

What is the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund?

Neighbourhood Renewal Fund (NRF) is all about meeting the needs of people in the most deprived neighbourhoods.

It is a fund that aims to 'kick-start' improvements in public services in deprived areas by allowing organisations to pilot new projects or test new ways of doing things. NRF is short-term funding, so successful ideas should then be sustainable in the long-term from mainstream resources.

Great Yarmouth is receiving nearly £8.5 million NRF over five years to March 2006. The Local Strategic Partnership (LSP), a partnership of organisations from the voluntary, public and business sectors, has overall responsibility for NRF spending.

Applying for NRF

Application forms for one or two year NRF projects starting next year (April 2004) are now available.

The three-stage application process is as follows:

- Stage 1: An 'Expression of Interest' (or short proposal) is submitted.
- Stage 2: Projects selected at the first stage submit a full project proposal.
- Stage 3: Projects selected at the second stage go for final approval to the 2020 Forum of Great Yarmouth LSP.

See overleaf for more details

NRF PROJECTS...

Widespread interest in a pioneering approach

There has been widespread interest around the county in Education Action Zone (EAZ) projects, 'Full Service Pyramid' and 'Challenging Education', both of which have received NRF funding.

The Full Service Pyramid programme is a radical departure from existing practice. Education workers, healthcare professionals, social workers and other agencies work together to support the whole family and improve children's educational attainment.

The Challenging Education Scheme, is an innovative approach, training teachers and classroom assistants to help children to become independent learners. EAZ recently won awards at the National Training Awards, run by the Department of Education and Skills Council, for the scheme.

NRF Project, Police Community Support Officers *(see over)*



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Police Community Support Officers (PCSO)

Six PCSOs have recently started patrolling in Great Yarmouth, including three in Regent ward, a priority policing area. A further four are currently undergoing training. PCSO's focus on low-level crime and anti-social behaviour as well as providing a reassuring uniformed presence on the streets.

Community Liaison and Information Points (CLIPS)

NRF has contributed towards six CLIPs that have been established throughout the Borough by Community Connections. The CLIPS provide a place for local individuals or groups to access information and to meet.



Community Nutritionist

Debora van Zee, NRF funded community nutritionist recently led a Healthy Eating event for parents and their children, which included a food quiz, a presentation about food labelling and a video explaining the basics of healthy eating. Future events are to include a session for parents on dealing with fussy eaters and one or more 'Food Fun' sessions for children.

Health and Resource Centres

NRF is one of several funders contributing to a Health and Resource Centre in Cobholm and Lichfield that will open in December this year, providing services such as a health clinic, childcare, information provision (CLIP), office suites for hire and multi-purpose rooms for training, advice and activities.

Applying for NRF cont.

The deadline for the receipt of the 'Stage One' application form is Wednesday 26th November 2003.

Applications must meet all three of the following criteria:

➤ Be directed at one or more of five 'Priority Neighbourhoods' as follows: - South Yarmouth (Nelson and Regent wards); North Yarmouth (Yarmouth North and Northgate wards); Cobholm and Litchfield; Magdalen (Magdalen East and Magdalen West wards) and Claydon and St. Andrews.

➤ Address one or more of the targets in part two (p9 – 13) of the Local Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy (LNRS) that can be viewed on the 'Publications' page of the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) Website at www.gylsp.org.uk

➤ Projects must be sustainable in the long term. As mentioned earlier, NRF is short-term funding to enable organisations to pilot new projects or test new ways of doing things - projects will only be funded if they can show how long-term funding will be achieved.

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