

**DRAFT GRANT PRIORITIES
2008 AND BEYOND**

Strategic Grants (3 Years)	Community Grants (1 Year or One Off Activity - £5k and below)
<p><u>Supporting People to Access Independent Advice Services</u> The provision of an independent, confidential countywide advice service for all sectors of the community of Worcestershire which covers a full range of generalist advice topics, e.g. welfare benefits, money advice, housing, employment, consumer, immigration and nationality, family and personal matters, taxes, health and education.</p> <p><u>Supporting Community Based Activities and Day Services for Older People</u> The provision of community based activities and Day Services to support Older Peoples' health and wellbeing. (Grants to be launched in September 2008 and in place by April 09 to tie in with outcome of consultation on Strategy for Day Services for Older People).</p> <p>Priority will be given to VCS organisations who show creative ways of addressing one or more of the following range of needs of Older People:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Friendship and social stimulation ○ Overcoming social isolation ○ Maintaining good physical and mental health ○ Engaging in meaningful activities ○ Meeting cultural needs ○ Enabling participation in aspects of life that are valued and maintain a sense of purpose ○ Preserving links with the local community ○ Giving carers a break 	<p><u>Celebrating Cultural Diversity</u> Grants to promote and celebrate cultural diversity, for example, through community events</p> <p><u>Supporting Community Based Activities and Day Services for Older People</u> The provision of community based activities to support older peoples' health and well-being (grants to be launched within same timescale as opposite).</p> <p><u>Supporting People with Mental Health Issues</u> BME Communities The provision of information and support to BME communities to help identify issues relating to mental health</p> <p>Women's Services The provision of specialist counselling and other support to women to enable them to move from mental health services into mainstream activities, training and employment</p> <p>The provision of specialist counselling and support for women who have experienced sexual abuse</p>

- Addressing factors associated with rural isolation

Priority will be given to VCS organisations providing services for Older People who

- Have dementia
- Are physically frail and/or have sensory impairment
- Are dependent on others for care
- Are socially isolated
- Have a functional mental illness
- Belong to an ethnic minority group

Decisions about the allocation of these grants will also be based on whether they fill gaps in local provision, whether they show innovative collaboration with other organisations, e.g. learning or leisure organisations, and/or the district councils.

Supporting Community Based Activities AND Day Services for Adults with Physical Disabilities

The provision of community based activities and Day Services to support the health and wellbeing of Adults with Physical Disabilities.

Priority will be given to VCS organisations who show creative ways of addressing one or more of the following range of needs of Adults with Physical Disabilities:

- Friendship and social stimulation
- Overcoming social isolation
- Maintaining good physical and mental health
- Engaging in meaningful activities
- Meeting cultural needs
- Enabling participation in aspects of life that are valued and maintain a sense of purpose
- Preserving links with the local community
- Giving carers a break
- Addressing factors associated with rural isolation

People who are Homeless

The provision of support for people who are homeless and have severe/enduring mental illness to compliment the statutory mental health service, including identification of people who are in need of specialist mental health services.

Support for the Arts

The provision of support for small community based organisations to deliver arts projects in Worcestershire.

Supporting People to Reuse and Recycle

Grants available to help increase the volume of waste that is diverted from landfill by supporting voluntary and community organisations involved in re-use and recycling in line with Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy.

Grants can be awarded towards:

- New innovative projects, particularly in areas currently not served or under developed
- Continuation of projects nearing the end of existing funding
- New initiatives to increase capacity of the reuse sector
- Supporting more efficient working practices e.g. IT systems
- Tools and equipment, staff or volunteer training, developing better partnership working, community engagement and awareness raising activities

Priority will be given to VCS organisations providing service for Adults with Physical Disabilities who

- Have one or more sensory impairments
- Belong to an ethnic minority group

Decisions about the allocation of these grants will also be based on whether they fill gaps in local provision, whether they show innovative collaboration with other organisations, e.g. learning or leisure organisations, and/or the district councils.

Learning Disability

LD grant funding is channelled through the Learning Disabilities Fund, which is allocated by the LD Partnership Board, so this area will be exempt from the corporate grants programme, although the fund will be administered in line with the principles and methodology of the corporate system.

Supporting Children and Young People to: Lead Healthy Lifestyles

The provision of support for children and young people to lead healthy lifestyles, particularly healthy diets and fewer teenage pregnancies

Feel Safe

The provision of support to prevent bullying, and support for those affected by it

Learn and Achieve

The provision of support to help children and young people do better at school, particularly for those groups who usually do less well

Feel part of their Community

The provision of support to ensure children and young people have things to do and enjoy in their communities.

Supporting People to have better access to services

The provision of community transport schemes to meet the local transport needs of people in Worcestershire who are not supported by the public transport network. Through partnership and integration of services in line with the objectives of the Integrated Passenger Transport Strategy, grants will be used to help promote community transport services which will encourage greater take up of services, and enhance customer participation (Integrated Passenger Transport Strategy in process of consultation – more specific details will follow when grants scheme is launched).