

local communities. Activities may, for example, include:

- "one stop shops" to address the full spectrum of community information needs;
- co-ordinating local public sector and community action to address complex policy issues;
- training employees in community development approaches to work;
- more effective use of premises and equipment to meet community need;
- secondments and joint training initiatives;
- development/implementation of a policy environment that encourages partnerships with local communities;
- new consultation/participation arrangements;
- inter agency collaboration to improve community access to services.

## **CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS**

10 January 2003

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

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You can also download the Application Form and Notes for Guidance from the Department for Social Development web site:

**[www.dsdni.gov.uk/publications](http://www.dsdni.gov.uk/publications)**



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## **The Outreach Programme**

"quality public services - fully engaged with local communities"

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## **WHAT IS THE OUTREACH PROGRAMME?**

The Outreach Programme is a new initiative led by the Department for Social Development with assistance from Executive Programme Funds. It is designed to assist public sector organisations put into action the principle of working in partnership with communities.

The objectives of the Outreach Programme are:

- To achieve greater animation of community-based activity in areas where community infrastructure is weak.
- To build the skills and knowledge within the public sector necessary for more effective working with the community sector.

- To develop more community oriented services in areas of disadvantage.
- To identify and remove barriers to community engagement with public services.
- To produce evidence which helps refine public sector policies.

## **FUNDING AVAILABLE**

£3 million is available from the Outreach Programme to support a maximum of 15 innovative, demonstration projects for up to 3 years. Grants will range from £50,000 to £250,000 over the 3 year period.

## **WHO CAN APPLY?**

Funding is available for public sector bodies such as government departments and agencies, schools, NHS Trusts, and district councils. Local Strategy Partnerships are also eligible to apply.

Applicant organisations are expected to actively involve local communities in the development and delivery of their project.

## **WHAT TYPE OF PROJECTS ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR FUNDING?**

A wide range of innovative activity is envisaged within the Programme. Projects should aim to test new approaches to meeting community need by building stronger partnerships between statutory bodies and