

Safer and Stronger Communities

Voluntary Sector Commissioning 2012 - 2015

How to Apply

Calderdale Council is setting up a new funding programme to support the kind of work that the voluntary sector does.

In particular, we are going to fund work that supports the outcomes and priorities of the Safer and Stronger Communities Directorate. We have identified some areas of work we want to fund and different ways we want to fund it. These are set out below (Priority 1 onwards).

We will start paying the money from April 2012 onwards, but for most of the money, you will need to apply now or in the next few weeks.

This leaflet explains when we will be inviting bids or applications for this money. It also tells you how to get more information about the parts of the scheme you are interested in.

If you are not sure which priorities apply to your organisation, please discuss your requirements with us as soon as possible. For some parts of the scheme, you will have to apply now.

Priority 1: To support infrastructure services for a thriving voluntary sector, including promoting Big Society approaches, asset transfer and volunteering.

This service is currently being delivered by Voluntary Action Calderdale, under a funding agreement that lasts until 31st March 2013.

How to apply: We won't be asking for bids for this service until later in 2012. If you are interested, contact us any time before summer 2012 to make sure your name is on our mailing list to receive information about this priority.

Priority 2: To support advice services, including giving people access to information and advice on benefits services, financial inclusion and other issues affecting their health and wellbeing.

How to apply: We will be inviting tenders from organisations that want to deliver this service. This will be advertised from early October, with a closing date in late November.

Contact us now if you want to receive information directly. Otherwise, look out for information on the Council's information hub, on the Council website and through the usual OJEU communications. Council website details are on the reverse of this leaflet.

Priority 3: To support the cultural objectives of the Council as expressed through the Cultural Strategy

How to apply: This is a competitive grants scheme. We are inviting applications from now on. The closing date for applications is 4th November 2011.

Contact us now if you want to receive a full application pack, with information on how to apply and the application form you will need to complete.

Priority 4: To support universal and preventative projects around Safer and Stronger communities themes (including: cleaner greener projects; community resilience; volunteering; bringing people together on a local/ neighbourhood level; addressing anti-social behaviour; domestic violence; sport; leisure; cultural activities).

- **Larger funding: for grants of between £10,000 and £30,000 per year**

How to apply: This is a grants scheme. We are inviting applications from now on. The closing date for applications is 4th November 2011.

Contact us now if you want to receive a full application pack, with information on how to apply and the application form you will need to complete.

- **Small Grants: for grants of up to £3,000**

How to apply: This grants scheme will be launched in early 2012. The first round will be sometime in May/June 2012.

If you are interested, you can contact us now to make sure you are on our mailing list. This will ensure that you receive the new application details directly. You can also just watch out for more information in early 2012 on our website, in the local press and through publications such as Voluntary Action Calderdale's newsletter.

BUT: there are still Small Grants available under our old scheme, which will run until March 2012. If you are interested in applying for money straightaway, please **contact us now** for one of our old Small Grants applications.

Priority 5: Transition Fund. This is only for organisations that are currently funded through our existing Grants to Voluntary Organisations scheme in 2011/12.

It is to help these organisations deal with any change if they are not funded at the same level from 2012 onwards.

How to apply: You can only apply for this money if you are funded from our Grants to Voluntary Organisations scheme in 2011/12 and only if your organisation is awarded less or no money from our scheme from 2012 onwards.

For these reasons you cannot apply for this fund until the decisions on funding for 2012 onwards have been published in January 2012.

We will send application packs out directly to all funded organisations before December 2011, so you will know what to do if you intend to apply in February and can think about it in advance.

Timescales

NOW available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grant application packs for Cultural Objectives grants - Grant application packs for Safer and Stronger Communities Larger Funding
3rd October 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Invitation to tender for Advice and Information services (tender specifications and other documents available from that date)
14th November 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deadline for applications for Cultural Objectives grants - Deadline for applications for Safer and Stronger Communities Larger Funding grants
28th November 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deadline for tenders to deliver Advice and Information services
30th January 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Decision on grant awards for Cultural Objectives and Larger Funding grants - Decision on contract award for Advice and Information services
1st February 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Application invited to the Transition Fund
By end of Feb 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Awards made through the Transition Fund - Grant application packs for Safer and Stronger Communities Small Grants available
31st March 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Current funding through our Grants to Voluntary Organisations scheme ends
1st April 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contract for Advice and Information starts - Funding for Cultural Objective grants starts - Funding for some of the Larger Funding grants starts
During 2012-13 Between 1st April 2012 and 31st March 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Small Grants awarded (probably through a number of different rounds during the 12 months) - Contract awarded for Voluntary Sector Infrastructure services
1st April 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rest of the Larger Funding grants start - Contract for Voluntary Sector Infrastructure starts

Contact details

For information about the scheme, how to apply and to make sure you are on our mailing list, please contact:

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Calderdale Council website: www.calderdale.gov.uk

Social Care and Wellbeing hub: www.calderdale.gov.uk/socialcare/wellbeing-hub/index.jsp

These documents, and the application packs, are all available as a Word document or in large print. Please contact us if you would like documents in these formats.

