



The Cheshire Partnership

CHESHIRE COMMUNITY STRATEGY INNOVATIONS FUND 2005-06

Encouraging innovation and new ways of working to improve quality of life and promote economic, environmental and social well-being across Cheshire through enhancement of existing work and sharing of best practice

The Cheshire Partnership is delighted to announce the second round of the £50k Innovations Fund, supported by Cheshire County Council and administered through The Cheshire Partnership, to support the delivery of the Cheshire Community Strategy outcomes and objectives and its seven key themes of:

- Innovation and New Ways of Working
- Positioning Cheshire in the Wider World
- Community Well-Being
- Valuing Diversity and Tackling Inequality
- Thriving Rural Communities
- Shared Prosperity
- A Sustainable Environment

Awards of up to £10k are available to any partnership, or organisation working in partnership with others, operating within the administrative area of Cheshire County Council.

1. PROJECT CRITERIA

Projects must:

- ✚ Be innovative and inspiring, delivering benefits that would not otherwise be realised;
- ✚ Be a development or enhancement of a currently successful project;
- ✚ Be transferable to other parts of the county;
- ✚ Contribute to one or more themes of and/or actions within the Cheshire Community Strategy; and
- ✚ Reflect the vision of the Cheshire Partnership.

In addition, projects will be viewed more favourably if they:

- ✚ Aid understanding of individual partner roles and responsibilities;
- ✚ Seek support from an existing member of the Cheshire Partnership relevant to the locality and/or project;
- ✚ Harness joint funding or 'in kind' contributions from other sources; and
- ✚ Support the principles of sustainable development and/or citizenship.

Funding will not be provided for party political, religious or medical purposes or for projects that should be funded by statutory organisations.

2. APPLICATION PROCESS

Unlike other external funding streams, the process for accessing funding is designed to be as simple as possible. Applicants are therefore asked to submit:

- i) a brief but comprehensive description of the scheme or project, including project timescale, costs, geographical area of coverage, criteria for success, key partner involvement, performance indicators and exit strategy (**max. 2 sides of A4**); and
- ii) details of how the proposed scheme or project fulfils the general criteria outlined above (**max. 2 sides of A4**).

In addition, applicants are asked to complete the **attached short pro forma** providing background information about their organisation or partnership. The details given on this form may be shared with other partners and entered on to the County Council's internal grants database. All information requested must be submitted.

Completed applications must be submitted by 20 January 2006 to:

THE CHESHIRE PARTNERSHIP
c/o Strategic Partnerships Unit
Room 103, County Hall, Chester, CH1 1SF

3. DECISION PROCESS

A sub-group of the Cheshire Partnership will meet in early February 2006 to consider all applications received and determine grant approvals. Applicants may be invited to attend that meeting to present and discuss their proposals. Decisions will be made using a scoring system against the criteria to ensure a fair and unbiased assessment process. Details of successful projects will be publicised and may be used for promotional purposes by The Cheshire Partnership.

Once a grant is awarded, the successful applicant will be required to sign a short grant agreement detailing the basis on which the grant has been awarded and expectations on both parties, particularly in relation to payment and project monitoring and review.

For further information or advice about this fund or the application process, please contact Lyn Raynor, Partnership Officer, by telephone (01244 602370) or email (lyn.raynor@cheshire.gov.uk).

**CHESHIRE COMMUNITY STRATEGY INNOVATIONS FUND
APPLICATION FORM**

1. Name of your organisation

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2. Details of the main contact person within your organisation

Name

Position in your organisation

3. Correspondence address (to which all correspondence will be sent)

Address

Postcode

Telephone

Fax

e-mail

4. Registered office address (if different from above)

Address

Postcode

Telephone

Fax

e-mail

5. What services does your organisation provide?

6. What are the aims and objectives of your organisation?