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Our equality principles, mission and values

We are committed to bringing real improvements to communities and the lives of people most in need. To find out more about our equality principles, mission and values, visit our website.

We care about the environment

The Big Lottery Fund seeks to minimise its negative environmental impact and only uses proper sustainable resources.

Big Lottery Fund is the joint operating name of the New Opportunities Fund and the National Lottery Charities Board (which made grants under the name of Community Fund).

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Introduction

This leaflet provides information about the Big Lottery Fund's programmes 2006-2009 which have been designed following two public consultations. More detailed information about the programmes can be found on our website at: www.biglotteryfund.org.uk.

The strategic framework

The context for all our programmes is our mission to improve communities and the lives of people most in need. All our programmes are driven by three key themes:

- supporting community learning and creating opportunity
- promoting community safety and cohesion
- promoting well-being.

In England, these themes are supported by four outcomes – what we hope our funding will achieve:

- people having better chances in life, with better access to training and development to improve their life skills
- stronger communities, with more active citizens working together to tackle their problems
- improved rural and urban environments, which communities are better able to access and enjoy
- healthier and more active people and communities.

Programmes in England

* denotes UK-wide programmes

Reaching Communities

Budget

Year Two (2007-2008)

budget £100 million

Budgets to be set annually

Launch date

7 December 2005

Reaching Communities aims to:

- bring real improvements to communities and to the lives of people most in need, including those who are hard to reach

- support projects that respond to the needs of communities and actively involve them.

Projects need to demonstrate how they meet at least one of the BIG's four outcomes.

Voluntary and community organisations, social enterprises and statutory bodies such as schools are eligible to apply, provided that they meet the programme criteria.



Programmes in England

BASIS (Building and Sustaining Infrastructure Services)

Budget

Up to £155 million

Launch date

Second bidding window:

Expected launch – Spring 2008

The programme will fund projects from infrastructure organisations that:

- ▶ Increase resources available to voluntary and community organisations.
- ▶ Increase voluntary and community organisation skills in:
 - planning and management
 - financial management and funding
 - influencing national and local policy practice
 - learning and sharing learning.
- ▶ Improve sustainability of infrastructure, including capital for voluntary sector resource centres.



Children's Play

Budget

Up to £155 million

Launch date

28 March 2006

80 per cent of the money will be used to develop free, open-access play provision in the areas of greatest need.

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The remaining 20 per cent will be divided between:

- an innovation fund (now called 'Playful Ideas') to develop innovative practice in planning, design and delivery, and
 - a grant to the Children's Play Council (the Play England project) to fund England-wide support and development.
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This programme will support activities that are self-directed, creative and fun.

The programme aims to:

- create, improve and develop children and young people's free local play spaces
- develop innovative practice
- create a support and
- development infrastructure
- promote the long-term strategic development of play provision
- promote a long-term positive change in attitude regarding the importance of children's play
- ensure that all relevant local stakeholders engage in the development of play strategies.



Parks for People

Budget

A joint programme with the Heritage Lottery Fund. BIG is contributing £90 million.

Launch date

17 January 2006

Parks for People aims to:

- increase the range of audiences using parks
- conserve and improve the heritage value of parks

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- increase the range of volunteers involved in parks
- improve skills and knowledge through training
- improve management and maintenance.

Parks for People is a joint programme with the Heritage Lottery Fund and is being delivered through their network of regional offices. For more information visit: www.hlf.org.uk



Programmes in England



Changing Spaces

Budget

Up to £234 million

Launch date

Changing Spaces will be delivered on BIG's behalf by award partners and organisations delivering large portfolios of projects. We expect award partners to start launching their grant schemes from summer 2007, individual projects will then be able to apply for funding.

The Changing Spaces programme has three priority areas:

- community spaces – developing good quality, accessible community spaces which local people can take pride in
- local community enterprise – making links between food, exercise and health, encouraging the sustainable use and reuse of resources and building sustainable local economy
- improving the natural environment and encouraging access to it.

Programmes in England

Well-being

Budget

Up to £165 million (£45 million for healthy eating projects)

Launch date

12 April 2006 (Now closed)

The Well-being programme will aim to ensure that:

- people and communities have improved mental well-being
- people being more physically active
- children, parents and the wider community eating more healthily.

Application routes are now closed. There were two routes for applications, an early and standard route.

Second stage applications are currently under assessment and decisions are due in July 2007. Two awards were made through the early route.

International Grants Programme*

Budget

Up to £60 million

Launch date

International Communities, including Tsunami, March 2006

International Strategic – (Round Two will be launched in autumn 2007)

International Small Grants – July 2006 (now closed)

To fund effective projects that tackle the causes of poverty and deprivation and bring about a long-term difference to the lives of the most disadvantaged people in the world.

The annual budget will be split 50/50 between International Communities and International Strategic. In addition, up to £12 million will be available for long-term reconstruction initiatives in areas affected by the Asian Tsunami of 2004.

Programmes in England

People's Millions*

Budget

Up to £66.5 million

Launch date

Year three competition launched in March 2007 (Now closed)

The People's Millions programme will fund projects that improve the lives of local communities through transforming the local environment by:

- making the local environment cleaner, safer and greener
- improving the local natural environment
- improving the design, appearance and accessibility of local amenities
- providing opportunities or facilities for enjoying the local environment or local amenities.

In Year one a total of 53 grants were awarded. In Year two 84 grants of up to £50,000 were awarded. In Year three 90 awards of up to £80,000 will be made.

In partnership with GMTV, a single grant of up to £1.5 million has been awarded.



A single grant of between £25-£50 million will be awarded through the Living Landmarks programme. Applications closed in January 2006.

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Living Landmarks*

Budget

Up to £140 million

Launch date

6 January 2006 (Now closed)

The Living Landmarks programme aims to:

- capture the imagination of communities and increase their involvement with the Lottery
- inspire communities to transform the places where they live, through social and community projects and major infrastructure investments.

Living Landmarks will award a small number of grants of between £10 million and £25 million to regional projects. A programme committee will decide the successful projects.

A single grant of between £25 million and £50 million will be awarded through People's Millions to a major national or regional project. The successful project will be decided by a televised public vote.

Community Libraries

Budget

Up to £80 million

Launch date

9th October 2006 (Now closed)

Libraries have an important role in the community and we want our funding to strengthen the relationship between them. We want to fund libraries that are more than traditional library services and work with their communities to:

- invigorate libraries as centres of wider community learning and development and learning based activities
- create, improve and develop library spaces that meet the needs of the whole community
- be innovative and promote good practice in the ways libraries are designed and run.

We want to see libraries working with disadvantaged groups, existing users and non-users, voluntary and community groups and other community service providers.

The projects we fund will achieve this by creating library spaces that are exciting and accessible to all.

Programmes in England

Family Learning

Budget

Up to £40 million

Launch date

19 September 2006

This programme aims to increase high quality family learning opportunities across England and to make them more accessible to families who face barriers to learning or who are not confident helping their children to learn.

We will fund projects that involve adults and children learning together and produce clear learning outcomes for both children and parents.

Funded projects must deliver the following outcomes:

- family members participate in and enjoy educational activity more
- family members have more skills and knowledge
- parents and carers are better able to interact positively with their children and support them in learning.

Grants of between £10,000 and £500,000 will be available to support projects lasting between one and five years.



Programmes in England

Young People's Fund 2

Budget

Up to £100 million

Launch date

December 2007 and April 2008

Young People's Fund 2 will be launching in two tranches; December 2007 and April 2008. £76 million will support voluntary and community organisations to run youth led local, regional and national projects that offer more opportunities to young people aged

10-18 (but up to 25 if they find the transition to independent living difficult). The overall aims of this programme will be:

- to help ensure all organisations that provide services to young people involve them in developing, running and reviewing policies and services and;
- to help achieve the five Every Child Matters outcomes.



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Up to £5 million has been ring-fenced to provide support and development activities to help organisations involve young people more in their projects and create a centre of excellence on the subject of youth participation. This work is being run by the Participation Works Consortium, led by The National Children's Bureau to provide a package of support to organisations that need guidance to

be able to involve young people in the development, delivery and review of their services. This support to voluntary and community organisations will be available from July 2007.

For more information visit:
www.participationworks.org.uk

In addition to the grant programme and support package, £19 million has supported the final roll out of the Out of School Hours Learning/ School Sport Co-ordinators programme that facilitates sports partnerships that work together to improve children's health and self-esteem, as well as building sporting and social skills through group activities.

Young People's Fund 1

The Grants to Organisations and National Grants strands of the Young People's Fund are now closed for applications. UnLtd and its partners are still delivering our £10 million Grants to Individuals programme, the Big Boost. Applications can be downloaded from their website:
www.thebigboost.org.uk

Programmes in England

Advice Plus

Budget

Up to £50 million

Launch date

29 June 2006

A second window for applications will open in late 2007.

The Advice Plus programme aims to ensure that more people who need advice have access to good advice services wherever they live in England.

Through Advice Plus we want to see expert, consistent and sustainable advice services that are provided for a wider range of people. We are therefore looking to fund projects that meet one or more of the following outcomes:

- people have better access to advice services so that they can get the information, guidance and support they need
- people who need advice get better services that help them overcome or avoid disadvantage and improve their lives
- organisations that give advice and organisations that support them have more influence on

relevant policy and practice

- organisations that give advice get better support that helps them to work more effectively.

The first round of the programme was open to applications from the Third Sector only, though applicants were encouraged to work in partnership with organisations from any sector if this will improve their ability to achieve the programme outcomes.

Organisations could apply for up to £500,000 in total for capital and revenue projects lasting up to five years. We considered larger applications for projects working England-wide. Changes may be made to the application process in round two, in response to lessons learnt in round one.

Research*

Budget

Up to £25 million

Launch date

October 2007

The aim of this programme will be to influence local and national policy and practice by funding the production and dissemination of evidence based knowledge.

It will support research on issues identified by the Voluntary Community Sector (VCS); increase VCS capacity to do research into areas that are of interest to them; help the VCS to use and disseminate research; involve beneficiaries and users; help develop better services for beneficiaries; and promote partnerships between the VCS and the research community.

For those that need it, support will be available to the VCS to help make that first step into the world of research and lead an application.

Community Buildings

Budget

Up to £50 million

Launch date

11 July 2006

Programme closed.

The Community Buildings programme gives communities the chance to improve their quality of life by funding buildings that are economically, socially and environmentally sustainable.

This programme provides mainly capital support for community buildings that offer a range of services and activities to local communities. Typically, this may be village halls, community centres and other buildings that are a focus for their community.

Strong user and community engagement, with good plans for ongoing management, will be expected for any building funded.

Awards for All

Budget

Up to £60 million

Budget to be set annually

Launch Date

April 2006



The programme can award grants of between £300 and £10,000 in a simple and straightforward way to help fund a specific project or activity.

The programme aims to fund projects for people to take part in art, sport, heritage and community activities, as well as projects that promote education, the environment and health in the local community.

Awards for All is a joint Lottery grants scheme aimed at local communities.

The aims of Awards for All are to:

- extend access and participation
- increase skill and activity
- improve the quality of life.

Applicants are required to show how they will meet at least one of the above aims.

Applications can be submitted at any time, decisions are given within eight weeks.

Further information

Supporting the third sector

60-70 per cent of our money over this period will go to voluntary and community organisations. We are currently in discussion with a number of external partners to determine how we monitor and report against this undertaking.

Olympics

Bringing the Olympics to this country is a tremendous achievement, which we fully support. A range of our programmes across the UK will support community-based projects which will be linked to the London Olympics. We will want to work jointly with the other England and UK Lottery distributors, the Olympic Delivery Authority and others to explore how our new programmes can contribute to the regeneration, community engagement and cultural activities which the Olympic Project will promote.

We can confirm that no cuts will be made to any of our current programmes as a result of the

diversion of Lottery money to the Olympics. Provided forecasts of Lottery income hold up, we will maintain our current programmes in full, at the amounts of funding already announced. We have undertaken that:

- all grant awards already made to be unaffected
- our current portfolio of programmes will continue without material change
- we will maintain our commitment to provide 60-70 per cent of our funding to the third sector at the levels we planned.

There will still be a substantial portfolio of new programmes in the next funding period (2009 onwards). In developing these programmes, we will give priority to maintaining the level of funding which would have been received by the third sector in cash terms had the additional diversion to the Olympics not taken place.



Further information

Visit our website: www.biglotteryfund.org.uk
and register with us to receive regular updates.
You can also register for information about our
new programmes by emailing:
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