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Mr John Collins

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Dear Mr Collins

I am writing to inform you of a funding opportunity that could benefit your community. The York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority has launched a £1.35 million Community Building Programme, supported by the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and the Rural England Prosperity Fund.

This programme is designed to support capital improvements to community buildings — such as village halls, sports pavilions, and other shared spaces — with a focus on creating accessible and healthy environments.

Funding is available for projects that:

- improve accessibility (e.g. ramps, hearing loops, accessible toilets)
- promote physical and mental wellbeing (e.g. outdoor gardens, energy-efficient upgrades)
- enhance the role of community buildings as inclusive, welcoming hubs

Applications are open now and will close on 4 August 2025. I strongly encourage you to consider whether any local buildings could benefit from this support.

You can find full details and apply here: www.yorknorthyorks-ca.gov.uk/project/community-buildings-programme

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julian'.

Rt Hon Sir Julian Smith KCB CBE MP