

**Coalfield Area Committee:
Area Place Board Funding Opportunity
Environmental Improvement and Education**

Introduction and background

Coalfield Area Place Board would like to invite interested local Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) groups and non-profit making organisations to submit proposals to deliver projects in the local community which carry out physical improvements to the local environment and deliver educational messages about the importance of looking after the environment. Wards covered by the Coalfield Area are Copt Hill, Hetton, Houghton and Shiney Row.

Only VCS organisations/groups who have a management committee, constitution and bank account with dual signatories can be involved. There is an opportunity for local VCS groups with a proven track record in delivering grant funded projects to deliver projects on behalf of the Coalfield Area Committee. Applications demonstrating strong partnership working and cover both the physical and educational elements required are encouraged.

Project

As part of the Coalfield Area Committee 'Love Where You Live' priority, the Place Board would like to invite project proposals which complement and work in partnership with existing services and initiatives in the Coalfield area.

Projects must:-

- Deliver Environmental Improvements
- Involve the local community
- Provide educational messages

Projects should contribute to the overall outcomes of:

- Increased awareness of the impact of negative activity against the environment
- Improved outdoor and open spaces
- Improved enjoyment of local natural and environmental assets

Project proposals can be targeted to part wards, full wards, multi wards or the whole area, depending on the nature and capacity of a project and the need identified. Smaller, more localised, projects will also be considered.

Budget: £30,000

There is a total of £30,000 available. Please Note – this is the total budget available for all projects which are successful - **NOT** per project application. **Therefore, we would envisage that individual projects would not exceed £5,000.**

Proposed Timescale

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| Opportunity advertised to VCS Network | 24 January 2014 |
| Deadline for completed applications | 21 February 2014 |
| Scoring panel/appraisal to take place | 24 Feb 2014 |
| Applications considered by Coalfield Place Board | 4 March 2014 |
| Recommendation submitted to Area Committee for decision | 9 April 2014 |

Next Steps

Any interested VCS Group should request an application form. These are available by contacting Pauline Hopper, Coalfield Area Officer Email: pauline.hopper@sunderland.gov.uk or telephone 0191 561 7912, who will be happy to answer any questions groups may have about the project