

BASIS-Round two

(Building and Sustaining Infrastructure Services)



London region priorities

This leaflet describes our priorities for the London 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 £9.3 million in the London region on 24 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
LN1	<p>We will consider funding a single London-wide project to support the full range of front-line voluntary and community sector (VCS) organisations to develop and maintain good practice in volunteering.</p> <p>The project should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● be co-ordinated across London; and ● be developed in consultation with local volunteer bureaux. 	<p>We will only consider applications from partnerships, which must be led by a VCS infrastructure organisation based in and serving London.</p> <p>The partnership must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● one or more VCS infrastructure organisations that have experience of delivering volunteering support; and ● one or more organisations with a track record of delivering services to a wide range of VCS organisations in London; and ● one or more organisations from the volunteering sub-group of the London Regional Infrastructure Consortium. <p>Applicants should provide a letter of support from the London Regional Infrastructure Consortium explaining why the project is important to building and sustaining VCS infrastructure services.</p>
LN2	<p>We will consider funding a single London-wide project to improve support and representation for the full range of VCS organisations supporting lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered (LGBT) people.</p> <p>The project should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● increase the representation of LGBT VCS organisations to regional and borough stakeholders; and ● complement other London-wide LGBT infrastructure initiatives; and ● work with the wider infrastructure sector, so that support is increasingly provided by generalist VCS infrastructure organisations. 	<p>We will only consider applications from LGBT VCS organisations with experience of providing infrastructure services and representation for a wide range of LGBT organisations at a London-wide level.</p>
LN3	<p>We will consider funding a single London-wide project to increase the capacity of VCS organisations to develop and manage their premises.</p> <p>The project should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● include advice on legal, technical, financial, other specialist services and environmental issues; and ● complement other VCS premises infrastructure work in London. 	<p>We will only consider applications from partnerships, which must be led by a VCS infrastructure organisation based in and serving London.</p> <p>The partnership must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● one or more VCS infrastructure organisations with experience of delivering support in managing premises; and ● one or more organisations with a track record of delivering services to a wide range of VCS organisations throughout London; and ● one or more organisations from the premises sub-group of the London Regional Infrastructure Consortium. <p>Applicants should provide a letter of support from the London Regional Infrastructure Consortium explaining why the project is important to building and sustaining VCS infrastructure services.</p>

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LN4	<p>We will consider funding a single project to implement the recommendations of the recent consultation report on a London-wide organisation for deaf and disabled people.</p> <p>The project should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● represent the views of the full range of disability organisations throughout London so that their needs and priorities are reflected in local and London-wide policies and strategies; and ● improve access to specialist support services for VCS disability organisations, including training, information and advice; and ● work with the wider infrastructure sector, so that support is increasingly provided by generalist VCS infrastructure organisations. 	<p>We will only consider an application from a VCS infrastructure organisation based in and serving London that is established specifically to take forward the recommendations of the consultation report.</p>
LN5	<p>We will consider funding a single London-wide project to provide increased support for established refugee and asylum-seekers' VCS organisations.</p> <p>The project should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● increase their ability to work in partnership and to evaluate the impact of their work; and ● complement the England-wide Refugee Council project that we funded in BASIS round one. 	<p>We will solicit an application from the Evelyn Oldfield Unit. We will not consider applications for this priority from any other organisations.</p>
LN6	<p>We will consider funding a single pilot project to explore the extent to which "back office" services (for example, human resources, information technology and accountancy) can be shared or pooled by VCS organisations and run more cost effectively.</p> <p>The project should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● cover one or more sub-regions in London; and ● have clear plans to share learning with a wide range of VCS organisations. <p>The project can include some direct provision but should build on existing services rather than create new ones.</p>	<p>We will only consider applications from partnerships, which must be led by a VCS infrastructure organisation based in and serving London.</p> <p>The partnership must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● organisations from one or more of the London sub-regional VCS infrastructure consortia; and ● one or more organisations with experience of providing relevant "back office" services.
LN7	<p>We will consider funding up to 18 borough level projects to develop infrastructure services for the full range of front-line VCS organisations.</p> <p>We are particularly interested in applications from the boroughs of Barnet, Brent, Haringey, Redbridge, Tower Hamlets and Waltham Forest. We are unlikely to fund more than one project in each area.</p> <p>The projects should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● meet one or more of the priorities identified in the relevant local VCS infrastructure development plan; and ● involve joint working that can be sustained beyond the life of the project; and ● plan to link with any relevant projects we might support under our other priorities for London. 	<p>We will only consider applications from partnerships, which must be led by a VCS infrastructure organisation based in the London borough that the application targets.</p> <p>The partnership must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● all or most of the VCS infrastructure organisations delivering services to the borough; and ● one or more organisations with a track record of working with a wide range of VCS organisations. <p>Applicants should provide a letter of support from the local VCS infrastructure consortium in the borough that the application targets, explaining why the project is important to building and sustaining VCS infrastructure services.</p>