



Greenest Borough Innovation Fund 2009/10 Guidance for Applicants

Introduction

The Greenest Borough Innovation Fund has been made available by the Better Places Partnership for the provision of grants to support projects that contribute to the achievement of the priorities laid out in Haringey's Greenest Borough Strategy 2008-18.

This guidance outlines the approach the Better Places Partnership will be taking in allocating this fund, the criteria for projects, and the outcomes that they must address.

Please note that all projects must be sponsored or delivered by organisations that are members of the Better Places Partnership. Funding is available for projects that will be delivered within 2009/10 or over 2009/10 and 2010/11. Projects must provide a clear exit strategy and demonstrate that the outcomes of projects will be sustained beyond the funding duration.

Our approach to funding allocation

The Haringey Strategic Partnership (HSP) is introducing a model of strategic commissioning, through which an understanding of the community in Haringey and its needs, drives the design and purchase of services which are effective in improving the quality of people's lives.

In allocating the Greenest Borough Innovation Fund the Better Places Partnership will follow the principles identified in the HSP strategic commissioning framework. As this framework is being introduced part way through the period of our Local Area Agreement, and significant investment is already allocated, the introduction is being phased to allow a pragmatic transition. The process applied to allocation of the Greenest Borough Innovation Fund will be slimmer than that specified in the framework, particularly in relation to elements of the process associated with tender, procurement and contracting, to ensure proportionality with the amount being invested, however the following key principles from the framework will be adopted:

- Putting the needs of people and communities in Haringey first, ensuring that they are engaged in the commissioning activities
- Looking for opportunities to invest in the preventative agenda, addressing inequalities.
- Commissioning evidenced based interventions and services that correlate to improving local outcomes
- Using open, transparent and equitable processes
- Complying with EU and UK procurement and contracting law and adhere to Council and other lead partner regulations
- Adopting local compact best practice wherever feasible

The allocation process will adhere to these principles, and to the following disciplines and governance arrangements:

- Future funding allocations will be based on the direct impact a proposal will have on achieving priority LAA outcomes
- Thematic Boards will own and be accountable for delivery plans for the achievement of LAA outcomes
- Thematic Boards will have properly constituted and functioning performance and commissioning arrangements to handle commissioning, monitoring and performance issues
- Strict conflict of interest procedures are applied throughout the commissioning process

The framework takes the four generic elements of **analyse, plan, do** and **review**. Analysis of current service delivery and identification of unmet need inform the determination of outcomes to be delivered. The direction of funding will be planned on the basis of this work, following which the most appropriate providers and projects to deliver the desired outcomes will be identified. Continuous monitoring and review of performance will allow the approach to be adapted and improved where necessary in future phases of funding.

Needs analysis and delivery priorities

The strategic context

Haringey Strategic Partnership aims to improve public services and address the key issues in the borough through partnership working. Its vision and priorities, set out in Haringey's Sustainable Community Strategy 2007-16, are based on analysis of evidence, and an extensive consultation campaign. The vision for the borough to 2016 is: *A place for diverse communities that people are proud to belong to.*

The priorities of the new Sustainable Community Strategy are:

People at the heart of change

And, that Haringey will:

1. Have an environmentally sustainable future

2. Have economic vitality and prosperity shared by all
3. Be safer for all
4. Have healthier people with a better quality of life, and
5. Be people and customer focused

The HSP has also developed a Local Area Agreement (LAA), an agreement with Central Government that sets out our priorities for Haringey over the next 3 years, and provides the delivery mechanism for the Sustainable Community Strategy. The Area Based Grant is a non ring fenced central government grant which the HSP uses to fund activity that will achieve our partnership priorities. The Greenest Borough Innovation Fund is provided from Haringey's Area Based Grant, a portion of which is distributed by the Better Places Partnership, one of the HSP's thematic boards.

The Better Places Partnership

The Better Places Partnership has the lead responsibility for delivering targets identified in the Local Area Agreement against the following indicators:

- NI 195: Improved street and environmental cleanliness (levels of graffiti, litter, detritus, fly-posting)
- NI 196: Improved street and environmental cleanliness (fly-tipping)
- NI 186: per capital CO2 emissions in the local authority area
- NI 192: Percentage of household waste recycled or composted
- NI 175: Access to services and facilities by public transport, walking and cycling
- NI 198: Children travelling to school – mode of travel usually used
- Increase number of Green Flag parks (Local target)
- Increase number of Green Pennants (Local target)
- The % of people who report they are satisfied or fairly satisfied with local parks and green spaces (Local target)
- Improved street and environmental cleanliness in the 3 worst wards (levels of graffiti, litter, detritus and fly posting) (Local target)

Flowing from the Sustainable Community Strategy and LAA is Haringey's Greenest Borough Strategy 2008-18. The strategy was developed on the basis of analysis of local evidence, and an extensive programme of consultation, to ensure that it reflects community priorities. The Better Places Partnership is the partnership body accountable for delivering the Greenest Borough Strategy and its membership includes a lead partner organisation for each of the seven priority themes identified in the Greenest Borough Strategy.

The vision of the Greenest Borough Strategy is that: *We will work together to tackle climate change and secure a clean, safe and environmentally sustainable future for everyone living, working, visiting or studying in Haringey.*

The seven key priorities identified in the strategy are:

1. Improving the urban environment
2. Protecting the natural environment
3. Managing environmental resources efficiently
4. Leading by example
5. Ensuring sustainable design and construction
6. Promoting sustainable travel
7. Raising awareness and involvement

For more information about the themes, please see the full version of The Greenest Borough Strategy. Request a hard copy from Kate Dalzell (details below), or online at <http://www.haringey.gov.uk/goinggreen.htm>

Criteria for Greenest Borough Innovation Fund Applications

Applications are invited for the funding of projects whose outcomes contribute to achieving the priorities identified in the Greenest Borough Strategy, and through association, Better Places Partnership Local Area Agreement targets. Match funding for projects is not required but will be positively received.

Following analysis of the current deployment of ABG funding for 2009/10 and 2010/11 and resources committed through mainstream funds, and feedback received from the community, the Better Places Partnership will prioritise applications from projects that contribute to delivery of Greenest Borough Strategy **priorities three to seven** (please see the list in the previous section), and within this, projects which:

- Engage the community in delivery
- Contribute to a reduction in CO2 emissions
- Deliver a sustainable approach to food
- Support sustainable transport
- Adopt an innovative approach

Additional criteria for applications are as follows:

- Projects must be delivered by, or sponsored by, a member of the Better Places Partnership.
- Delivery organisations or partnerships must be able to demonstrate a track record of delivering projects of a similar nature and scope
- Projects must be completed within the financial year 2009/2010, or over 2009/10 and 2010/11
- Applications must demonstrate that projects are sustainable
- Projects must identify a clear exit strategy

Value of the projects (funding available)

There is a total of £112,000 available to fund projects for each of the years 2009/10 and 2010/11.

Process for determining the outcome of funding applications

All applications must be delivered by, or sponsored by, a member of the Better Places Partnership. The process for determining successful applications will be as follows:

- Applicants should indicate interest in applying for funds, by notifying the contact officer Kate Dalzell by **close of Friday 26 June 2009**.
- Applicants complete and submit the attached application form no later than **close of Friday 10 July**.
- Partnership support officers will carry out an assessment/ scoring exercise of applications on the basis of the criteria outlined above.
- A panel of Better Places Partnership members will scrutinise the initial scoring and determine the outcome of applications.
 - To avoid conflict of interest, the panel will not include fund applicants. As a result, its membership will be determined following the closing date for applications. Partnership Support Officers will propose panel membership and inform BPP members virtually. BPP members will have a right to appeal panel membership if they have any concerns, and a final decision over panel membership will rest with the chair.
- Due to the timetabling of 2009/10 meetings and the need for projects to begin to deliver, BPP members will be informed by mail/ email of the funding allocation decision. They will have a right to appeal to the BPP chair, with whom the final decision will rest.

Monitoring and reporting on projects

Quarterly reporting to the Better Places Partnership Board will be required from successful applicants on the progress of their projects. Organisations will be given full advice on the information which must be recorded and reported and the implications for project procedures and systems.

Further advice and support

If you require any further advice and support with this commissioning process please contact: Kate Dalzell, kate.dalzell@haringey.gov.uk, 020 8489 2148