

**London Borough of Brent  
Main Programme Grant 2009/12**

**FUNDING CRITERIA**

**Introduction**

The Council has recently agreed that the first theme for its three year funding programme commencing on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009 to 31 March 2012 will be **Children and Young People**. This is clearly linked to the Council's corporate priorities and aims to meet specific local needs.

We are therefore pleased to announce that the Main Programme Grant is now open for bids from community and voluntary organisations who provide direct services to children and young people living in the Borough. The ceiling for this grant is £25,000 per year.

**Areas to be funded:**

- housing support for young people (0-19yrs)
- accommodation support for young people leaving Local Authority Care
- providing support for safe and secure neighbourhoods
- dealing with local concerns about anti-social behaviour at neighbourhood level
- services that support young people affected by crime
- reduce re-offending through targeted intervention
- support young people affected by or involved in domestic violence
- sexual health awareness programmes to enable young people to make healthier life choices
- services that provide practical support for teenage parents in the borough
- drug prevention activities
- support for young people affected by substance misuse
- sports and/or Recreational Activities for young disabled people
- developing talent for 2012 Olympics
- support for young people seeking to remain in education, employment or training
- IT skills for parents linked to safe use of the internet for their children
- Focused parenting support

**Criteria**

Organisations must comply with the following criteria:

- Provide services in one or more of the service area stated above.
- Good organisational structure with an effective management committee
- Effective financial management
- Provide quality service that gives value for money
- Commitment to equal opportunities in staff management and service delivery
- Involve users in management and service development
- Be either based in Brent or deliver services for young people in Brent
- Provide evidence that this project is needed

- Be able to produce an Exit Strategy of how the plan will continue after the three year funding has ceased.
- The organisation must be a non profit making organisation and must have been in operation for at least 12 months.
- The organisation must be able to provide clear details of how the grant will be used over 3 years i.e. provide clear outcomes and outputs and how these will be monitored.

In assessing applications the Council will also consider the following:

- Partnership, networking and liaising with statutory and voluntary bodies within the Borough
- Local, regional and national partnerships in which the organisation is involved
- Other sources of funding that will contribute to the service or project
- Quality systems such as feedback from users, quality assurance systems and quality standards
- Application must give clear details of the activities, outcomes and outputs to be achieved. Application must also demonstrate how the funding requested will meet the needs of young people.
- The scoring matrix (see attached).

The following should also be noted:

- Organisations will be required to comply with the Council's Standard Conditions of Grant Aid
- The funding period is from **1 April 2009 to 31 March 2012**, and the grant will be paid in half yearly instalments.
- Organisations will be required to complete self assessments and progress reports about their services to enable the monitoring of their services.
- All organisations in receipt of funding will be monitored by the Council to ensure they perform the services/activities stated in their application, and will be expected to submit a short report at the end detailing how the grant was used, outcomes and achievements.
- Organisations are advised to include all the documents stated in the application form and any necessary additional information about their service or project to support their application
- Child Protection Policy/CRB.
- Officers may carry out a site visit to meet staff, users and members of your management committee. These visits will take place week commencing **9 February 2009**.

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