

NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL FUND: PROSPECTUS

The Neighbourhood Renewal Fund (NRF) aims to help disadvantaged areas to address issues such as worklessness and crime, and to improve health, housing, the environment and skill levels locally.

The Kensington and Chelsea Partnership (comprising representatives from the Police, the Primary Care Trust, the Council, the Learning and Skills Council, business, the voluntary sector and the local community) has been awarded a total of £2 million from the NRF for the years 2004/05 and 2005/06.

In its Community Strategy, published in July 2002, the Partnership set out the priorities for action identified by local people. **It now seeks YOUR HELP in finding the best ways of making these happen, with the NRF money. If you have an initiative or project which could achieve positive benefits in one or more of the categories set out overleaf, we want to hear from you.**

A few things to note:

- You may apply for funding for up to two years
- You may apply for capital and/or revenue
- Your proposal must relate to one or more of the categories set out overleaf
- The Partnership is particularly interested in applications which demonstrate joint working, or look at new ways for different groups or agencies to work together
- The Partnership is intending to allocate 90% of the funding to initiatives which benefit the borough's two most deprived wards - **Golborne** and **St. Charles** - so applications covering these areas will be

particularly welcome. The rest of the money is earmarked for the next most deprived wards – **Colville, Avondale (Notting Barns) and South Stanley (Cremorne)**. However, if you have an initiative which fits really well with the objectives of the community strategy but falls outside of these geographical areas, you may apply, but you will need present a very strong case!

If you are interested in applying for funding, please fill in the “Expression of Interest” form enclosed with this prospectus, and return it to the address shown by **24 October 2003**. This is the first stage in the process, and if the Partnership is interested in your proposal, you will be asked to complete a more detailed application form. (If you are applying for less than £1,000, the expression of interest form may be sufficient.) The detailed application form will cover a whole range of issues, including: how you intend to involve users in the development, management and delivery of your project; the skills and experience you, your management committee or staff have, which will make it possible for the project to happen; what benefits your project will have for local people, and how these might continue after the NRF money comes to an end. So, please start thinking about these issues now!

Support for Potential Applicants:

If you are a voluntary or community organisation and would like to talk about an idea for a project, you can contact **Jill McNiven** at the Kensington and Chelsea Social Council (020-7937-9512). The KCSC will be holding 2 drop-in sessions in September/October for you to talk about your ideas, and there will be further sessions in December to help groups complete the detailed application form, which is stage 2 of the process.

Every application must demonstrate how it would benefit disabled people, and those from black and minority ethnic communities.

Your project/initiative MUST address one or more of the following priorities:

ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT

- Tackle poor condition of parks, public spaces and children's play areas
- Improve the streetscape
- Improve public transport links into and across North Kensington, and promote greener forms of transport
- Promote the "Cleaner Greener" scheme

HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

- To obtain a better picture of underlying health inequalities
- To develop the concept of "healthy living"
- To focus more on access, eg. for BME groups
- To improve services for children

HOMES AND HOUSING

- Encourage and support the Dalgarno area neighbourhood management initiative
- Improve the quality of management, maintenance and repairs across social housing

- Carrying out physical improvements and providing tenancy support that will both promote independence and ensure that housing in the area meets the long-term needs of its residents, particularly those who are elderly, vulnerable or with long term health problems.

LEARNING AND LEISURE

- Improve access to libraries as a key resource particularly for the “hard to reach”, including the housebound, ethnic minorities, other target groups and in accordance with the Royal Borough’s Library Strategy.
- Maintain and improve educational standards particularly for those children from ethnic minorities and those at risk of under achieving.
- Improve the fabric of community facilities providing learning and development opportunities for local people.
- Improve access to arts and sports by hard to reach groups in accordance with the Royal Borough’s strategies for these services.

SAFE COMMUNITIES

- measures to reduce street crime, burglary and motor vehicle crime
- tackling disorder and anti social behaviour by (i) working with the perpetrators, e.g. targeted youth work and (ii) the introduction of PCSOs in St Charles
- tackling hidden and unreported crimes, e.g. domestic violence, racial harassment and homophobic crime

- crime prevention activity, especially for those who have already been the victim of crime, e.g... advice for older people on bogus callers, improving security at businesses and residential premises
- tackling drugs misuse through early education, treatment services and disrupting local drug markets

WORK AND BUSINESS

- Support for local businesses, and encouragement for them to get involved in the local community
- innovative local employment and training opportunities for local people, and access to help with childcare costs to ease the transition into training and work
- helping to bring Job Centre Plus to the borough, and providing information, advice and guidance in the interim
- addressing the lack of affordable business and office space