



Grants

MyPlace

Fund programme



is a three year capital funding programme to deliver world class youth facilities driven by the active participation of young people.

Fund provider

The department for children schools and families has provided the funding for this programme.



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children, schools and families

It will be run and managed by the Big Lottery Fund.

Aims and outcomes

The aim of **myplace** is to deliver world class youth facilities driven by the active participation of young people.

Projects must deliver all four of the following outcomes:

- more attractive safe places to go for young people, parents and families
- more disadvantaged young people participating in positive leisure time activities
- more access to information advice and support for young people
- stronger partnership working between local authorities and public/ private/ 3rd sector partners.

All projects will need to make significant local impact and demonstrate genuine cross-sector

partnership between public sector bodies and third and/or private sector organisations.

The aim is to ensure the strategic involvement of local authorities, to maximise leadership from within the community, and encourage support and backing from the private sector.

Funding

myplace will deliver £190 million of investment over the next three years.

Grants of between £1 million and £5 million are available for capital project costs.



myplace can fund all or some of the capital project costs however applicants are encouraged to secure some funding from other sources.

The programme will not cover revenue costs so all applications are expected to provide robust plans for how they will finance their ongoing running costs.

Eligible applicants

Applications can come from public, private or third sector voluntary organisations.

Bids will need to be led by a single organisation and will have to demonstrate the endorsement of the local authority.

Applications coming from private sector organisations will need to demonstrate that the project will be operated on a not-for-profit basis.



Individuals and organisations located outside the UK are not eligible to apply.

Criteria

All applications must demonstrate how they meet the Local Area Agreement and the Young People's Plan.

Local partners need to work together to demonstrate the project as part of a wider strategy to improve places, infrastructure and services for young people.

Young people should be active participants in every aspect of design and ongoing management of the facilities.

Projects should be focused primarily on young people aged 13 to 19 and young people with learning disabilities up to 24 years.



Projects may include investment in new build or in the redevelopment of existing assets and the equipment, fixtures and fittings needed to deliver the intended activities and services in the building.

Timetable

Application closing date	30 th Sept 08
Application assessment	Oct 08 – Jan 09
Decisions	End Feb 09

Our service

Programme knowledge

- Use experience of working within BIG to meet their standard requirements and processes
- Provide in depth knowledge of the programme and requirements
- Advise on expectations and how to meet these
- Maximise chances of success by meeting BIG's scoring procedures

Project development

- Develop the project to the appropriate stage and focus the project team
- Demonstrate the need for the project and substantiate with supporting information
- Highlight elements of the project most likely to attract funding
- Put application together with all relevant supporting information

Strategic context

- Demonstrate the local, regional and national strategic context
- Demonstrate project as part of wider funding strategy with partnership funding and support
- Engage all relevant partners and stakeholders



Next steps

Contact the grants team for more advice on requirements, processes and submitting the best application.

Develop the project and the bid in line with programme requirements.

Submit a full and complete application by 30th September 08.