

Funding to improve resilience to flooding

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Does your community need funding to build its resilience to flooding and other emergencies?

Cumbria Community Foundation is offering grants of up to £2,000 for community groups, including town and parish councils, from the Cumbria Innovative Flood Resilience (CiFR) project, part of the Flood and Coastal Innovation Programmes, funded by Defra and delivered via the Environment Agency.

This funding can be used for equipment and training to improve local resilience.

To apply, your group must:

- Have a community emergency plan (or be working on one)
- Consider flood risk as part of the plan

The CiFR team can help you with this – just email CiFR@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk and they'll put you in contact with the most appropriate person to support you.

Find out more about grant funding and apply at <https://www.cumbriafoundation.org/fund/cifr-community-flood-resilience-fund/>

This project is funded by Defra as part of the £200 million Flood and Coastal Innovation Programmes which is managed by the Environment Agency. The programmes will drive innovation in flood and coastal resilience and adaptation to a changing climate.

Need help with planning?

You can find template community emergency plans on the ACTION with Communities in Cumbria website at <https://www.cumbriaaction.org.uk/what-we-do/community-emergency-planning>.

And you can check your flood risk on the gov.uk website (by postcode, or by looking at a map) – don't forget to look at the risk of flooding from surface water, rivers and the sea. You can now also see what your flood risk is likely to be in the 2050s:

- <https://check-long-term-flood-risk.service.gov.uk/postcode>
- <https://check-long-term-flood-risk.service.gov.uk/map>

Prepare now—build a stronger, flood-resilient community!

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