



SeaScapes
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SeaScapes

Community Grants Scheme

Information and Criteria

About SeaScapes

The heritage of the Tyne to Tees seascape is locally and nationally significant and deserves to be better explored and celebrated. SeaScapes aims to stimulate communities to have a real and positive impact on our natural world and will make sure that it can still be enjoyed by future generations. We know that encouraging people to get outside will boost their wellbeing, and the beautiful marine environment that SeaScapes will showcase is the perfect backdrop for it.

SeaScapes is a marine heritage and conservation partnership scheme that is funded for four years by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. Our vision is:

‘To reveal and better manage the hidden heritage of our unique seascape and create opportunities for learning, access and enjoyment in order to ignite stewardship of this special place for generations to come.’

For more information about SeaScapes, please visit: www.exploreseascapes.co.uk

This community grants scheme is for communities, groups, and organisations to deliver projects that celebrate, protect, and cultivate stewardship of our coastal and marine wildlife, and marine heritage – be that natural, built, or cultural heritage.

If you have a project that you’re excited about and would like to discuss this before applying, please contact us on: info@exploreseascapes.co.uk

Who can apply?

The SeaScapes Community Grants Scheme is open to:

- Unincorporated Community Groups
- Constituted Community Groups
- Charitable Organisations
- Local Schools
- Social enterprises
- CIC’s limited by guarantee
- Other not-for-profit businesses (as evidenced in your Articles of Association)



How much can I apply for?

Applications can be made for funding from £150 up to a maximum of £2000.

If your project will cost more than the amount you are applying for, you must show that you will have the rest of the money and can complete the project. It is also possible to use this funding as match for other streams.



What type of projects can be funded?

We are interested in a diverse range of projects that tie in with SeaScapes four main project themes. These are:

- **Blue Futures:** Projects that enable local communities to improve their environment, reduce litter, and combat the poor perceptions that are a legacy of the industrial past.
- **Access to Sea:** Making it easier for people to reach and feel part of the seascape by breaking down barriers and supporting local communities to make full use of seascapes coastal and marine assets.
- **Revealing Hidden Heritage:** Using innovative methods and participative approaches to ensure our heritage is better recorded, in better condition, and better understood, engaging beyond our usual audiences.
- **Seascapes over time:** Telling the incredible story of the Tyne to Tees seascape, from the Zechstein Sea, through ice ages, wars, and significant industrial heritage up to the present day.

You will need to demonstrate clearly how your project reflects at least one of the following priorities:

- Connects people to local coastal and marine heritage
- Enables a wider range of people to get involved with coastal and marine heritage and is inclusive in its approach.
- Demonstrates how people have developed a greater understanding of the ocean.
- Demonstrates how people have changed their behaviour / adopted pro-ocean behaviours because of your project.
- Includes local volunteering, employment, or training.
- Has helped people to develop skills and/or wellbeing.

At SeaScapes we really value the knowledge, skills and time given by volunteers. As a result, we are keen to see evidence of volunteers involved in the delivery of your project.



Your project must:

- Take place within the Tyne to Tees partnership area (North Gare to South Shields).
- Contribute towards the vision of SeaScapes.
- Be based on activities that promote local coastal and/or marine heritage (this can be natural, built, or cultural heritage).
- Be for public benefit and not for private gain.
- Either be a new project or a distinct addition to an existing project (not just a continuation of an existing project).
- Projects should be completed within 6 months of funds being awarded.
- Projects must be completed by March 2024.

What we will not fund:

This Community Grants Scheme will not fund:

- Individuals
- Statutory Organisations
- Funds will not be given to acquire land, buildings, or heritage items/objects
- Capital works
- Legal and/or statutory responsibilities
- Costs for any activity/project that has taken place before a grant is awarded.

Grant application and project delivery schedule:

There will be three quarterly grant funding rounds based on the following cut off dates for application submission and project delivery:

Round	Application Start date	Application closing date	Anticipated project start date	Anticipated project end date
1	4 th November 2022	1 st December 2022	January 2023	June 2023
2	19 th May 2023	19 th June 2023	July 2023	December 2023
3	18 th August 2023	18 th September 2023	October 2023	March 2024

How to apply: Email info@exploreseascapes.co.uk to request an application pack.



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Governance

To carry out due diligence within the grant making process, the SeaScapes Community Grants Scheme asks you to submit the following documents with your application:

- A copy of your governing document (Memorandum, Articles of Association or Set of Rules).
- A copy of your most recent annual accounts, or
- A copy of a bank statement no more than 3 months old (the statement must be in the name of the group or organisation applying for a grant).
- If you are an unincorporated group, a named sponsor organisation will be required to receive funds on your behalf.
- Organisational policies relevant to your project (For example, Safeguarding Policy if project involves children, young people and/or vulnerable adults.)

Selection process

All applicants will be checked to ensure they meet the criteria.

The Community Grants Panel will make recommendations on whether a grant should be offered. The grants panel is made up of representatives from the local community as well as partner organisations to ensure the decision-making process is as fair, open, and transparent as possible.

Feedback will be provided to unsuccessful applicants.

What happens if my project is successful?

The successful projects will be announced no longer than six weeks after the closing date for applications.

Funding will only be paid into a constituted bank account.

Funds will normally be available within 5 days of your bank account being verified.

Once your project is finished you will need to provide evidence of spend to the amount funded. This is in line with the National Lottery Heritage Fund's requirements.

It is expected that grant recipients will keep SeaScapes updated during delivery of your project, and that you will complete and return a simple evaluation document at the end of your project: this may be accompanied with images and/or film if appropriate.



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Successful applicants may be asked to provide details for media coverage and promotion of their project by SeaScapes.

Equal Opportunities

SeaScapes is committed to promoting equal opportunities, and to valuing diversity regardless of age, disability, gender / gender reassignment, race, colour, nationality, ethnic or national origin, language, religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation, marital or civil partnership status, health status or any other discriminatory factor.

The SeaScapes Community Grants Scheme is equally committed to equality of opportunities in relation to funding and we believe that a diverse portfolio of funding allows for increased learning and improvements in practice.

Use of Personal Data

The SeaScapes Partnership Scheme will use the personal information about you and other named individuals provided in your application to assess and administer a grant application for the SeaScapes Community Grants Scheme. To support this, searches may be carried out using publicly available sources such as the Charity Commissions website.

Under GDPR regulations, your information will only be used where SeaScapes has a legal basis to do so, for example, to carry out our legitimate interests to manage and promote our Community Grants Scheme, or to meet our legal or contractual obligations. By providing any personal information about another person, you are confirming that they understand how their data may be used and shared.

When it comes to your personal data, under GDPR Regulations, you have certain rights. This includes rights to access and correct your information, and to erase, transfer, object to, restrict or take away consent around how we use your information. Please contact SeaScapes if you or anyone named in your application have any concerns with the information being used publicly or if you wish to exercise any of your rights.

Help!

We want to ensure your application has the best possible chance of getting funding and we are happy to help you. If you need any assistance, please contact:

email: info@exploreseascapes.co.uk Phone: Michael on 07909 453860
