

Section 5: Factsheet

When you contact people about your project, such as the press and media, you may be asked for some basic facts about the Community Spaces programme.

The following information will help you to answer questions about the programme and organisations associated with Community Spaces.

Community Spaces factsheet

- Community Spaces is a £50 million open grants programme that is managed by Groundwork UK as one of five award partners to the Big Lottery Fund's Changing Spaces initiative.
- The Big Lottery Fund's Changing Spaces programme has been developed to help communities enjoy and improve their local environments. The programme is funding a range of activities from local food schemes and farmers markets, to education projects teaching people about the environment.
- The Community Spaces programme is supported by a consortium of national environmental organisations. These are: BTCV, Federation of City Farms and Community Gardens, Green Space, Natural England and The Wildlife Trusts.
- As well as Groundwork UK, award partners of the Changing Spaces initiative include the Building Research Establishment, the Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts, Natural England, and MIND.
- Groundwork UK is the operating name of The Federation of Groundwork Trusts Ltd, a company limited by guarantee and registered in England.
- Groundwork supports communities in need, working with partners to help improve the quality of people's lives, their prospects and potential and the places where they live, work and play. Further information can be found at the website: www.groundwork.org.uk
- Big Lottery Fund is responsible for giving out half the money for good causes raised by the National Lottery. BIG are committed to bringing real improvements to communities and the lives of people most in need. Further information is available on the website: www.biglotteryfund.org.uk
- Community Spaces is open to community groups in England only.
- Community Spaces will fund projects that aim to meet the following outcomes:
 - ~ Better local environments.
 - ~ An increase in people's access to quality local spaces for interaction, play and recreation.
 - ~ An increase in people actively involved in developing and running a practical environmental project that is visible in their community.
 - ~ Improved partnerships between support organisations, communities and authorities.
- Community Spaces launched in March 2008 and all projects should complete by March 2013.
- The four grant sizes available are:
 - Small £10,000 - £25,000;
 - Medium £25,001 - £49,999;
 - Large £50,000 - £100,000;
 - Flagship £100,001 - £450,000.Applications for large and flagship grants closed in January 2009.

- Small and medium grants are available on a rolling basis until January 2011.
- Community Spaces aims to fund 800 – 1,000 projects over its lifetime.
- Community Spaces aims to fund one flagship project per region (nine flagship projects in total) and four large projects per region (36 large projects in total).
- Further information, can be found at the Community Spaces website:
www.community-spaces.org.uk. For media enquiries, contact the PR & Information team by calling 0121 236 8565 or e-mail:
press@community-spaces.org.uk.
- Community Spaces encourages community groups to leave comments on the blogging site, which is regularly updated with latest information and news about Community Spaces projects:
<http://blog.community-spaces.org.uk/>

