



Department for Communities and Local Government

Coastal Community Teams to take control of seaside regeneration

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- 116 Coastal Community Teams in every corner of the country
- Seaside towns to benefit from funding and support
- Budget confirmed £90m Coastal Community Fund to continue
- Teams can also bid for new £3m Coastal Revival Fund

Coastal Communities Minister Mark Francois today gave his support to over 100 new local teams that will help revive England's seaside towns and decide where investment goes.

The Government has provided more than £1 million to fund 104 further Coastal Community Teams, on top of 12 existing pilots, to help bring jobs, growth and prosperity back to our beach towns and cities. The Teams – bringing together local business, councils and people – will help coordinate regeneration projects in their area and get the chance to shape the next wave of the successful Coastal Communities Fund, announced in the Budget last week.

Speaking on a visit to Felixstowe in Suffolk on Friday, **Coastal Communities Minister Mark Francois** said:

“This one nation government is determined to devolve powers and funding so that no corner of the country is left behind. This includes our historic coastal towns and cities that have in some cases fallen into decline in the past but can now ensure that the economic recovery is coming back to them too.

“Coastal Community Teams will help decide where that investment goes because local people know best what is needed to grow their local economy. We are backing them with £1 million of direct support and the Budget also confirmed last week that at least £90 million more will be spent in the coming years through the Coastal Community Fund, which these teams will have access to.

“By bringing together local businesses, local leaders and volunteers, Coastal Community Teams can help tap into their local heritage and make the most of our stunning seaside assets to make a success of the tourist trade. The Teams can also help ensure local people have the skills and opportunities so that they benefit from the new jobs and investment too.”

Along with each area being awarded £10,000 to kick-start work, the 116 Coastal Community Teams will also be able to bid for up to a £50,000 share of a new £3 million Coastal Revival Fund to support or restore local heritage and facilities which benefit the wider community and the surrounding economy, which is now open to applications.

Historic England Chief Executive Duncan Wilson said:

“Heritage is an integral part of the English seaside; piers, bandstands, theatres and promenades are the backdrop to many happy summer holidays, but these kind of historic buildings often need money to help with repairs. Coastal Community Teams have fantastic ideas on revitalising and reusing their most precious buildings and this Coastal Revival Fund offers an excellent opportunity to get those projects up and running.”

Launched in 2012, the Coastal Communities Fund has already allocated nearly £119 million on 222 local infrastructure and economic projects across the UK. This is helping to create almost 13,700 jobs and provide more than 10,280 training places and apprenticeships. The Summer Budget last week announced that the Coastal Communities Fund would be extended to 2020 with at least £90 million of new funding.

FURTHER INFORMATION

The 116 new Coastal Community Teams, including the 12 existing pilot areas, will be in:

East Midlands

East Lindsey & Heritage Coast
Coast NE Lincs (Grimsby)
Mablethorpe & Sutton
Skegness

East of England

Felixstowe
Greater Ipswich
Jaywick
Lowestoft
Cromer
Deben Peninsula (Suffolk)
Great Yarmouth
Hunstanton

Leigh-on-Sea
Maldon
River Crouch
Shoeburyness
Southend
Wells Next-the-Sea

North East

Coatham & Redcar
North Shields & Fish Quay
Bamburgh, Beadnell & Seahouses Northumberland
Blyth
Durham - Connected Coast
Hartlepool Headland & Harbour
Roker & Seaburn (Sunderland)
Seaton Carew (Hartlepool)
South Shields

North West

Blackpool
Barrow-in-Furness (Islands & Bays)
Fleetwood
Maryport, Cumbria
New Brighton (Wirral)
North Copeland
Sankey Canal Linking the Locks (Widnes)
Sefton Coast
Silloth-on-Solway, Cumbria
South Copeland Coast
South Ribble
St Anne's
Waterloo & Crosby (Southport)

South East

Brighton & Hove
Eastbourne
Bexhill-on-Sea
Bognor Regis Heritage Quarter
Broadstairs
Chatham
Coastal West Sussex
Deal and Sandwich
Dover
Dymchurch (Kent)
Folkestone
Gosport
Gravesend
Hastings - White Rock Trust
Herne Bay
Isle of Sheppey

Lewes - Impact Seaford
Littlehampton
Margate
Newhaven
Peninsula Coastal Economy Team, Chichester
Pevensey, East Sussex
Ramsgate
Ryde, IoW
Sandown (IoW)
South Hayling Island
Southampton
Whitstable

South West

Penzance
Barnstaple
Beer, East Devon
Bideford
Bridport
Brixham
Bude
Burnham-on-Sea (Somerset)
Clevedon
Dorchester
Portland Dorset
Exe Estuary
Exmouth
Falmouth Area
Fremington (North Devon)
Hayle, Cornwall
Looe
Lydney (Forest of Dean)
Lyme Regis
Lynton & Lynmouth
Minehead
Newquay
Newton Abbot
Ilfracombe
Paignton
Plymouth
Porthcurno
Porthtowan
Portreath
Saltash Waterside (Cornwall)
SevernNet (Bristol)
St Austell
St Endellion (Cornwall)
St Ives
Teignmouth and Dawlish Coast
Torpoint & Rame

Torquay
Wadebridge (Cornwall)
Watchet (West Somerset)
Weston-super-Mare
Weymouth

Yorkshire & Humber

Hull
Bridlington
Goole
North York Moors Coast
Scarborough
Whitby
Withernsea (East Riding)

- Nineteen of the 39 Local Enterprise Partnerships are in coastal areas and as part of the Government's Growth Deals, over £700 million has been committed to projects in these areas to improve transport infrastructure, broadband connectivity, improving flood defences and improving opportunities for local people.
- Eight out of the 24 Enterprise Zones are in coastal areas which offer incentives for businesses to start up or expand including Business Rates relief, superfast broadband and simplified planning. Coastal enterprise zones have delivered over 5,300 jobs to date and helped to secure nearly £275 million of private sector investment to coastal areas.

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