

Appendix B Additional criteria for Community Interest Companies (CIC) and limited companies (2026)

In addition to meeting our general criteria, as a CIC or limited company you will need to demonstrate the following if your application for funding is to be considered:

Criteria	Demonstrated by Two Ridings checks
The organisation has charitable objectives and benefits a community within the objectives of Two Ridings Community Foundation.	Check CIC 36/37 Public Benefit Statement. Check Companies house
The CIC has a charitable asset lock and charitable dissolution clause	Governing document – this must be a charity or other CIC, doesn't have to be named, but the organisation must itself be asset locked. (note – any unspent grant monies must be returned to Two Ridings, not passed to another organisation / group / charity / CIC)
There are a minimum of three unrelated directors	Check identity of directors at Companies House and ask for confirmation that the directors are not (a) related through family, marriage, or civil partnership (b) business partners or associates.
Directors have equal control. There is no one person with significant control. Related parties do not jointly hold significant control.	Governing document and Companies House
Demonstrate regulatory alignment of community benefit through enterprise, not just grant-funded activity.	Aim to generate the majority of income from trading. The ideal target income from trading activities is >50%, which aligns with the company's / CIC's core purpose - to operate as a social enterprise rather than a grant-dependent charity. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Start-up phase (up to 2 years): 0–20% - Growth phase (2-5 years): 20–50% - Mature phase (5+ years): 50–80% The distinction between grant income and trading income should be clearly defined in their profit and loss account.
Salaries and benefits paid to Directors / Officers are reasonable and proportionate to the work that they do and the financial position of the organisation.	Annual accounts and/or annual CIC 34 report, statement of income and expenditure to be provided with accounts.
The CIC is not limited by shares	Governing document
CIC's can only apply for contribution to overheads in relation to their charitable activity. No overheads relating to trading or contract work can be covered by Two Ridings Community Foundation grants.	Annual accounts

Items will be checked as part of our due diligence process. We may request further information.