

## **Community Working – Area Partnerships funding**

The area partnerships (Northern, Central and Southern) have been allocated £160,000 per year to help to deliver the local area wide priorities and contribute to the county strategic priorities and Local Area Agreement targets. The Head of Community Working is the budget holder for this funding.

The Area Partnership funding will not generally be available as an open grant pot for individual projects to bid into, unless the applicant or project seeking funding is providing an area wide service or benefit that meets the priorities of the Area Partnership.

The principles for the Area Partnership funding will be to:

- Implement the Area Partnership Action Plans, agreed by the Partnership Executive in support of the thematic delivery groups
- Support activities that tackle area wide priorities
- Support activity and initiatives in hot spot areas where contributions can address countywide and / or Local Area Agreement targets e.g. Worklessness
- Invest in strategic area based VCS infrastructure

Funding will be distributed in any of the following ways through the Area Partnership under the guidance of the Head of Community Working:

1. a project or piece of work is directly commissioned by the Partnership Executive board to a partner organisation to deliver against an agreed priority
2. a project is commissioned by the Partnership Executive board and the relevant delivery group oversees its delivery, monitoring and management under the guidance of the Area Partnership Officer
3. a Partnership delivery group requests funding from the Partnership Executive board to directly deliver an action within its agreed action plan e.g. Adult Learners Week
4. a Partnership delivery group requests funding for the Partnership Executive board for them to commission and manage the delivery of an agreed action in their action plan
5. an area based voluntary sector organisation applies for funding to provide an area wide service that meets the priorities of the Area Partnership.

Approval of all funding will be made at the Partnership Executive Board level, with the guidance of the Head of Community Working and the Area Team Leader. All funding will be monitored for outcomes and performance against the original proposal.

Annual reports will be made to Shropshire Council, the Shropshire Partnership Leadership Board and the Area Partnership Forums.

Area Partnership funding must not be used for the appointment of additional Shropshire Council or Partnership staff.