



# Our funding programmes 2010 – 2015



## Investing in Communities

**BIG will have approximately £400 million to invest in Scotland's communities between 2010 and 2015 and we want this money to bring real improvements to communities and the lives of people most in need.**

This leaflet provides information on Investing in Communities, our main grants programme, and our range of smaller grants programmes – Awards for All, 2014 Communities and Investing in Ideas.

Through Investing in Communities BIG will invest in projects that help people, families and communities most in need.

The programme has three main strands or “investment areas” open for applications

- ▶ Supporting 21st Century Life
- ▶ Life Transitions
- ▶ Growing Community Assets

Over the course of the programme we also plan to take a proactive approach to funding in some areas. This will include targeting people who have experienced domestic violence or sexual abuse, black and minority ethnic groups, refugees and asylum seekers, lone parents moving into employment and developing community spaces. Further information will be provided on this work as it is developed.

### **Supporting 21st Century Life**

Supporting 21st Century Life will fund projects that build stronger families and stronger communities. It aims to improve the quality of individuals' lives by helping families most in need to deal with the challenges of family life, by taking action to prevent poverty and disadvantage and give children a better chance in life.

### **What types of projects will we fund?**

We expect to fund a wide range of activities and services such as parenting and family support, as well as advice and tailored support to help people access services. Projects can encourage mentoring, befriending and peer support. They can also support activities, such as play, volunteering and outdoor experiences.

Projects must achieve **at least one** of the following outcomes under Supporting 21st Century Life:

- ▶ Children at risk of isolation are successful learners, confident individuals and maintain better relationships with their families and communities.
- ▶ Lone parents, kinship carers, families at risk, step families and disadvantaged families are more resilient and have improved relationships.
- ▶ Carers, older people and lone parent families cope better with financial crisis, have reduced financial stress and improved family relationships.
- ▶ Families with caring responsibilities are more able to cope and better connected to their communities.
- ▶ More older people live at home and have better social connections and relationships.

Find out more on our website: [www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/investingincommunities](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/investingincommunities)

## Life Transitions

Investment through Life Transitions will support individuals at key times of change in their lives. We believe that better support at these points can help people plan to make a positive transition, like leaving care, or stop people making unexpected transitions, like falling into debt.

### What types of projects will we fund?

We expect to fund a wide range of activities and services including projects offering supported employment and creating new jobs, encouraging mentoring, befriending and peer support, building financial literacy, financial capability and financial inclusion, or developing basic and softer skills such as communication skills.

Projects must achieve **at least one** of the following outcomes under Life Transitions:

- ▶ More vulnerable young people are in a job, training or education, in a home of their choice, have a positive attitude to their future and are able to make and maintain positive relationships that matter to them.
- ▶ More economically inactive people are in touch with job-seeking services.
- ▶ More people previously outside the labour market access sustainable jobs created in enterprises and organisations working towards social aims.
- ▶ Fewer people with serious mental health or substance misuse problems enter the criminal justice system or experience homelessness.

- ▶ People who are homeless or offending and experiencing serious mental health or substance misuse problems, access a fuller range of appropriate services.
- ▶ More people from disadvantaged groups have key financial products (including a basic bank account, home contents insurance, affordable energy, access to affordable credit and relevant benefit and credit entitlements).

## Growing Community Assets

Growing Community Assets will enable communities to have more control and influence over their own future through ownership of assets. These are usually physical assets, such as land, buildings or equipment, but may also include other types of asset such as energy. We believe that the process of acquiring assets encourages people to become more involved in their communities and will help to develop the skills, capacity and confidence they need to work together to address local needs.

Projects must aim to achieve **all** of these four outcomes under Growing Community Assets:

- ▶ Communities work together to own and develop local assets.
- ▶ Communities are sustainable and improve their economic, environmental and social future through the ownership and development of local assets.
- ▶ Communities develop skills and knowledge through the ownership and development of local assets.
- ▶ Communities overcome disadvantage and inequality through the ownership and development of local assets.

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## The application process

### How much can you apply for?

You can apply for grants between £10,000 and £1 million. We can fund projects for up to five years and can meet up to 100 per cent of project costs.

### Who can apply?

A range of organisations can apply to Investing in Communities including:

- voluntary and community organisations
- local authorities
- community councils
- social enterprises
- private companies (provided our grants do not contribute to the profits they distribute).

We cannot fund individuals or sole traders. There are specific additional requirements for Growing Community Assets (see previous page).

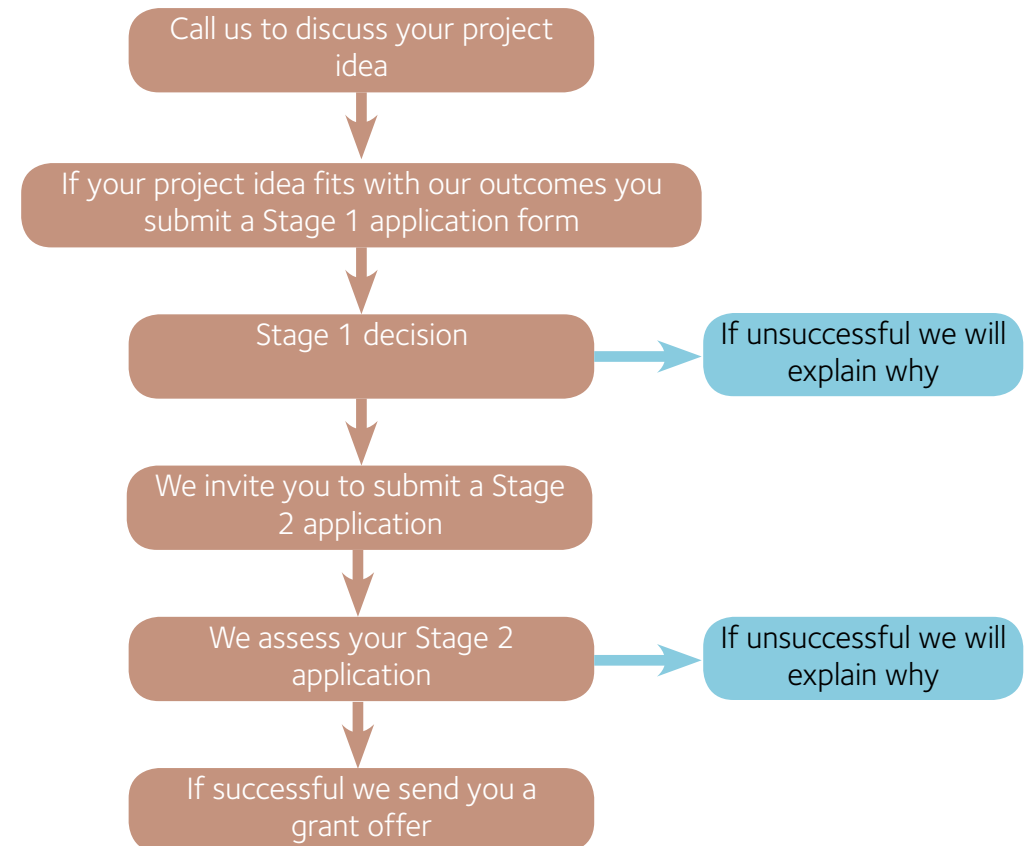
### How to apply

**Before you apply we strongly advise that you contact us on our Information Line 0300 123 7110 to discuss your idea.** We will tell you if we think your project fits with our investment area outcomes and give you advice on the next step.

During the application process we will identify any development needs and provide targeted development support where this is required. You will also be able to apply for funding to develop your project.

### How long does it take?

For stage one applications, we expect to give decisions within six weeks from receiving a completed application form and for stage two applications we expect to give decisions within four months of receiving a completed application form.



Find out more on our website: [www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/investingincommunities](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/investingincommunities)

### Who can apply to small grant programmes?

A range of not-for-profit organisations can apply including:

- voluntary and community groups with a constitution, management committee, bank or building society account and set of annual accounts
- community councils
- schools
- statutory or health bodies (except 2014 Communities)

### How to apply?

Application forms, guidance and further information are available on our website [www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/scotland](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/scotland). Application forms can be downloaded and e-mailed to us.

For further information contact the Information Team on 0300 123 7110  
email: [enquiries.scotland@biglotteryfund.org.uk](mailto:enquiries.scotland@biglotteryfund.org.uk) or [scotland@awardsforall.org.uk](mailto:scotland@awardsforall.org.uk)

2014 Communities is a small grants programme which aims to build a legacy of well-being around the Commonwealth Games.

The programme offers local sports clubs, voluntary and community organisations, community councils and schools across Scotland funding to support and stimulate grass roots involvement in sport and physical activity.

### 2014 outcomes

We want to fund projects that will achieve one or more of the following:

- ▶ More people taking part in sport or physical activity.
- ▶ More people volunteering in sport or physical activity.
- ▶ Bringing more people and communities together through taking part or volunteering in sport or physical activity.

### What can 2014 fund?

- ▶ Types of activity that can be funded include taster sessions, equipment, coaching costs, promotions, sports kit and volunteer expenses.
- ▶ Grants are available of between £300 and £2,000
- ▶ Projects must be completed within 12 months

We will tell you if you have been successful or not within 20 working days of receiving your application.

Find out more on our website: [www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/2014](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/2014)

## Awards for All

The Awards for All programme puts money into communities across the country to enable people to take part in art, sport and community activities and supports projects that promote education, the environment and health in the local community.

We can fund a wide range of activities and want to support projects that meet all our outcomes.

### Awards for All outcomes

We want to fund projects that will achieve one or more of the following:

- ▶ People have better chances in life.
- ▶ Communities are safer, stronger and more able to work together to tackle inequalities.
- ▶ People have better and more sustainable services and environments.
- ▶ People and communities are healthier.

### What can Awards for All fund?

- ▶ We will fund projects that improve opportunities to take part in arts, sports and community activities.
- ▶ Awards for All can fund costs of equipment, publicity, sessional workers, training, transport costs and venue hire.
- ▶ Grants are available of between £500 and £10,000.
- ▶ Projects must be completed within twelve months.

We will tell you if you have been successful or not within six weeks of receiving your application.

Find out more on our website [www.awardsforall.org.uk/scotland](http://www.awardsforall.org.uk/scotland)

## Investing in Ideas

Investing in Ideas is an easy-to-access scheme to enable groups to think about, develop and test new ideas for projects or improved ways of working that will bring real improvement to communities, and the lives of people most in need.

### Investing in Ideas outcomes

Investing in Ideas aims to help organisations develop ideas that bring about change in their communities and to achieve this we want to fund the development of ideas that meet one or more of the following outcomes:

- ▶ People have better chances in life.
- ▶ Communities are safer, stronger and more able to work together to tackle inequalities.
- ▶ People have better and more sustainable services and environments.
- ▶ People and communities are healthier.

Find out more on our website: [www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/investinginideas](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/investinginideas)

### What can Investing in Ideas fund?

- ▶ Types of activity that can be funded include feasibility studies, business plans, market research, community consultations and technical assistance including legal fees.
- ▶ Grants are available of between £500 and £10,000.
- ▶ Projects must be completed within twelve months.

We will tell you if you have been successful or not within six weeks of receiving your application.

# Equalities, environment and empowerment

In order to make a positive difference to communities and individuals most in need, equalities, empowerment and the environment must be at the heart of projects we support. We believe these themes are connected and that communities and organisations that take them to heart will be stronger and achieve better outcomes in the long term. We will encourage and support all applicants to consider equalities, empowerment and the environment in the design and delivery of projects.

## Further information

Visit our website and register for our e-bulletin to receive regular updates [www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/Scotland](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/Scotland)

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**Accessibility**  
Please contact us to discuss any specific communication needs you may have.

## 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.

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