

## EGL2 Yorkshire Local Community Fund – Priority Areas

To ensure the fund supports what matters most locally, we've reviewed local policy, data, and feedback from voluntary support organisations and community representatives. While all eligible organisations are welcome to apply under the fund's main themes (shown **in bold**), we particularly encourage projects that reflect the priorities listed under each of these themes below.

We will keep these priorities under review to ensure they continue to reflect local needs.

### **Providing education and Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths (STEM) opportunities**

- Extra literacy and maths support for pre-schoolers in low-income households
- Support for young people with special education needs and disability, and those regularly missing school

### **Protecting the environment and ensuring access to green spaces**

- Environmental preservation and biodiversity, particularly marine and coastal conservation and flood defence
- Promoting use of nature and heritage sites for recreation, health and wellbeing

### **Improving community spaces and saving energy**

- Advice on energy efficiency and retrofitting for homes and community buildings
- Removing barriers to waste reduction, recycling and electric vehicle uptake

### **Helping with the cost of living and employability**

- Skills and careers support in digital, green energy, tourism and culture, health, and social care
- Support for those most affected by the cost-of-living crisis, including fuel poverty
- Helping young people access local jobs

### **Encouraging physical health and activity**

- Projects promoting healthy habits like exercise, smoke-free living and healthy eating
- Encouraging exercise, particularly for adults with a limiting illness or disability, and for lower income households

### **Supporting mental health and wellbeing**

- Helping young people feel connected to their community and addressing mental health impacts of the pandemic
- Projects helping people affected by age or disability to live independently; and additional support for their carers

### **Other priorities, which could fall under any of the broad themes above:**

- Projects supporting young people which are designed with their input/feedback
- Developing community assets and services through volunteer recruitment and engaging activities
- Signposting and connecting veterans or people with sensory impairments to appropriate support services
- Support for rurally isolated people, including transport solutions
- Support for people affected by domestic abuse, and people experiencing homelessness