What does a good CIL fund application look like?

South Downs
National Park Authority

- **Are you asking for funds for infrastructure**? CIL can only be used to fund infrastructure projects. Historical and feasibility studies are not infrastructure and bids for these types of projects will not be successful.

- Ensure you are realistic about the **timing of the project**. We understand that things change, however delays of a few years can place into question the deliverability of other projects you may be promoting. Applications which say start date 'unknown' are unlikely to be successful.

- If it is a large project, **consider breaking it down into phases**. Funding may be easier to secure in 'bite-sized' chunks and it helps us to plan for the longer term.

- You must let us know **how much money you are looking for**; a sensible estimate will do. Those left blank or unknown are unlikely to be successful.

- Projects in locations receiving, or expecting to receive, new housing developments will be more successful than those that are not, due to the increase in infrastructure demands these areas will have.

- Projects that deliver a range of benefits will be more successful than those that do not, especially when they are linked to the **South Downs Partnership Management Plan**.

- Be clear about **other sources of funding** which are available for the project. Parish and Town Councils receive some CIL funding direct, which may be able to contribute towards your project.

- Large schemes will be more successful if there are a **number of parties involved** and you are not asking the SDNPA to provide all of the money required

- Where possible, include evidence of **existing demands** on the infrastructure you are looking to invest in.

- If your project needs **planning permission,** start progressing this before you apply for funding. Those with permission will be more likely to be successful.

- **Inspire us with your enthusiasm** for the project. We don't need long prose, but 'We seek money to repair a footpath' is also not sufficient. Why that footpath? Are there opportunities to link it to others? Is it well used? What repairs are actually needed? Are there are opportunities to improve access for all?

For help or assistance please contact us at cil@southdowns.gov.uk or call us on 01730 814810