



## **GRANT GUIDELINES: MERSEYSIDE YOUNG TRANSFORMERS PROGRAMME**

This programme is administered and supported by The Community Foundation for Merseyside, The Home Office, Merseyside Police, Tutu Foundation UK and media partner Liverpool Echo. It is part of the Home Office 'Tackling Gangs Action' Programme.

Grants may be awarded up to £2000, for activities and projects that aim to change the lives of people aged 7-17 for the better.

We are looking to support projects that help young people become positively and actively engaged in their communities. Your work could also promote youth leadership, volunteering and help develop role models to help steer children and young people away from crime and anti-social behaviour.

**\*The deadline for receipt of grant applications to this programme is Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2008.  
Decisions will be made about funding on Thursday 07<sup>th</sup> February 2008.  
Funded projects must take place after Friday 08<sup>th</sup> February and be completed by  
Friday 04<sup>th</sup> April at the latest.**

**Your project should aim towards one or more of the following outcomes:**

1. Reducing crime and anti-social behaviour
  2. Protecting young people from becoming victims
  3. Building relationships between the Police and young people
  4. Directly engaging young people who are deemed 'at risk' of involvement in crime and anti-social behaviour
  5. Offering prevention initiatives aimed at stopping gang related violence
  6. Providing support for victims of gun crime and their families
- Applications should demonstrate how they will offer increased community reassurance or increased community confidence
  - They should also show how funded work will directly increase the number of young people engaged with their community through preventative work

### **Who is eligible to apply for a grant**



This grant programme is currently open to **Voluntary, Community, Faith or Self-Help groups** within the following areas:

**Norris Green \* Stockbridge Village \* Croxteth \* Bakers Green**

If you are linked to a national organisation, you may apply if your group or branch is independent, has a local management committee and has control over its own bank account.

All applicants must ensure that they have relevant policies and procedures in place to undertake activities, such as Criminal Records Bureau checks and/or a health and safety policy, depending on proposed activity. If you are unsure about what you need please contact the Community Foundation (details overleaf)

## What cannot be funded

- Activities that will have already taken place before we offer you a grant
- Individuals
- Politically connected or exclusively religious activities- (faith groups may apply where projects are not fully focused on religion)
- Projects for personal profit – (if applying as a group you must have broadly charitable objectives)
- Groups comprising just one family
- Statutory organisations or work that is their responsibility
- Debts and other liabilities
- Reclaimable VAT
- Travel outside mainland Britain
- Gifts or projects exclusively for the purpose of entertaining

*This list is neither exclusive nor exhaustive- if you are unsure if elements of your project may be excluded please contact the Community Foundation for Merseyside using the contact details overleaf.*

## How will a decision be made about the grant application

Your completed application will be appraised by a Community Foundation Grants Officer and at that stage we will contact you for more information. Following this a panel of representatives from your local community and the programme partners will consider it and you will be notified of the outcome on 07<sup>th</sup> February 2008 or shortly thereafter.

### TO APPLY

Return a signed completed grant application form ensuring that you have included all of the following accompanying documentation:

- A signed copy of your group/organisation's rules, constitution or governing document
- A copy of your group/organisation's recent bank statement
- A signed copy of your group/organisation's latest annual accounts or income/expenditure details (Groups under 12 months old may supply a bank statement instead of annual accounts)
- A signed copy of your organisation's Child Protection Policy (if the project includes working with young people under 19)

### PLEASE RETURN YOUR APPLICATION AND ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS TO:

**Community Foundation for Merseyside,  
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Bridle Road,  
Bootle,  
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Tel: 0151 966 4604**

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