



Community Cohesion Fund 2010 -11 of £85,111

On behalf of its partners Safer Newport invites proposals to be put forward for the above fund.

Proposals should be made using the attached application form and be submitted by midnight **16th August 2010**

Overview and information

The City of Newport has long been an ethnically diverse area, primarily as a result of its position as a strategic port, but its demographic make up has remained essentially stable for a significant period of time. However, there is evidence to suggest that the city is once again experiencing a substantial and rapid shift in its population. This is a result of a wide range of factors including:

- economic migration from the EU and other countries (particularly the 'A8' accession states)
- the dispersal of refugee and asylum seekers
- new housing and jobs being generated in the city.

The Local Service Board, *One Newport* has taken a proactive approach in promoting social cohesion and has identified Community Cohesion as one of its three priorities in the Local Delivery Agreement.

What is 'Community Cohesion'?

The UK and Welsh Assembly Government defines Community Cohesion as

"what must happen in all communities to enable different groups of people to get on well together. A key contributor to community cohesion is integration, which is what must happen to enable new residents and existing residents to adjust to one another."

What does it mean for Newport?

One Newport's vision for the city over the next ten years is

"working together to create a proud and prosperous city with opportunities for all"



Community cohesion is integral to establishing Newport as a city where:

- people from different backgrounds have similar life opportunities;
- people know their rights and responsibilities; and
- people trust one another and the local institutions to act fairly.

In a consultation exercise with the Community Cohesion steering group, key themes were identified as areas for the strategy to focus on:-.

The themes are: Defining and Promoting Common Values
 Community Integration
 Young People
 Understanding Our Communities

Criteria for Use of Funding

Successful proposals will demonstrate how they will meet the overall aims and objectives of the Community Cohesion Strategy and Action Plan and preference will be given to projects that undertake a strategic approach to community cohesion through

- Developing and supporting local partnership working and sharing best practice on cohesion. Undertaking community mapping activities, working with communities to establish local priorities for action;
- Establishing local methods of data collection and information gathering to support community mapping;
- Undertaking activities to address locally identified cohesion priorities,
- Mainstreaming community cohesion across policy and service delivery areas.

Applicants are encouraged to determine what their particular needs are at a local level in terms of community cohesion in consultation with local communities and to decide on actions that best meet these needs. Research commissioned by the Commission on Integration and Cohesion has indicated that individual factors alone have a relatively small impact on the perceptions of cohesion and it is therefore suggested that there should be an emphasis on tackling multiple issues simultaneously.



Proposals should be aligned with the core aims and objectives of the Welsh Assembly Government Community Cohesion Strategy and take into consideration the local themes. The Strategy focuses on the policy and service delivery areas which have been identified as having a positive impact on local cohesion. Funding should look to provide positive links to these areas, including:

Housing – An approach to consider how to create safe, inclusive communities, including how to reduce anti-social behaviour and to look at projects to increase community interaction, so that local decisions can be made to influence local need.

Learning – Funding could be targeted to improve understanding and knowledge across schools, higher education and lifelong learning. Projects could focus on how to increase basic skills and how to ensure that young people who are not in education, employment or training (NEET) are fully involved in cohesion activities.

Communication - An example of this type of action would be a project which provides additional resources for English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL). Funding could also be targeted to support the Welsh Language, to engage with the media and to utilise written information to communicate effectively.

Equality and Social Inclusion - Partners should also consider how cohesion impacts on the most disadvantaged groups in a community, this could include projects that address one or more of the six themes of the Equalities and Human Rights Framework, which are age, gender, race, disability, sexual orientation, disability and religion and belief. The fund could also be used to support projects that focus on social inclusion such as identifying the cohesion priorities in deprived communities as defined by the Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation.

Preventing Violent Extremism - This could include addressing all forms of violent extremism, including the influence of far right extremism in some local areas, where it is threatening community cohesion. Links could also be made with the Prevent work being carried out by CSPs and to increase resilience within local communities.

Special Conditions

At least 50% of the funding should be used to benefit designated Community First areas, or residents from those areas where services are being provided elsewhere. Proposals that have an impact on these areas have to be endorsed



by the Communities First Partnership Board. Details of Communities First Chairs and Coordinators may be found in the accompanying document.



NEWPORT COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

FUNDING APPLICATION FORM

If you wish to apply for funding from the Community Safety Partnership please complete all of this form, providing as much information as possible.

1.	Intervention Proposal <i>(The Aim, Objectives and outline of the proposal)</i>
2.	Relation to the Newport Community Cohesion Group Themes <i>(Please define which element your proposal relates to)</i>
3.	Inputs <i>(The resources that need to be dedicated to the project to achieve the desired outcomes, e.g. Staff time, printing costs.)</i>
4.	Outputs <i>(The tasks that are carried out to achieve the outcome, e.g. establishing a baseline, producing a strategy, distributing information packs to residents.)</i>



5.	Revenue Cost	Capital Cost
6.	Additional Funding <i>(Is there any match funding that will also contribute to the delivery of the project / initiative?)</i>	
7.	Performance Measure(s) & Baseline Data <i>(Performance measures are used to see whether inputs, outputs and outcomes are being achieved, e.g. the level of positive feedback by members of the community, number of sessions delivered. Please also provide the baseline that you will use to show effectiveness of project / initiative.</i>	
8.	Outcome <i>(This is what you hope to achieve Your outcome should relate to your overall aim)</i>	
9.	Timetable / Milestones <i>(Please provide timetabled milestones by which you will monitor progress made in the delivery of your proposal, e.g. by August 2005 a steering group will have been established)</i>	



10.	Geographical Coverage <i>(Which wards/sub wards of Newport will the project cover?)</i>
11.	Key Partners <i>(Please list the main partners involved in the project)</i>

Name and address of organisation submitting request:		
Date:	Signature:	
Contact details:	E-mail:	Tel:

Please submit all completed proposal forms by midnight **16th August 2010** to:

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