

**THEDDLETHORPE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP
COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUNDING (CIF)
Year Two Annual Report
July 2023 – June 2024**

OVERVIEW

- 16 awards made in the second Community Partnership year, totalling £999,999.90.
- £167,629 also allocated in CIF Year One, to enable LCVS to deliver multi-year project.

| The Year in Numbers | | |
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| Item | Number | Value |
| Applications considered | 23 | £2,202,814.91 |
| Applications rejected | 4 | £777,211 |
| Applications deferred | 1 | £150,225.99 |
| Applications part-awarded | 2 | £259,688.12 |
| Applications awarded | 16 | £99,999.90 |

Table 1. CIF Year Two in numbers

| Pipeline of Applications as of June 31 st 2024 | |
|---|-------------------|
| Value of medium-confidence Pipeline | £125,000 |
| Current value of low-confidence Pipeline | £960,688 |
| Total value of Pipeline | £1,085,688 |

Table 2. Value of Pipeline at CIF Year Two end.

‘Low confidence’ denotes that an Expression of Interest (EOI) has been received and the Grants Team are supporting the organisation to prepare a full application. ‘Medium confidence’ denotes that a formal application has been received and is receiving additional support, or is in assessment.

THEDDLETHORPE COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PANEL

The Theddlethorpe Community Partnership (CP) restructured the Community Investment Panel (CIP) for the CIF Year July 2023 - June 2024. Instead of all CP members being part of the CIF decision-making process, it set up the CIP subgroup, which was to have three co-opted members (i.e. non-CP members).

In the Autumn of 2023, recruitment took place to secure the co-opted members and agree which CP members would be on the panel. More external applications were received than positions available and interviews were held to decide the membership. The process was the same one used to recruit members to the CP. All co-opted members of the CIP have full voting rights. The first CIP meeting of the year did not take place until December 2023, and the first applications were not considered until March 2024. There were changes in NWS staff too. Sarah Fletcher joined NWS as Regional Manager from August 2023; Joe Blissett joined as Grants Manager and Trix Jones as Grants Officer from January 2024.

In June 2024, Jon Collins resigned as Interim Chair of the Community Partnership and Michelle Bailes (NWS staff) took up other duties.

| Name | Role |
|------------------------|---|
| Jon Collins | Community Partnership Member, Interim Chair |
| David Fannin | Community Partnership Member and Workstream Lead |
| Tammy Smalley | Community Partnership Member |
| Gareth Rowland | Community Partnership Member |
| Clr Dan McNally | Co-opted Member |
| Rev Canon Chris Lilley | Co-opted Member |
| Tony Howard | Co-opted Member |
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| Mike Brophy | NWS, Head of Social Impact |
| Sarah Fletcher | NWS, Regional Manager, from August 2023 |
| Joe Blissett | NWS, Grants Manager (non-voting), from January 2024 |
| Trix Jones | NWS, Grants Officer (non-voting), from January 2024 |
| Michelle Bailes | NWS, Engagement Officer (non-voting) |

Table 3: Theddlethorpe Community Investment Panel at June 2024.

AWARDS

| Organisation | Project | Awarded | Duration |
|--|---|-------------|---|
| Lincolnshire Community and Voluntary Service | PlaceTalk Project | £167,629.00 | 2 years |
| Sutton on Sea Residents Association | Furlongs Festival 2023. | £2,000.00 | 23 rd August 2023 |
| Bells & Whistles Exercise Group | Essential maintenance to community space. | £9,999.00 | 6 months |
| Strubby, Beesby & Maltby Village Hall | Improvements to building to enhance hiring opportunities. | £8,865.00 | 6 months |
| Withern Village Hall | Withern Village Hall Replacement Project. | £16,500.00 | 6 months |
| Flanders Friends | Poppies on the Prom festival event. | £17,341.90 | 3 rd and 4 th August 2024 |
| Lincolnshire Gateways Academy Trust | Extension of playground at Theddlethorpe Primary School | £39,135.00 | 6 months |
| Sutton on Sea Residents Association | Furlongs Festival 2024. | £3,000.00 | 16 th August 2024 |
| Lincoln & Lindsey Blind Society | Benefit advice Project for the visually Impaired. | £99,981.00 | 2 years |
| Eco Learn CIC | Sow, Study, Sustain community growing project. | £10,000.00 | 6 months |
| Furnichurch | 3-year development programme of foodbank and furniture service. | £118,028.00 | 3 years |
| The Boatshed Charity | Mablethorpe Carnival 2024. | £7,000.00 | 21 – 22 nd Sept |
| Community Learning in Partnership (CLIP) CIC | Mobile Classroom to provide education services. | £157,320.90 | 15 months |
| Citizens Advice Lincoln & Lindsey | 3-years of financial & benefits advice to those in need. | £123,386.10 | 3 years |

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| Children's Links | Self-help groups for women in Mablethorpe & Villages. | £56,628.00 | 3 years |
| Lincoln City Foundation | Sport & exercise classes to help cancer sufferer's recovery. | £108,686.00 | 3 years |
| Bishop Grosseteste University | Residential for 16-year-olds to learn about university life. | £50,000.00 | 1 year |
| | Total | £999,999,90 | |

Table 4. CIF Awards 2024

** Age UK Lindsey were granted a Variation Request of £4,500 in CIF Year Two for additional equipment and staff time (Project awarded CIF Year One).

*** Citizen's Advice Lincoln & Lindsey allocated £185,318.90 from CIF Year Three budget for future delivery.

Community Investment Panel Feedback Year Two:

- CIF should not be used to fund capital projects outside the Search Area (adopted).
- Consider ringfencing c. £200,000 for small grants (<£10,000), releasing to wider fund if not allocated by March each year.
- Consider defining a fixed intervention rate for events.
- Consider inviting organisations to administer specific funds, e.g. school uniform fund / free transport schemes.
- Consider prioritising projects that benefit young people.
- Consider prioritising projects that create permanent, full time job positions.
- Consider supporting businesses to improve street building frontage.
- Simplify application process for awards under £10,000.
- Scope opportunities to commission organisations to deliver projects in-line with CIF Strategy.
- Increase promotion of CIF awards.
- Increase promotion of CIF opportunities.

Grants Manager (GM) Comments:

The following are a review of observations from Year One delivery and how they could be mediated: -

1. **The number of applications from Withern and Theddlethorpe is low 12.5%, which is consistent with Years One and Two combined at 12.5%.**
GM to increase marketing and communication 2024-2025 and to align CIF with parish and neighbourhood plans and promote CIF as potential funder.
2. **Quality of applications is poor: Extensive pre-application support required to formalise ideas into projects / applications.**
GM holds monthly meetings with Lincolnshire Community and Voluntary Service LCVS; signposting community development team to groups who require support and training.
LCVS' 'Place Talk' Project entering Year Two of delivery, with aims to develop Projects to point of application.
3. **Multiple applications 'withdrawn' by applicant due to insufficient detail.**
Expressions of Interest now required to ensure Grants Team can support applicants to submit complete bids.

- 4. Active Projects are taking time to gain traction.**
GM working with all active projects to identify / overcome barriers, including facilitating synergies with other CIF Projects where possible.
- 5. Quality of reporting by Grantees is poor: Inadequate information, evidence of delivery and defrayal.**
Grants Team working with Grantees to ensure effective use of agreed spend and fulfilment of contract; providing significant support at key reporting milestones.
- 6. High number of revenue projects funded.**
Reflective of the socio-economic conditions of the Search Area communities, the organisations that are applying and the time it takes to develop capital projects to point of application. A pipeline of 'capital' projects is being developed by the GM to present to panel during CIF Year Three.
- 7. CIF panel should consider ways in which they can help to encourage applications from the community.**
 - Celebrate the impact of projects supported.
 - Champion CIF opportunity to networks, local interest groups, key community stakeholders, and councils.
 - Introduce GM to known projects in need of funding.
 - Ensure CIF strategy aligns with local need.

FORWARD APPROACH

The CIP are developing a medium-to-long term strategy, to create a roadmap for how CIF can build upon and grow its impact for years to come. It will outline how funding priorities could evolve as it works towards achieving a step-change in the Theddlethorpe Search Area for the benefit of the residents. The CIF Workstream Lead will present the strategy to Panel in October 2024.

The strategy will be informed by the Panel and known, and emerging, needs of the Search Area communities. The strategy will consider criteria of focus, intervention rates, and geographic spread.

The Panel are also mindful that a future strategy should consider the potential increase of available budget funding from £1m to £2.5m per year if borehole investigations are undertaken as part of the siting evaluation process. The Panel and will plan to maximise this opportunity, if presented.

The Workstream Lead and GM will deliver presentations to Town and Parish Councils in the Search Area, with the aim of:

- Encouraging local groups to maximise the availability of CIF.
- Promoting CIF as a potential funder in delivering neighbourhood, parish and town plans.
- Supporting the message that the CIP is comprised of community representatives.

“Decisions are made by the community, for the community”.

OVERVIEW OF YEAR TWO AWARDS

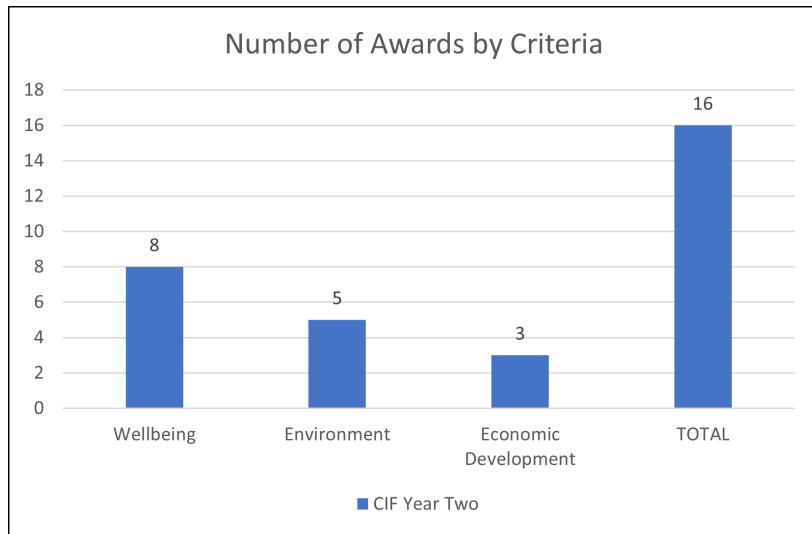


Table 5. Awards by Criteria

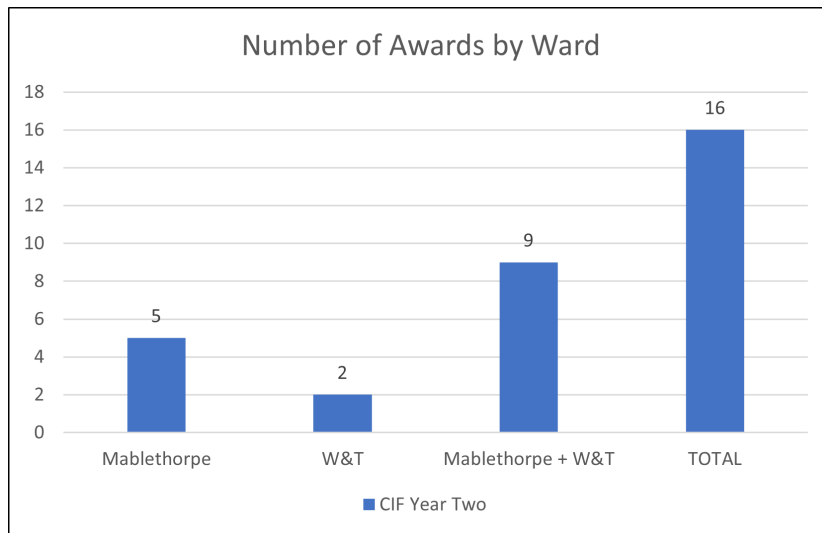


Table 6. Awards by Ward

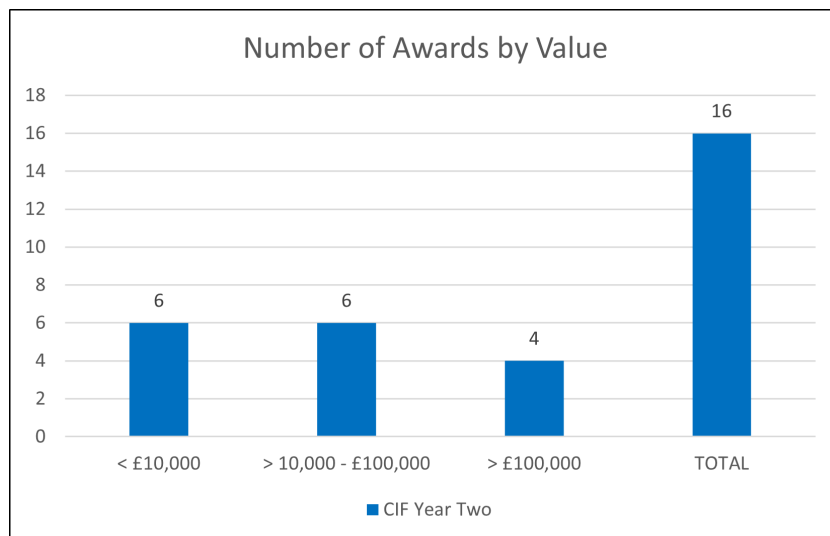


Table 7. Awards by Value

Overview of Year One and Two Awards across Search Area (combined):

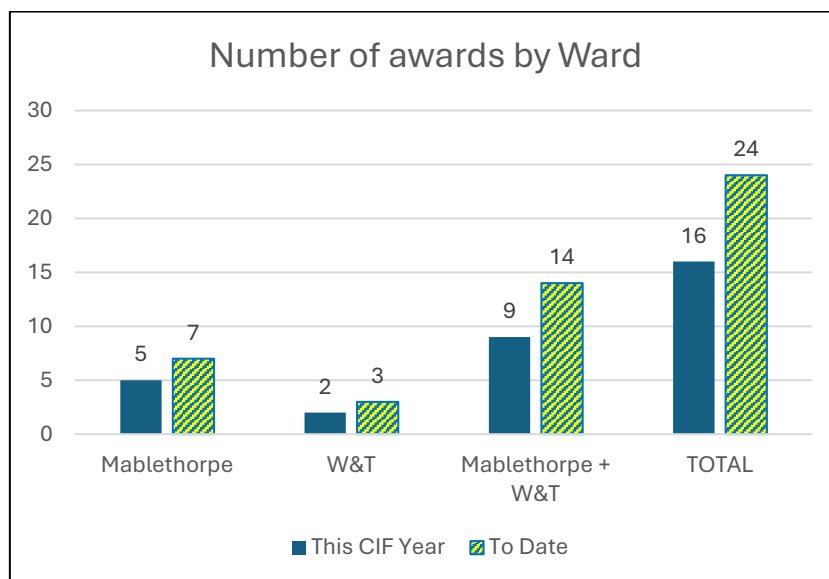


Table 8. Total allocation by Ward, CIF Years One and Two (combined)

Statement from the Community Investment Panel Chair, David Fannin:

“This annual report marks the end of the second year of allocating Community Investment Funding on behalf of the Theddlethorpe Community Partnership. We received many applications from across the three core funding themes. This has enabled us to support a broad range of valuable projects now being delivered within the Search Area for the benefit of residents.

The allocation of Community Investment Funding is made by members of the Community Partnership and co-opted members from our communities, and I would like to thank them for their hard work and expertise in evaluating the applications we have received.

To date, we’ve allocated two million pounds to projects that support our communities, the economy and the environment, and laid a foundation on which to build upon in future years.

As we look forward to year three, our aim is to champion the themes of ‘Pride in our Place’, ‘Investing in our Future’, ‘Support for Hardship’, and ‘Community Wellbeing’ in its broadest sense.

I would like to thank everyone that has applied for Community Investment Funding this year and encourage any group with a project idea to contact the Grants Team, who are on hand to guide you through the application process”