



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1) Who can apply?

We want to support activity in local communities in England. By local communities we mean anything from a few streets or part of an estate, to a neighbourhood or a cluster of villages (must be areas smaller than a local authority).

We welcome responses to this community call out phase from areas which are already part of the Big Local initiative, and those who are not but share similar characteristics. (If you want to find out more about Big Local, as told by the local people involved, watch this [short film](#) and/ or this [short film](#)).

We are most interested in local communities in England which have often been overlooked for funding in the past, and may face some or all of these issues:

- the decline of local industry
- high levels of unemployment
- a pressing need for services or activities
- a high proportion of children in poverty
- people in the area in poor health relative to the general population
- or other characteristics that demonstrate need.

2) Who will or won't be funded?

We will make grants and other support available to:

- Big Local areas
- community groups and community organisations (must be constituted and have a bank account, or trusted partner who can be the financial lead/ hold the funds).

We will not make grants to:

- individuals
- local authorities
- organisations that do not represent the interests of local communities and are not community based.



Please also complete the yes/no eligibility checker to ensure you are a good fit for what we are expecting.

3) What does this call out phase mean?

The information you send will open a conversation with us, and does not commit you to deliver a programme of activity. We are initially looking to hear from you if you are interested in developing your ideas for activity to a point where those ideas could be considered for funding. We will select those going into the next phase - the development phase - based on a range of criteria, such as geographical location, different approaches to a range of issues, a spread of artforms across communities, etc. We expect to get more applications in this call out than we can support.

We would expect you to have discussed this community call out and your response to it with relevant members of your community or group in your local area to establish some initial interest/support.

4) When is the deadline for this call out?

The deadline for returning the information during the community call out phase is 28th September 2018.

5) When will the development stage start and how long will it last?

We will invite at least 10 areas to join the development stage of the programme in October 2018. After this point, we will work with you and the other communities to develop your plans, and find out what support and/ or funding you may need to make those plans a reality. The development stage will end in February 2019 and decisions will be taken soon after about the overall programme, funding for individual areas, other support we can offer, how to keep engaged with those not progressing, and so on.

6) What will be expected of my community during the development stage?

- The community will need to assign someone to be an initial, single point of contact.
- We will help with the costs of and the logistics for workshops and meetings as part of the wider support we will offer under the programme's development phase.



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- There will be an expectation that the areas participating in the development phase of the programme will do some work to engage and consult local people and partners in developing their ideas. Again, we can offer some help with this, including making links with arts and social sector organisations, artists etc.

7) Who is delivering the programme?

The programme is being delivered through a partnership between the Big Lottery Fund, the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation and Local Trust.

8) If my area proceeds to the programme delivery stage, what will we receive?

Alongside funding of between £50,000 and £300,000 per area over three years, there will be a substantial and inspiring support programme of mentoring, coaching, peer-to-peer support, networking and guidance. We want to provide whatever it is that all the communities we are working with have identified as needed for you need to make those changes happen.

9) Is there any expectation of match/partnership funding?

No, we will ask what resources, cash or otherwise, you might want to contribute too (e.g. people, buildings, other assets), but cash match funding is not a requirement.

10) What happens when the programme finishes after three years?

We will work with those on the programme to plan for the longer-term sustainability of the projects they develop.

We will be making a significant investment in evaluation and learning. And, we will be sharing the learning from the programme, drawing on the experience of the individuals and communities that participate in it.



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11) What is the programme timeline?

23rd July: Open for community call out phase to start

28th September: Community call out phase finishes

End of October: The selected areas will be invited to join the development phase of the programme

February 2019: Development phase ends

March/April 2019: Funding and/or support programme for projects approved

April 2019-2022: Programme delivery

12) How do I submit my details and answers as part of this call out to join the programme?

If you would like to apply to get involved in the programme, then first we ask that you answer some yes/no questions to check you are eligible to apply. Then we will ask for your contact details, some information about your local area, and answers to some questions about the sorts of things you've already done locally and what you might want to achieve.

This information can be sent in via:

- A short form
- A short video (uploaded to the web)
- An audio file (uploaded to the web).

For full guidance on how to apply please refer to [this document](#).

Please get back to us with the information requested (by form, video or audio) by 28th September 2018. We would hope to be able to let you know in October about whether you had been successful in progressing to the next phase of the programme.

13) If my area does not go forward to the next stages, what if anything can we receive?

We will look at what we might be able to offer those who have applied during the community call out phase but haven't been chosen for the programme. This will also be true for any of those who do not go forward to deliver their plans for whatever reason, having been involved in the development phase.



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14) What do you mean by arts and creativity?

We want to know how you think about the arts and creativity and what you might include – whether knitting, singing, drama, dancing, pottery, sewing, writing stories or poems, storytelling, making jewellery, animation, making music, coding, photography (including Instagramming), woodcraft, gardening, cake decorating, film making, community radio, putting on festivals, parades and much more.

15) Who can I contact for more information?

Programme co-ordinator via email: ccc@localtrust.org.uk or phone: **020 3588 0564**



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