

£900,000 for Small Community Groups in Lincolnshire

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The Foundation is pleased to announce it will manage the new Grassroots Grants Programme for Lincolnshire from 2008 to 2011. It is a scheme sponsored by Government to provide financial support (grants) to small voluntary community groups.

Eligibility: Groups should be not for profit; have been active for not less than 12 months prior to 31 December 2007; provide evidence of income of less than £20,000 per year (averaged over the past 3 years); be volunteer led; have a governing document, bank account and relevant policies and procedures. . Foundation staff can give advice about these matters where necessary.

Amount: £250 to £5,000 over the lifetime of the Scheme, in a single bid or multiple ones.

What can be funded? Core costs to continue an existing service, equipment (computer, furniture etc), volunteer training, child care and travel costs, event and workshop costs and activities that meet an identified need that must *benefit the local community*.

Aims and objectives: To increase grant funding and capacity building support to small voluntary community groups to help build stronger, more active communities.

Process: Application deadlines: 1st September, 1st December 2008, 1st March, 1st June, 1st September 2009. Applicants to be notified of a decision within 12 weeks.

To obtain an Application Form or to check eligibility, please contact Sue Fortune on 01529 305825. Foundation Staff will be available to help at every step of the process.

Gordon Hunter, the Foundation Director said:-

“This is a fantastic opportunity for small groups to access funds for running costs to give them time to concentrate their efforts on delivery and sustainability”