

ReSource

Leisure, Recreation and Parks Services: Safe Beaches

An Opportunity for groups, organisations and enterprises of all types to bid for grant funding

ReSource is part of a programme to ensure access to funding by voluntary organisations and small businesses



ReSource is part of a programme supported by the Isle of Wight Council, The IW NHS and the IW Rural Community Council. The programme provides fair and transparent access to funding that enables public service delivery by the voluntary sector organisations and small businesses that serve the Isle of Wight.

For more information about ReSource or Prospectuses, or to request an accessible version of this document, please contact Martin Johnson at Isle of Wight Council : Tel 01983 823825 or email: martin.johnson@iow.gov.uk

Isle of Wight Council Leisure, Recreation and Parks Service

A Commissioning ReSource 2010 to 2013

Introduction

ReSource is an invitation to local organisations, service providers and enterprises to bid for grants that can be used to deliver public services to local communities. This ReSource invites applications from organisations and enterprises that can help the Council ensure that people using the Island's busiest beaches during the summer season are safe.

The commissioner is the Isle of Wight Council's Leisure, Recreation and Parks Service, which makes a significant contribution to the quality of life for Island people and visitors.

What is a ReSource?

ReSource builds on our Prospectus programme of grant-making and is open to new and existing organisations and enterprises of any type. As with all public funding, successful bidders will help us to deliver a number of outcomes in return for any grants made.

The ReSource approach recognises the diversity of the many hundreds of possible potential applicant groups, organisations and enterprises. It is designed to be easy to use and a flexible way of building partnerships.

Grants will be awarded through a competitive bidding process that is intended to encourage innovation, collaboration and capacity building in our communities. It also delivers a local public sector commitment to offering Local Compact procurement standards to small businesses as well as voluntary organisations.

Delivering Our Plans and Priorities

The main themes and priorities for the Island's strategic partners are:

- Creating a thriving Island
- A healthy and supportive Island
- A safe and well-kept Island
- An inspiring Island
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More detailed explanation can be found on the Council's corporate plan:
www.iwight.com/council/documents/docFiles/CorporatePlan2008_2011.pdf

Service priorities

The Council's Leisure, Recreation and Parks service is part of the Council's Economy and Environment Directorate. The service priorities for sport and leisure are:

- Maximise third party funding for and the use of local businesses in the delivery of services and refurbishment of sport and leisure facilities
- Increased participation in sport and active recreation
- Reduction in overall cost per user of the principle leisure facilities
- One new area of Local Nature Reserve will be designated by the Council and confirmed by Natural England
- National recognition for the quality of the Island's beaches, parks and hedgerows.

For more information about the work undertaken by the Service you can find more at: www.iwight.com/parks_beaches

Our Commissioning Outcomes

The Council's lifeguard service has monitored the safety of people on the Island's beaches, responded in emergencies and helped the Council to promote safe beaches with a high reputation. The Council is now looking for a partner or partners who can provide a service or services that will ensure the safety and the wellbeing of people using our busiest resort beaches at Ryde, Sandown, Shanklin and Ventnor.

We are looking for partners who can help deliver all or one of a number of commissioning outcomes set out below.

Particular value will be placed on proposals that offer innovation, and the potential for partnership working between organisations. We are also very keen to ensure the participation of volunteers.

In the current financial climate, we will also seek to get the best possible value for any grants made and will particularly welcome bids for grants that will attract funding from other sources not available to the Council.

Outcome 1

People using the Islands beaches when they are at their busiest during the summer season, will be assured that their safety and wellbeing is being monitored and responded to if needed.

Outcome 2

During the summer season, the Council and its partners on the Island's busiest beaches will work together to ensure that these important places are welcoming and safe places to visit and enjoy.

The Small Print

How much funding is available?

The total expected funding available for all services will be up to £120,000 over a three year period.

You can bid for all or some these funds to provide a service at all or some beaches. Use the application form to tell us how much funding you require to deliver your proposals for delivering the commissioning outcomes.

A number of buildings and Council resources may be available to successful bidders.

All successful bidders will be offered a grant and a Funding Agreement With Conditions that will reflect the service offered. Payments will be negotiated but will be based on proof of delivery.

Reporting your achievements

The application process will ask you how you will tell us how well you are doing and about your achievements. This will form an important part of your application and will influence the content of a grant funding agreement.

You could propose a number of ways to show how well your service is working, possibly through the use of surveys, video or photographic records. We will for example want to know how you are preventing loss of life and injury. This should be part of a record of any incidents or events, as well as a feature in regular meetings with the Council.

Successful bidders will need to meet regularly with the Service's Client Manager to discuss how well you are doing and particularly how well you are meeting any targets that you have agreed. The Council will also observe your activities and work with you to ensure the best possible outcomes.

How to apply

Call the Parks & Countryside Section (Tel:01983 821000) and discuss your idea. For example, the Council has some buildings and assets that may be used by successful bidders. Discuss this when considering a bid.

If you wish to proceed with an application, they will supply you with an application form.

The grant-making process allows applicants and the Council to be flexible and creative. The application is critical to your success, but unlike contractual tendering, there are opportunities to negotiate the final form of successful bids before a Funding Agreement is made and during the life of the agreement. You should note that this flexibility may not be extended to funding issues.

Some Requirements

Successful bidders must be able to show that they have or will have arrangements in place to meet the following responsibilities. You should have:

- Public liability insurance (please discuss this with us).
- Arrangements for Safeguarding vulnerable adults and children.
- A suitable reference in support of your bid.
- Arrangements to meet national standards, codes of ethics or regulatory requirements for what you propose.
- Training and qualification arrangements for people in critical roles.
- Arrangements to ensure that your service is non-discriminatory and provides equality of opportunity.
- Applications should also include proposals for operating or contributing to a red flag safety system.

A further requirement is that we have beach safety partners who can help the Council achieve Blue Flag status wherever grants are made.

Making an Application

Information about the grant making process is available in a guide at www.eco-island.org.uk/documents/pilot%20documents/grantmaking_smallprint_v0.03.pdf

Completed applications should be sent to:

Beaches & Esplanades Officer, Parks & Countryside Section,
Enterprise House,
St Cross Business Park,
Monks Brook, Newport,
Isle of Wight. PO30 5WB.

Applications received after the closing date cannot be considered.

Timings

- This document with the application form is available from 22 October 2010.
- The closing date for applications is 17 December 2010
- An Appraisal Panel will meet on 5 January 2011
- Successful programmes should aim to begin at the start of the summer season 2011, typically May to September.

Contacts

To discuss making a bid and your ideas, Tel: 01983 821000 or contact email: matthew.chatfield@iow.gov.uk or tricia.stillman@iow.gov.uk on

To find out more about the ReSource process, how it works, how funding decisions are made and how to get help to submit a bid, please contact Martin Johnson, Tel: 01983 823825 or email: martin.johnson@iow.gov.uk

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