

23<sup>rd</sup> December 2010



43 Bromham Road  
Bedford, MK40 2AA

**Tel:** 01234 354366

**Fax:** 01234 347503

**Web:** [www.yourcvs.org](http://www.yourcvs.org)

**Email:** [info@yourcvs.org](mailto:info@yourcvs.org)

Dear stakeholder

You may be aware that the Big Lottery Fund is looking to make a major investment in the Cauldwell and Kingsbrook area.

Cauldwell and Kingsbrook is one of 50 neighbourhoods, which will each receive at least £1 million for local funding schemes over a period of up to 10 years as part of the Big Local Trust initiative.

In advance of the £1 million becoming available, there is a small amount of funding (£10,000, with a possible further £20,000) to be spent on activities that engages people in the neighbourhood and helps them to have informed discussions about how to use the full £1 million investment.

We would like to invite you to a stakeholder meeting on **20th January 2011** from **6.30pm** at **Faraday Square Community Centre**. The purpose of the meeting will be to:

- Provide an overview of the Big Local Trust initiative
- Consider and agree proposals for how best to engage with the local community

Colleagues from the Big Lottery Fund and Bedford Borough Partnership Board will also be attending to explain more about the Big Local Trust.

We would also like to invite you to put forward proposals and ideas that can be considered at the meeting. If you have any proposals, please email them in advance of the meeting to [biglocal@yourcvs.org](mailto:biglocal@yourcvs.org), or contact **Jane Owen** on **01234 354366**.

We have enclosed some background to the Big Local Trust programme, including some possible ideas for engaging with the local community.

Please do circulate this letter to anybody else you think might be interested in getting involved.

If you would like any further information at this stage, please give me a call on **01234 354366**.

I look forward to seeing you on the 20<sup>th</sup> January.

Best wishes

Martin Trinder  
Chief Officer

**Serving the Local Voluntary and Community Sector**

## **What can the money be used for?**

The £10,000 available now can be spent on any activity that engages people in your neighbourhood and helps them to have informed discussions about how to use the Trust's money. It is up to you to decide what will work best in your neighbourhood but the activities should:

- give people in your neighbourhood a better understanding of the opportunities the Trust will offer, and
- improve their ability to make decisions together about the priorities they wish the Trust to fund.

## **What kind of activities could this be?**

- Marketing the Trust – making sure as many people in your neighbourhood as possible know what it is and what it can do.
- Helping people express and communicate their idea of what your neighbourhood needs (e.g. forums, websites, public meetings, door-to-door questions, video-diaries).
- Helping people think about the best way for the Trust's money to make a lasting difference to the needs (e.g. specific meetings or forums about the Trust, inspirational visits from other areas).
- Engaging creatively so everyone has the confidence to make their views known (e.g. voxpops, oral histories, art projects, social networking).
- Finding and sharing useful information about the neighbourhood (e.g. summarising and sharing previous consultations, mapping the skills and assets in the community so they can see what there is to build on).
- Identifying people who want to play a longer-term role and helping them gain the skills, knowledge and confidence to do this.



# The Big Local Trust

Jonathan Clark  
Regional Development Manager,  
East of England



## Vision

To enable people to make their communities better places to live in, now and in the future, by helping them develop the skills and confidence they need to identify priorities that matter to them and to take action to change things for the better.



## Outcomes

BIG  
LOTTERY  
FUND

1. Communities are better able to identify needs and responses to them and to take action to deal with them.
2. People in these communities will have increased the skills, confidence and social capital necessary to ensure that they continue to identify and respond to needs that matter to them in future.
3. The community will have made a difference to the needs it had prioritised.
4. People feel that their community is a better place to live in.

Awarding funds from  
 The National Lottery®

## How this will be achieved

BIG  
LOTTERY  
FUND

- New independent national trust
- Network of local delivery agents
- Expendable endowment of £200m
- Funding to be committed within 10 years
- 100-150 small areas to be targeted
- At least £1m for each area

Awarding funds from  
 The National Lottery®