

2009/10 Area Based Grant Proposal Form (LSP's)

1. PROPOSAL DETAILS

Proposal Title: Warwick Family Intervention Project
Local Strategic Partnership: Warwick
Chair of the LSP: Cllr Les Caborn (Warwick District Council – Executive Vice Chair)
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Summary of Expenditure (including details of match funding where available) proposed: Warwickshire ABG £53k (1 year) to contribute towards delivery of Family Intervention Project within the Warwick District – ensuring this funding is used to fill gaps in existing provision, rather than to support existing provision.

Description and scope of proposal:

The Warwick LSP proposes to the Public Service Board that Area Based Grant for 09/10 and for subsequent years (if available) allocated to the Warwick District LSP be used to develop a Family Intervention Project for Warwick District (linked to existing provision within the County, ensuring no duplication of service, but ensuring gaps in service provision are identified and addressed using this additional funding):

- Provide targeted intervention/prevention services/support/advice to the most vulnerable/at risk/high harm causing families within the priority geographical areas identified within the Warwick District Sustainable Community Strategy
- Families/children/individuals most in need of support, services or advice to be identified Referral could come from a range of agencies, or by self referral
- The needs of the family/individual to be clarified, including establishing their commitment to the process
- The agencies who need to be involved in providing support to be identified
- An action plan to be developed, in close consultation with family/individual
- Implementation of action plan
- Ongoing monitoring, review and continuing support where needed
- Share best practice with partners

As required by the PSB, this proposal:

- Takes forward the Public Service Board's Narrowing the Gaps agenda, and enhances the emerging countywide drive to developing a holistic, strategic approach to supporting the most vulnerable, high harm causing families and individuals through targeted intervention and prevention measures from all relevant partner agencies
- Focuses activities in priority communities in Warwick District which have been agreed by the Warwick LSP i.e.:
 - Brunswick
 - Crown
 - West Warwick
- Takes the form of a co-ordinated programme of partnership activity as opposed to a bidding process for unconnected local initiatives
- Addresses the causes of the 'gaps' as opposed to the symptoms (i.e. lack of aspiration, lack of positive role models, low income/poverty)

The Warwick LSP will act as the client in the commissioning of this service from the Children and Young People's Directorate – the LSP's role in this will be to monitor and evaluate the project, ensuring that needs are being met within Warwick District within hotspot geographical areas, and within specific client groups.

The CYPD will report to the Warwick LSP on progress.

2. NARROWING THE GAPS

What are the key community outcomes for this proposal?

The key outcome is to tackle family needs on a bespoke basis to minimise the harm that specific families are causing to the local community, and to prevent potential future harm, whilst addressing the needs of vulnerable/at risk/high harm causing families.

How does this proposal focus upon addressing the causes of the Gaps in Warwickshire?

The proposal focuses on the most disadvantaged neighbourhoods in Warwick District, and will target the most vulnerable/at risk/high harm causing families and individuals within these neighbourhoods

Outline the extent to which the proposal will target priority communities/communities of interest and priority neighbourhoods to narrow the gaps.

The Warwick LSP has identified, and agreed to target funding to narrow the gaps, within the following areas of disadvantage within the district. This proposal will focus activity on these areas specifically:

Brunswick Ward
Crown Ward
West Warwick

Local partners will identify priority families who are the most vulnerable/at risk/high harm causing within these geographical areas.

Please list the partner organisations directly involved in the delivery of this proposal and how the programme is part of an overall co-ordination of partnership activity at a local level.

Children and Young People: Common Assessment Framework and Enhanced Support Network already exist and provide a comprehensive package of support to children and families.

Youth Offending Service

Children's Centres within Warwick District

Older People:

PHILLIS (Promoting Health and Independence Through Low Level Integrated Support programme) has been developed for people aged 50 plus

Social Enterprise Development:

An AWM funded project, supported by Warwick LSP NTG funds 08/09, exists to support people in training and skills to develop social enterprises and small businesses

Community Development:

2 Community Development Workers are employed jointly by WCC and WDC to provide support to develop community-based groups and initiatives within the priority neighbourhoods

Warwickshire Police (Martin McNevin)

WCC and WDC ASB/Community Safety Teams (Julie Sullivan, Pete Cutts, Julian Hill)

WDC Housing Enforcement (Heather Field)/Environmental Health services etc
WDC Dave Ward, Roberta Barnwell, Sue Sweeney

Youth Service/PAYP (Dave Jones)

Drug and Alcohol Services (Kit Leck)

Health Services as appropriate – to be identified via Jane Williams/Deb Saunders

VCS:

CAB/CAB Local

Warwick Sustainable Partnerships Network (Karen Higgins) – takes into account range of community centres within District, eg Bath Place, Brunswick Healthy Living Centre, The Gap etc.

Hybrid Arts

Older Peoples' Forum

Warwick Mediation Project (MACS)

Warwickshire Association of Youth Clubs (William Clemmey)

These and a whole range of other programmes provide important building blocks around which a targeted area based, integrated support system could be developed. The number of people outside of the groups covered by these initiatives is likely to be quite small. The most effective use of the relatively limited amount of funding available may be to focus on intervention and prevention services for children and young people and their families, rather than broaden the project out to other individuals.

3. LAA TARGETS AND CORPORATE PRIORITIES

What are the quantitative and qualitative links to the LAA priorities (include any measurable outputs and/or performance indicators)

The proposal will deliver quantitative and qualitative directly and indirectly to the Narrowing the Gaps indicators below.

75	Children and Young People	5 plus GCSEs A* to C or equiv
116	Children and Young People	Proportion of children in poverty
117	Children and Young People	16-18 year olds NEET
15	Safer	Serious violent crime (inc domestic violence)
16	Safer	Serious acquisitive crime
21	Safer	ASB dealt with locally
4	Stronger	% people influencing decisions
1	Stronger	% people from different backgrounds get on well
120	HCOP	All age all cause mortality
123	HCOP	Smoking cessation
152	EDE	Working age pop on out of work benefits
166	EDE	Average earnings in area
175	EDE	Access to services and facilities by public transport
195	Climate Change/Env	Improved street and environmental cleanliness (levels of graffiti, litter and fly posting)

What is the timescale for the delivery of these outcomes and what plans are there for the sustainability of the project beyond the end date?

The project will initially be delivered over 1 year with potential to extend should additional funding be forthcoming from other partners and funding streams.

The funding is only available on a one off basis. Therefore will any commitments beyond one year be created and if so, how will they be funded and managed in the future?

The funding will provide for a package of specialist interventions which are not currently available. It is hoped that the positive impact of these interventions will result in mainstreaming this provision as part of the Common Assessment Framework, supported by key partners who will benefit from the outcomes of this project.

What are the key risks associated with this project?

Faltering agencies/councils commitment/resources to the project
 Funding being withdrawn after one year could lead to further disengagement/cynicism of families being supported
 The project may not achieve targets – it's not a 'Quick win project' therefore clear milestones and outcomes are critical
 Partner agencies may not engage fully in the project
 Key VCS partners may not have sufficient resources to participate fully in the project
 Political will and support may change in respect of the Narrowing the Gaps agenda

What plans are in place at the end of the project to evaluate success and experiences?

The project will be evaluated at each key stage to ensure that success can be measured, but it is also 'felt' by the improvement of quality of life within the community. The project aspires to 'mainstreaming' of resources and experiences could be easily shared across the County.

Upon completion please return to Bill Basra, LAA Manager via email billbasra@warwickshire.gov.uk (01926 412016)

CRITERIA/PROCESS FOR APPLICATION

Timelines

LSP's are encouraged to submit applications by the end of June to enable decision making and allocations by end of August. However in exceptional circumstances applications may be submitted by the end of August to enable decisions to be made in September.

Decision Making

There is a requirement for a Sub Group to be established consisting of the Chief Executive of Warwickshire County Council, the three County Council Group Leaders and three nominees from the Public Service Board. These nominees are:

Louise Bennett-Coventry and Warwickshire Chamber of Commerce
Kate Mulkern-Heart of England Foundation
Andy Parker-Warwickshire Police

The Sub-Group will approve applications and report for information to the Public Service Board together with recommendations for review of implementation and effectiveness.

Criteria for use of the Funding

In overall terms, applicant LSPs should ensure that their submissions:

- Take forward the Board's Narrowing the Gaps agenda
- Focus activities in priority communities in their area, taking fully into account the priority neighbourhoods agreed by the Board
- Take the form of a coordinated programme of partnership activity as opposed to a bidding process for unconnected local initiatives
- Address the causes of 'the gaps' as opposed to the symptoms

Within this overall context it is suggested that the LSPs are requested to submit a programme to the PSB Sub Group for approval specifying:

- The community outcomes that will be achieved.
- The localities / neighbourhoods in which delivery will take place
- How the programme impacts on the achievement of LAA indicators / targets
- The contribution of the Programme to the Narrowing the Gaps agenda
- Matched funding via the contribution to the Programme by partners of their mainstream funding / other resources
- The links with LAA Delivery Plans
- How the programme can be sustained into 2010 and beyond
- The accountable body/bodies for the use of the funds

Engagement of Voluntary and Community Sector

In order to respond to concerns raised by Voluntary and Community Sector representatives regarding the 2008/9 process it is suggested that the Board makes clear to the LSPs that they should ensure that local voluntary and community organisations have a full and equal opportunity to participate in the development of the programme. Attention is drawn to Compact Commissioning Guidance 2009 which makes clear that the LSPs should:

- Engage with a wide range of relevant third sector organisations. This includes organisations that act as advocates for service users and also as service providers. Commissioners should consider working with their local infrastructure organisations or relevant local networks for access to third sector organisations.
- Consider how to engage with third sector organisations as they vary in size. Smaller organisations often lack time, resources and dedicated staff for responding to consultations or engaging in development work.
- Allow an appropriate length of time for engagement and being clear on what is involved, will also improve the results of this stage. This will allow individual organisations, representative bodies, partnerships or networks time to prepare resource effectively and respond. It is vital to think about how dialogue is made accessible to, and inclusive of, wider third sector organisations, for example, faith groups.

Early involvement of representatives of the Sector in the development of programmes is encouraged as is the requirement that VCS representatives ensure that information received is shared widely within respective VCS organisations.