

Power to Change: Contracts Awarded in 2022

Financial Innovation Pilots

In October 2021 we went out to the market inviting organisations to submit ideas to deliver innovative projects to improve financial capabilities across the community businesses sector.

We are funding pilot projects from the following two organisations

Locality
The Women's Organisations

Research into Community Business and Climate

In February 2022 we went out to the market seeking a researcher to carry out a project to better understand and generate insights on, the benefits, barriers, opportunities and potential of community business-led approaches in the transition to a fairer, greener economy.

We have now appointed:

The Institute for Public Policy Research

Powering Up Programme Impact and Learning Partner

In February 2022 we went out to the market seeking a partner to help us to understand the extent to which the programme enables organisational change which strengthens community businesses and makes them more resilient.

We have now appointed:

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Community Improvement Districts

(i) Learning Partner

In February we went out to the market for a partner to draw out learning in relation to the pilots of Community Improvement Districts.

We have now appointed:

The Centre for Regional Economic and Social Research (CRESR) in partnership with Shared Assets CIC

(ii) Facilitator Partner (London region)

In February 2022 we invited proposals from three organisations we went out to the market for a partner to support two pilots of Community Improvement Districts in the London region. We have now appointed:

The Means

(iii) Community Improvement Districts Pilots

In March 2022 we went out to the market inviting partnerships (outside of the London area) to submit proposals to participate in our Community Improvement District Pilot

We have now approved support for the following five partnerships/regions:

Back on the Map – Hendon
Bickerstaffe Community Services – Skelmersdale
Friends of Stretford Public Hall – Stretford
Future Wolverton Ltd – Wolverton
Locus Management Solutions – Ipswich

(iv) Facilitator Partner (excluding London region)

In May 2022 we invited proposals from two organisations to support the five partnerships participating in our Community Improvement Districts Pilot. Subject to contract we will be appointing:

Locality

Leading the Way Programme Impact and Learning Partner

In April 2022 we went out to the market seeking a partner to help us to understand the extent to which the programme helps to develop community enterprise leaders' skills, confidence, resilience and networks and whether these developments bring about positive change.

We have now appointed:

The National Council for Voluntary Organisations