



Project pipeline: Guidance to potential projects

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1. Introduction

About the Humber LEP

The Humber LEP is a business-led partnership with the four Humber local authorities and education and training providers, responsible for leading economic growth in the Humber area. More information about the LEP can be found on our website at www.humberlep.org.

As part of our role, we work to secure funding from Government to support projects led by partners that deliver the Humber's strategic objectives. You can find out more about the projects we have supported on our website (www.humberlep.org).

The Humber LEP is working with our partners on a new plan for our region – a Humber Industrial Strategy. This will build on our established strengths and the momentum that our region has started, and also look to new opportunities we have open to us.

We launched our Humber Industrial Strategy Prospectus at our Annual Business Summit on 5 June 2019. We are now working with Government to accelerate the completion of our industrial strategy by the end of September 2019.



2. Guidance to potential projects

About the project pipeline

The LEP maintains a pipeline of potential projects which could be funded through existing or future funding. The pipeline gives a medium term view of projects being developed that support the LEP's objectives, and an initial indication of their likely cost and timing. It helps our Board and sub-boards to understand partners' aspirations, identify any gaps in meeting our strategic ambitions and give a focus for development work.

When funding opportunities arise, it supports the LEP to respond quickly and make the best possible case for investment in the Humber.

For partners, it is an opportunity to formally tell the LEP about your plans and aspirations for future financial support, and gain initial feedback on project ideas. Because the information requested at this stage is relatively brief, it should also reduce the time spent overall on producing the more detailed business cases required later when projects are put forward for funding.

In 2019 we are introducing a request for partners to propose high-level ideas and suggestions for potential future projects alongside those that are partially developed. This will support the further development of the Humber Industrial Strategy, identify areas where the LEP may be able to influence or broker discussions and inform responses to government as future strategy is shaped.

How the pipeline works

When the LEP Board decides to add to the pipeline it will set criteria for projects in the form of "calls" – a request for projects linked to the Humber's strategic objectives. Eligible organisations are invited to put forward an Expression of Interest for any project they wish to be considered in response to the call. The Expression of Interest is then reviewed and a decision made through the LEP's decision-making process as to whether or not the project will be included in the pipeline. Feedback is provided to the sponsoring organisation.

All proposals are assessed on their individual merits to ensure that the best projects are selected which support the LEP's priorities. Based on the information provided, the LEP will also be able to understand how ready projects are to deliver. The pipeline is designed to contain projects which could be ready to deliver straight away, as well as projects which will take longer to be fully developed.

Detail about how the LEP makes decisions is contained in our Assurance Framework.

Submitting an Expression of Interest

Projects must be put forward on an Expression of Interest form, which can be downloaded from our website. The form should be submitted by email in Microsoft Word format by the deadline specified in the call.

Please refer to the calls for information on the nature of projects being sought and any specific criteria which apply. You should ensure that your project meets the criteria set out in the call and makes specific reference to the appropriate strategies.

At this stage the emphasis is on understanding projects, what they aim to achieve and their current state of development. A good Expression of Interest will explain the project clearly and concisely, give an indication of its likely impact and help us understand when it is likely to be ready to go and what might get in the way of it.

Eligibility and suitability

The calls will set out who is eligible to apply. If you are unsure whether your proposal would be suitable, please contact us for an informal discussion first.

Help and support

Should you require any assistance in completing the form, you can either submit queries by email to funding@humberlep.org or call 01482 485260.

