



Resilience Support Grant 2008-09

Update – February 2009

This document provides further information about the additional resilience support grants available to consortia for 2008-09.

1. Additional Resilience Support Grant available to consortia in 2008/9

- There is no requirement for Consortia to accept the offer of a Resilience Support Grant. If consortia feel they have more pressing activity to undertake they can decide not to take up this offer.
- The grant awards are one response amongst a range of interventions by Capacitybuilders and partners to support the sector in the current climate.
- The grants provide an ideal opportunity for consortia to demonstrate the effectiveness of the consortium model, by being able to react in a proportionate and flexible manner - that benefits those they serve.
- Capacitybuilders is flexible in both the outputs agreed and how the investment is utilised to achieve these outputs.
- All consortia taking up the offer of extra funds must revise their future workplan for their Consortium Development Grant to incorporate the new outcome - this is explained in the revised guidance CDG/G/02 and workplan CDG/W/02

2. Important date clarifications and timelines

- Acceptance of Offer: **Friday 27 February 2009**
- Spending to be completed by :**Tuesday 31 March 2009**
- Annual monitoring (CDG/M/01) and reporting back on activities and spend under Additional Resilience Support Grant: **30 April 2009**
- Refreshed workplan including new outcome (CDG/W/02) by **30 June 2009**

3. Ideas already coming forward from consortia

NB: If consortia have any further ideas, please email your [Regional Manager](#).

Project ideas

Conference / seminar to create awareness and educate frontline organisations about how to develop a recession resilient culture.

Training development workers within support organisations to better equip themselves with the skills they need to support frontline organisations and offer advice and guidance about how to cope in the challenges the economic downturn presents.

A level of backfill funding to allow for some short term intensive engagement with the public sector (e.g. LA officers / LSP members) about collaborative work around resilience activities.

Outreach work to those frontline organisations that are perhaps most vulnerable to the effect of the economic downturn. Helping them to understand the potential impact and implication that it might create and promoting tips about what they might do to mitigate the impact of the recession.

Develop action learning sets with a range of different partners on how to deal with the recession.

4. Frequently asked questions

Questions	Answers
Can we include direct delivery to front line organisations in our application?	Yes, direct delivery to frontline organisations can be included in your application submission
Can consortia use this funding to secure the future of a at risk partner?	No it must be related to building resilience during the economic downturn.
When can consortia start spending the money?	The offer letters can be returned at any time from now and a decision will be given as soon as possible.
Will there be further funding available in Year 2 and 3 for consortia to develop further economic downturn work?	There will be no new CDG money next year. The acceptance of this grant will mean that you have agreed to re configure your work plan to include a resilience related activity in your workplan for next year
Can this grant cover backfill costs of any downturn activity that has already taken place but has been funded through reserves or goodwill of an organisation?	Yes, from the time the offer is received, but you will need to confirm this with your regional manager before submitting your application.
Can the grant be used to train volunteers for specific resilience based activity e.g. to assist CAB's and welfare groups to meet increasing demand. If so, can expenses incurred in relation to this activity also be recouped?	Yes
Can the grant be used to assist a BME network or volunteer brokerage service which may be threatened with immediate closure, but whose services are still needed to cope with expected increased impact due to the downturn?	The grant can only be used to cover resilience based activity and not be used to help an organisation to survive.
Can activity run beyond the end of March 2009?	Treasury rules mean that grant holders must spend funds before 31 March 2009. If you are finding planning and delivering work within this timescale challenging – please speak with your Regional Manager.