

Dear Applicant,

Canal Community Budgeting Phase 2

Canal Area Partnership invites you to send us your project idea!

Glasgow City Council is committed to the promotion of Community Budgeting (also known as Participatory Budgeting). This is a process by which the public are encouraged to participate in decision making. Organisations bid for funding and present their project to the community at a locally held event. The local community then vote for their preferred projects to receive funding.

Following a number of successful pilots across the City, further funding of £10,000 is now available for a second round of Community Budgeting within Canal Area (Ward 16).

I am writing to invite you to submit a project bid which meets one or more of the Canal Area Partnership Investment Priorities:

- (i) Environment (including Cleansing, Vacant and Derelict Land, Anti-Social Behaviour;
- (ii) Youth Services and Employment (including Education and Learning);
- (iii) Thriving Places;
- (iv) Vulnerable People

Please note that for an application to be eligible:

- your organisation
 - should meet the criteria for an Area Budget application (please see Guidance Notes);
 - agrees to participate in the Community Budgeting Event.

This would entail that someone from your organisation would need to be in attendance at the event to present details about your project application. The presentation can be done just as a verbal presentation or a short powerpoint presentation (up to 4 minutes and facilities will be provided). Organisations will be encouraged to hold a 'stall' at the event (table and chairs will be provided) so as to display the organisation's information etc. This is also to allow the opportunity for local people attending the event to find out about/meet the applicants prior to the event starting; and

- the application
 - is required to be delivered in full by 31st March 2017;
 - cannot be for less than £300 or no more than £6,800;
 - should be for the provision of services/activities in the Milton and Lambhill neighbourhoods of the Canal ward;

The Canal Area Partnership Community Budgeting Event will take place on Wednesday, 25th January 2017 at 6.00pm in the Ashgill Recreational Centre (ARC), 342 Ashgill Road, Glasgow G22 7HW

Please Note - Applicants to arrive /set up between 4.00-5.00pm and doors open to the public at 5.00pm for Registration with Event starting at 6.00pm.

I hope that you will consider this opportunity!

Completed applications should be sent directly to Najmah Chauhdry at najmah.chauhdry@glasgow.gov.uk by **5.00pm on Thursday, 12th January 2017.**

For more information or to discuss a proposal, please contact Najmah Chauhdry on 0141 276 9877.

Please also see below for further information.

Background to Community Budgeting Pilot Events

Glasgow City Council's Strategic Plan for 2012 -2017 states that *"part of our approach to community planning and devolving responsibility for how services are developed locally, we will roll out community budgeting to local areas so local people have greater influence over, and input into, how services are developed and delivered."*

Community Budgeting (CB) is a generic term which covers a range of initiatives and approaches, and one of the most common approaches to CB is known as 'Participatory Budgeting'. Participatory budgeting is a democratic process in which community members decide how to spend part of a public budget and is described in the following terms:

"Participatory budgeting directly involves local people in making decisions on the spending priorities for a defined public budget. This means engaging residents and community groups representative of all parts of the community to discuss spending priorities, making specific proposals and vote on them, as well as giving local people a role in the scrutiny and monitoring process."