

# BASIS-Round two

## (Building and Sustaining Infrastructure Services)



## North East region priorities

This leaflet describes our priorities for the North 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](http://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 million in the North East region on 11 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](http://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](mailto:general.enquiries@biglotteryfund.org.uk)

Code	Priority	Applicant
NE1	<p>We will consider funding a single region-wide project to strengthen the ability of the full range of voluntary and community sector (VCS) organisations to develop and influence policy in the region, so that they can maintain and improve the services needed by the communities they work for.</p> <p>The project should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● improve representation of the views of the full range of VCS organisations throughout the region; and</li> <li>● increase the influence of VCS infrastructure organisations over local and regional policies and strategies; and</li> <li>● improve the strategic leadership of the VCS in the region; and</li> <li>● reflect the priorities for VCS infrastructure development described in the regional infrastructure development plan.</li> </ul>	<p>We will consider applications from a single VCS organisation, or a partnership led by a VCS infrastructure organisation, based in the region.</p> <p>The organisation or partnership must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● have a track record of delivery to a wide range of VCS organisations throughout the region; and</li> <li>● demonstrate experience of representing the views of VCS organisations at a regional level.</li> </ul> <p>Applicants should provide a letter of support from the regional VCS infrastructure consortium explaining why the project is important to building and sustaining VCS infrastructure services.</p>
NE2	<p>We will consider funding a single region-wide project to provide support and advice to the full range of VCS organisations that wish to increase their income by delivering public services.</p> <p>The project should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● reflect the priorities described in the regional infrastructure development plan; and</li> <li>● enable VCS organisations to take advantage of opportunities to deliver public services; and</li> <li>● be accessible to and delivered in all parts of the region; and</li> <li>● offer a wide range of services that reflect differences in local need, with the flexibility to adapt to changing priorities.</li> </ul>	<p>We will only consider applications from partnerships, which must be led by a VCS infrastructure organisation based in the region.</p> <p>The partnership must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● one or more VCS infrastructure organisations with experience of delivering support and advice on complex issues; and</li> <li>● one or more organisations with a track record of delivery to a wide range of VCS organisations throughout the region.</li> </ul> <p>Applicants should provide a letter of support from the regional VCS infrastructure consortium explaining why the project is important to building and sustaining VCS infrastructure services.</p>

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<p><b>NE3</b></p> <p><b>NE4</b></p> <p><b>NE5</b></p> <p><b>NE6</b></p>	<p>We will consider funding up to two projects to maintain and improve support to the full range of VCS organisations in each of the following sub-regions:</p> <p>Northumberland</p> <p>Tees Valley</p> <p>Tyne and Wear</p> <p>County Durham</p> <p>Each project should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● reflect the priorities for infrastructure described in the relevant sub-regional infrastructure development plan and fill identified gaps in services; and</li> <li>● build on nationally available support; and</li> <li>● deliver local services and support that reflect local issues and needs; and</li> <li>● raise standards of governance and improve VCS organisations' performance in achieving their aims; and</li> <li>● improve VCS organisations' ability to recruit, retain and support volunteers.</li> </ul>	<p>We will only consider applications from partnerships, which must be led by a VCS infrastructure organisation based in the sub-region that the application targets.</p> <p>The partnership must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● one or more VCS infrastructure organisations with experience of delivering the services relevant to the project; and</li> <li>● one or more organisations with a track record of delivery to a wide range of VCS organisations throughout the sub-region.</li> </ul> <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>
<p><b>NE7</b></p>	<p>We will consider funding a single project to provide "back office" services (for example, human resources, information technology, accountancy, purchasing and other support services) to the full range of VCS infrastructure organisations working in rural areas throughout the region, particularly in Northumberland, County Durham and Tees Valley.</p> <p>The project should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● provide a range of services that reflect local needs; and</li> <li>● join up with existing regional and sub-regional VCS infrastructure services; and</li> <li>● plan to link with any projects we might support under priorities NE3, NE4 and NE6.</li> </ul>	<p>We will only consider applications from partnerships, which must be led by a VCS infrastructure organisation based in the region.</p> <p>The partnership must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● one or more VCS infrastructure organisations with a track record of delivering services to rural organisations across the region, particularly those supporting isolated communities; and</li> <li>● one or more organisations with experience of providing efficient and effective back office services.</li> </ul> <p>Applicants should provide letters of support from the VCS infrastructure consortia for Northumberland, County Durham and Tees Valley, explaining why the project is important to building and sustaining VCS infrastructure services.</p>