



# Greater Lincolnshire LEP

Single Investment Fund (SIF)

European Structural Funds –  
2014 - 2020

# Purpose

- To update the Third Sector on the EU SIF Proposals for 2014 - 2020, and how best to prepare organisations, so they can interact with the process
- To update the Third Sector on what is happening at present

# What do we know so far?

- **Strategic Economic Plan (SEP)** submitted at the end of March 2014 - A draft will be submitted on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2013.
- The **final version of the EU SIF strategy** submitted to government at the end of January 2014.

These two documents will form the backcloth to the government's growth deal with the LEP – and therefore access to EU, single local growth fund, and other monies

# What do we need to concentrate on?

- Making sure that there are sufficient hooks in the strategies, to enable projects to come ahead at a later date.
- This requires a balance between strategic development, and project understanding
- In order for delivery to be successful, a strong relationship between the LEP and its various partners is essential. The Third Sector has a strong role to play in that relationship.

**A strong relationship will lead to richer strategies, which reflect priorities, and smooth the transition from strategy to delivery**

# What needs to be thought about?

- Identifying strategic priorities that the Third Sector could help with, and develop emerging projects ideas with this in mind
- Producing an implementation plan, for the above
- Summarising how these fit with LEP and other local plans
- Ensuring that there is a clear communication route between the LEP and the Third Sector, on this issue
- Producing selection criteria for projects, once funding becomes available

# Key Points to Observe

- **Need to take responsibility for producing an implementation plan**
- **Need to consider the resources needed to do this, and also run EU Projects**
- **In addition to any geographical element, there will be a strong sectoral and thematic focus, which the LEP will be keen to prioritise**