

WHAT TYPE OF ACTIVITIES CAN BE SUPPORTED?

We are looking to local people to be innovative and imaginative in developing responses to their identified need. The Local Community Fund may support activities meeting one or more of the Fund's 5 objectives, for example the local community may decide that a priority is to make improvements to the look of local streets or estates or organise schemes for young people. Other activities could include training and development programmes to help in improving local skills and capacity and generally improving the quality of life. This initiative is about ensuring that local communities' needs and concerns are addressed and to help them make a real difference to their area.

FIND OUT MORE

For further information on the Local Community Fund please contact your Local Strategy Partnership or District Council. Should you want to speak to someone in the Department for Social Development about this Fund please ring:

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LOCAL COMMUNITY FUND INITIAL TARGET AREAS 2003/2004 – BY DISTRICT COUNCIL AREA

- **Ards** – Bowtown Estate.
- **Belfast** – Lower Shankill, Brown Square, Pottinger, Avoniel, The Mount, Ravenhill, Willowfield, Clonard, Beechmount/Cavendish, Village, Glencairn, Highfield, Finaghy.
- **Carrickfergus** – Sunnylands, Greenisland/Gortalee.
- **Castlereagh** – Tullycarnet.
- **Coleraine** – Ballysally, The Heights.
- **Cookstown** – Stewartstown.
- **Craigavon** – Parkmore.
- **Derry** – Foylehill/Creggan, Top of Hill/Gobnascale, Shantallow, Glen Estate, Curryneirin and Tullally, Clooney, Irish Street, Lettershandoney, Ballymagroaty/Hazelbank.
- **Down** – Model Farm Estate, Flying Horse Estate, Newcastle.
- **Dungannon** – Ballysaggart.
- **Larne** – Riverdale.
- **Limavady** – Glen Estate & Hospital Lane.
- **Moyle** – Ballycastle Town.
- **Newry and Mourne** – Carnagat, Newtownhamilton Village, Derrybeg.
- **Newtownabbey** – Glengormley – Glenvarna/Queen's Park
- **North Down** – Rathgill, Harbour Ward.
- **Omagh** – Carrickmore, Fintona.
- **Strabane** – Glenderg Ward, Lisnafin, Ballycolman.

Local Community Fund

WHAT IS IT?

The Local Community Fund is a new initiative led by the Department for Social Development. £3m is available this year to help support people in disadvantaged communities to develop community capacity and leadership in their local area. Developing community capacity means increasing the ability of communities to influence decisions made by government that affect the lives of their citizens.

The objectives of the Fund are:

- To develop community capacity and leadership;
- To promote partnership working, both within and between communities;
- To help communities to improve their local environments;
- To develop intervention programmes with young people; and
- To encourage more active participation by women in local community services.

HOW CAN THE FUND HELP LOCAL COMMUNITIES?

Initial areas to benefit from the Fund this year have been identified concentrating on areas suffering the most disadvantage and where community capacity is seen to be weakest. A list of all the target areas selected for 2003/2004 is enclosed in this leaflet.

We want to put local communities' needs first and foremost – taking a “bottom-up” approach rather than imposing solutions from the top. The Fund provides communities with the opportunity and funding to become involved in identifying and addressing local issues and priorities. It will allow them to determine their own priorities to improve the quality of life in their area.

TAKING A PARTNERSHIP APPROACH

Our approach in delivering this initiative will be based on involvement and partnership. The Local Strategy Partnership and/or District Council will be working with local groups and representatives of local communities in the target areas to identify possible actions within the five Fund objectives needed to make a better future for all citizens. Local people are crucial to this process, particularly in identifying their area's main problems and deciding how to tackle them. The Local Strategy Partnership and District Council will also involve representatives from the statutory, voluntary, business and community organisations in the local area and through this involvement will decide how best to use the allocated resources.