



PARTICIPATE, ACTIVATE, REGENERATE

Question/Criterion	Up to £1k	Up to £5k	Up to £10k
Does my organisation have to complete an Expression of Interest form or can we just submit the Full Application form?	All projects must complete an Expression of Interest form before receiving the Full Application form.		
What if my organisation has had funding from North Carrick before?	Organisations that have received support from previous North Carrick funding must make sure that their projects are up to date – including having produced project evaluations where relevant.		
Can organisations that have not completed projects awarded funding in the 2016 PAR event apply to PAR2?	No	No	No
Can organisations that have received PAR funding in previous events apply?	Yes but organisations must demonstrate that the application to PAR2 is for a new project		
Can PAR2 fund our existing activities?	No. Projects should be new or additional rather than something currently provided.		
Can schools apply?	Yes	Yes	Yes
Can Businesses apply?	Yes if there is a true community benefit that fits with one or more of the PAR2 Themes and is given free of charge to the recipients. Any salary costs should be shown as in-kind contributions and all projects must demonstrate sustainability and not be 1-off initiatives. There must be clear evidence that the public benefit outweighs the private gain.		
Does my organisation have to have a constitution or can it be sponsored by another organisation?	Constituted and/or Sponsored	Must be constituted and forms signed by 2 individuals	
What if my organisation has several sub-groups?	Organisations or umbrella groups should prioritise projects and work collaboratively – only 1 application to PAR2 per organisation		
Can organisations include costs of their own staff or room hire in their grant application?	Only where they can show that existing staff are being paid for extra hours specifically to implement the <u>new project</u> . Applicants may charge for room hire except in cases where they were using their own premises		
Is evidence of sustainability required?	Yes	Yes	Yes
Is evidence of need and information on the beneficiaries required?	Yes	Yes	Yes
Is evidence that the activities are not the statutory responsibility of local authority or other public sector body required?	Yes	Yes	Yes
Is Partnership working with others required?	No	No but Partnerships will be preferred	No but Partnerships will be strongly preferred
Are organisations allowed to apply on more than 1 tier?	No	No	No
How many quotes (or website listings) are required?	2	3 Quotes for any item costing more than £1k. If applicants have difficulty in obtaining quotes they should explain why and give evidence that they have tried.	
Can the grant be used to pay for Community Transport?	Yes if using Carrick Community Transport or South Ayrshire Community Transport		
Can the grant pay to replace equipment?	Yes	Yes	Yes but projects must show additionality and sustainability
Can the grant be used to pay for the promotion of religious or political movements?	No	No	No
Can the grant be used to pay for services of external professional contractors?	Yes – if the services are not provided by a public authority and it can be proved that the services are good value for money and are required to implement the project		



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Can the grant be used to pay for Catering?	A maximum of 5% of overall project costs can be allocated to catering.		
Can the grant be used to pay for Coach Trips or Holidays?	No	No	No
Have limits been set on the amount of money to be allocated to projects in each of the 3 tiers?	No but the steering group will assess this once Expressions of Interest are received		
What criteria will be used to sift projects at the Expression of Interest stage?	A small working group will sift EoI's based on: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Correctness of paperwork 2. Sustainability of project beyond the period of PAR2 funding 3. Type and numbers of beneficiaries 4. Newness and innovativeness of project 5. Extent to which project has elements of rejuvenation of regeneration 		
What paperwork will be required at the Full Application stage?	Will vary depending on the project but where relevant the required paperwork will include: Organisation's or sponsor's constitution; quotes for all items of expenditure; proof of lease or ownership of land; partnership agreements; planning consents/building warrants. Applications submitted without all of the required documentation by the deadline will be rejected.		
How will projects be presented during the Decision Day	Market Place with members of the public discussing projects with applicants and then voting	Presentations by applicants followed by voting by members of the public	
What display materials should projects provide during the Decision Day?	This is at the discretion of the applicant but must include a full break down of project costs.		
What is the minimum age to be eligible to vote on projects?	11	11	11
What Monitoring will be carried out?	All projects will be expected to provide a project completion report and will be required to give proof of expenditure via bank statements and receipts		

The PAR2 fund is part of the development of Participatory Budgeting (PB) in Scotland. PB is recognised internationally as a way for local people to have a direct say in how, and where, public funds can be used to address local requirements. This is important since there is a target that at least 1% of local government budgets will be decided through participatory budgeting (PB) by the end of 2021, with £100 million in council funds potentially available across Scotland.

Some Do's and Don'ts for the Decision Day on 3rd March 2018:

DO

Make sure that people representing your project know the details	Encourage people who will benefit from your project to attend so that they can vote for it
Focus on the positive aspects of your own project	Be realistic and honest about what your project will achieve
Be clear about the costs of your project – including any parts that that are not going to be funded by PAR2	

DON'T

Try to undermine or criticise other people's projects – remember PB is about communities and groups working together to make the best decisions for the whole area	Disrespect people who are there to present their own projects and members of the public who are there because they want to support projects other than yours
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