

BASIS-Round two

(Building and Sustaining Infrastructure Services)



South East region priorities

This leaflet describes our priorities for the South East region for the second and final round of our BASIS programme.

Please study our priorities carefully before you read the BASIS programme guidance notes, so that you can find out if your project is one that we might fund.

- ▶ If your project meets one of our priorities then we would like to receive an application from you. You can download the programme guidance notes and an application form from the BASIS page of our website www.biglotteryfund.org.uk
- ▶ If your project will not meet one of our priorities, we will not fund it under this programme.

About BASIS

BASIS aims to ensure that voluntary and community organisations throughout England have access to high quality support that will help them be more effective. In round two we expect to spend up to £4.6 million in the South East region on 14 projects.

Only voluntary and community sector infrastructure organisations can apply to BASIS.

- ▶ By voluntary and community sector (VCS) we mean charitable or not-for-profit organisations and social enterprises.
- ▶ By infrastructure organisations we mean organisations that provide information, advice, training and other support that helps voluntary and community groups do their work better, as well as help with networking or partnerships and advocacy or campaigning.

Our round two priorities

Our priorities are the services we would like to fund in round two. We know from round one that there is a high demand for funding from this programme. By clearly describing what we want to support we can save many organisations time and effort that would otherwise be wasted in developing applications that would not be funded. We will only consider applications for projects that meet a priority described in this leaflet.

We also describe the type of organisation or partnership that should apply and the key stakeholders that should be consulted.

- ▶ We will not consider applications from other types of organisation or partnerships.
- ▶ If we have identified key stakeholders you should enclose letters of support from them with your application.

Where there is only one organisation with the skills and experience to provide a service we would like to support, we will write to that organisation and invite it to apply, through a process we call 'solicitation'.

How were these priorities decided?

Before deciding our priorities for round two we analysed the grants we made in round one and considered research into needs and gaps in services, as well as funding for infrastructure development from other sources. We then consulted with voluntary and community organisations and other key stakeholders during the summer and autumn of 2007. There is more information about our consultation and how we chose our priorities, as well as answers to frequently asked questions about the programme, on the BASIS page of our website www.biglotteryfund.org.uk

How to apply

If your project will meet one of our priorities the next step is to download the programme guidance notes and an application form from our website. You must insert the relevant code from the table below in question 2.1 of the application form, to confirm the priority your project will address. Your application must reach us by 2.00 pm on 27 August 2008.

We would like to fund all our round two priorities but this will depend on the amounts requested and the quality of the applications. The application process is competitive and we will only fund high quality projects. So you must not enter into any contractual agreements or start your project before you receive a decision from us.

If you are not sure whether your project will meet one of our priorities or if you have any particular communication needs (such as Braille or large print, audiotape, sign language or a community language) please contact our Big Advice Line on 0845 4 10 20 30 (textphone 0845 602 1659, this is for those with a hearing impairment) or email: general.enquiries@biglotteryfund.org.uk

Code	Priority	Applicant
SE1	<p>We will consider funding a single region-wide project to improve the representation of the views of the full range of voluntary and community sector (VCS) organisations.</p> <p>The project should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● represent the views of the full range of VCS organisations across the region, so that their needs and priorities are reflected in local and regional policies and strategies; and ● share learning and good practice throughout the region. 	<p>We will only consider applications from VCS infrastructure organisations with a track record of co-ordination and representation for a wide range of VCS organisations throughout the region.</p>
SE2	<p>We will consider funding a single region-wide project to provide infrastructure services for the full range of VCS organisations supporting disabled people.</p> <p>The project should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● represent the views of the full range of VCS disability organisations so that their needs and priorities are reflected in local and regional policies and strategies; and ● improve access to specialist support services for VCS disability organisations; and ● provide support for VCS infrastructure organisations so that they can provide appropriate services to disability organisations. 	<p>We will only consider applications from VCS infrastructure organisations with experience of providing services throughout the region to a wide range of organisations supporting disabled people.</p>
SE3	<p>We will consider funding up to 12 projects that target areas of high deprivation or communities that have the greatest infrastructure needs. Projects should cover at least some or all of a county or unitary authority area. We are unlikely to fund more than one project in each area. We are particularly interested in applications for projects covering Hastings and Thanet.</p> <p>Each project should achieve at least one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Improve the sustainability of VCS organisations by providing support and advice in one or more of: funding, finance and meeting obligations from statements of recommended practice (SORP), partnership working and recruiting, retaining and training volunteers. ● Increase VCS organisations' understanding of and ability to influence public service delivery (including commissioning and procurement processes) and increase their chances of securing contracts. ● Improve the quality and availability of infrastructure support for VCS organisations supporting under-represented communities by ensuring that services respond to their specific needs. 	<p>We will only consider applications from partnerships, which must be led by a VCS infrastructure organisation based in the relevant county or unitary authority.</p> <p>The partnership must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● include one or more VCS infrastructure organisations that have a track record of delivering services to a wide range of VCS organisations in the targeted area; and ● have experience of delivering services to any VCS organisations supporting under-represented communities, targeted by the project. <p>Applicants should provide a letter of support from the relevant VCS infrastructure consortium explaining why the project is important to building and sustaining VCS infrastructure services.</p>