

Cumbria construction giant gives back to local communities

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A Cumbria construction giant is launching a new fund to tackle poverty, provide skills and training, and promote wellbeing in local communities.

Flimby-based Thomas Armstrong (Construction) Ltd, incorporating award winning Washington Homes, will support projects making a difference in the areas where it operates across Cumbria.

Managed by Cumbria Community Foundation, the Thomas Armstrong Construction Community Fund will give grants of up to £2,000 to not-for-profit organisations in communities near their head office and sites where they and Washington Homes operate. These currently include Flimby, Workington, Maryport, Whitehaven, Cleator Moor, Gilcrux, Millom, Moor Row, Penrith and Wigton.

Organisations should be working to create opportunities for people to escape poverty, providing skills, education, and training to help individuals achieve their full potential, or promoting better health.

Philip Hoyles, Deputy Managing Director of Thomas Armstrong Construction, said: "At Thomas Armstrong Construction, we are keen to forge stronger links with our communities.

"Establishing the Community Fund is our way of giving back to the areas where we live and work, supporting local projects that make a real difference to people's lives. This initiative reflects our commitment to social responsibility and our desire to help create a positive, lasting impact across Cumbria."

Dr Jenny Benson, Director of Programmes & Partnerships, said: "We're delighted that Thomas Armstrong (Construction) Ltd have chosen to create a fund with Cumbria Community Foundation. For more than 25 years, we've been the trusted philanthropic partner of businesses who want to give back to the communities they serve.

"We have a deep understanding of the county's needs and look forward to ensuring this money makes the biggest difference possible."

To find out whether your organisation or project might be eligible to apply for a grant, or to apply, [go to the fund page](#).

Priority will be given to projects that improve the lives of children and families in need of extra support; offer inclusive activities and reduce isolation; promote better mental health and wellbeing; or build stronger, more resilient communities.

For more information, contact Grants and Programmes Officer Lisa Blackwell on 01900 820828 or email lisa@cumbriafoundation.org.

Cumbria Community Foundation gives around £6million in grants a year to local charities and voluntary groups through more than 100 grant making funds set up by generous businesses, individuals and families.

To find out more about setting up a fund and supporting those in need in Cumbria, contact Development Manager Caroline Adams on 01900 820825 or email caroline@cumbriafoundation.org.

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