



# NDA Group Socio-economic Policy

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## Introduction

The Energy Act 2004 requires the NDA to consider the socio-economic impacts of its activities on local communities and gives it a function of giving 'encouragement and other support to activities that benefit the social or economic life of communities' living near our sites.

The work of the NDA and the focus we are bringing to decommissioning and clean-up will deliver many opportunities. We aim to build on these opportunities and mitigate the adverse effects that decommissioning and clean-up, have on communities. As we continue to deliver our mission there will be further economic opportunities on our sites, but also economic threats as work reduces.

The NDA has a general duty in carrying out its functions to take account of relevant Government policy, safeguarding the environment, health and safety and nuclear security. In this respect, the Government has charged us with playing a full and active role in helping to mitigate the impact of decommissioning and clean-up and in contributing to the development of sustainable communities living near our sites. It presents a unique opportunity to work with other agencies and with local communities.

The NDA socio-economic budget is divided between Nuclear Decommissioning Authority, Sellafield Ltd, Magnox Ltd, Dounreay Site Restoration Ltd and Low Level Waste Repository Ltd. This policy covers these organisations. RWM's community funding as part of the GDF siting processes are not covered by this policy.

## Principles

- We will only support projects that are near one of our sites
- Our projects need to reflect local priorities within r key themes set out in the NDA's socio-economic strategy. (The current edition of this is NDA Local Social and Economic Impact Strategy 2020, but it is regularly updated)
- Decisions will be made on the basis of clear evidence of need or opportunity and also evidence that projects can be delivered.
- Our budgets are funded by the taxpayer, so we need transparency and robust governance systems.
- The focus is on making long-lasting positive social, economic or environmental benefit.
- Follow the NDA Group's practitioner guidance [One NDA local social and economic impact practitioners guidance: grant funding - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) on grant funding, and where more detailed advice is required, Cabinet Office guidelines as set out in 'Managing Public Money' and Government Functional Standard for General Grants'.

## Process

The businesses responsible for administering NDA socio-economic funding, will ensure that their processes are aligned with the requirements set out in the two documents detailed below:

- NDA Local Social and Economic Impact Strategy 2020
- One NDA Local Social and Economic Impact Practitioner Guidance: Grant Funding

All NDA group socio-economic applications and paperwork are managed centrally on the NDA's Grant Management System. For audit purposes, no applications for socio-economic funding should be processed outside of this system.



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## **GDPR**

We have developed a Privacy Notice, which sets out how we will use applicant's personal data, and their rights. It is made under the Data Protection Act 2018, section 36(1).

Further information can be found on the NDA webpage

[NDA: working with our communities - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/national-data-archive/about-us/working-with-our-communities)