

BASIS–Round two

(Building and Sustaining Infrastructure Services)



South West region priorities

This leaflet describes our priorities for the South West 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 £3.1 million in the South West region on 13 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
SW1	<p>We will consider funding a single region-wide project to increase the influence voluntary and community sector (VCS) organisations have on local and regional policies and strategies.</p> <p>The project should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● focus on VCS organisations that currently have limited influence; and ● increase the range of VCS organisations engaged in policy-making; and ● involve a range of approaches, including implementing local and regional compacts; and ● complement the work of the Regional Improvement Partnership (LIFT South West); and ● complement work we have already funded in round one of our BASIS programme and plan to link with any projects we might support under priorities SW2 to SW13. 	<p>We will consider applications from VCS infrastructure organisations, 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"> ● have experience of representing VCS views and influencing policies and strategies; and ● demonstrate effective working with a wide range of VCS organisations. <p>Applicants should provide a letter of support from the South West Infrastructure Development Partnership explaining why the project is important to building and sustaining VCS infrastructure services.</p>
<p>SW2</p> <p>SW3</p> <p>SW4</p> <p>SW5</p> <p>SW6</p> <p>SW7</p> <p>SW8</p> <p>SW9</p> <p>SW10</p> <p>SW11</p> <p>SW12</p> <p>SW13</p>	<p>We will consider funding a single project in each of the following twelve sub-regions.</p> <p>Bournemouth and Poole</p> <p>Bristol</p> <p>Cornwall</p> <p>Devon</p> <p>Dorset</p> <p>Gloucestershire</p> <p>Plymouth</p> <p>Somerset</p> <p>Swindon</p> <p>Torbay</p> <p>West of England</p> <p>Wiltshire</p> <p>Each project should complement the relevant infrastructure development plans, build on regional or national support and provide services to the full range of VCS organisations in one or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● VCS engagement and influence in local area agreements, local strategic plans and other partnerships between the VCS and public sector. ● Managing and using assets (such as buildings, land and vehicles) including legal, technical, financial and other specialist topics. ● Organisational development, including income generation, management, training, information technology, partnership working and community development. ● Volunteering infrastructure and support for front-line organisations using volunteers. <p>Each project should plan to link with any project we might support under priority SW1.</p>	<p>We will consider applications from VCS infrastructure organisations, or a partnership led by a VCS infrastructure organisation, based in the relevant sub-region.</p> <p>The organisation or partnership must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● have a track record of delivering infrastructure support services to a wide range of VCS organisations throughout the sub-region; and ● have experience of delivering support relevant to the project focus. <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>