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Real help for communities

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Real Help for Communities: Modernisation Fund overall

- A key part of the Government's £42.5m action plan for the third sector to help the third sector through the recession
- Capacitybuilders and Futurebuilders working in partnership to deliver the £16.5m Modernisation Fund
- The fund, a mix of grant and loan funding, will help organisations become stronger and more resilient to the impact of the recession.



Modernisation Fund Grants strand

Phase 1 - Know your needs

- £1,000 bursaries to frontline organisations to enable them to receive initial diagnostic support around their business including whether collaboration or merger might be right

Phase 2 - Grow together

- £10,000 grants to cover professional fees needed to make collaboration or merger happen.



Taking organisations on a journey

To enable organisations to take a significant step towards collaboration or merger.

Not informal networking, or information or intelligence exchange.

- Between May and June, a series of workshops are taking place across England to help organisations explore the impact of the economic downturn on their business and beneficiaries.



Definitions

Collaboration

Formal, such as delivering a joint venture or enterprise, vertical restructuring or sharing back office facilities, setting up a joint project, forming a consortium to bid for contracts.

Merger

Two or more organisations coming together to form one entity.



Eligibility

- Organisations will have an annual income of between £150k and £750k
- Wholly or primarily engaged in one or more of the following areas:
 - Theme 1 - Wellbeing and Health
 - Theme 2 - Advice Information and Guidance
 - Theme 3 - Loss of Income, Training and Skills



Eligibility (cont...)

Theme 1 - Wellbeing and health

Mental health

Domestic abuse

Homelessness

Crime prevention & victim support

Substance abuse

Family support services

Supporting social cohesion

Theme 2 – Advice information and guidance

Advice on debt, housing, legal, finance

Theme 3 - Loss of income, training and skills

Unemployment Training

Poverty alleviation



Delivery – Phase 1; know your needs

£1,000 bursaries

- Simple application via www.modernisationfund.org.uk
- Online resources available to everyone, e.g. toolkit
- **Local delivery agents key to success:**
 - local intelligence, reduced bureaucracy, fast turnaround
 - local promotion, including reaching groups working with excluded communities and equalities groups
 - local seminars to help organisations respond to recession
 - draw up list of advisers for bursary holders to select from.



Delivery – Phase 2; grow together

£10,000 grants

- Phase 1 will give organisations a report and clear recommendations
- Phase 2 funding available if phase 1 shows that collaboration and merger may be right for you
 - not an open grants programme
 - progression from Phase 1 to Phase 2.
- Phase 2 funding to cover :
 - legal, professional and other specialist support costs critical to making a collaboration or merger happen
 - rather than hard costs of aligning people and processes.



Timeline

April	www.modernisationfund.org.uk live; organisations able to register interest; signposting direct to Futurebuilders for loans
May - June	Local promotion including local workshops
June - July	Online application for Phase 1
September	Phase 1 activity completed
Autumn	Phase 2 applications



More information



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Real help now

The Government's £16.5 million 'Real Help for Communities' Modernisation Fund will help *third sector* organisations be more resilient to the impact of the economic downturn. It is focused on helping organisations providing services to those worst hit by the recession.

The funding will help in two main ways:

- ➔ Bursaries of £1k for organisations to pay for initial advice on how they can become more resilient and work more closely with others to increase their impact, and grants of up to £10k to help pay costs involved in moving towards collaboration or merger.
- ➔ Interest-free loans of between £30K and £500K for third sector organisations with existing plans for mergers and collaboration or other activities to help them prepare for difficult times.

[Read more about the fund](#)

**Bursaries of £1K
& grants of £10K**


Do you want a grant to explore how your organisation can become more resilient and work more closely with others? Your annual turnover should be between £150k and £750k.



[Find out more about Grants](#)

**Interest-free loans
£30k to £500k**


Do you want an interest-free loan? You must be delivering services that benefit people or communities that are affected by the recession.



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How resilient is your organisation?

Does your organisation have the basic capacity for resilience or are there areas you need to work on? Complete this [online self-assessment tool](#) developed by CassCCE.

 **Further support**
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