

Grant Award Programme (GAP)

Inclusive Funding Principles and Participation & Inclusion Premium (PIP) Process

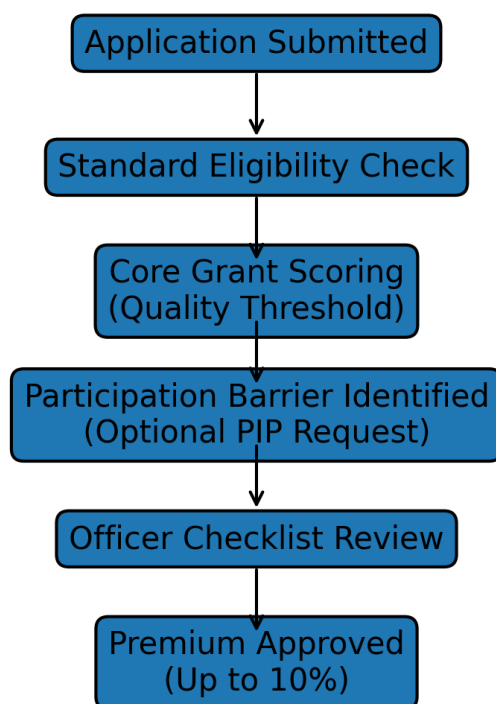
Inclusive Funding Principles

Inclusive participation	Community funding should enable participation from all sections of the community, including individuals and groups who may face barriers to engagement
Fair and transparent decision-making	All applications are assessed against consistent programme criteria and quality thresholds
Recognition of participation barriers	Projects that actively address barriers to engagement may require additional resources to support inclusive delivery
Proportionate support	The participation and Inclusion Premium provides a modest uplift to recognise additional inclusion costs where evidence is demonstrated
Open access	The Participation and Inclusion Premium is available to all applicants where participation barriers and inclusive delivery measures are clearly evidenced
Accountability and monitoring	The impact of the premium will be monitored to ensure that it supports equitable access while maintaining fairness across the programme

Participation and Inclusion Premium (PIP) –

Process Overview

The diagram below illustrates how the Participation and Inclusion Premium could operate within the existing grant assessment process. The premium is considered only after an application has met the programme's core eligibility and scoring thresholds.



Implementation Note

The Participation and Inclusion Premium (PIP) will be integrated into the existing grant programme assessment framework. Applications must first satisfy eligibility checks and achieve the required scoring threshold. Where participation barriers are identified and appropriate inclusive delivery measures are evidenced, officers may apply a premium of up to 10% of the approved award.