

Meeting of East Midlands Regional Sports Board

to be held on 12 June 2006

at Sport England East Midlands

For

Discussion Decision Information



IMMEDIATE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Paper No. 2

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To inform members of two active funding streams (Sport for Communities Project and Big Lottery Fund - Well Being Fund) which could benefit the delivery system for community sport in the East Midlands.

2 COST / FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 2.1 No immediate financial implications but Members could encourage the development of applications that would match together funding from these two funding streams.

3 KEY OUTCOMES / OUTPUTS

- 3.1 Members raised the issue of how leverage, reflecting the 2:1 ratio detailed in the Investment Strategy, was going to be achieved at the Board meeting on 8 May.
- 3.2 This report details two funding streams, which could have an impact and deliver greater benefit to the single delivery system of sport within the region.
- 3.3 Further reports will be brought forward providing information on other potential sources of match funding in the future.

4 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 That Members:
 - 4.1.1 Note the report and ask for further updates as other funding programmes and opportunities arise;
 - 4.1.2 Welcome the potential funding opportunities and partnerships, which could be developed under both programmes to benefit the delivery system for community sport;

- 4.1.3 Consider supporting the principle of a cross-county CSP bid to the Sport for Communities Project leveraging in additional resources to the region in support of Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) participation and employment.

5 KEY POINTS

5.1 Sport for Communities Project

- 5.1.1 Sport for Communities (SfC) is a national initiative managed by Sporting Equals and funded by the Invest to Save Budget programme funded by HM Treasury through DCMS.
- 5.1.2 Sporting Equals were awarded £2.025 million over 3 years from 1 April 2005 –31 March 2008 and were tasked to secure match funding of £750,000 from various sources.
- 5.1.3 The project aims are to support the development of integrated sporting activities in inner-city communities particularly targeted at people from ethnic minorities, refugee and migrant backgrounds delivered by local authorities, National Governing Bodies of sport and local communities. The project also aims to enhance employment opportunities within these communities.
- 5.1.4 The project has the following outcomes-
- 5.1.5 A reduction of instances of racially motivated crime against priority communities.
- 5.1.6 Integration of refugee and migrant communities through sustained community activity.
- 5.1.7 An increase in the number of ethnic minorities employed and represented at all levels in sport.
- 5.1.8 The building of capacity and confidence to enable better access to sport and the structures of sport by ethnic minority, refugee and migrant communities.
- 5.1.9 A more sensitive, knowledgeable proactive sports industry in relation to the empowerment and engaging of people from ethnic minorities, migrant and refugee communities.
- 5.1.10 The SfC project has undertaken a mapping exercise which in effect prioritises the areas of the country the project seeks to work in. The mapping is available on the website (see web-links) and identified clusters of BME population in Derby, Nottingham, Leicester, Loughborough, Wellingborough and Northampton.
- 5.1.11 The Sport for Communities Grant Distribution Framework has recently been launched which allocated £1 million, of which £225,000 is allocated for project funding for the Midlands (West and East). The application process has opened recently with a deadline for completed applications of 30 June.
- 5.1.12 With a strong infrastructure and history of engaging with BME communities

the sports sector in the East Midlands is well placed to make credible bids to this fund.

- 5.1.13 Given our geographic coverage of CSPs and emerging Community Sport Networks we are also well placed to put together, through VOICE East Midlands, a co-ordinated bid across the 4 identified CSP geographic areas (Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Northamptonshire and Nottinghamshire). Board members may wish to support in principle an application to CIF, which would extend an application over a longer period of time (the project will in effect put infrastructure in place for an 18 months period).
- 5.1.14 Initial discussions have also taken place with Sporting Equals to discuss the possibility of a solicited application (outside the Grant Distribution Fund) from VOICE East Midlands to support the regional BME focused support, which is in paper 3.

5.2 **Big Lottery Fund – Well-Being Fund**

- 5.2.1 The Well-Being fund opened for applications on 12 April 2006. This is a £165 million fund of which £45 million is ring-fenced for healthy eating projects for children, parents and the wider community. The programme has a minimum portfolio size of £1 million.
- 5.2.2 BLF expects to make no more than twenty awards, with most being well over the minimum portfolio size.
- 5.2.3 The programme focuses on three strands: Mental Health, Diet and Nutrition and Physical Activity.
- 5.2.4 There are two delivery timetables for this programme, but in essence all funding decisions will be made by Summer 2007 with earlier decisions (by the end of 2006) being possible where applicants can demonstrate robust portfolios.
- 5.2.5 Within the region the Regional Public Health Group (RPHG) is likely to be the lead portfolio holder for the programme. The BLF is actively looking for a lead (and accountable body) and have appointed consultants to examine the possibilities.
- 5.2.6 The RPHG is chaired by Paul Cosford (Director for Public Health at Leicestershire, Northamptonshire and Rutland Strategic Health Authority) and representatives also include Sarah Bowles (Regional Physical Activity and Health Development Manager) who will ensure there is synergy, particularly with the physical activity bids being developed and the single delivery system of sport (CSPs and CSNs).

6 FIT WITH REGIONAL PLAN (OUTCOMES AND PRINCIPLES)

- 6.1 Change 4 Sport identifies Outcome 3 (reducing inequalities), 4 (reducing health inequalities) and 8 (effective and efficient sports system).
- 6.2 Both funding streams have clear synergy with the priorities identified within Change 4 Sport and provide opportunities to lever in additional resources to achieve the goals identified within the Investment Strategy.

APPENDICES None

BACKGROUND None

WEB LINKS **Sport for Communities Project**

<http://www.cre.gov.uk/sportingequals/sportforcommunities.html>

http://www.cre.gov.uk/downloads/Sport_Structures_mapping_eastmidlands.pdf

http://www.cre.gov.uk/downloads/sportforcomms_applicationform.pdf

Big Lottery Fund – Well-Being Programme

http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/programmes/well_being/index.htm