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FAIR SHARE TRUST

1. Introduction

The Fair Share Fund is a ten-year project, which targets those areas that suffer considerable disadvantage and have previously received less than their fair share of National Lottery funding. The total fund value for each area is £800,000 giving an estimated spend each year of £80,000, these funds are available through a grant application process to any organisation which is able to demonstrate that their project meets the criteria listed below.

The 3 Principal aims of Fair Share are:

- ⊙ To build capacity and sustainability in local communities, including support for community assets and planning and involvement in local regeneration.
- ⊙ To build social capital through offering funding for local social developments, supporting job creation, skills development, social networks and community engagement in local organisations, activities and initiatives
- ⊙ To improve the local environment, enabling communities to make it safer, healthier, greener, cleaner, better designed and more welcoming to all groups.

A key issue for the Fair Share Trust is the lack of capacity of its community groups to lead on regeneration of the area. This lack of capacity may not just apply to geographic communities, but also to certain communities of interest.

2. The Brief

To meet the identified needs and to build up the capacity of existing voluntary sector support organisations and to encourage the formation of new ones and organisations are now invited to apply to the programme for up to 2 years funding to support the following aims which are to:

- ⊙ improve the range and accessibility of information on the extent of existing support available to voluntary and community organisations within the Fair Share Trust area and to provide activities that will engage with the young people of the area.
- ⊙ identify ways in which this support can be delivered in improved ways
- ⊙ develop forms of support that could fill gaps in existing support including:
 - training programmes for local groups and residents
 - peer-to-peer support
 - mentoring support
 - exposure to good practice/networking
- ⊙ initiate, maintain and sustain a network of support between groups in Fair Share Trust areas

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It is expected that any commissioned piece of work may need to:

- ⊙ conduct an analysis of local organisational needs
- ⊙ be aware of initiatives and support within the area and their impact on the local community
- ⊙ work with existing projects and organisations through proactive community development
- ⊙ identify gaps in support for these organisations
- ⊙ put in place appropriate support aimed at increasing the sustainability of the work being done within the community
- ⊙ produce relevant training materials/resource packs based on the work and make these available to Fair Share Trust and for use by other groups
- ⊙ monitor and provide evaluation of the effectiveness of what has been supported

The Panel has a clear view in general terms of what is needed and is looking to organisations – bidding singly or in a consortium – to suggest the specification that can most effectively meet the objectives. Applicants will need to explain how expertise and track record in capacity building and activity provision would be combined with the ability to exploit local knowledge and circumstances.

3. Application Process

Please download an application form as well as the local priority information for your specific area (Dudley, North Solihull, Sandwell or Walsall) from our website:

<http://www.bhamfoundation.co.uk/how-to-receive/fair-share.html>

or email: team@bhamfoundation.co.uk to request a copy

Applications should be completed and returned to:

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