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Dear Mr McNaney

### **INLAND WATERWAYS: WATER RECREATION GRANT PROGRAMME 2013/14**

I am writing to advise you that the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure's water recreation grant programme for 2013/14 is available with effect from 1 April 2013. At present it is anticipated that this will be the last year that the scheme is available.

The Grant Programme's primary purpose is to assist provision of water related access, for example riverside paths, canoe steps or other similar facilities on publicly owned land which is free for the public to access and use.

Successful applications will be expected to have a strong strategic partnership emphasis (for example improving community access and creating community links).

Targeting Social Need through projects which either address some of the problems of social exclusion or contribute to better social inclusion will be of particular merit when assessing applications. There is an emphasis on providing facilities that are accessible to persons with disabilities.

Applicants must demonstrate that they will have sufficient resources of their own plus partnership funding to be able to deliver the project before the end of the financial year in which the grant is available.

Application forms are available by email from Barry Young  
[barry.young@dcalni.gov.uk](mailto:barry.young@dcalni.gov.uk)

If you have any questions regarding the application process or your proposed project please contact Barry at 02890 515123 to discuss it further.

Initial expressions of interest should be made by telephone to Kathleen Conlon at 02890515104 before 31 January 2013. Completed applications should be submitted by no later than 5pm on Friday 15 February 2013. Applicants will be advised whether or not their application has been successful by 31 March 2013. Applications made later in the year may still be considered but only if funds remain in the budget and will still be subject to assessment based on the criteria referred to above.



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The grant aid budget for 2013/14 is £90k. Projects can attract funding up to a maximum of £20k per project. All applications will be assessed on the basis of merit and availability of funding and may include site visits before a decision is made.

There is a small amount of funding which remains unallocated during the current financial year (12/13). New applications for small projects will still be considered provided these can be completed and the funds drawn down before the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013. Arrangements for assessment are as referred to above.

Yours sincerely



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