



Grants of up to £6000 available to support inter faith activity within local communities

Faiths in Action, a £4m grant programme, opened a second round of funding on 12 November. Faith, inter faith, voluntary and community organisations and groups in England can come forward and apply for a grant of up to £6000.

Administered by the Community Development Foundation (CDF) on behalf of Communities and Local Government (CLG), Faiths in Action aims to bring communities together, promoting positive relationships between people of different religions and beliefs. It is hoped the grants will support a wide variety of local activities in a range of community settings. This includes innovative new ideas as well as 'tried and tested' approaches.

The fund contributes to the delivery of the Government's inter faith strategy as set out in *Face to Face and Side by Side: A framework for partnership in our multi faith society*, published in July 2008 (www.communities.gov.uk/publications/communities/interfaithdialogue). The fund aims to support local activities and initiatives that have a direct link to one or more of the four building blocks set out in this framework.

Faiths in Action welcomes projects aimed at women and young people. It also encourages working in partnership, to improve local communities through interaction and sharing of ideas.

Please note the intention of the Faiths in Action programme is to fund projects/ activities running in one locality; not across one or many localities or Government regions. Projects must have a clear link to a named local project.

For more information and to find out how to apply, please visit, <http://www.cdf.org.uk/web/guest/faiths-in-action> . If you have any questions that you cannot find answers to here, please call the helpline on **01223 406533** or e-mail us at **fundadmin@cdf.org.uk** and we will help you with your queries.

- **What is the size of grant available in Round 2?**

The maximum size of a grant in Round 2 is £6,000 and will be subject to applicants demonstrating the need, and providing a detailed description of costs and activities.

- **When does the grant need to be spent by?**

Funding will be awarded to successful organisations from April 2010, to be spent by the end of March 2011.

- **How does the application process work?**

Please note that this round of funding will operate as a rolling programme. That is, there is no formal deadline for receipt of applications. Applications will be accepted in the date and time order that they are received by CDF, until the total value of the eligible, relevant applications received equals the overall value of the fund.

Round 2 of the fund is currently open for applications. Completed applications can be sent in at any time **either** electronically **or** by post. Applications will be accepted in the date and time order that they are received by CDF until there is a sufficient number of eligible relevant applications up to the value of the fund.

- **Who can apply?**

Please consult the guidance notes available at:

<http://www.cdf.org.uk/web/guest/faiths-in-action>

Groups funded in Round 1 of Faiths in Action may apply for Round 2 funding, provided that their Round 1 grant is spent by March 2010 and both Round 1's grant and amount applied for in Round 2 do not together exceed £12,000.

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- **Where can I access more information?**

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