



## YOUTH AND VOLUNTARY SECTOR SUPPORT SERVICE MAIN GRANTS PROGRAMME CRITERIA

The Council will consider applications from voluntary and charitable organisations whose work complements the service and strategic objectives of the Council and meets a demonstrable community need.

The Council's key corporate priorities include:

- Supporting children and young people
- Promoting quality of life and the green agenda
- Regeneration and priority neighbourhoods
- Tackling crime and community safety

Applicants must demonstrate that:

1. The organisation is well managed and can properly utilise funding from the Council.
2. It has a good management structure and is able to deliver quality services, practice equal opportunities and be able to monitor achievements against planned objectives
3. It involves the users from the community in the management of the organisation and in the development and delivery of services
4. It is financially sound and well managed and the activities to be provided represent good value for money as per Best Value recommendations
5. Funds are actively being sought from elsewhere
6. The majority of beneficiaries of the project or service for which funding is sought will be Brent residents.

In assessing applications, the Council will consider, as appropriate:

- Other sources of core funding that match, or are dependent on, those from Brent Council
- Local, regional and national partnerships in which the organisation is involved
- User evaluations and other quality assessments where available

All successful applicants will be required to comply with the Council's Standard Conditions of Grant Aid, which may from time to time be revised or added to.

Please note that the Council's Main Grants Programme will not consider applications for capital expenditure (for example, to purchase or make alterations to premises or for the purchase of equipment). Main Grants programme funding will be directed at projects or services that meet the priorities and outputs set out in the Priorities for Funding 2004/5. Organisations are advised to include in their applications all elements of revenue expenditure necessary to deliver the service or project for which they are seeking funding (for example, the proportion of salary or organisational running costs required). The programme will not normally fund expenditure that is not directed at meeting the Priorities for Funding 2005/06.

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