



## **North Somerset Recession Impact Fund**

### ***What is it?***

This is a one-off fund of £40,000 facilitated by the North Somerset Partnership to mitigate the impact of the recession on Voluntary and Community Groups and the communities they serve. Contributions to the fund have been received from Fair Share Trust, North Somerset Council, NHS North Somerset and North Somerset Housing. One-off Grants of up to £5000 are available from this fund for this year only. The Fund is being managed by Quartet Community Foundation.

### ***Who can apply?***

Applications are welcome from local voluntary and community organisations based and working in North Somerset either as single organisations or in partnership with others.

You do not have to be a registered charity as long as the work you do has charitable aims and you have a constitution (set of rules) and management committee.

### ***What will be funded?***

The fund is designated to support groups who can clearly demonstrate:

- The impact on the effectiveness of a specific service arising from the recession e.g. employment loss, funding gap etc.
- The impact that the loss of a service they currently provide would have on local people;
- How a grant from the Fund would allow them to plan for, and secure, the longer term sustainability of the service.

### ***What will not be funded?***

The fund will not support new projects or the expansion of existing projects. In addition, the following standard items will not be funded:

- Individuals
- General Appeals
- Capital Projects
- Statutory organisations or the direct replacement of statutory funding
- Political groups or activities promoting political beliefs
- Religious groups promoting religious beliefs
- Overseas travel
- Arts projects with no community or charitable element
- Sports projects with no community or charitable element
- Medical research, equipment or treatment
- Animal welfare
- Projects that take place before and application can take place
- Transport, conferences and exhibitions

***How and when can you apply?***

The application process is open with immediate effect and the deadline for submission is 30<sup>th</sup> September 2009. Decisions will be made by the end of October. To receive an application form and guidance you can either:

- Download a copy from the Quartet Community Foundation website [www.quartetcf.org.uk](http://www.quartetcf.org.uk)
- Contact Quartet Community Foundation direct on 0117 989 7705