

Awards for All – Policy changes

New policies introduced by Awards for All will affect projects who have previously enjoyed funding several times over for events and activities. If organisations are looking to fund an annual event for example, they can submit a bid on the proviso that it is a 'development' project and can demonstrate how the project adds new value.

Changes in policies will also affect applications made from Schools, who can now only receive funding towards activities taking place outside of the school day. Lunchtime activities for example will not be funded under the new policy changes.

Awards for All applications made from 1st April, will receive a decision within 8 weeks.

New Projects

Age Concern have recently submitted a bid for £917,000 from the Heritage Fund as part of a £1.1m project for a Heritage Centre in a former Methodist Church, George St, Oldham and aims to bring different generations together under one roof. As with many lottery programmes a decision may not come for several months and we will report on their progress as and when we learn of the news. Best of luck to Yvonne Lee and her team.

Age Concern's application to the Heritage Fund is very much encouraged as this particular lottery programme is relatively under utilised across the Borough. We would therefore welcome any organisation or group who have a project in mind, large or small and of local historical interest to contact us for assistance and advice on their applications and in the possible development of a bid.

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New Community Fund Policies

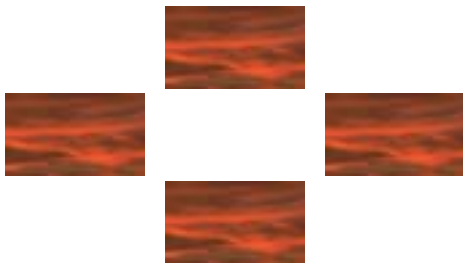
From 1st April 2004 the Community Fund are going to introduce some changes to their policies.

There are three main changes that may affect your organisation or project.

The changes cover:

- payment of costs towards statutory maternity, paternity, adoption and sick leave entitlement;
- payment of costs to cover statutory redundancy for projects that will end when our grant finishes;
- the introduction of tapering for all development applications – that is, further grants for the same project will only receive 75% towards costs. Projects will be expected to fund the remaining 25%.

If you would like to discuss your particular circumstances, please feel free to contact
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Community Fund – Applications welcomed from the North West!

At a recent conference, I learned that the Community Fund are particularly welcoming and encouraging project submissions from the North West Region. This information comes in light of a notable lack of applications or suitable submissions from organisations et al within the North West.

The key regional priorities for which organisations are encouraged to develop projects, which address the needs of:

- Older people and their carers
- Black and minority ethnic communities
- Refugees and asylum seekers
- Building infrastructure and capacity

Community Fund's overall priorities support projects that help bring about a long term change to people's lives. A project must demonstrate how it is likely to make a long-term change or meet a need over a long period of time.

Aside from the priority areas, the Community Fund will also fund projects which can demonstrate long term benefits to other groups which represent the most disadvantaged people in communities, these may include, groups such as:

- Children and young people
- Disabled people and their carers (including people with physical impairments, mental health problems and learning difficulties)
- People in areas disadvantaged by social or economic change, whether urban or rural, including areas of declining local industry; areas of poverty isolated by surrounding affluence; areas affected by migration.



News.... News..... News....

The New Opportunities Fund has launched a lottery scheme to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the D-Day landings and the end of the Second World War. 'Their Past – Your Future' is phase 1 of a three part programme being rolled out over the next three months or so, aimed at helping veterans to commemorate and share with young people information about the decisive events of the last year of the war.

Phase 2 of the programme, Heroes Return will fund visits by ex servicemen and their partners or spouses to battlefield sites and contribute to the gathering of personal histories. This was launched in mid – February 2004. All interested organisations should contact New Opportunities Fund on 0845 000 121 or the Veterans Agency on 0800 169 2277.

Phase 3, Home Front Recall is for UK based commemorative events, details will be available shortly, but it is expected to fund events & activities including learning resources and get to-gethers.

Oldham MBC promoted the Heroes Return programme through the local media and received an encouraging response to the scheme with many ex-veterans from the borough requesting further information on the application process.

Should your organisation or group require any further information/assistance in developing a Community Fund project or any other lottery bid, please contact: Roz Catlow, OMBC,
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