



Community Regeneration **FUNDING** NEWSLETTER Working with and for Communities

BIG LOTTERY FUND LAUNCH COMMUNITY SPACES SCOTLAND PROGRAMME

BIG have just launched the **Community Spaces Scotland** programme. The aim is to support communities to become more involved in, and to take responsibility for, their local environment, communal spaces and places. This will focus on bringing communities together while making them healthier, not just physically, but also through sharing activities in a space or place that is fit for purpose. This will be done by providing funding for communities to improve the appearance, functionality, accessibility, effectiveness and sustainability of local spaces and places (including buildings).

The programme is targeted at the areas of greatest need in Scotland so to know if you are eligible you can enter your postcode into their on line **eligibility checker**.

Outcomes

Projects must achieve **all three** of the following outcomes under Community Spaces Scotland:

- Communities come together to make better use of local spaces and places.
- Communities come together to improve their environment.
- Communities come together to get healthier and be more active

What types of project can be funded?

They expect to fund a wide range of activities involving meeting spaces; recreation; and community green spaces. Examples include providing facilities for community activity through developing and improving:

- local parks
- community paths and gardens
- play parks
- allotments
- community centres, and
- village halls.

They may also consider funding suitable revenue projects that will meet the outcomes.

Funding can range from **£10,000** to **£250,000**, with **£100,000** the likely average.

For more information and to check eligibility see

http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_community_spaces_scotland.htm?regioncode=sco

Dougie Grierson, Community Regeneration Officer, 20 June 2011

West Lothian Council delivers

westlothian.gov.uk



**West Lothian
Council**