

## London Borough of Brent Main Programme Grant 2008/09

### FUNDING CRITERIA

#### Introduction

As you may be aware last year the Council reviewed the Main Programme Grant (MPG) allocated to local voluntary organisations. Among the recommendations was the need to move away from the historical pattern of funding and enable new organisations and new projects to access Council funding. Another key recommendation was that future funding should be clearly linked to the Council's corporate priorities and meet specific local needs.

The first part of this process has freed up approximately £150,000 for the remainder of 2008/09 and will be available to local voluntary organisation or community groups providing services for young people living in the Borough.

Applications are currently invited from organisations that provide services in the following areas:

<b>Areas</b>	<b>For example</b>
Homelessness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• housing support for young people</li> <li>• accommodation support for young people leaving Local Authority Care</li> </ul>
Anti Social Behaviour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• providing support for safe and secure neighbourhoods</li> <li>• dealing with local concerns about anti-social behaviour at neighbourhood level.</li> </ul>
Crime Prevention and Diversion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• services that support young people affected by crime,</li> <li>• reduce re-offending through targeted intervention</li> <li>• support young people affected or involved in domestic violence</li> </ul>
Sexual Health & Teenage Parenting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• sexual health awareness programmes to enable young people to make healthier life choices</li> <li>• services that provide practical support for teenage parents in the borough</li> </ul>
Substance Misuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• drug prevention activities</li> <li>• support for young people affected by substance misuse</li> </ul>
Sports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• sports and/or Recreational Activities for young disabled People</li> <li>• developing talent for 2012 Olympics</li> </ul>
Education & Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• support for young people seeking to remain in education, employment or training.</li> </ul>
Initiatives to raise parents awareness of issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The use of modern technology, safety, language, bullying, substance misuse etc.</li> </ul>

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### **Criteria**

Organisations must comply with the following criteria:

- Good organisational structure with an effective management committee
- Effective financial management
- Provide quality service that give good 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
- Not currently in receipt of funding by the London Borough of Brent Main Programme Grant
- The maximum grant payable is up to £25,000 (full year equivalent) for each project subject to the resources held in the fund e.g. £12,500 for 6 months of 08/09.

In assessing applications the Council will also consider the following:

- 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
- 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
- Your application must give clear details of the activities, outcomes and outputs to be achieved. You must also demonstrate how the funding requested will meet the needs of young people.
- The funding period is from **September 2008 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009**, and that the grant will be paid in 2 equal instalments.
- The grant must be used for the purpose for which it was approved, and projects or activities funded must be completed by end of the financial year (**31<sup>st</sup> March 2009**).
- 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 of the funding period 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
- Prior to the award of the grant officers may contact you to carry out a site visit to meet staff, users and members of your management committee. These visits will take place week commencing **21<sup>st</sup> July 2008**.

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