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Ashford Borough Council Funding and Support to Voluntary and Community Organisations Proposed Funding Programme from 1 April 2010

Stage 1 Entry Criteria (all grant streams)	Funding stream Stage 2	Additional Criteria/ Requirements	Funding Priorities	Budget (tbc) using 08-09 figures FOR EXAMPLE ONLY		Application Timetable	Action required to implement	Resource implications	
	Giving			Total	£203000				
<p>Non-profit making with either - charitable status OR a constitution with a formally appointed management committee OR a parish council</p> <p>-Not for individuals, public sector or private business</p> <p>-Non-political</p> <p>- Project, service or activity must operate in Ashford borough and/or serve borough residents</p> <p>- Bank/BS account in organisation's name</p>	1	<p>Community Grants Fund (capital)</p> <p>Grants up to £10k (panel)</p> <p>Grants up to £1k (HoS)</p>	<p>-Maximum £10,000 grant</p> <p>-Adherence to chosen theme(s)</p> <p>-grant no more than 50% of total project cost</p> <p>-Limit of 2 applications in a 3 year period</p> <p>-not for core costs</p> <p>-Supporting statement from local Cllr and PC(if relevant)</p> <p>-Not for signage</p>	<p>-As per theme</p> <p>-Areas Identified as having inadequate facilities by e.g. OMAI.</p> <p>-Areas that have not previously applied</p> <p>- Projects that show strong project planning and delivery partnership with local community</p> <p>-meet identified corporate objectives</p>	<p>CAPITAL</p> <p>Allocated by APMG (£65k in 2008/2009) 2010 to be confirmed</p>	65000	<p>Grants up to £1k apply at any time</p> <p>Otherwise 3 deadlines per year: 31/03, 31/08, 30/11</p>	<p>Agreement from MT/CGF Panel re themes and refreshed criteria.</p> <p>Approval to withdraw grant stream for individuals</p> <p>Confirmation of ongoing funding from capital programme</p>	<p>1x Officer to advise on, receive and assess applications; compile agenda & attend Grants Panel; process, and administer grant claims and monitor and report on budget. (currently Regeneration Projects Coordinator)</p>
	2	<p>Community Grants Fund (revenue)</p> <p>Grants over £1k (panel)</p> <p>Grants up to £1k (HoS)</p>	<p>-Maximum £2.5k grant</p> <p>-not for core costs</p> <p>- recurrent events/projects or elements of such events/ projects eligible once in any 3 year period</p> <p>-grant no more</p>	<p>- Projects that show strong project planning and delivery partnership with local community</p> <p>-meet identified corporate objectives</p>	<p>REVENUE</p> <p>To be confirmed</p>	30000			<p>1 x Officer to produce & distribute panel minutes (currently committee clerk)</p> <p>HoS to consider recommendati</p>

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<p>-Accounts either audited or signed by Chair or Treasurer OR 12 month cash flow forecast and balance sheet to date signed by Chair or Treasurer (if new org less than 12 months old)</p> <p>- No more than 12 months' running costs in unrestricted/free reserves</p> <p>-Not for mainstream health/education etc services or religious instruction</p> <p>-Must have Child protection or other policy e.g. health & safety (where relevant)</p>			<p>than 50% of project costs</p> <p>-no food or refreshments</p> <p>-no trips/outings</p> <p>-no parties</p> <p>- no fundraising activities for own organisation or other cause</p> <p>-Supporting statement from local Cllr and PC(if relevant)</p>						<p>ons and approve up to £1k.</p> <p>Member time to support and evaluate project (including site visits) and officer time to formalise monitoring</p> <p>Member attendance at panel</p>
	3	NNDR	<p>90% relief (10% top up) if satisfy Stage 1 criteria</p> <p>0% top up if more than 12 months' running costs in unrestricted reserves</p> <p>20% top up if registered as a CASC</p> <p>100% relief if satisfy Stage 1 criteria AND in receipt of significant ABC funding and support</p>	-premises used to provide a community service or recreation	REVENUE	108000	To be decided	Notice of changes in criteria etc to present recipients	Administration arrangements tbc (Currently Revs & Bens)

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<p>-Open to any resident in the borough (unless justifiable targeting at a priority group)</p> <p>- Not for money already spent or projects already completed</p>		-parish councils, schools, colleges, universities, charity shops, housing associations, or national bodies not providing services exclusively for residents in the borough are ineligible							
		Shopping		Total	£750000				
	1	Grants with proportionate conditions awarded for up to £50k	To be agreed	Shopping priorities to be agreed but could include e.g. -Legal and debt advice services	REVENUE To be agreed		To be decided	Notice of changes to all current grant recipients	Gateway co-ordinator required
	2	Contracts, funding agreements or SLAs (ideally 3 year) agreed for over £50k	To be agreed	-Housing tenant/homeless support -Diversionary activities for young people -Running of community centres/facilities -Arts/festival programming -Community development programmes -ABC land conservation/Management	REVENUE To be agreed		To be decided	Formation of funding team and agreement on detail of shopping programme	Setting up this programme and application paperwork will be particularly time intensive

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			-volunteer recruitment and support					
	3 GAF3 Community Chest (funding only confirmed for 08-09 at this time)	-must operate within Greater Ashford area (as defined by GADF) -must run, own or manage premises for community benefit/ activity or services	In line with the recommendations of the Voluntary Sector Premises Study 08 by Mawson Fry Partnership, in the first instance	CAPITAL	100000	To be agreed	Confirmation from AF of funding til 2011 Prioritisation of study recommend- ations Partnership approach with Ashford Community Network on allocation decisions	GAF3 funds a vol org support post (hosted in Cultural Services) with responsibility for administering this fund Management support
	Investing			Total	£30000			
	1 Emergency grants	Organisations providing well- established and successful services and projects to date in extremis Must demonstrate realistic recovery strategy or forthcoming	n/a	REVENUE To be confirmed	5000	At any time	Promotion to officers/ members/ relevant groups £30k for flexible use across investing stream	Engaged funding – dedicated officer time

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		replacement funding						
	2 Change grants Up to £5k	Must be an 'infrastructure' organisation providing support services to front- line organisations in the borough	To encourage operational and service improvements which result in enhanced/better quality services to the front line e.g. merger, new delivery partnerships	REVENUE To be confirmed	5000	Through CGF & in line with CGF deadlines ?	Sensitive promotion to qualifying organisations	
	3 Loans	For organisations with over 12 months' unrestricted /free reserves To bridge a funding gap where forthcoming funding is evidenced Market rate in the first instance though negotiable	Only for organisations delivering a corporate or service priority (tba) in local communities	To be confirmed	25000	At any time?		Accountant support Under spend to build investment fund through voluntary grants reserve (max tba)