

## **Reaching Communities update**

There have been some recent changes to the Reaching Communities programme designed to improve the level of service customers receive when applying to the programme.

### **12 month rule**

The 12 month rule was introduced when demand for the programme was at its peak.

It meant that if a project reached full committee stage and was unsuccessful they could not re-apply to the programme for the same project for 12 months.

**This rule no longer applies and any project that previously applied to the programme and was unsuccessful will now be able to re-apply.**

### **Improving feedback**

Any project that is unsuccessful in applying for funding to the Reaching Communities programme will now be given specific reasons why their application was unsuccessful. They will also receive detailed feedback on their application and given guidance on the areas that could be strengthened before re-applying to the programme.

### **Funding**

A project funded by BIG through the Reaching Communities programme can now apply for continuation funding.

If eligible, a project previously funded by BIG through other programmes can apply to Reaching Communities for funding for the same project

However, projects previously funded or eligible for BASIS or Research Spaces projects eligible to apply to Reaching Communities can apply as the Award partner programme closes.