**LCR Future Innovation Fund**

**Eligibility & Self-certification checklist**

Please carefully review the following list and tick all of the boxes that you think apply to you. If you have any queries, please visit the Application Guidance and FAQs provided.

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| **Eligibility Criteria** |  |
| You are an SME (i.e. employing fewer than 250 FTEs) with establishment and/or principal operations in the Liverpool City Region (i.e. in the Local Authority area of Halton, Knowsley, Liverpool, Sefton, St Helens or Wirral); |  |
| You are registered as active on Companies House and you have been carrying out trading or pre-trading activities since before 1st January 2020 (we include in this category community interest companies); |  |
| You confirm that you have paid all taxes you are liable for as at the date of application submission (unless deferred/delayed in line with HMRC’s pandemic support measures); |  |
| Any awarded grant funding will be used to fund activities with demonstrable impact within 6 months from date of award of grant; |  |
| You shall not use any grant funding for:   * working capital and other ordinary course business purposes; * operating directly or indirectly in the tobacco industry; * production of products/services used solely in the defence industry; * operating in the gambling or adult entertainment industries; * any activities with impact on religious movements; * any illegal activity; and * any activities with an adverse impact on human or animal rights. |  |
| You have reviewed the State Aid guidance and confirm that:   * The grant you are applying for is within the “de minimis” State Aid limit; *OR* * The grant you are applying for will be covered by the UK Temporary State Aid framework. |  |

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| **Eligible Costs** |  |
| You will only claim funding for eligible costs as outlined in section 2.3. of the guidance document. |  |
| You recognise that VAT is not an eligible cost, unless evidenced that it’s irrecoverable. |  |
| You will provide a form of valid evidence and rationale for the costs you intend to include in the project plan. |  |

You must satisfy **all** the above Eligibility Criteria. If there is a requirement listed above that you do not satisfy, however consider that your organisation is still eligible (e.g. you are an unincorporated organisation so not registered at Companies House, or you are relying on the General Block Exemption Regulation or another State Aid exemption), then please provide details below:

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In order to fully assess your application, the Combined Authority may request further information from you and conduct a credit check, to verify your eligibility as part of the due diligence processes.

By submitting this form, you grant permission to the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority or Growth Platform to conduct all necessary background checks on the applicant entity.