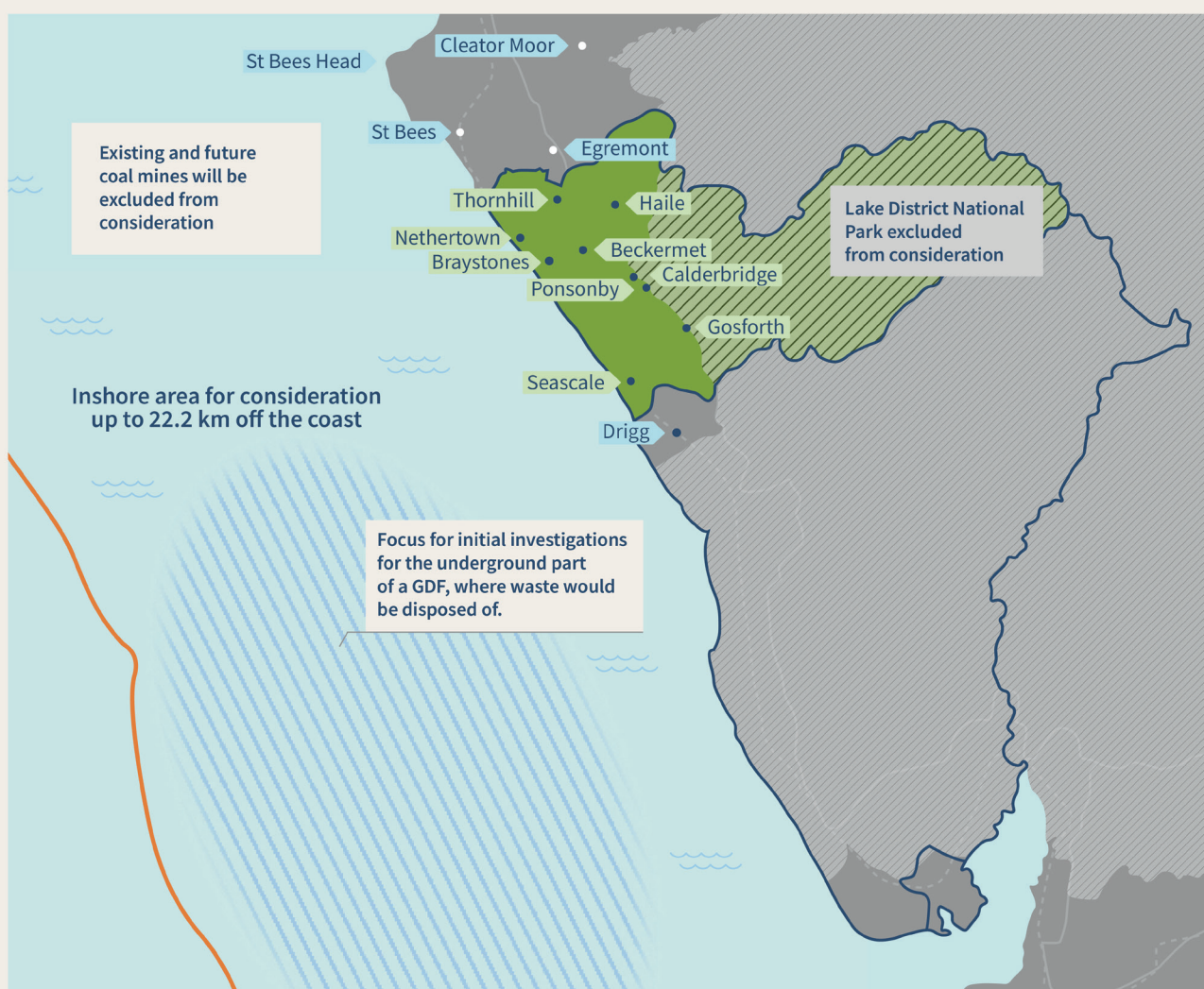




## We want to help you to make a difference for the community in Mid Copeland.

The funding can be used to support projects, schemes or initiatives that provide economic development opportunities, enhance the natural and built environment, or improve community wellbeing.

### Mid Copeland Search Area Gosforth electoral ward



Illustrative map of Mid Copeland Search Area defined using new ward boundaries from April 2023

- Onshore area for consideration
- Excluded from consideration, retains funding
- Inshore area for consideration
- Inshore area boundary
- Electoral ward boundary



# Let's talk

**Not sure where to start? We can help.**

**We welcome your questions ahead of applying and invite you to contact us to discuss your needs.**

The Community Investment Team will be happy to provide pre-application guidance and support including guidance on eligibility criteria, how to apply and practical guidance with the application form if needed.

You can also find the summary of our funding application process on our website.

The team is also able to signpost you to sources of more specialised support and guidance if needed.

## **Contact us or make a funding application**

All applications will be through our online grants management system. Chat to us first, visit our website or scan here.

You can also contact us if you need help to access and use the online grants management system.

**Tel:** 0300 369 0000

**Email:** [communityinvestment-midcopeland@nuclearwasteservices.uk](mailto:communityinvestment-midcopeland@nuclearwasteservices.uk)

**Website:** [midcopeland.workinginpartnership.org.uk](http://midcopeland.workinginpartnership.org.uk)

**Post:** Mid Copeland GDF Community Partnership, GDF Enquiries,  
PO Box 130, SEASCALE, CA28 0DN



**Scan here:**

## **When will you know the outcome of your application?**

Applications for funding will be assessed by the Mid Copeland GDF Community Investment Panel every eight weeks. You will then be notified of the outcome and any next steps.