

## **Call for Expressions of Interest**

### *Introduction*

Community Cohesion will be both an individual focus and a theme that will cut across the impacts felt by Somerset communities over the duration of the Hinkley Point C development. The priorities of this programme will be reviewed regularly as rapidly changing demographics could provide many challenges. In doing so, the fund aims to maximise the social benefits of people moving into the area through focusing on prevention and early intervention.

Not for Profit Organisations that can build community cohesion across the identified areas below are invited to identify projects, schemes and initiatives to submit for consideration for funding in response to actual and anticipated residual and intangible impacts of the Hinkley Point C development. Projects, schemes and initiatives should help to avoid, reduce or mitigate the impact, while complementing and adding value to existing service provision.

Somerset Community Foundation is launching an initial call for expressions of interest as we anticipate the need to fund early interventions.

### **1. Strengthened Community Services**

Increasing support for advice and representation services in communities will ensure a more robust infrastructure to help the most vulnerable in key areas, such as those facing discrimination or prejudice. Building the capacity of local services will strengthen communities and improve the quality of life of individuals who both fear, and see, their services being stretched by the needs of incoming workers.

It is anticipated that early interventions will be needed in the following area:

- **Support for vulnerable individuals who are at risk from increased pressure on housing and accommodation.**

### **2. Strengthening Somerset Communities**

The programme aims to mitigate those impacts felt by host communities, supporting them in managing and adapting to change felt as a result of incoming migrant workers; in addition to supporting migrant workers to participate and integrate in their local community. Building cultural activities in Somerset communities will build an understanding of both similarities and differences and illustrate the benefits of diversity. Through providing opportunities for individuals and groups to work together, be it through identifying and overcoming challenges or participating in recreational activities, this fund will strengthen communities.

It is anticipated that early interventions will be needed in the following areas:

- **Strengthening host communities to increase their resilience and ability to respond to change.**
- **Strengthening existing BME communities, enabling them to better engage with services, initiatives, networks and the wider Somerset community.**

*We will continue to monitor the changing impacts within communities and anticipate further calls for expressions of interest based around the two priority areas outlined above, in addition to new priorities which will become evident over time, for example the night time economy.*

Please read the guidelines for applicants prior to applying. If you have any queries or would like support in completing your application please contact:

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