



## ***Applying for Grant Funding to Royal Docks Trust/ Newham Council for 2009/2010***

### **About the Joint Main Programme**

The Royal Docks Trust and Newham Council Joint Programme provides funding for voluntary and community organisations within the Royal Docks Trust area. All projects need to be providing services, which are specific to those parts of Newham south of the A13 Newham Way and are for services specifically for residents of this area of the borough. The area includes Beckton, Custom House, Canning Town South, and North Woolwich & Silvertown.

We are inviting applications that can clearly show a capability to address priorities that include:

#### **1. Regeneration**

Projects that assist the community and voluntary sector in providing services which contribute directly to the regeneration of the Trust's area, and that assist in the development of an active, self-sustaining community and voluntary sector. The programme will therefore prioritise projects that:

- Provide training, education and employment opportunities to improve the quality of life by increasing income levels and opportunities for families
- Education and training projects, including vocational skills training, that provide or lead to formal accreditation and good employment opportunities.

#### **2. Children and Young people**

Projects that provide services to children and young people: The programme aims to assist projects that provide resources and services at a local level, which encourage self help and offer sustainability of local initiatives.

Examples of projects that the programme would seek to fund include:

- Youth work, particularly projects, which contribute to reduction in crime and anti-social behaviour.
- Cultural activities (including leisure and sport) particularly projects that encourage local communities to use facilities located within the Trust's area.

#### **3. Older People**

Examples might include:

- Projects that present opportunities for contributing to improved quality of life.
- Projects that promote and encourage health and fitness, particularly within community settings such as local clubs and community centres.

#### **4. Disabled People**

Examples might include:

- Projects that benefit and include work with: people with learning difficulties or special needs and disabled people.
- Projects that address needs/issues in relation to mental health.

#### **Council's Community Strategy Priorities**

Applications to the programme will also be assessed on their ability to address one or more of the Council's Community Strategy priorities, which are endorsed by the Royal Docks Trust:

- A better environment for all
- Building an active and inclusive community
- Investing in young people
- Making Newham safer
- Narrowing the health gap
- Business growth and access to jobs

These six key themes are also part of the Local Area Agreement and Mayor of Newham's priorities. In particular, the Mayor wishes to develop an 'Active and Inclusive Community' in which Newham residents of all ages, all faiths, all cultures and all backgrounds will be more active and engaged in the community, especially in ways that bring diverse communities together.

The assessment panel will particularly welcome applications which

- Access other resources and offer the possibility of bringing additional / match funding to the area
- Complement existing or new regeneration initiatives in the area
- Enable organisations to provide services and resources at a local level, developing and encouraging an active and sustainable community and voluntary sector.

### **How much money is in the pot?**

The overall funding for 2008/09 was £222,000 and it is hoped to maintain a similar level of funding this year.

**The amount of funding available for any one project will not exceed £30,000, so please ensure that you provide realistic project costs when applying for funding.**

### **The Programme**

The funders are looking for projects which can deliver verifiable outcomes, represent value for money and can make a real difference to the lives of the people in the Royal Docks Trust area.

We have identified the following key areas as important elements to successful applications:

- Meeting the priorities and criteria of the programme
- Having outputs that will deliver an effective service
- Cost effectiveness in achieving the outcomes
- Effective recording and quality systems

- Clear monitoring of service delivery
- Clearly addressing equalities issues.

### **Funding Arrangements**

The funders receive more applications than they are able to fund. They will seek to offer funding to projects that they feel best meet the criteria and priorities for providing services to the residents of the Royal Docks Trust area. Funding will be offered for up to twelve months. Funding in subsequent years, subject to further application, assessment and approval, may be considered up to a maximum period of three years.

### **Eligible Organisations**

To be eligible for funding from this programme, organisations must demonstrate that they

- have a constitution as a not-for-profit organisation
- have a management committee
- have an equal opportunities policy in place and are working to implement it
- have a base in the area from which to serve the people of Newham Docklands.

Projects cannot be funded for more than three years.

### **Monitoring Arrangements**

The funders have a monitoring strategy, which we expect all projects to follow. The focus of the strategy is monitoring the outputs and outcomes that the funding covers.

Successful projects will have planned monitoring visits from officers. They will be looking at how services are delivered and how the project operates. The visits are also an opportunity to strengthen relationships and links, to promote good communication and to discuss issues of progress and development.

### **How decisions are made**

**The closing date for applications is midday on Friday 9th January 2008.**

All applications are considered against the criteria, and recommendations made by the panel need to be agreed by both the Royal Docks Trust and Newham Council. You should receive a final decision on your application in March 2009. You will receive notification of the final decision on your application, whether you have been successful or not.

### **Minor Grants Programme**

The Royal Docks Trust and Newham Council also operate a minor grants programme, offering funding of up to £1,500. This is a rolling programme with no specific closing date – applications will be accepted throughout the year.

### **Further information**

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Details and application forms can be accessed from the RDT web-site:

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