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What is the Infrastructure investment Fund (IIF)?

The Infrastructure Investment Fund (IIF) provides funding for strategic infrastructure projects that support the Greater Norwich area as it continues to grow.

The fund is resourced by pooling the Strategic Community Infrastructure Levy (SCIL) monies from each Greater Norwich Local Authority (Broadland District Council, Norwich City Council and South Norfolk Council).

The IIF is overseen by the Greater Norwich Growth Board (GNGB) - a voluntary partnership made up of the council leaders from each local authority, together with Norfolk County Council and the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP).

The fund supports four types of infrastructure project; Transport, Education, Green Infrastructure and Communities (incl. Sport).

What are the criteria for applying?

Projects applying to the fund must be strategic capital schemes only. They should provide new or enhance existing infrastructure to support housing growth, with demonstrable evidence of community benefit and the demand it will meet.

The IIF is a closed fund, meaning that only local authorities within Greater Norwich are eligible to submit applications. Applications will also be considered if a Greater Norwich authority is working in partnership with other organisations, but it should always be submitted by a local authority as the lead partner.

Projects should have a project sponsor who is a lead Director of the partner authority and be 'shovel ready' to start onsite within the forthcoming financial year.

The IIF welcomes projects that are part funded and only need a final top up of funding to deliver.
This includes projects that have received funding from Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL).
See contact information below.

How do I apply to the Fund?

On an annual basis the thematic sub-groups of the Great Norwich Growth Board agree strategic priorities and short list the projects to be considered for future funding. These are included within the 'Greater Norwich Infrastructure Plan' which, once agreed by the GNGB, triggers the opening of the 'Call for Projects' which is the start of the application process.

Application packs and guidance documents are issued via Directors and District Officers for their respective Authorities at the opening of the call for projects.

All project applications submitted to the IIF should first meet a priority outlined in the latest version of the Greater Norwich Infrastructure Plan.

Additional information can be found here **www.greaternorwichgrowth.org.uk**

The flowchart on page 2 shows the applications process

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IIF Applications process

JUNE

- Call for Projects Opens
- District representatives advised of the opening of the call for projects. Documentation required for application process circulated

JUL-SEP

- Call for projects closes / Application appraisal process commences
- District Senior Officers review appraisal outcomes
- Directors Board review and approve/reject projects

OCT-NOV

 5YIIP - Agreed projects are added to the 5 yr infrastructure investment plan, reviewed by District Officers and approved by the Directors Board

DEC-FEB

- Appraisal recommendations are reviewed and finalised by the GNGB
- Applicants notified of conditional decisions

FEB-MAR

- 5YIIP agreed by all District Cabinets
- GNGB approve the final list of projects- the Annual Growth Programme (AGP)

MAR-APR

- AGP and 5YIIP published
- Project delivery commences

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