Haringey Council

Briefing: Community Funding Streams

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1.   Introduction

1.1   Two new funding streams for community-led projects in deprived areas of Haringey have recently been announced: Community First and Big Local Trust.

1.2   This paper provides a summary of the funding streams, including eligibility and requirements.

2.   Community First

2.1   The Programme

- Four Wards in Haringey are eligible for funding through Community First, a programme which provides grants for community led projects in areas with significant deprivation and social capital.
- This is an £80m programme comprising:
  - Neighbourhood Match Fund, a £30m neighbourhood grant programme;
  - Endowment Match Challenge, a £50m programme designed to encourage local endowments from businesses and individuals, with the aim of achieving a total value of £150million plus gift aid by 2015.
- This is Cabinet Office / Office for Civil Society (OCS) funded and will be delivered through the Community Development Foundation (CDF).
- Funding will be available from October.

2.2   Eligibility

- Eligible areas are determined by levels of economic deprivation and social capital, with minimum neighbourhood grants over the next four years as follows:
  - Bruce Grove   £33,910
  - Northumberland Park   £67,820
  - Tottenham Green   £84,775
  - West Green   £33,910
- The IMD 2010 shows that these areas rank 3rd, 1st, 5th and 8th, respectively, in Haringey for overall deprivation levels (the four most deprived wards are Northumberland Park, White Hart Lane, Bruce Grove and Noel Park).
- Measurement of social capital is complex and there is no agreed single measure. The ONS has done some work to identify indicators of the five main

dimensions of social capital: civic participation; social networks and support; social participation; reciprocity and trust; and views about the area. There are several existing datasets relating to these areas. However, the level of geography varies (for example the British Citizenship Survey does not measure these at lower 'neighbourhood' levels of geography). For more information see http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/rel/environmental/social-capital-indicators/review-paper/social-capital-indicators.html

2.3 Requirements

- To access funding wards must do the following:
    - o Create a Community First Panel who will think strategically about their local area; bring people together to decide how funds should be used and promote the programme locally
    - o Nominate a Panel Partner who will validate the panel and ensure appropriate use of funds
    - o Have an active online presence through a community website or blog
    - o Match funds with their time, money or other resources on a 1:1 basis
    - o Create a neighbourhood plan by year 3 which seeks to improve the quality of life in neighbourhoods by involving everyone's voice in shaping their future. This should identify the resources and capacity already available to the neighbourhood.
    - o Panels must be registered online. Registration begins from 4 October at www.cdf.org.uk/web/guest/community-first

- Funds will be released by CDF based on evidence of community involvement and support for plans. Panels must be "genuinely representative of the community" and "credible in the aim of using the funds strategically".
- The Cabinet Office / CDF are encouraging active involvement from local authorities, including:
    - o Involvement in setting up the panels
    - o Member and officer representation on the panels
    - o Active involvement of elected members

3. Big Local Trust

3.1 Programme
- The Big Lottery Fund is investing up to £200 million in 100-150 neighbourhoods that have previously been overlooked for funding.
- The local schemes aim to *"enable people to make their communities better places to live in, now and in the future, by helping them develop the skills and confidence they need to identify priorities that matter to them and to take action to change things for the better"*
- Funding will be delivered through a new consortium led by the Community Development Foundation. This is due to be launched in Autumn 2011.
- The Big Lottery Fund will support local areas to run Big Local themselves so that it is:
    - o community driven
    - o responds to local needs
    - o builds on local strengths

3.2 Eligibility
- A small area within Haringey (to be determined) is eligible for £1m investment over a ten year period.

- This should be a 'natural community', rather than an administrative area, with a population of 3,000-10,000 people.
- It should also be a disadvantaged community, with clear evidence of deprivation, which has been overlooked for major regeneration or other funding initiatives in the past
- Big Local will consider local intelligence when selecting the area; they are currently talking to local strategic partners including the Council and HAVCO. The final decision will be made by the Big Lottery Fund, and the decision is expected to be announced in mid January 2012.

3.3   **Requirements**
- Each area is required to follow the Big Local Pathway, which has the following phases:
    - Getting people involved
    - Exploring community visions
    - Creating a local partnership
    - Developing a community plan
    - Implementing the community plan
    - Assessing impact
    - Reviewing the community plan and local partnership

- A local partnership will be set up with the support of Big Local. This should fit the following criteria:
    - at least 8 members
    - a majority of members live or work in the area
    - members are representative of the range of people living in the area
    - a majority of members are there in their own right, not representing organisations

- Local areas, guided by the local partnership, can use the funds over ten years to provide a mixture of funding, such as grants, social investments, loans, microfinance and support. This means that some of the money distributed in each area can go back to Big Local and be reused in the local area again.
- Further details are available here: **Big Local Fund FAQs.**