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Coast-R Small Grants Fund Round 2 Information Webinar & Q&A: 30th April 2026

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Coast-R N+ & ReCCs overview

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The ReCCS Programme

The Resilient UK Coastal Communities and Seas programme (2024-28) is a **£14.8M investment consisting of a Network Plus, Flexible Fund and 4 research grants (projects).**

Programme aims:

- Build a transdisciplinary, whole systems understanding of UK coastal seas, coastal communities and coastal natural capital.
- Support collaboration with stakeholders to build understanding and enable transformative decision-making.
- Enhance community knowledge mobilisation and improve resilience in the management of UK coastal areas and seas.



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4 ReCCS projects

- **Advancing Resilience and Innovation for a Sustainable Environment (ARISE)**
 - Gina Reinhardt, University of Essex
- **Resilience of the Anthropocene coasts and communities: assessing and responding to urban and post-industrial coastal risks (RACC)**
 - Kate Spencer, Queen Mary University of London
- **Transformative Research Actions for Resilient Coastal Communities (TRACC)**
 - Tim Acott (Co-Lead), University of Greenwich
 - Jasper Kenter (Co-Lead), Aberystwyth University
- **Transitions in Energy for Coastal communities over Time and Space (TRANSECTS)**
 - Karen Alexander, Heriot-Watt University



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Coastal Communities & Seas Together for Resilience

- Coast-R is an **inclusive and action-driven community of practice** working to build knowledge, action and resilience for UK coastal communities and seas.
- It **champions research & knowledge exchange across the ReCCS programme**, directs the **Flexible Fund**, and seeks to **scale and embed place-based interventions into policy & practice**, thereby delivering a step-change in UK coastal resilience.
- Join up via ukcoastalresilience.org or email: COASTR@hull.ac.uk



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Our objectives

1. **Sharing learnings and good practice** across sectors and disciplines so as to build UK coastal and marine resilience.
2. **Co-designing and hosting events, training and mentoring** to improve partnership working and nurture the next generation of resilience champions.
3. Working in partnership with coastal communities and partners **to identify and respond to priority needs using our Flexible Fund.**
4. **Collating key insights, case studies and resources** through our website, policy briefs, foresight documents, conferences and practitioner events.
5. **Building ongoing practitioner and community-led evaluation** and reflection on the activities of the Network+ and funded projects, and thereby shape future learning, legacy and funding opportunities.



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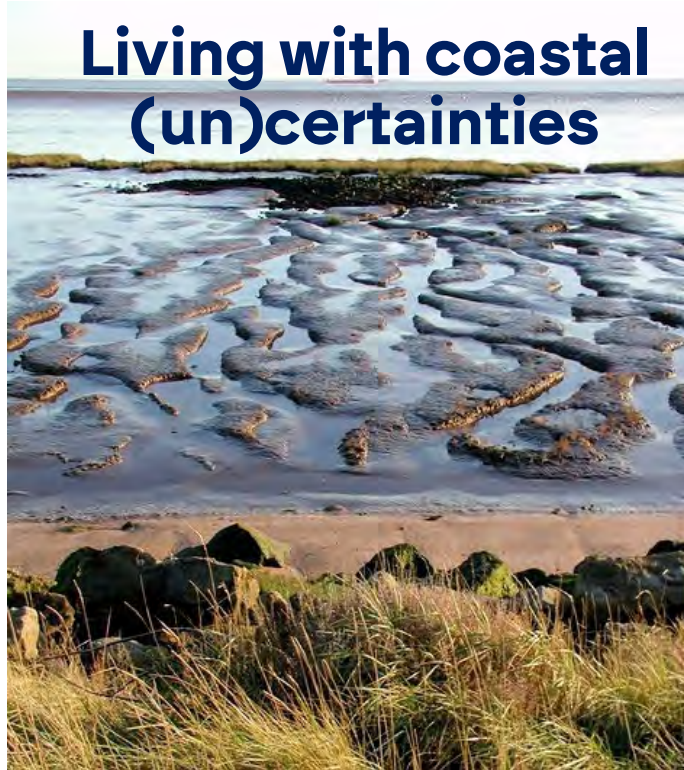
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Our cross-cutting themes

People, places and participation



Living with coastal (un)certainties



Working together at interfaces



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KEY NUMBERS SO FAR

600+ network sign-ups

1000+ LinkedIn followers

44 engagement activities, reaching 7044 people

2 gov.uk committee appearances

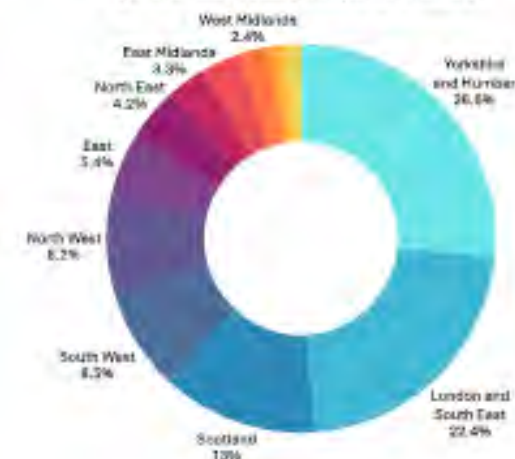
1 gov.uk inquiry submission

7 webinars held

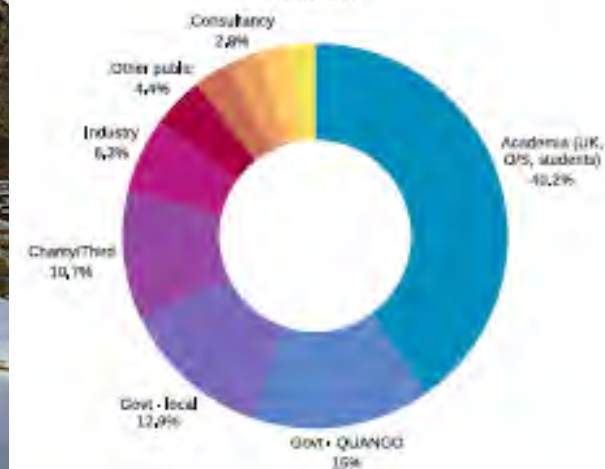
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Where do we think people are based?



Who has joined the Coast-R network?



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Small Grants Fund (Round 2)

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Overarching Focus for Round 2

Round 2 of our SGF will support **small scale, place-based projects which are led by a third sector organisation, and involving researchers based at a UK University or other UKRI-designated Research Organisation.**

We particularly encourage projects which:

- Involve **partnership and cross-sectoral working;**
- Include the **active engagement of individuals and organisations with lived experience** of coastal change; and
- Will **scale and embed research, knowledge and learning** about coastal and marine resilience **across & between sectors and communities.**



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This might include activities which...

- Generate **new learning, data, approaches or resources;**
- Make **existing research findings accessible** to new and more diverse audiences; and/or
- **Inform policy and enable transformative decision making** at community level.



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Round 2 Priority Activity Areas

- **Fostering the exchange of ideas and approaches between coastal communities 'at risk',** including collating and scaling up learning across regions, nations or sectors
- **Supporting communities to collect new, or interpret existing, coastal data,** e.g. via citizen science, local monitoring, or participatory mapping
- **Developing new toolkits and methods to support community adaptation to coastal change and transition,** including relocation or rollback
- **Fostering skills for inclusive resilience,** including trust-building and amplifying less-heard voices
- **Capacity-building activities for community-led decision making,** which may include creative approaches
- **Developing innovative and creative evaluation and monitoring** for existing projects



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Grant Available & Grant Rates

- **Minimum grant: £10,000 ***
- **Maximum grant: £25,000***

**Inclusive of non-recoverable VAT. Recoverable VAT may not be grant funded.*

Third sector organisation costs:

- **No percentage limit as a proportion of grant, and funded at 100% of cost**

Academic costs:

- **Capped at 25% maximum of the grant sought**
- **Will be funded at 80% of Full Economic Costing (FEC)**



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Eligibility

Applications must demonstrate the following:

- A **third sector organisation** must be the lead applicant
- Applicant organisation **must be legally set up in a way which allows it to enter into a legal (funding) contract** with the University of Hull (the funder)
- Proposed activity **must involve researchers based at a UKRI-designated Research Organisation**
- Must demonstrate **equitable, two-way (or multi-way) research and knowledge exchange** between third sector and research organisations



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Definitions / Eligible Organisations (*Examples - Not exhaustive*)

- **Third sector organisation:** Registered charity, Community Interest Company, Other registered Social Enterprise format, other *

* If you are unsure of the eligibility of an organisation, please contact us in advance of your application.

- **Research Organisations: UK Universities, and other Research Organisations listed in the UKRI's list of designated organisations****

**To check eligibility, please consult the list at [Research organisations eligible for UKRI funding – UKRI](#)



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Examples of Eligible Costs

Workshops, activities and event costs	Travel and subsistence costs for workshops and events	Costs of organising activities
Materials & small scale equipment directly connected to delivery.	Community participation expenses	Staff costs required for specific elements of running the project
Training costs	Venue costs arising from delivery	Academic costs <i>(limited to 25% of the total grant sought)</i>



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Exclusions

The following costs are not eligible:

- Costs incurred prior to the date of grant approval
- Pre-existing activity or ongoing operations
- Costs which are already subject to a grant / finance from another source
- PhD stipends or fees
- Religious & party-political activity
- Alcohol



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Mandatory Requirements

- Provide **evidence of the delivery of the outputs and outcomes** specified in their project application
- Allow us **access to visit the project** and see its staff, premises and records
- Provide **brief quarterly progress reports** (if in receipt of £15,000 upwards) and a **longer final report**
- Contribute to **other evaluation activities** if requested.
- Attend a **virtual project update meeting during their first 6 months of operation**
- If appropriate, **host an in-person visit** by members of the Coast-R Network team during the project's lifetime.



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Other Outputs - Examples

- **Toolkits and 'How to' guides**
- **Case studies and web resources**
- **Training resources which can be adopted and used by others**
- **Practitioner-focused publications/reports**
- **Policy outputs, including briefs and foresight documents**
- **Academic publications**



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Top Tips

- If you have queries about the **eligibility** of the organisations involved, or activities/costs proposed, **contact us as early as possible to discuss.**
- If your proposal will involve University or other designated Research Organisation costs, **seek expert advice on the completion of Part 2 of the project budget form at Section 3 of the application form** e.g. the research finance team within the University/organisation in question.



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Submission Process & Timeline

- Submit applications to CoastR@hull.ac.uk: By **4pm, Friday 15th May**
- Desktop checks: **18th – 22nd May**
- Reviewing process: **26th May – 19th June (3 weeks)**
- Applications decisions panel meeting held: By **Friday 26th June**
- Decisions out to applicants: By **Friday 3rd July**
- Contracts drafted and sent out to grant recipients: **27th July – 7th August**
- Projects start delivery: From **1st September**
- Projects complete delivery: By **31st May 2027 (maximum 9 month duration)**
- Projects complete monitoring & evaluation reporting: By **30th June 2027**



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