

### WHO IS THIS TOOLKIT FOR?

This toolkit has been developed on behalf of the [East Anglian Coastal Group](#) (EACG) to support practitioners and community leaders who are taking forward partnership funding approaches for Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management (FCERM) projects.

#### Where has it come from?

Following [Defra's Flood and Coastal Erosion Resilience Partnership Funding policy](#) (Partnership Funding), announced in May 2011, there is now increased emphasis on those delivering flood and coastal erosion projects to seek partnership funding opportunities. Government funds for FCERM are limited, and have to be prioritised, but there are now greater opportunities for FCERM projects to attract a proportion of such funding if wider partner contributions are secured. Some FCERM projects will still not be eligible for government funding but the partnership funding principles can still assist.

In early 2013 the Environment Agency led a workshop, attended by EACG members, to share partnership funding information, to highlight common funding issues or challenges and to agree how practitioners could be best supported. One practical idea, supported by all, was the development of a toolkit, in the form of an information pack. The aim was to bring together partnership funding information, best practice, lessons learnt, case studies and to signpost the user to a wider range of relevant information. This toolkit has been developed, on behalf of the EACG, by officers from the Local Authorities and the Environment Agency.

#### What is in the toolkit?

The toolkit contains a series of useful information sheets and case studies, and signposts the user to more details about partnership funding.

It can be shared through the Regional Flood and Coast Committee, Local Coastal Forums, and River, Estuary and Coastal Community Groups. It will be available to download from the EACG website ([www.eacg.org.uk](http://www.eacg.org.uk)) and partner websites.

Whilst initiated by the EACG it can be built on by others and updated as and when required.