

Monitoring and Reporting. Proposals funded by the Consortia Projects Programme will be subject to monitoring and performance review. These activities should be included in project plans and costed accordingly. Payments will normally be made quarterly in advance on submission of the quarterly return. Monitoring and evaluation arrangements will follow the format adopted for the ChangeUp Continuation Fund.

● **Future updates:** Details of further Capacitybuilders funding programmes will follow during the summer of 2006.

Capacitybuilders in the regions.

Capacitybuilders has a network of 9 regional coordinators covering the UK. You can contact them for informal advice or information before making an application.

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A Quick Guide to Capacitybuilders' New Funding Programmes

1 June 2006; Consortia Projects Programme

Capacitybuilders will be launching a number of new funding programmes in 2006/2007. The first programme to be launched is the Consortia Projects Programme.

Definition and Purpose. Project proposals must be part of Consortia Infrastructure Investment Plans (IIPs). **Consortia are invited to submit proposals to fund priority projects that:**

- Directly contribute to the needs of the sector in one or more of the six key areas identified in ChangeUp, or the modernisation of infrastructure services.
- Meet priorities identified in local or regional infrastructure development plans and/or IIPs.
- Encourage a step change in the support available to frontline organisations for the longer term.
- Have a probability of sustainability from sources of funding other than ChangeUp beyond March 2008.

Eligibility Conditions. The following general eligibility criteria apply:

- Funded projects must be providing infrastructure/second tier support and development services to frontline organisations, their workers and trustees (i.e. schemes for the provision of direct services to members of the public are not eligible).
- They must be constituted bodies which are either charities, voluntary or community organisations or social enterprises and should therefore;
 - be clearly constituted for public or community benefit
 - not be able to dispose of their assets for private gain
 - have some non-executive (unpaid) members on their board/management committee (i.e. unpaid for their role on the committee, but could still be employees)
- Applicants are encouraged to work in partnership, but there must be one lead applicant and fund holder for the project.
- The lead applicant must normally have been in existence for at least two years and have at least one full year's set of accounts or, in the case of start-up, must be able to demonstrate that key personnel involved have significant prior experience.

Criteria. Project proposals must demonstrate how they will implement key aspects of the ChangeUp strategy related to:

- The training and development of individuals providing infrastructure services.
- The reconfiguration of local infrastructure, e.g. the merger of infrastructure organisations or the development of new networks or partnerships at the sub-regional level.
- The implementation of good practice models to ensure that performance in frontline organisations is continually improving.
- Enhancing top level commitment in voluntary and community organisations (VCOs) to equalities & diversity.
- Developing local shared assets e.g. local voluntary and community sector (VCS) support resources, shared premises, or peer mentoring schemes.
- Work examining how to improve the quality of local and regional infrastructure services which might include needs assessments of particular groups of VCOs or consultation with service users and non-service users about their needs and expectations.
- Other areas of work judged to be essential by consortia and contained in their IIPs.

Key Dates.

- **From w/c June 12th:** Invitations to bid and supporting guidance will be sent via email to consortia.
- **31 July:** Last date for applications to be received by Capacitybuilders
- **October 2006:** Grant payments start to be made.