



## Comic Relief Local Communities Programme

There are still many communities in the UK that suffer from economic and social deprivation and the current economic climate may make this situation worse.

For this reason Comic Relief has decided that £4.5million should be available to fund projects across the UK which are addressing these issues through a second phase of the 'Local Communities' programme.

Tees Valley Community Foundation is one of the delivery partners.

The Local Communities programme will run for two years and during this time, grants of between £1,000 and £10,000 will be available.

The programme aims to empower local people, enabling them to create lasting change in their communities. Projects should be run by people directly affected by the issues they are dealing with and priority will be given to small, locally based groups or organisations in areas of disadvantage that have a clear understanding of the needs of their community.

Organisations which have received a Community Cash grant or any other grant from a Community Foundation **can** apply for Local Communities grant. However organisations which hold a grant directly from Comic Relief **can not** apply for a Local Communities grant.

A Local Communities grant must be at least 50% of the total cost of the project.

This work can cover a small geographical area such as a housing estate or village, but we will also consider work covering a slightly larger area such as a town or borough where there is evidence of community involvement.

### Grants available:

Standard Small Grants of £1,000 to £10,000 (inclusive)

### Who can apply?

- Community Groups
- Resident Associations
- Community Centres
- Social Enterprises/Community Interest Companies
- Credit Unions

## Types of Activities that may be Funded:

- Furniture Projects
- Projects providing access to benefits advice
- Projects combating fuel poverty
- Community consultation exercises
- Community employment projects
- Food Co-ops
- Running costs; including salaries, core costs and project costs
- Committee and volunteer staff/training
- Community sports activities

## Exclusions:

Comic Relief funding does **not** support:

- × individuals;
- × statutory organisations, including schools;
- × trips abroad;
- × buses, mini buses or other community transport schemes (not including transport costs forming part of a project);
- × building costs, including access adaptations to buildings.
- × to organisation who are in receipt of a grant directly from Comic Relief

## When & How to apply:

- Complete the application form. If you have any queries or would like help completing the form, please contact us on 01642 260860.
- Once completed, the application form should be signed by two group members and an independent referee.
- Take a copy for your own records and then post the completed application form and any supporting documentation to Tees Valley Community Foundation, at the address detailed below.
- We are open for applications from 29/09/2011. The closing date is 21/10/2011
- The next round will open on 02/01/2011. The closing date is 29/03/2011

**\*\* IMPORTANT \*\***

**Make sure you attach all the required materials, as failure to supply the right information will delay the process of your application.**

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