

Coast to Capital



Arundel Lido

Project Summary

As part of the Local Growth Fund (LGF) provision, Coast to Capital launched a feasibility fund to support organisations unable to deliver upfront investment to develop projects. The Arundel & Downland Community Leisure Trust (ACT) were keen to progress a project that would enhance leisure activities for local residents and visitors. Project LEAP (the Lido Extended Activities Project) required a feasibility study to improve the likelihood of obtaining planning permission from the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) for a new building.



Project Achievements

Coast to Capital awarded £25,000 of LGF which contributed to a total match funding pot of £125,000. This created a benefit cost ratio for LGF of £1:£5.

This funding allowed the appointment of an architect, approval of outline planning and subsequent completion of planning documentation and detailed design for submission to the planning authority, the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA). Planning was granted by the SDNPA, thus achieving project purpose.

Without an LGF award the project may have remained an aspiration for some time, and instead has paved the way to progressing an ambition that has many potential benefits.



Project Benefits

With planning permission in place, Arundel Lido should be able to progress the project by pursuing new funding opportunities. This would fund construction of a new build which would include a gym, a multi-purpose hall, indoor café and heated changing rooms. This would not only allow for year-round opening and therefore extend business opportunities for Arundel Lido but, would also impact surrounding businesses and create new local jobs.

Providing facilities such as this can have a hugely positive impact on local residents for health and wellbeing. In addition, encouraging new visitors to the area can increase spend in local businesses having a further positive benefit to local economic wellbeing.