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Areas selected

Who are the selected Big Local areas?

The first 50 selected local areas are urban and rural communities from across England. **For a list of the first 50 areas see Appendix A at the end of this document.**

How have the Big Local areas been selected?

The first 50 Big Local areas were selected by the Big Lottery Fund almost a year ago. The Big Lottery Fund chose urban and rural areas across the country that had been overlooked for funding in the past, particularly by the Big Lottery Fund. The selections were discussed with key local partners and local authorities to ensure that local issues and views on priorities were taken into account.

How will the next 100 areas be selected, and when?

The Big Lottery Fund is responsible for selecting the next 50 local areas later this year, and a further 50 in 2012. It is selecting urban and rural communities across the country, which have been overlooked for funding in the past, particularly funding from the Big Lottery Fund. The selection of the first 50 areas was also discussed with key local partners to ensure that it took into account local issues and views on priorities.

Funding and support

How much money will each Big Local area get?

The Big Lottery Fund is endowing the Big Local Trust with £200 million. The trust will make at least £1 million available to each of the 150 local areas over a ten year period based on an agreed community plan to make the area a better place to live.

Big Local will support local areas to decide how to use this money to respond to local priorities. Big Local is not just a grants programme, local areas can also use the funds to make social investments such as personal loans, micro finance, small business and civil society loans or the commissioning of services. This means that some of the funding distributed in each area can come back to Big Local and be reused in the local area or invested to create a legacy for the area.

In addition, local areas can access free support, funding for social entrepreneurs (star people) and free networking opportunities to increase skills, capacity and gain ideas from other areas and other programmes, other organisation's and people who can help.

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When will each Big Local area get its money?

We expect the Trust to be endowed by the Big Lottery Fund this autumn. The first 50 areas have already had access to Getting People Involved Round 1 funding. Once their Round 1 activities are complete, they are entitled to apply for Getting People Involved Round 2.

The remaining 100 areas will be able to apply for Big Local funding once selection of these areas has taken place. We will support local areas to run Big Local themselves so that it is:

- community driven
- responds to local needs
- builds on local strengths

Each local area will follow a pathway in order to do this (see diagram on right). The funding will follow the community vision and enable local areas to deliver their community plan.



Who decides what to fund in each area?

We'll help each local area create a local partnership consisting of at least eight founding members. The local partnership will be subject to the criteria and responsibilities outlined below.

Criteria for membership:

The majority (at least 51%) of members of the partnership will be individuals who normally live and/or work within the boundaries of the local area. The partnership will strive to ensure that membership consists of:

- A majority of people who live in the local area
- Individuals who are typical of the range of people who live in the area
- A majority of people there in their own right, rather than representing organisations

Responsibilities:

- Prepared to be responsible for the overall development of Big Local to meet the long term community vision and outcomes of Big Local.

- Willing to produce the first community plan to meet the long term community vision and outcomes of Big Local.
- Ready to engage with all members of the community, enabling them to influence the direction of the partnership and therefore Big Local.
- Prepared to learn about the good strategic financial management of the funds.
- Able to promote the community plan and funding available to implement it.
- Prepared to work with us to establish criteria for decision making on grant and social investment applications.
- Able to monitor Big Local activities and report to us.

We will work with local areas to establish the partnership and more details will be available over coming months.

What support will we receive?

Local areas will receive support in many different ways throughout the ten years. Initially a Big Local representative will help the local areas by advising the local area about Big Local, making the best use of GPI Round 2 and how to progress through the pathway. A **Big Local representative** will be allocated to each area. The Big Local representative will support areas through the initial stages of the pathway, community visioning and creating a local partnership.

Once the local area has formed a local partnership we will work with the partnership to select a **Big Local facilitator** who work with the partnership through the next stages. The Big Local facilitator will act as a mentor, critical friend and expert advisor for the partnership. They will provide a ‘support and challenge’ role in order to ensure that in every area Big Local features:

- continuous, inclusive, thoughtful involvement of local people
- local partnerships that are accountable to local people
- maximising, long term, inclusive benefit
- shared learning and capacity building
- flexible and realistic planning
- is additional to public money.

Who will give out the grants or loans in our area?

We'll work with each local partnership to either select a trusted local organisation with the relevant experience to provide the grants or loans in the local area or we can provide the service more centrally. We'll provide further details about this to the local areas over coming months.

I live in one of the Big Local areas; how do I access this funding?

Big Local areas will go through a number of stages of engaging local people, identifying needs, priorities and community visions for the area and setting up a local partnership to deliver Big Local in the area before they are ready to start making decisions about how to use the funding.

In the meantime, you can get involved in talking about what you think is important in your area and what you feel Big Local should respond to. Look out for information about Big Local in your area and about how to get involved. Or contact us at CDF and we will put you in touch with someone working on Big Local in your area.

Are there things you will and won't fund?

We are establishing the Trust to be able to fund individuals and organisations, including charities, social enterprises, the public sector or the private sector. We are also setting it up so that local areas can make use of grants, social investments and buy services. In this way, each local area can make appropriate decisions on what to fund and not fund.

How will you prevent fraud?

We take fraud very seriously. Appropriate due diligence, monitoring, reporting and audit mechanisms will be in place to prevent fraud. We will independently audit any funding recipient where fraud or malpractice is suspected. We are also aware that most common fraud is identified locally. The design of Big Local means we will be using local knowledge in local areas and local people will know how money is being used within the community.

Getting People Involved Rounds 1 and 2

What is Getting People Involved?

The first 50 areas selected for Big Local have access to up to £30,000 Getting People Involved funding to help them prepare for Big Local. Some of the areas have already received some of this money through Getting People Involved Round 1 which was administered by the Big Lottery Fund. The first 50 areas selected will be able to apply for the rest of these monies through Getting People Involved Round 2. CDF will be administering Getting People Involved Round 2 and guidance will be available from CDF at the end of July.

Please note - Getting People Involved funds are only available to the first 50 Big Local areas.

What if we have underspend from Round 1, how can we use it Round 2?

If your local area did not spend all of your money in Round 1, you may submit a proposal to use it in Round 2. Please be sure to submit your local area's 'end of grant report' to BIG once you have finished the Round 1 activities. This will let us know how much underspend is available to use in Round 2.

If your local area is using a new lead organisation for Round 2, then any underspend from Round 1 must be returned to BIG. Once it is returned to BIG then it can be distributed to the local area via a new lead organisation.

We are one of the Big Local areas but we didn't apply for Getting People Involved Round 1, can we still access that money?

The total amount available through Getting People Involved is £30,000. You could apply for up to £10,000 in Round 1. If you didn't apply for Getting People Involved Round 1 the money rolls over to Getting People Involved Round 2 so you can apply for the total amount of £30,000 in this round.

We're not ready to apply for Getting People Involved Round 2; will we lose the money?

No. We recognise that some areas are still spending Round 1 money. There is no rush to apply for Round 2, the money will be kept available until you need it.

Governance

Who are CDF's partners in setting up the organisation to deliver Big Local?

The Community Development Foundation is leading a group of partner organisations who have been selected by the Big Lottery Fund to set up a new organisation to deliver Big Local and administer the Big Local Trust. The consortium members are:

- Community Development Foundation (CDF) – lead organisation
- Capacity Global
- CCLA
- The Institute for Voluntary Action Research (IVAR)
- The National Association of Neighbourhood Management (NANM)
- Renaisi
- UnLtd – the Foundation for Social Entrepreneurs

What will be CDF's relationship to the new organisation?

CDF is setting up the new organisation with the Big Lottery Fund and partners. Until the new organisation is set up CDF is managing the early delivery of Big Local and running Getting People Involved Round 2. Once the new organisation is set up it will be independent of CDF. However, CDF will be represented on its board of management at the outset, to ensure continuity and CDF will be involved in some delivery including data capture to ensure learning within and beyond the programme.

What will happen when the new organisation is set up?

The new organisation will take over the management of Big Local for the next ten years and beyond.

It will invest the £200m endowment from the Big Lottery Fund to earn interest. This will be done with CCLA, which provides specialist investment management for charities, faith organisations and local authorities. The interest we earn will help to ensure that the money lasts beyond the initial ten years.

What is the relationship between the Big Lottery Fund and CDF?

The CDF-led consortium was selected, following a competitive bid process. CDF received a start up grant from the Big Lottery Fund to develop the programme, run Getting People Involved Round 2 and set up an independent organisation to be the corporate trustee of the Big Local Trust.

Appendix A

First 50 areas selected for Big Local programme:

Region	Local Authority	Small Area Name
East of England	Bedford	Kingsbrook and Cauldwell
East of England	Ipswich	Whitehouse and Whitton
East of England	Hertsmere	Leeming Road/Aycliffe Road
East of England	Huntingdonshire	Ramsey
East Midlands	Derby	Allenton
East Midlands	Northampton	Lumbertubs, Lings and Blackthorn Estates
East Midlands	Mansfield	Warsop Parish
East Midlands	East Lindsey	Mablethorpe/Trusthorpe/Sutton on Sea
London	Hammersmith & Fulham	White City area
London	Lambeth	North Brixton
London	Southwark	South Bermondsey
London	Newham	Custom House
London	Hackney	Wick Ward
London	Greenwich	Barnfield Estate/Woolwich Common Ward
London	Bromley	Mottingham
London	Waltham Forest	William Morris ward/Priory Court
London	Hounslow	Details of the neighbourhood in LB Hounslow will be confirmed by end of September 2010.
North East	Gateshead	Teams and Derwentwater
North East	County Durham (former District of Wear Valley)	South West Bishop Auckland
North East	Redcar and Cleveland	East Cleveland rural villages
North West	Allerdale	Ewanrigg
North West	Barrow-in-Furness	Barrow Island
North West	Blackburn with Darwen	Shadsworth with Whitebirk
North West	Cheshire West and Chester	Rudheath and Witton
North West	Knowsley	Kirkby Northwood

North West	Liverpool	Clubmoor
North West	Oldham	Clarkesfield/Greenacres/Littlemoor
North West	Salford	Little Hulton
North West	Wigan	Leigh West
South East	Wycombe	Micklefield and Marsh
South East	Portsmouth	Fratton
South East	Southampton	Harefield
South East	Dartford	Tree Estate and part of Town ward
South East	Gravesham	An area of Northfleet North
South West	Former district of Restormel	St Blazey and Par
South West	Weymouth	Littlemoor
South West	Swindon	Toothill
South West	BANES	Radstock
West Midlands	Shropshire	Gobowen, St Martins and Weston Rhyn
West Midlands	Stoke-on-Trent	Chell Heath and Fegg Hayes
West Midlands	Dudley	East Coseley
West Midlands	Sandwell	Grace Mary and Lion Farm
West Midlands	Birmingham	Bromford and Firs Estate
West Midlands	Wyre Forest	Horsefair, Broadwaters and Greenhill in Kidderminster
Yorkshire and the Humber	Barnsley	Thurnscoe
Yorkshire and the Humber	Kirklees	Dewsbury Moor
Yorkshire and the Humber	Doncaster	Woodlands
Yorkshire and the Humber	Hull	Greatfield Estate
Yorkshire and the Humber	North Lincolnshire	Winterton
Yorkshire and the Humber	Wakefield	Warwick Estate, Knottingley