

News of future funding for 2007:

Connecting Communities Plus is a grants programme designed to support practical action to help achieve the goals set out in *Improving Opportunity, Strengthening Society*, the government's strategy to increase race equality and improve community cohesion. Due for 2007, the programme follows the existing Connecting Communities grant programme which ended in March 2006. The grants will facilitate tailored initiatives to meet the specific needs of disadvantaged communities, rather than treating all BME communities in the same way. There are two pots of money available to local groups:

Community Grants are aimed at locally run and managed voluntary and community organisations with an income of less than £50,000 per year, run by volunteers or with one full time or two part time paid staff.

Project grants are available for organisations based in at least one of the English regions to deliver outcomes linked to increasing race equality and improving community cohesion from April 2006 for 3 years. Grants will range from between £12,000 and £100,000 per annum, although grants of less than £70,000 per annum are more likely to be awarded.

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