

BASIS-Round two

(Building and Sustaining Infrastructure Services)



Yorkshire and the Humber region priorities

This leaflet describes our priorities for the Yorkshire and the Humber 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 £5.7 million in the Yorkshire and the Humber region on 17 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
YH1	<p>We will consider funding a single region-wide project to improve the representation of the full range of voluntary and community sector (VCS) organisations in rural areas.</p> <p>The project should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● represent the views of the full range of rural VCS organisations so that their needs and priorities are reflected in local and regional policies and strategies; and ● plan to link with any projects we might support under priority YH3. 	<p>We will only consider applications from partnerships, which must include the Yorkshire and Humber Regional Forum, the Yorkshire Rural Community Council and Humber and the Wolds Rural Community Council.</p>
YH2	<p>We will consider funding a single region-wide project to provide infrastructure services and representation for the full range of VCS organisations supporting refugees and asylum seekers (RAS).</p> <p>The project should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● improve access to support for RAS VCS organisations throughout the region; and ● represent the views of RAS VCS organisations so that their needs and priorities are reflected in local and regional policies and strategies; and ● ensure that learning and good practice are shared throughout the region; and ● complement the England-wide Refugee Council project funded in BASIS round one. 	<p>We will consider applications from a single VCS infrastructure organisation, or a partnership led by a VCS infrastructure organisation, based in the region.</p> <p>The organisation or partnership must have a track record of working throughout the region with VCS organisations supporting refugees and asylum seekers.</p>
YH3	<p>We will consider funding up to four projects, one in each of the sub-regions of North Yorkshire, South Yorkshire, West Yorkshire and the Humber, to strengthen infrastructure services for the full range of rural VCS organisations.</p> <p>The projects should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● represent the views of rural VCS organisations so that their needs and priorities are reflected in local and regional policies and strategies; and ● improve support services for rural VCS organisations so that provision is more consistent throughout each sub-region, including the most isolated rural areas; and ● develop the existing collaborative work between the rural community councils and other rural infrastructure bodies, to avoid duplication, fill gaps and share good practice; and ● plan to link with any relevant projects we might support under priorities YH1, YH4, YH5 and YH6. 	<p>We will only consider applications from partnerships, which must be led by a VCS infrastructure organisation working in the area the project targets.</p> <p>Applicants should provide a letter of support from the relevant sub-regional VCS infrastructure consortium explaining why the project is important to building and sustaining VCS infrastructure services.</p>

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YH4	<p>We will consider funding up to four projects, one in each of the sub-regions of North Yorkshire, South Yorkshire, West Yorkshire and the Humber, to improve accounting and financial management support and advice to the full range of VCS organisations.</p> <p>The projects should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● provide a consistent, sustainable and high quality service throughout each sub-region; and ● improve access to support on finance; and ● create links between infrastructure organisations that specialise in accounting and financial management support and all other infrastructure bodies, including those supporting particular communities; and ● maintain and develop good practice in each sub-region; and ● plan to link with any relevant projects we might support under priorities YH3, YH5 and YH6. 	<p>We will only consider applications from partnerships, which must be led by a VCS infrastructure organisation based in the area the project targets.</p> <p>Applicants should provide a letter of support from the relevant sub-regional VCS infrastructure consortium explaining why the project is important to building and sustaining VCS infrastructure services.</p>
YH5	<p>We will consider funding up to four projects, one in each of the sub-regions of North Yorkshire, South Yorkshire, West Yorkshire and the Humber, to provide organisational development and funding advice for the full range of VCS organisations.</p> <p>The projects should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● provide a consistent, sustainable and high quality service throughout each sub-region; and ● deliver local support that reflects local issues and needs; and ● build upon existing collaborative work between generalist and specialist infrastructure support to avoid duplication and fill gaps; and ● plan to link with any relevant projects we might support under priorities YH3, YH4 and YH6. 	<p>We will only consider applications from partnerships, which must be led by a VCS infrastructure organisation based in the area the project targets.</p> <p>Applicants should provide a letter of support from the relevant sub-regional VCS infrastructure consortium explaining why the project is important to building and sustaining VCS infrastructure services.</p>

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YH6	<p>We will consider funding up to three projects, one in each of the sub-regions of North Yorkshire, South Yorkshire and West Yorkshire, to provide a co-ordinated approach to providing affordable, high quality and accessible human resources support and training for the full range of VCS organisations.</p> <p>The projects should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● improve access to advice and support on human resources issues; and ● provide a consistent, sustainable and high quality service throughout each sub-region; and ● build upon and link with existing collaborative work between generalist and specialist infrastructure support to avoid duplication and fill gaps; and ● cover full and part time staff, volunteers and trustees; and ● plan to link with any projects we might support under priorities YH3, YH4 and YH5. 	<p>We will only consider applications from partnerships, which must be led by a VCS infrastructure organisation based in the area the project targets.</p> <p>Applicants should provide a letter of support from the relevant sub-regional VCS infrastructure consortium explaining why the project is important to building and sustaining VCS infrastructure services.</p>