



the **coalfields** regeneration trust
changing the face of coalfield communities

Funding offered by the Coalfields Regeneration Trust

Two Grants Programmes

Bridging the Gap – for requests between £500 - £10,000

Main grants – for requests between £10,000 and £300,000

Both these funding programmes will run up to March 2011.

Main Grants Programme

Themes

We will support projects from voluntary and community sector, branches and statutory/public funded organisations that address one or more of the following themes: **access to employment** – connecting people to employment opportunities; **education and skills** – accessing learning opportunities and developing skills; **health and wellbeing** – preventative measures and healthy lifestyle support; and **access to opportunities** – improving access to services (including transport solutions).

Outputs

Projects are expected to achieve one or more of the following core outputs: improvement or creation of community facilities; jobs created /safeguarded; people assisted into work; people assisted in skills development; adults gaining NVQ2 or above; social enterprises created; people and young people participating in healthy lifestyle activities; transport /access schemes; new childcare places (including after school provision) and new volunteers.

Costs

We can fund up to 100% of total project costs for capital and revenue projects, up to a maximum of £300,000 but match funding is encouraged.

Eligible Areas

Projects must show clear benefit to coalfield communities with a high level of deprivation. Eligible wards in Stoke-on-Trent: Chell and Packmoor, Bentilee and Townsend, Meir Park and Sandon, Burslem South, Weston and Meir North, Northwood and Birches Head, Burslem North, Abbey Green, Fenton, Norton and Bradeley, Blurton, Berryhill and Hanley East, East Valley, Longton South, , Longton North, Stoke and Trentvale, Trentham and Hanford, . Please contact the regional office for information about eligible areas.

Bridging the Gap Programme

We will support projects that fit into one or more of the funding themes as outlined under the Main Grants programme and achieve similar outputs. To be eligible, you must be a voluntary or community sector organisation and your project must show clear benefit to a coalfield community.

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