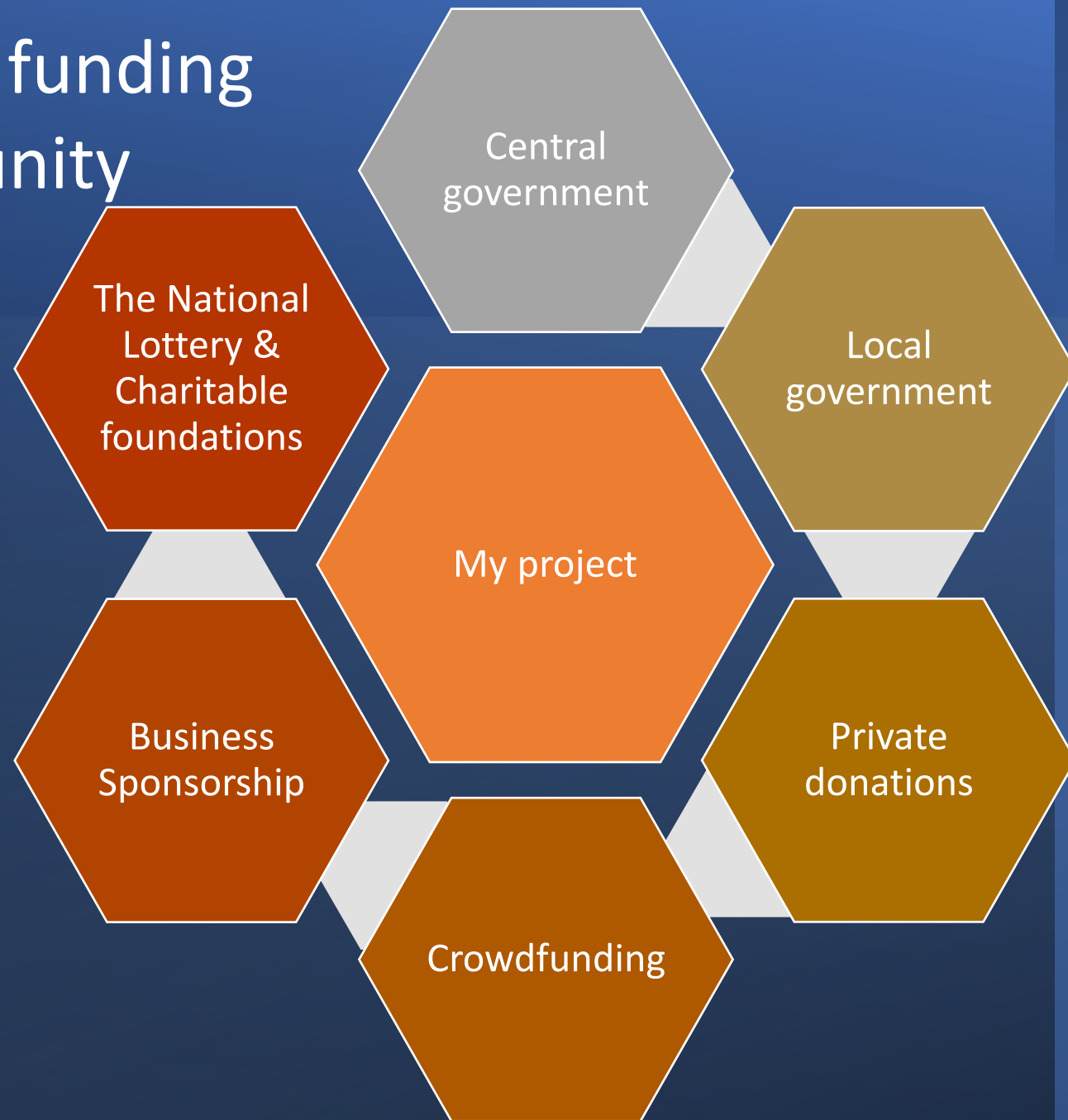


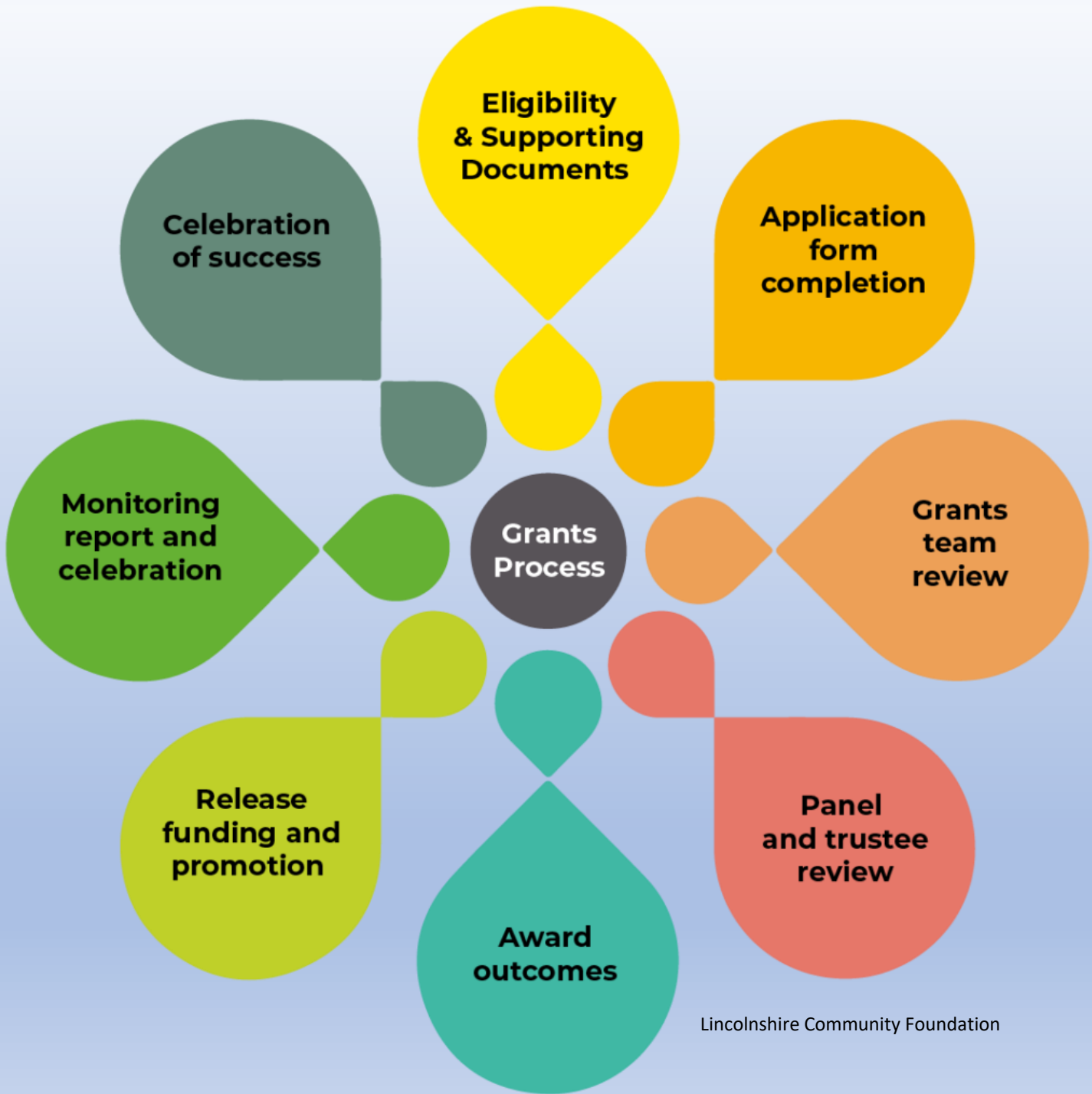
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# Fund-raising for community projects

# Sources of funding for community projects



The National Lottery & Charitable foundations





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# People and communities impact

The Community Environment Fund is focused on delivering the WMCA's ambition to improve environmental outcomes across the region. But this must be hand-in-hand with people and communities. Within the grant application process, and in the guidance presented here, you will see that there are significant expectations for projects to deliver measurable environmental improvements, but this must be done in a way that is inclusive and engaging. We expect all projects to also have people and communities related impacts, so please consider the following:

1. Who is your project aiming to engage with? Think about demographics - age / ethnicity / socioeconomic status / diversity.
2. How will your project support vulnerable people?
3. How many people will be engaged / supported through delivery of the project?
4. How many jobs will be created / supported through delivery of the project?
5. How many people will get new qualifications or skills as a result of project delivery?
6. How else will project delivery improve the lives of people impacted by the project? This could be a knowledge/skills, financial or health benefit.



# CEF THEMES

Natural environment

Access to open space

Climate adaptation

Circular economy

Environment awareness



# Natural Environment





# Access to green space





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Raising awareness





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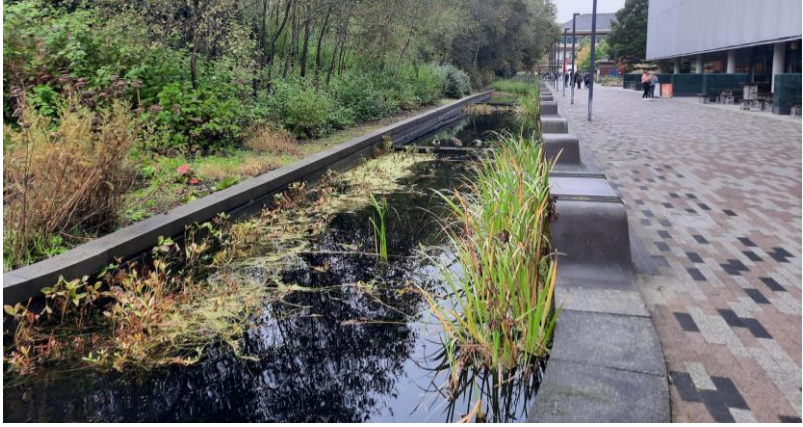


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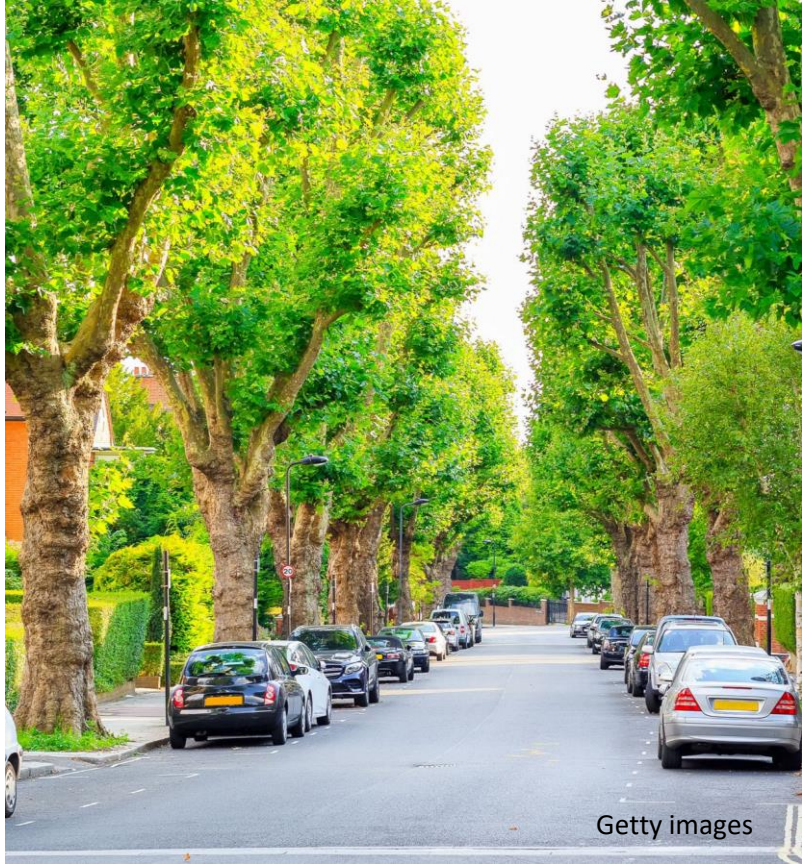


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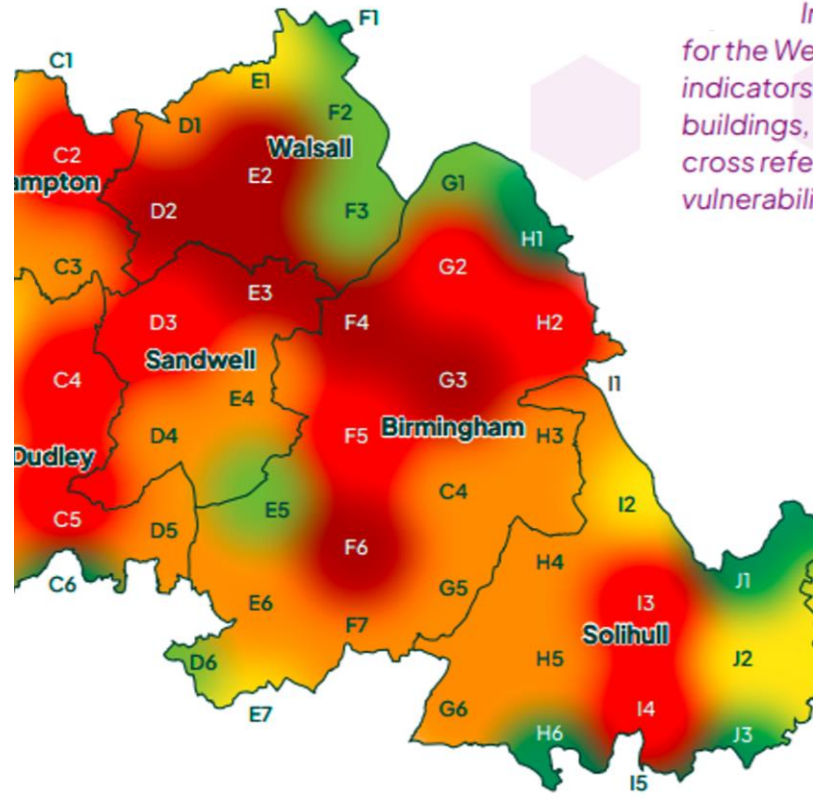




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# Climate Adaptation

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# RAIN GARDENS



Landscape Institute





It's getting hotter



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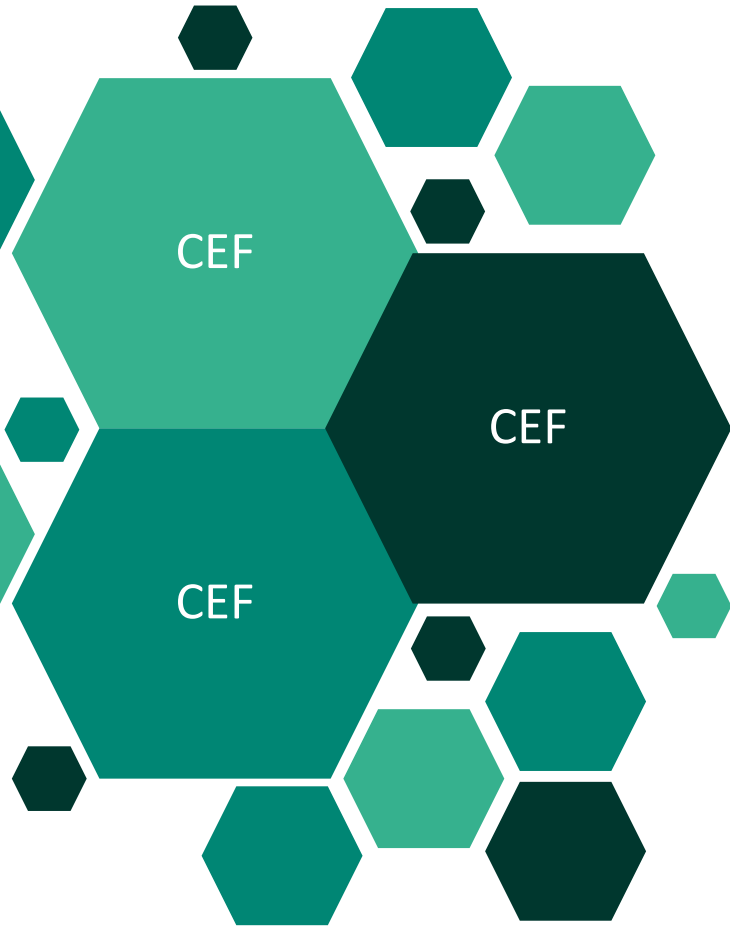
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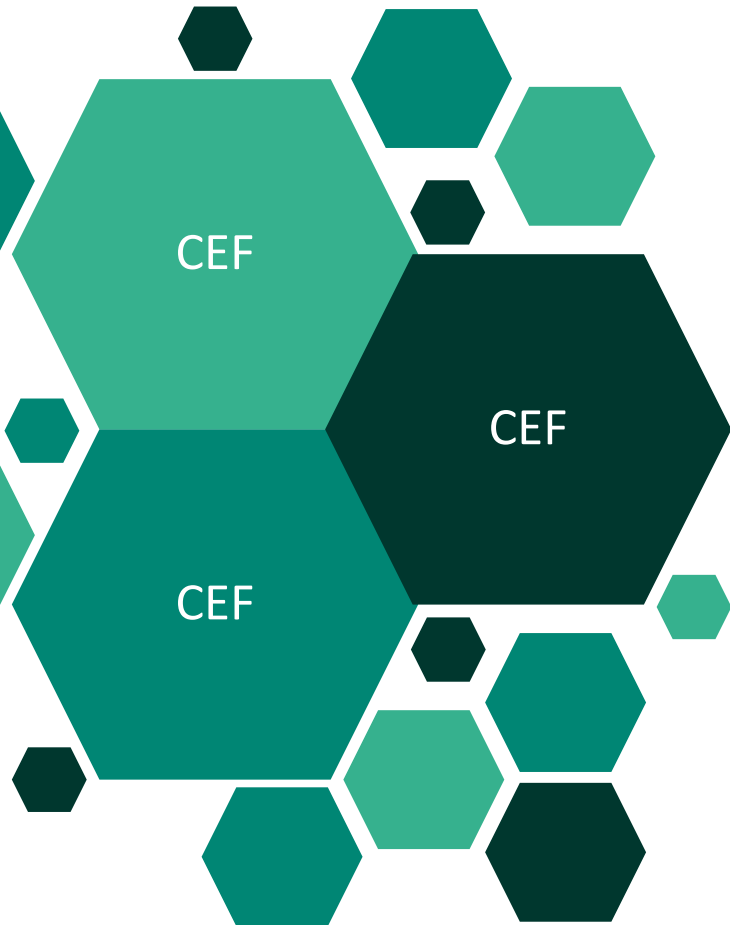
## Key dates

Large projects up to £100,000 must be delivered by **31 December 2024**. It is unlikely that applications for large projects will be accepted after **June 2024** due to delivery timescales.

Small projects up to £25,000 must be delivered by **February 2025**. It is unlikely that applications for small projects will be accepted after **October 2024**.

## Where must projects be delivered?

- Birmingham
- Wolverhampton
- Coventry
- Dudley
- Sandwell
- Solihull
- Walsall



# Applicant Eligibility

## Which types of organisations can apply?

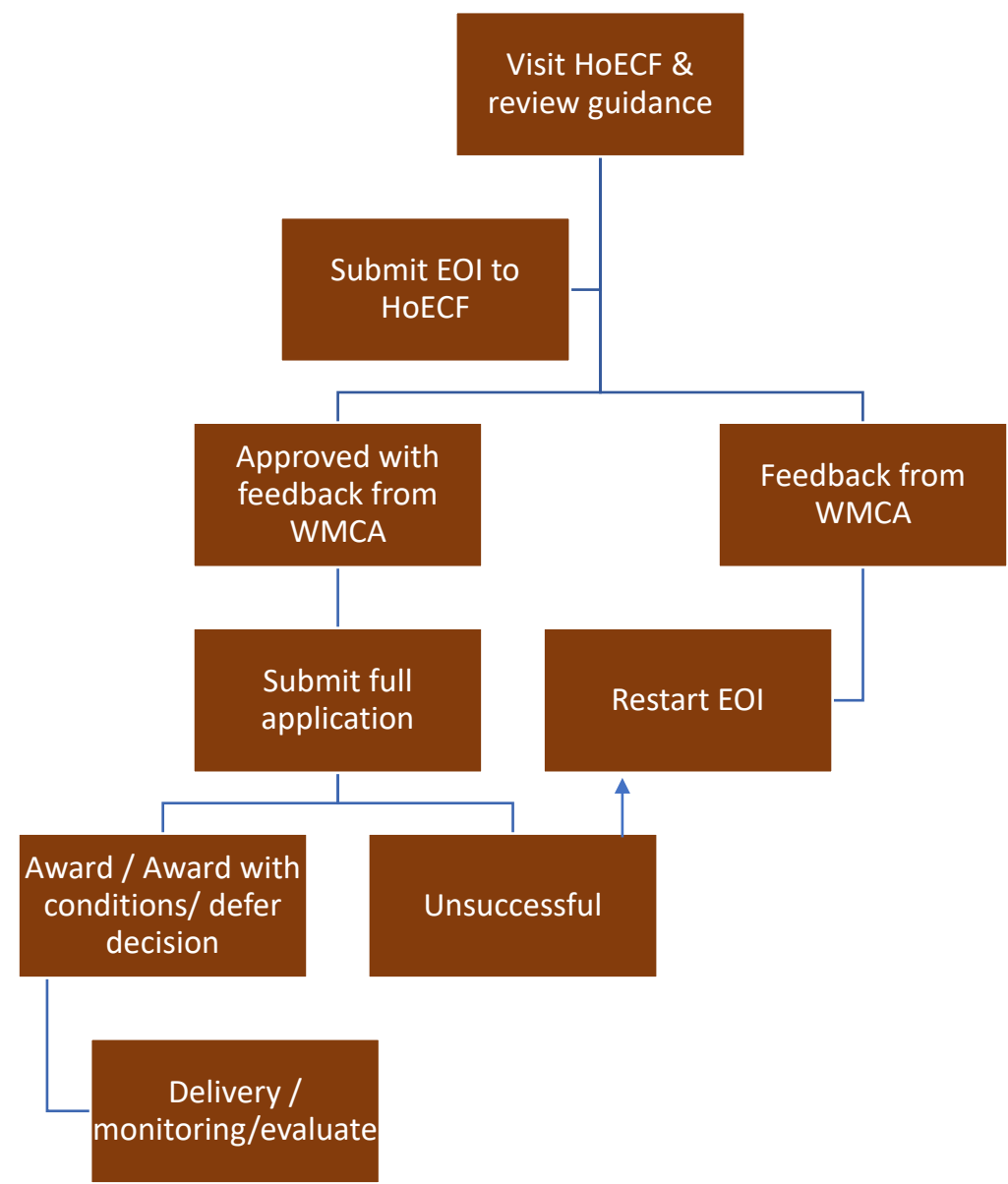
- Registered charities
- Charitable Incorporated Organisation
- Constituted Community groups
- Companies Limited by Guarantee with charitable aims
- Community Interest Companies
- Co-operatives – registered Community Benefit Societies and registered Industrial and Provident Societies
- Social Enterprises

## Who can't apply?

- Individuals
- Groups that consist of one family
- Profit-making organisations
- Political groups
- Projects promoting a political or religious belief
- Groups without a business bank account or registered status
- Animal welfare groups
- Sports groups with no community or charitable element
- Public bodies, organisations delivering statutory services.
- Larger or national charities that are based outside the area unless working directly with communities based within the WMCA area.
- Medical research organisations
- Organisations with substantial reserves.



# CEF process - summary





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