

Coalfield Area Committee: Funding Opportunity

Area Priority: Support for Older People, Vulnerable Adults and Carers

Introduction and background

Coalfield Area People Board would like to invite interested local Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) groups to submit proposals to deliver projects in the local community which provide support for older people, vulnerable adults and carers. Wards covered by the Coalfield Area are Copt Hill, Hetton, Houghton and Shiney Row.

Only VCS 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 are encouraged.

Project

As part of the area priority, '**Support for Older People, Vulnerable Adults and Carers**' the People Board would like to invite project proposals which complement and work in partnership with existing support in the Coalfield area. The project(s) must:-

1. Engage more older people, vulnerable adults and carers in activities and services to improve their wellbeing
2. Reduce isolation and increase social interaction of older people, vulnerable adults and carers
3. Increase awareness of support available to older people, vulnerable adults and carers

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 do not expect to fund any project over £5,000.

Assessment

Each project application will be assessed against set criteria by an assessment panel. The outcome of the assessment will be reported to the People Board for their consideration. The People Board will then make recommendations to Area Committee who will decide which project proposals will be supported.

Proposed Timescale

Opportunity advertised to VCS Network	25 January 2013
Deadline for completed applications	7 March 2013
Applications considered by Coalfield People Board	18 March 2013
Recommendation submitted to Area Committee for decision	24 April 2013

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.