

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT PROGRAMME

This programme is based on the findings of the GOSE commissioned “Early Spend” research that identified patchy and variable support for hard to reach groups - particularly for black and minority ethnic, refugee and asylum seekers, travellers and faith groups.

The regional budget for this programme is £800,000. This programme, at local consortia level, provides additional funding to ensure that hard to reach groups, particularly those mentioned in the first paragraph, are given the opportunity to become involved in the ChangeUp initiative.

Local consortia were invited to determine a process that best fitted local circumstances. The end result of local work is to achieve:

- An effective partnership between the local ChangeUp consortium and hard to reach groups,
- A local infrastructure development plan that clearly refers to these groups and their identified support needs,
- Clear evidence that identified needs will be met by appropriate and effective proposals for future support, and
- Planned outputs and outcomes for the 2005/06 year.

Whatever the emphasis of this local work on additional support for hard to reach groups it must dovetail in with all other local ChangeUp work and be an integral part of the preparation for and development of the single Local Infrastructure Development Plan for that locality.

By summer 2005 all local consortia had received approval for their individual work plans that included specific outputs and outcomes.

The guidelines for the Additional Support Programme were sent to all local consortia in early March 2005.

[Download Additional Support Programme Guidelines](#) (*Opens in a new window*)

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REGIONAL FUNDING AND FINANCE PROGRAMME

This programme is based on the findings of the GOSE commissioned “Early Spend” research. This research highlighted issues of full cost recovery; implementation of the funding and procurement code; developing robust funding advice services for frontline VCOs; developing models of funding distribution at local, sub regional and regional levels; and, developing regional fund management arrangements. The regional budget for this programme is £200,000.

The following programme focus was finally agreed in July 2005. It contains the 4 elements of: public procurement and engagement between the VCS and the public and private sectors; full cost recovery; Local Area Agreements; and, sharing practice and experience.

This programme will be delivered through:

- 20 events with cross sector involvement in local consortia areas by (who) in partnership with individual local consortia at a cost of £86,000.

- A regional event hosted by SEEDA and chaired by SEEDA's Chairman. ChangeUp is contributing £10,000 to ensure a strong VCS influence and attendance.
- Secondments from both the VCS and statutory sectors to ensure better understanding of the VCS role in Local Area Agreements and to ensure stronger VCS involvement in such Agreement processes and procedures. The value of this work is £50,000.
- Dissemination of the above work in such a way to ensure maximum use and value through an independent process at a total cost of £30,000.

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REGIONAL SOCIAL ENTERPRISE PROGRAMME

This programme is based on the findings of the GOSE commissioned "Early Spend" research and on the regional social enterprise strategy and framework – "Business But Not As We Know It" published by SEEDA. Social enterprise is not a new concept to the voluntary and community sector (VCS) but it is unusual for the sector to offer business support to promote and develop social enterprises.

The programme of ChangeUp regional activity to promote and develop social enterprise is directly related to the SEEDA strategy and builds upon it to ensure that the VCS can play a full and active role. The regional budget for this programme is £100,000.

There are 3 areas of activity:

- VCS and Business Link Engagement – a minimum of 20 places have been reserved on a SFEDI (what?) accredited course to train VCS social enterprise advisers. A bursary of £2,000 per place is available for the 6 month part time (?check) course.
- Embedding social enterprise into all Infrastructure Development Plans – There are 8 social enterprise networks emerging across the region and £2,000 for each ChangeUp consortium has been offered to each network to ensure engagement of the VCS in each of these networks. Therefore, as the Kent network area covers both the Kent and Medway consortia it will receive £4,000 to develop VCS participation.
- Strengthening the regional social enterprise network within the VCS – a programme of activities has been developed to ensure regional coherence – regional database; regional e-mail group; VCS space on the regional website; and specific events for the VCS across the region.

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REGIONAL ICT PROGRAMME

This programme is based on the findings of the GOSE commissioned "Early Spend" research when VCOs provided evidence that, as a whole, further expert advice was needed to ensure best use of: hardware; software; technical support and training. This is detailed in the "Early Spend" report. Consequently the budget for this work is £500,000.

A regional working party with a wide spread of membership developed this regional programme that will test different methods of delivery of advice and support. In July 2005 the Regional Consortium agreed to the following models:

- Hub and spoke model tested by Sussex Community Information Project. Contact (who) on (telephone number) or by e-mail at (e-mail address).
- Cross subsidy and social enterprise model tested by Harbourside Social Enterprises. Contact (who) on (telephone number) or by e-mail at (e-mail address).
- Infrastructure body led with employment of specialist staff tested by Southampton Voluntary Services. Contact (who) on (telephone number) or by e-mail at (e-mail address).
- Additionally a fourth model is being tested but with national and not regional funding. This is use of UK On-line Centres tested by RuralNet. Contact (who) on (telephone number) or by e-mail at (e-mail address).

There will be an independent evaluation of all four models that is due to be completed and published in September 2006.

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CAPITAL PROGRAMME

20% of the national allocation of ChangeUp grant to all regions was for capital spend on projects that would help implement local infrastructure development plans. The Regional Consortium recognised that to spend the capital allocation of £1,327,000 whilst local infrastructure plans were being prepared would be difficult and bore an element of risk.

Nevertheless the Regional Consortium devised a two round programme for local consortia that was launched in March 2004 with application deadlines in mid August and late October 2005. The total capital grant was split equally between the two rounds.

The initial round closed in mid August and received 10 bids totalling some £986,500. The September meeting of the Regional Consortium approved grants of some £476,500 to 8 applicants. The balance of the unallocated grants from round 1 was rolled into round 2.

The second, and final, round closed in late October 2005 and received 33 bids totalling some £1,910,000. The November meeting of the Regional Consortium approved grants totalling £850,500 to 22 applicants.

The following documents can be downloaded - each in a new window:

[Capital Programme Guidelines](#)

[Round 1 Decisions](#)

[Round 2 Decisions](#)

Further details are available from Crispin Davies at GOSE on 07812 581850. His email is crispin.davies@gose.gsi.gov.uk

CHANGEUP/DEFRA INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMME SPECIAL PROJECTS PROGRAMME

When developing the overall regional budget in late 2004 the Regional Consortium held back £400,000 in reserve for special projects yet to be identified. By April 2005 the Regional Consortium had identified 3 clear needs that had emerged in the intervening period.

The identified needs were:

- To increase the financial support to local consortia in shire counties where the pattern of relationships both within the VCS and between the VCS and the statutory sector were significantly more complicated than in unitary areas. Each shire consortium as allocated an additional £24,000.
- To continue the work of some of the “Early Spend” projects that had not come to the end and where an additional grant would be of significance. From a potential of 14 projects only 6 were awarded continuation grants totalling some £123,000 as follows:
 - West Kent – to support work towards the merger of volunteer centres.
 - Oxfordshire – to continue pilot work across Oxfordshire leading to development of improved infrastructure support.
 - Isle of Wight – to continue to collect data and information on the VCS.
 - Rother – To support work with the potential of merger of infrastructure bodies.
 - South East Region – to build internal capacity to support the merger of 2 infrastructure services.
 - Southampton – to widen the area of benefit of a comprehensive HR support service.
- To provide for a Regional Infrastructure Development Plan that will incorporate specialist services that will not be effectively and efficiently delivered at a local level. A provision of £50,000 has been made.

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CHANGEUP/DEFRA INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMME DISSEMINATION PROGRAMME

The regional budget for this dissemination programme is £80,000 that covers:

- Events such as regional events for local consortia networking and a final “thank you event.
- Ensuring a consistency of “ChangeUp” branding across the region.
- Identification and dissemination of examples of good practice across the region for the benefit of local consortia.
- A specific “ChangeUp” website that was launched in November 2005.

[Download the Regional Communications Framework.](#) *(Opens a new window)*

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