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Neighbourhood Planning Grants

On 26 February 2015, Housing and Planning Minister Brandon Lewis announced a multi-million pound boost to support communities looking to set up neighbourhood plans.

Neighbourhood planning allows people to decide the future development of their area, including where new homes and businesses should be built.

It was announced that neighbourhood planning groups will be able to apply for grant funding from March 2015 as part of the £22.5 million programme.

For more information on Neighbourhood planning, take a look at CCS's information sheet on Neighbourhood planning.

New Funding programme for Neighbourhood planning support 2015

All groups writing a Neighbourhood plan or Neighbourhood development order will be eligible to apply for up to **£8,000** in grant funding.

Groups facing more complex issues can apply for specific packages of technical support where needed, and may also be eligible for further **£6,000** in grant funding.

Groups With Complex Issues Include:

- Neighbourhood forums (where there is no Parish or Town Council)
- Clusters of parishes
- High growth areas
- Deprived areas
- Business led neighbourhood plans
- Populations of over 25,000

- Groups preparing a neighbourhood development order

How do we apply for funding?

Grants are being processed through Locality. All the information can be found on their website: www.locality.org.uk or [CLICK HERE](#).

CCS Support

CCS can support you with tailored information and advice, as well as supporting your community or group with business planning, surveys and delivering community engagement. If you would like to know more, please contact us on 01823 331222 jane@somersetccc.org.uk or clare@somersetccc.org.uk