

Fund Criteria

Purpose of the fund

The purpose of the fund is to support organisations working to tackle disadvantage and deprivation across the Dart River Estuary area with a focus on children and young adults. Projects that seek to make use of the natural environment of the Dart River Estuary will be given priority. Funding applications will be considered under the following themes:

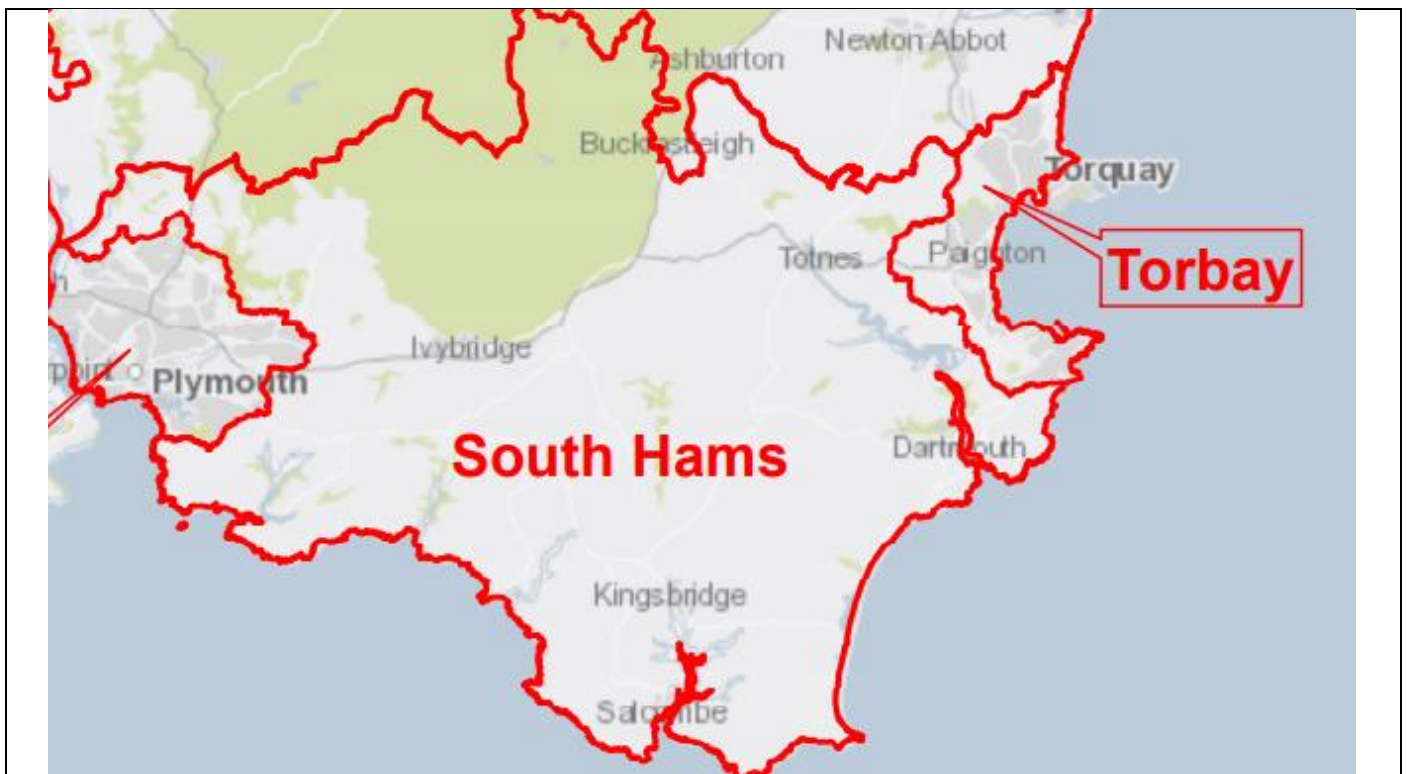
- Assist families in need
- Bring people together
- Develop life skills
- Enable disabled people
- Encourage safety and resilience
- Keep people safe and well
- Offer Training & Work Opportunities
- Promote Access to Arts, Culture & Nature

Funding available

Grants are awarded up to a maximum of **£3,000** and must be spent within 12 months of the award. The fund will consider applications for project costs and/or sustained core cost funding.

Area of Benefit

The fund will consider applications from across Devon that seek to make use of the natural environment of the Dart River Estuary, priority will be given to groups that are based within the immediate vicinity of The Dart Estuary, South Hams District Council & Torbay Council Area.



Organisations that apply for this fund MUST meet the following criteria:

- Are a not-for-profit voluntary or community group, social enterprise/CIC (limited by guarantee) or registered charity
- Are providing services or facilities for the benefit of people and/or communities in Devon
- Have a Governing Document (Constitution/Set of Rules/Articles) which sets out the organisations charitable aims and includes a dissolution clause or asset lock which states what would happen to any funds should the organisation be wound up
- Has a Management Committee/Board of Trustees/Board of Directors with at least 3 unrelated members. CICs should have at least 3 Board of Directors registered with Companies House
- Is not a grant making organisation
- Can provide annual accounts or financial records that show the organisations balance of funds and a breakdown of income and expenditure
- Has unrestricted funds of no more than one years running costs
- Has a bank account in the name of the organisation, with at least 2 unrelated signatories
- Has no outstanding end of grant evaluations with Devon Community Foundation
- Has Safeguarding Policies in place to protect young people and vulnerable adults, where appropriate, and which comply with current legislation/best practice
- Has an Equality & Diversity Policy in place and which complies with current legislation/best practice

The following won't be funded

- Building or refurbishment works
- Capital purchases over £1,000
- Consultancy fees or feasibility studies
- Individuals
- Large projects where a small grant would not make a significant difference
- More than one application to the same fund in a 12 month period
- Overseas travel
- Promotion of political or religious beliefs
- Retrospective funding (activity that has already happened or been committed)
- Sponsorship or fundraising events