

Funding workshop: questions

1. Can you save Dorset Council online forms, and come back later?

Yes

2. Are you able to fund projects that benefit overseas people as well as Dorset people?

Only apply for the elements of the project that demonstrate benefits to Dorset people

3. What are the grant match funding rates?

Dorset Council: 80%

Dorset Community Foundation: varies by grant

National Lottery Communities Fund: can be up to 100%

4. What one thing would you recommend for people new to writing funding bids?

- **Need:** most applicants use national data in their applications but make no links locally. It really helps to use local data, for example it is known from national data that people benefit from accessing nature, but do you have demand for your service? Do you have a waiting list? Are you partnering with local experts?
- **Impact:** often it is poorly demonstrated how a project will benefit people
- **Communications:** often multiple applications are received from the same organisation – make sure you have consulted internally as much as externally.
- **What success looks like:** be positive when selling your project; it is more motivating
- **Get your basics right:** little things may trip you up: for example make sure the address on the bank statement matches the address in the application form.
- **Don't leave it until the last minute!**

5. Dorset Fund Finder is a useful resource

Set up a bespoke search and alerts to help save a lot of time:

<https://www.idoxopen4community.co.uk/dorset>

6. What are the funding limits for the Wessex Water pots?

Communities fund: £3,000

Environment fund: £1,500