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Community Leadership Fund*



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England

Start date:

25 June 2007

Final date for applications:

31 March 08 or when all funding is committed. See 'Notes' below.

Outline:

Preventing Violent Extremism Community Leadership Fund is a grants programme to build the capacity of Muslim communities to take practical steps to reject violent extremism and feel a welcome part of wider British society.

The fund will focus on three strands –

- **Leadership Capacity** – building the capacity of today and tomorrow's leaders in the Muslim community, to enable them to help the community to resist the influence of violent extremists and promote a positive and engaged citizenship.
- **Organisational Capacity** – building the capacity of organisations in the Muslim community to actively resist the influence of violent extremists.
- **Capacity of Muslim Women** – unlocking the potential of Muslim women in tackling violent extremism, enabling their voices to be heard and empowering them to engage with young Muslims at risk of being targeted by violent extremists.

The grants programme will support projects with a national impact – either a wide geographic impact or, exceptionally, 'trailblazing' projects that will provide ideas/information which can form the basis of national best practice. A priority will be to build on good practice and lessons learnt from the wider voluntary and community sector, including activities of individuals/organisations of other faiths or none.

This fund will complement the Preventing Violent Extremism Pathfinder Fund, which has allocated £6m to over 70 local authorities for the support smaller projects to tackle violent extremism at a local level. For further information on the Pathfinder Fund <http://www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1506075>

Total Fund Value:

£650,000

Notes:

The total fund value is the amount that will be distributed as grants between July 2007 and March 2008. The fund will close when all funding is committed – this may be before 31 March 2008. **All funding must be spent by 31st March 2008.**

Speculative applications already received by us will be reviewed against these criteria, and we will ask for any missing information before making a final decision.

Extended Description:

The fund will be used to build the capacity of Muslim communities to take practical steps to tackle violent extremism. This fund may be used to support projects which fall under any of the three strands, and which meet the criteria for that strand.

Leadership Capacity – building the capacity of today and tomorrow’s leaders in the Muslim community, to enable the community to resist the influence of violent extremists and promote a positive and engaged citizenship. Projects should achieve at least one of the following criteria:

- Support emerging leaders, particularly women and young people, to –
 - become effective spokespeople to reflect the communities concerns and views, including through civic engagement; and/or
 - develop their leadership skills; and/or
 - engage more effectively with the media.
- Provide opportunities for emerging leaders to build support networks within and beyond the Muslim communities, with other emerging leaders and those in established positions of leadership
- Support the development of leadership through mentoring support for those who would not otherwise have access to support.

Applications should include information on how the skills gained by individuals will contribute to wider society and especially to preventing violent extremism.

Organisational Capacity – building the capacity of organisations in the Muslim community to actively resist the influence of violent extremists.

Projects should aim to build the capacity of Muslim organisations in ways that will enable the organisations to counter those who espouse violent extremism in their community. Applications may be made by organisations seeking to build their own capacity and/or to help other organisations (e.g. mentoring). The organisations to be capacity-built will be expected to show clear evidence that they do or will work to build resilience to violent extremism in their communities, and the proposed capacity building will have a positive impact on this work.

It is a priority to ensure that the impact of this funding is felt as widely as possible. When considering applications we will therefore give priority to:

- Organisations able to reach a diverse range of denominations, ethnicities and cultures from the Muslim communities in the UK. Attention will be paid to the extent to which the final pool of recipients covers the different traditions within the Muslim population in England
- ‘High impact’ groups who can reach large memberships/audiences.
- Organisations that promote the involvement of women and young people, as under-represented groups.

Capacity of Muslim Women – unlocking the potential of Muslim women in tackling violent extremism, enabling their voices to be heard and empowering them to engage with individuals at risk of being targeted by violent extremists. Projects should achieve at least one of the following criteria:

- increase the number of Muslim women who are empowered to participate in the civic, democratic, social and economical life of the community, by equipping Muslim women with the necessary confidence, opportunity, tools and skills to participate fully within their immediate communities and in the wider community more generally;
- break down barriers to the progression and participation of Muslim women in society;
- build confidence/capacity of Muslim women to directly tackle signs of radicalisation in their local communities.

An important part of the programme will be to share good practice and lessons learnt with the wider voluntary and community sector and successful organisations will be expected to work closely with the grants administrator through monitoring visits and reports.

Further Information:

Those interested in seeking funding are advised to familiarise themselves with *Preventing Violent Extremism – Winning Hearts and Minds* before applying. This document can be downloaded by clicking <http://www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1509398>

Restrictions:

The following groups are not eligible to apply:

- individuals;
- private businesses;
- public sector bodies;
- organisations whose financial management systems are not in good order, or whose finances raise questions about their ability to complete the project;
- organisations which are not based and working in England;

The following activities cannot be funded:

- services or events where the key purpose is to promote a religious doctrine; mission or another form of proselytising;
- promotion of the beliefs of a particular faith or sect (beyond basic religious/cultural awareness raising);
- acquisition of religious artefacts or publications for the use of followers in worship;
- provision of services to asylum seekers when those services are inconsistent with immigration laws or Home Office policy;

- the cost of supporting religious personnel in their normal duties in their place of worship;
- building work or refurbishment costs of premises;
- standard running costs incurred in your normal activities UNLESS directly linked to the activities you are applying for us to fund.
- activities outside England.

Key Criteria:

Organisations will only be eligible for funding if they are voluntary/not for profit organisation with charitable, philanthropic or benevolent purposes. Applications are not limited to organisations that define their purpose in terms of the Muslim faith; organisations of any faith or none can apply provided that they can show that their proposal meets the relevant criteria.

In order to receive funding, organisations will be required to show the following:

- a constitution or a set of rules.
- local management board or committee.
- a bank or building society account in the organisation's name, with the signatures of at least two members of the group needed for each cheque or payment (please note it is good financial practise to make sure that these people are not related).
- up-to-date annual accounts (for groups over 12 months old), or a 12-month cash flow forecast for new organisations (less than 12 months old), with a note of income already received.
- appropriate policies and procedures in place for the work you will be undertaking, for example equal opportunities and financial procedures.
- Child/vulnerable adults protection polices for all work involving young or vulnerable people. The DfES publication '**Positively Safe; a guide to developing safeguarding practices**' <http://www.everychildmatters.gov.uk/resources-and-practice/IG00037/> is designed to help groups develop child protection policies.

All grant recipients must agree to meet the terms and conditions of the grant, and to submit regular project monitoring and evaluation reports and financial statements when required.

Eligible Expenditure:

Grant expenditure can be used for start-up costs, staff costs, running costs and training costs. Applications for capital expenditure can only be funded if they are linked directly to project activities and total less than 50% of the grant you are requesting.

All funding must be spent by 31 March 2008, and no funding can be guaranteed beyond that date.

Application Procedure:

Applications can be submitted at any time before the close of this fund. This fund will remain open until 31 March 08 **or until all funding is committed, which may be sooner.**

All applications should be submitted on the application form. **Any applications which do not include required information will be rejected until the missing information is provided.**

Applications will be reviewed at the end of each month. Decisions will be communicated as soon as possible, but please be aware that it may be several weeks before an initial offer can be made and several more weeks before funding can be transferred.

If you wish to discuss you application before it is submitted, or to submit an application, please use the following address:

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