

# Eastern Region e-bulletin

## November 2005



Welcome to the November edition of our regional e-bulletin. I hope you find it useful and informative. We always welcome your feedback.

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### **Best wishes**

**Sara Betsworth**, Head of Eastern Region

## **New programmes**

The Big Lottery Fund will distribute funding worth over £2.3 billion between now and April 2009. We have now decided our list of new programmes in England. We expect to launch most of them between autumn 2005 and Spring 2006. For up to date information on new programmes visit our website [www.biglotteryfund.org.uk](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk)

Big Lottery Fund is prioritising the development of its demand-led programme which will be launched in December 2005. We are committed to providing between 60-70% of our funding to the VCS sector. The demand-led programmes will account for at least one third of our funding. The main demand led programme will be Reaching Communities.

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## **Reaching Communities**

Reaching Communities is our main demand-led programme which is aimed at local communities in England to support projects that meet their needs and bring real improvements to the lives of people most in need. This programme has been developed in response to our consultation, which showed strong support for a community-based, and community-driven demand-led programme.

We expect that the majority of the funding in the Reaching Communities programme will go to voluntary and community organisations, and the programme builds on the considerable experience of both legacy organisations in funding this sector. However the programme will also be open to other types of organisation.

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Big Lottery Fund is the joint operating name of the New Opportunities Fund and the National Lottery Charities Board (which made grants under the name of the Community Fund)



Reaching Communities is open to local groups as well as larger organisations working to meet local needs. These groups will include registered charities, statutory bodies, including schools, charitable or not-for-profit companies and social enterprises.

The Eastern launch of Reaching Communities is on 12th December at the Kaetsu theatre, New Hall College, Cambridge, invitations will be going out shortly.

Reaching Communities will be part of our regular briefing sessions across the region starting in the New Year.

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## Programmes currently available

### Young People's Fund (YPF) Grants to Organisations

We have now reviewed around 106 Outline Proposal Forms for the Grants to Organisations programme at the regional office and sent out 42 full applications. So far we have made 12 awards with a total value of £618,705. We are actively looking for applications for this programme.

This programme makes grants of between £5,000 and £150,000 to voluntary and community groups to run local projects **that involve young people from start to finish** and achieve two or more of the following outcomes:

- **Being healthy:** enjoying good physical and mental health and living a healthy lifestyle
- **Staying safe:** being protected from harm and neglect and growing up able to look after themselves
- **Enjoying and achieving:** getting the most out of life and developing skills for adulthood
- **Making a positive contribution:** to the community and to society and not offending and behaving anti-socially
- **Economic well being:** overcoming socio-economic disadvantages to achieve their full potential in life.

To be eligible you will have to demonstrate how you will put young people at the centre of identifying, planning, delivering, and evaluating projects that will make a lasting difference to them and their communities.

Projects should be for young people aged 11–18, although the Young People's Fund will support work with young people up to the age of 25 who have specific difficulties with the transition to adulthood.

The Young People's Fund will fund projects that provide activities and services in which young people are fully involved. We are particularly interested if your project provides activities and services that are set up and run by young people.



Applications for this programme are in two stages: an outline proposal form which asks for basic information about your project, followed by a more detailed application form. We will reply to outline proposal forms within ten working days.

If you would like to discuss a project or ask any further questions about the fund please call Richard Weller or Edward Hickman on **01223 449000**.

For further written guidance and application materials call our Big Advice Line on **0845 4 10 20 30** or **minicom 0845 6 02 16 59** or download it from our website at **[www.biglotteryfund.org.uk](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk)**.

## Awards for All

Awards for All is a grants programme set up to help small groups and local communities. It is supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund, the Arts Council of England, Sport England, and the Big Lottery Fund.

Awards for All gives grants of between £500 and £5,000 in a simple, straightforward way. For more information, go to the Awards for All website: [www.awardsforall.org.uk](http://www.awardsforall.org.uk) or call the helpline on 0845 600 2040. For further information on any of these programmes please call the Big advice line on 0845 4 10 20 30 or email [general.enquiries@biglotteryfund.org.uk](mailto:general.enquiries@biglotteryfund.org.uk)

Eastern's Senior Awards Officer, Barry Griffiths, says, "Our grants budget is 33% bigger than last year, which means that now is a great time to apply to Awards for All. Groups who take care to ensure that their application documents are complete, paying particular attention to the requirements of the 2005 application Form, hear the outcome really quickly. This is usually within six weeks but for the 50% who send inadequate documentation - its takes a lot longer".

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## People's Millions

The first launch of the People's Millions has now taken place. The People's Millions is a national competition that has made 50 grants of up to £50,000 this year. The voting took place on the local Anglia ITV networks in the first week of November and there were five awards made in the Eastern region. The winners, as voted by the public were:

- Trust Links, Growing Together, Westcliff on Sea, Southend
- The Wildlife Trust for Beds, Cambs, Northants and Peterborough
- Gipping Valley Angling Club, Barking Tye Lakes, Ipswich
- Little Paxton Village Hall, St Neots, Cambridgeshire
- The Barn Regeneration Project, Sproughton Parish Council, Sproughton, Ipswich

Congratulations to all our winners!



In spring 2006 the ITV regions will screen a half-hour programme looking at the progress made on the projects voted on in November 2005. This will be used as a springboard for launching the second round of the People's Millions £50,000 grants. The competition is now closed for 2005, but will reopen in spring 2006 and there will be further opportunities to enter in 2007.

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## **National Lottery Day**

Following the huge success of the National Lottery 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations last year we decided to make National Lottery Day an annual event. The day is a chance to celebrate the amazing impact Lottery funding has had around the UK and recognise the wonderful things people have done with their lottery grants to make a difference to all our lives.

National Lottery Day took place on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November and we encouraged projects to highlight activities that focus on Lottery support benefiting children and young people.

In the Eastern region we had a virtual Birthday Bounce competition. We will be announcing the lucky winners later in November and hope to feature some of the lucky groups with their prizes in the next e-bulletin.

## **The National Lottery Awards 2005**

The National Lottery Awards recognise and celebrate the hard work and dedication of people who use Lottery funding to make a real difference to communities across the UK.

This year's awards attracted over 35,000 public votes, with the winners announced at a ceremony at the Lottery funded Eden Project on Friday 4 November.

The awards were divided into four categories: Amazing Space, Children's Champion, Inspiration and Local Legend. Three of the four winning projects were BIG funded – a great result!

National Lottery Day winners are now on [www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk](http://www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk)

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## **Regional Briefings**

We will be hosting regional briefing sessions regularly at our Cambridge office. The briefings will include guidance and the latest information on the Young People's Fund and other new programmes. Below are the dates, times and contact details:

- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2006 2pm to 4pm
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2006 2pm to 4pm



- Thursday 18th May 2006 2pm to 4pm

To attend please contact this office on 01223 449 034. We will be attending funding fairs and venues around the Eastern region and hope to have confirmation details available early next year

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