

East Cambridgeshire Growth and Infrastructure Fund

The East Cambridgeshire Growth and Infrastructure Fund has been set up to support the sustainable growth of East Cambridgeshire by providing funding towards infrastructure projects necessary to deliver sustainable growth and improve quality of life for residents across the district.

The Fund will provide capital funding towards projects that:

- Support growth across the district
- Fit with the Council's infrastructure priorities
- Are match funded

What can be funded

The scheme will provide capital funding towards the delivery of local infrastructure (including but not limited to transport, health care, social, cultural, education and recreational facilities) to assist, promote, encourage, develop and secure sustainable growth and enable people to live and/or work in East Cambridgeshire.

It can only be used to increase the capacity of existing infrastructure or to repair failing infrastructure if that is necessary to support growth.

Support will not be given to or for:

- Projects not related to growth
- Projects requiring revenue funding
- Routine operating costs or other revenue expenditure
- Projects on which work has already commenced
- Infrastructure located outside East Cambridgeshire, even if used by East Cambridgeshire residents

Eligibility criteria

Proposed projects will be considered with regard to the following criteria:

- Evidence that the project is necessary to support local growth
- The benefits provided by the project
- Evidence of local resident and stakeholder involvement in and support for the project
- Alignment with the Council's infrastructure priorities
- The level of match funding that the project has secured
- Commitment to Net Zero Carbon and a green approach, demonstrating the highest possible quality standards in terms of design, materials, workmanship and environment in its delivery in order to achieve sustainability

The ability of the applicant to deliver the expected benefits on time and within budget will also be considered.

How to apply

The fund will open for applications from 11 July 2022 until 7 October 2022.

If not all of the funding is allocated a further application round will be held.

Applicants will be required to complete an application form and submit supporting evidence. A minimum of 10% match funding is required.

Applicant organisations must have a constitution, or set of rules, which define its aims, objectives and operational and governance procedures.

Applications will be assessed by the Growth & Infrastructure Fund Scoring Panel. Their recommendations will be presented to the Council's Finance and Assets Committee for approval.