

COASTAL COMMUNITIES OFFERED A CASH BOOST

Coastal Communities are today (30 June 2016) being offered a cash boost and the chance to join a network of experts driving regeneration across the Great British Coast.

Speaking at the first-ever Great British Coastal Conference held today in Brighton, Communities Minister Mark Francois offered seaside areas the [chance to bid for a share of £200,000](#) to help set up, as many as 20 new Coastal Communities Teams and get their ideas off the ground.

In the past year 118 towns, villages and cities along our coastline have already benefitted from keen locals joining forces with businesses and councils to help rejuvenate their areas. The wave of action they have created has helped the seaside regain its position as the most popular overnight holiday destination for Brits – a massive 13.7 million visits in 2015.

Now because of their resounding success, Mr Francois wants even more of our coastline to benefit.

Communities Minister Mark Francois said:

“Across our Great British Coast tourism is taking off and investment is pouring in.

“In just a year, 118 Coastal Communities Teams have made waves, positively shaping the economic development of their local areas. But we don’t want anyone with good ideas to miss out, which is why we’re giving another 20 areas the chance to benefit.

“And with a further £90 million funding available over the next 4 years, there’s plenty of cash available to help our coastline reach its potential.”

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coastal-community-teams-2016-bidding-prospectus>