

Yorkshire GREEN 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

- Support for young people with special education needs and disability, and those regularly missing school
- Digital skills and connectivity training to reduce isolation

Protecting the environment and ensuring access to green spaces

- Helping people, particularly the young, access and enjoy green spaces
- Preserving biodiversity, water quality, National Parks and Landscapes, and coastal environments (including flood risk mitigation)
- Addressing littering, fly-tipping, and air quality

Improving community spaces and saving energy

- Helping households reduce their energy bills
- Supporting energy efficient upgrades of homes and community buildings

Helping with the cost of living and employability

- Skills and careers support in agri-, bio-, marine-, and renewable tech, sustainable construction, and tourism
- Helping young people access local jobs
- Training for seasonal workers to help secure year-round employment
- Early intervention and additional support for families facing hardship

Encouraging physical health and activity

- Addressing health inequalities linked to income or long-term health conditions

Supporting mental health and wellbeing

- Support for older people – particularly dementia care, strengthening care networks, and independent living
- Community safety and cohesion, helping marginalised groups integrate

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

- Support for rurally isolated people, including transport solutions, to ensure wellbeing, education, skills development and other services are accessible
- Projects designed with and to support veterans