

Connecting Communities Fund: Engaging Young People

This is a one off grant that is especially aimed at getting 15-25 year olds more involved in the wider community, having a greater say in the things that matter to them and becoming less excluded

It intended that there will only be one grant of up to £5,000 that can used to deliver a discreet project over a three month period. However if there should be no single application for one grant smaller applications may be considered.

The outcome of the successful project could be things like;

- 30 excluded people between 15 - 25 engaged in a community activity in their area
- 7 Workshops designed to connect 15 -25 years olds with community forums
- 20 Young people engaged in the governance of local community/residents groups
- 5 activity days designed to promote a positive image of young people in their communities
- 7 Planning the future days for young people with local Council Members and Officers

The panel may also consider other similar outcomes that meet one of the broad aims of the grant.

Applying for the grant

To apply for the grant you will need to complete an application form that you can download from www.blackpooltssp.org.uk or get a printed copy from your local reassurance plus area.

Central- Claremont / Talbot and Brunswick

South- Revoe /St.Heliers /South Beach

Grange Park

The form will ask you for your groups details and some other information about what you want to do and how much it will cost to do.

You can then return the form to Blackpool Third Sector Strategic Partnership.

Your application will go to a panel and if you are successful then you will be notified within a few days of the panel meeting.

At the end of the project you will be asked to submit some kind of feedback which could be a written statement (no more than one side of A4), photograph diary showing the activity that you done or any other evidence that shows what has been achieved.

Who can apply for the grant?

The grant is open to any community group or group of residents who work or live in one of the reassurance plus areas in Blackpool.

You do not have to be a constituted group to apply but we will not fund individuals so there must be a least three of you (preferably not related) who will be carrying out the project .

How is the grant paid?

If you are a constituted group and you have a bank account in your name you will be paid the grant in advance by cheque. You will then need to provide receipts for any expenditure you make. Any money not spent must be returned.

If you are not a constituted group then CVS will act as your bankers and you will need to tell them what you what to pay for out of your grant. They will then provide you with a completed expenditure sheet for you to hand in at the end of your project.

When is the closing date?

The Closing date for this grant 24th August 2010

Do we have to submit a report at the end?

While you don't have to submit a report at the end we would like to see some evidence of what was done with the money. It could be a short written account, photographs, a video or something else.

Good Luck

Neil, Emma and Kim

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