

## Main Grant Applicant Eligibility Checklist

To be eligible for funding projects need to:

	Yes/No
1. fit with the Making it Local Main Grants Objectives	
2. Require funding between £10,000-£100,000	
3. demonstrate need for their project	
4. be located in the project area	
5. have eligible costs	
6. be an eligible organisation	
7. have match funding	
8. start at least three to four months or more from now	
9. be a new project activity	

### 1. Fit with the Making it Local Main Grants Objectives

Eligible projects should meet one or more of the following three objectives to be eligible for funding;

- A. Raise business performance and local employment.
- B. Support Communities and Connections.
- C. Make the most of local resources.

#### A. Raise business performance and local employment.

For projects that support micro and small businesses, to make them more ambitious and productive, to create more sustainable jobs and to make the most of markets for local products and services.

1. Help people to develop their enterprise, their business skills and leadership abilities	Mostly for individual micro or small businesses, and those that support them, for training, feasibilities, marketing, start-up costs and to do what is needed help them to develop.
2. Develop and improve the markets for local products and services	For individual micro or small business, social enterprises and other groups doing things like an arts gallery for local arts, websites that attract people to buy local products or expanding farmers markets
3. Build local knowledge and aspiration through exemplar sustainability projects	For individual micro or small business, social enterprises and other groups creating exciting, high profile ventures like eco-tourism, energy generation or community food growing.

#### B. Support Communities and Connections

For projects that help communities and businesses to be more resilient and sustainable by developing strong local connections, essential community services and community held assets.

1. Increase joint working and cooperation between and within communities, businesses and other groups	To develop collaborative projects like group woodland management, food co-operatives or using social networking to make local links.
2. Develop and improve sustainable rural services	To do things like run village hubs, develop local allotments or create new transport solutions.
3. Collaborate on the development and use of renewable energies	For business and organisations to work together on things like useable methane from food waste, wood fuel or cost effective community generated power.

### C. Make the most of local resources

For projects which strengthen the local economy through sensitive and sustainable use of the landscape and natural resources, and that work with local culture and built heritage.

1. Increase sustainable tourism, recreation and access	To develop projects like all ability trails, parish footpaths or forest-based recreation.
2. Encourage new and sustainable use of existing natural resources	To make things like new wood or food products, fibre-product development or land-based activities.
3. Make the most of the local environment as a product particularly through cultural, arts and heritage activities	To run cultural events like arts festivals, to use the landscape as a brand or restore landscape features.

### 2. Require funding between £10,000 - £100,000

The Main Grants fund offers grants between £10,000 - £100,000. For lower amount of funding please visit the Small Grants webpage

### 3. Demonstrate need for project

Does your project provide clear evidence of local needs or opportunities? i.e. surveys, reports, letters of support etc.

### 4. Be located in the Project Area

For a project to be eligible for funding, you must demonstrate that it will provide benefits in some or all of the programme area. It may be one parish or town, or the whole area. For a more detailed map please download one from the Small Grants webpage.

### 5. Have eligible costs

For a summary of eligible costs please download the Guidance on Project Costs document from the website.

### 6. Be an eligible organisation

Funding is available for different kinds of business and organisations, including private businesses, farm households and sole traders, social enterprises, Parish and Town Councils, voluntary groups, local community groups, charities and constituted groups.

### 7. Match Funding

Do you have 'match' funding already secured? (Making it Local will fund between 30% and 70% depending on your project type and organisation type.)

### 8. Project Start Date

Will the project start at least three to four months from now? If yes then your project is eligible for funding, but if your project has already started then you are not eligible for funding. Please note we can not fund any projects which have already started.

### 9. Be a New Project

Is the activity of this project **unique**? i.e. not covered by an existing initiative or project.

If you have answered yes to most of these questions then you are eligible to apply. If you have any queries please contact us [makingitlocal@devon.gov.uk](mailto:makingitlocal@devon.gov.uk) or 01823 680626  
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