



Capital Investment Programme

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Developing third sector resource centres

Summary of Capacitybuilders' Capital Investment Programme 2008-11

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By 2011 Capacitybuilders wants to increase the access that third sector organisations have to high quality, relevant and affordable shared facilities and services offered by local resource centres across England.

Capacitybuilders is defining third sector local resource centres as a building or area within a building which is used as a base for providing development and support services to frontline third sector organisations within a local area, and specifically:

- Offers accommodation or shared services and facilities to frontline third sector organisations within a local area
- Offers services accessible all frontline third sector organisations within a local area

We to want support the creation and development of shared premises and facilities for third sector organisations in England, through support for refurbishment and the enhanced use of buildings being used as resource centres.

We want to support initiatives which encourage collaboration and shared 'back room' functions, and to help third sector organisations which own or run resource centres make the best use of these assets in supporting frontline organisations.

In many cases, this will mean supporting the development of buildings with multiple third sector tenants. In others, it will mean supporting buildings which offer multiple support services for the development of third sector organisations with a focus on the shared use of facilities.

Our capital investment should result in more efficient, effective and sustainable support services for frontline organisations.

Outcome of grants

Local third sector organisations have increased access to shared facilities and services through improved sector resource centres.

We plan a phased, scaled investment in three tranches:

Strand A (2008/9): Up to £30k for smaller-scale improvements to existing centres; for example by offering additional meeting, office or storage space, better IT, telephony or access to resources (such as a common library). There is a rolling application process with a final **deadline of 31 January 2009**.

Strand B (2009-11): Significant refurbishment (£50-£200k). Two-stage application process. Deadline for expressions of interest 31st January 2009, including opportunity to bid for two elements of revenue funding to support project development and delivery.

Strand C (2010-11): Flagship projects (£200-£500k). Two-stage application process. Deadline for expressions of interest 31 March 2009, including opportunity to bid for two elements of revenue funding to support project development and delivery.

Application forms available to download: www.capacitybuilders.org.uk/capital

Strand	A	B	C
Focus	Premises Improvement	Significant Refurbishment	Flagship Projects
Size of grants	Up to £30k	£50-£200k	£200-500k
Period of investment	Up to March 2009	Up to March 2011	Up to March 2011
Application Process	Single application form by 31 January 2009	Expression of Interest by 31 January 2009	Expression of Interest by 31 March 2009
		Business Plans by 30 June 2009	Business Plans by December 2009
Match funds required?	x	x	✓
Revenue support available	x	✓	✓
Funds available	£1m	Approx £2.5m	Approx £1.5m
More details	Pages 7 & 8	Pages 9-11	Pages 12-14

Resource Centres may only apply for one grant under this programme.