

Frequently Asked Questions

Two Ridings Community Foundation has produced these questions and answers as a new community fund launches in the Kirkby Misperton area.

About the fund

What is the Kirby Misperton Community Fund?

The Kirby Misperton Community Fund is a new charitable fund that will provide grants to local community groups and charities. Grants will be available for a wide variety of projects that will enhance life for local residents in the areas of Kirby Misperton, including the area outside the parish boundary around the Beansheaf Hotel, and the villages of Great and Little Habton and Great and Little Barugh.

Where is the money coming from?

The Fund has been created by a donation from Third Energy in recognition of the local community hosting their hydraulic fracturing operations at the KM8 well in Kirby Misperton.

In this pilot UKOOG members have committed under its Community Engagement Charter, to put in place appropriate benefit schemes for local communities that host hydraulic fracturing operations. Under this agreement participating members will provide a £100,000 pilot Community Benefit Fund for communities local to any shale gas exploration well. This will be paid by the operator, regardless of whether or not recoverable deposits are found.

How much money will be available?

The Fund will receive a donation of £100,000 at the start of the test fracs at KM8, which received planning approval from North Yorkshire County Council in 2016. .

When will the money be available?

When Third Energy receives hydraulic fracturing consent for the KM8 project from the Secretary of State at the Ministry of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, it will pay the £100,000 into an escrow (holding) account set up in Two Ridings' name. The money will then be transferred to the Fund available for distribution as grants, when the first hydraulic fracture of the KM8 well starts.

How long will funds be available for?

This Fund is focused on the initial £100,000 associated with the exploration/appraisal phase. If, after this phase, the Energy Company decides to carry out further hydraulic fracturing that leads to commercial production, a new community fund arrangement will be set up. In this revenue phase the Fund will be based on a contribution from Third Energy of the equivalent of 1% of production revenues (before Third Energy has accounted for costs). It is envisaged that the initial fund of £100,000 will be allocated during 2018, but this will depend on demand for funding.

Why is the fund restricted to only certain areas?

The Fund area of benefit is the village Kirby Misperton, including the area outside the parish boundary around the Beansheaf Hotel, and the villages of Great and Little Habton and Great and Little Barugh. This area of benefit for the initial £100,000 has been designed so that it focusses on those communities closest in proximity to the KM8 well. This ensures that those communities are the primary beneficiaries

What sort of projects will benefit?

Two Ridings Community Foundation has experience of managing similar community benefit funds in other areas and they have been able to provide funding for a wide variety of community enhancement projects. These include improvements to local play areas, capital investment in local facilities like village halls, equipment for sports clubs, community transport schemes, youth club provision, and equipment for toddler groups. This list is not exhaustive but intended to provide examples of the type of project that could be funded.

What happens if Two Ridings Community Foundation don't distribute all the £100,000?

The Fund will be rolled forward. If there is a problem with making grants in a specific area then Two Ridings can agree with the panel that it can widen the area of benefit

Applying for funding

Who can apply for a grant from the Fund?

The Fund will be available to local voluntary and community groups, small charities and other types of not for profit organisations based in and/or serving the local communities within the area of benefit, provided that the purpose of the project is wholly charitable. Parish councils will also be able to apply provided that the purpose of the grant is wholly charitable and falls outside of their usual remit.

The Fund area of benefit is the village of Kirby Misperton, including the area outside the parish boundary around the Beansheaf Hotel, and the villages of Great and Little Habton and Great and Little Barugh. Projects proposed by organisations based outside this area but providing services to residents based within the area of benefit will also be considered. Visit www.trcf.org.uk/grants-kirby-misperton-fund to see map of area of benefit.

Who can't apply for a grant from the Fund?

The table below outlines the organisations/activities that cannot be funded:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Private Businesses• General appeals or sponsorship• National organisations and their affiliates• Work which has already started or taken place• Work normally funded from statutory sources• Work undertaken by or on behalf of statutory bodies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work undertaken by/ on behalf of schools, colleges or universities as part of their statutory curricular activities• Work for the advancement of religion• Work where the main beneficiaries are animals• Work which does not directly benefit people living in the area of benefit• Overseas holidays or trips• Activities contrary to the best interests of the Donor or of any of its Affiliates
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What happens if Two Ridings receives applications to the Fund for groups that want to campaign against shale gas and production of other hydrocarbons?

This falls outside the list of organisations or activities that can be funded.

How do I apply for funding?

Two Ridings has an online application process which is accessed by following the link from the Kirby Misperton Community Fund page on the Two Ridings Community Foundation website (www.trcf.org.uk). The process is straightforward and you can save your application as you work through it allowing you to dip in and out of it as much as you need up to the point of submission.

Once the Fund is open, the link to the application form will be available on the web page www.trcf.org.uk/grants-kirby-misperton-fund

Paper application forms are available on request from Two Ridings Community Foundation for people unable to apply online.

How much can I apply for?

Typically grants will be available from around £200 to £10,000 but the final guidelines, including grant sizes will be agreed by the community panel when it first meets. Levels of awards will be announced once the Fund is open.

How will grants be allocated/who will make the decision about how grants will be allocated?

Two Ridings Community Foundation will be setting up a local panel to advise on how funds from the Kirby Misperton Community Fund are used to the best advantage within the local community. Local knowledge is invaluable in contributing to decisions on how funds are best used to enhance the local area of benefit. Opportunities for local residents to get involved with the operation of the Fund will be advertised locally and on the Kirby Misperton Community Fund web page at www.trcf.org.uk/grants-kirby-misperton-fund

Who will sit on the panel deciding how grants are allocated?

The panel will be made up of representatives from the local parish council, community and other individuals who may be invited at the discretion of Two Ridings Community Foundation for their relevant local knowledge and experience. As far as possible the panel will be selected to ensure that members represent a broad range of interests and sectors within the local community. Third Energy will not be represented on the panel.

How can I apply to be on the panel?

Local residents can apply to be a panel member by downloading and completing the application form which is available on the Kirby Misperton Community fund web page at www.trcf.org.uk/grants-kirby-misperton-fund.

When can community groups and charities apply for a grant?

We expect to open the Fund for the first round of applications in early 2018.

When will the grants be given out?

We expect the first grant awards to be made in April 2018 when the panel meets although this will depend on the commencement of the hydraulic fracturing operations at the KM8 well. Subsequent panel meetings will be held in August and November 2018 so there will be a number of opportunities to apply to the fund.

What is the timescale for the grant giving?

The first funding round will be open for applications for a period of 9 weeks; the first application window will then close. During the next 3 weeks, the applications received will be assessed and prepared for the panel. The panel will meet 4 weeks after the closure of the application window and make its recommendations; applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application within 1 week of the panel meeting.

We anticipate holding panels as follows:

January 2018 – induction meeting to agree guidelines etc

April 2018 – first panel to make awards

August 2018 – second panel meeting

November 2018 – third panel meeting

This means that groups in the area will have a number of opportunities to apply throughout the year.

Will I have to report back when my project is complete?

Yes, Two Ridings Community Foundation has a very straightforward online monitoring process similar to the application process. It allows you dip in and out, saving information as you go before you finally submit the form. Two Ridings is keen to know the difference that has been made to the area and that any grant money has been spent as stated in the application.

Although online is the easiest way to complete monitoring information, a paper copy of the monitoring form is available for people unable to complete the online form.

General

Does Two Ridings Community Foundation approve of fracking/shale gas extraction?

Community Foundations are neither for nor against shale gas, and take no part whatsoever in planning and regulatory approvals. They are totally independent of the energy companies – they only deal with the community benefit fund and are not involved in any decisions on shale gas.

Are these just bribes to local communities to accept shale gas?

Community Benefit Funds are set up by lots of different organisations and industries. Our role at the Community Foundation is to make the very best use of those legally donated funds with and for local communities. The role of Two Ridings Community Foundation is to work with the local Kirby Misperton community to achieve the best possible social benefits with any monies that are available through such a fund. Energy Companies do not sit on the panels so have no say whatsoever about what happens with the Fund.

How much profit will Two Ridings Community Foundation make from this arrangement?

None. Third Energy will be paying a contribution toward the costs of administering the fund in addition to the £100,000 available for community grants. As registered charities, Community Foundations cover their costs but receive no financial profit from the funds.

Will any money go directly to individuals?

No, the community fund will make grants to charitable organisations. No individuals or households can apply to the fund.

What publicity will there be around the fund.

We are there to administer the fund once it has been set up. We will publicise it as we need the community to be aware of its existence and to encourage local people to get involved.

Do all Community Foundations administer community benefit funds?

Community Foundations are independent, autonomous organisations. They decide individually what work they want to be involved with in their communities.

What are your credentials as a charity?

Two Ridings Community Foundation has been operating in the area of benefit for 17 years working with local communities and supporting grassroots community groups using our local insight and knowledge.

It is an independent registered charity (1166471) and part of a national network of 46 Community Foundations. Two Ridings is a quality accredited Community Foundation and operates high quality, accessible grant making processes

For further details about the fund or Two Ridings Community Foundation, please see our website at www.trcf.org.uk or telephone us on 01904 435277