

# Big Lottery: Children's Play

## *Briefing Document*

### **Aims of the programme**

The Big Lottery children's Play programme aims are:

1. To create, improve and develop children and young people's free local play spaces and opportunities throughout England, according to need
2. Promote the long-term strategic and sustainable provision for play as a free public service to children
3. Ensure that local authorities work with other stakeholders to develop children's play strategies and plans
4. Ensure that good, inclusive and accessible children's play services and facilities are provided locally.

### **Programme Priorities / Outcomes**

Big Lottery will fund projects that achieve **three or more** of the following programme outcomes:

- >More children will take part in a wider range of good, inclusive and accessible play experiences.
  - >Children will have more choice and control over their play.
  - >Children will develop greater well-being through play (including healthy growth, knowledge and understanding, creativity and capacity to learn.)
  - >Children will achieve greater independence and self-esteem through play.
  - >Children will acquire greater social skills and respect for others through play.
  - >Children will be able to test boundaries, be challenged and take risks through play, while kept safe from harm.
  - >More children experiencing barriers to free play will be included in mainstream play provision (for example, girls, children and young people from ethnic or religious minorities, children in care, children of refugees and homeless families and those living in rural areas).
  - >Local communities, especially children, will have greater involvement in designing, planning and running play projects
- Each specification must achieve all of the Project Outcomes, which are detailed in the Invitation to Bids.

### **Who can apply?**

Applications will be accepted from public, private and third sector organisations and must benefit children and young people living in Derby.

<b>Total amount available for the programme</b>
Derby City Council has been allocated £613,710.41 under the Children's Play strand of the Big Lottery Children's Play initiative. The council must submit a portfolio of projects which will run for up to three years.
<b>Grant amount</b>
The minimum grant that Derby City Partnership will award for any individual bid is £100,000.00. The maximum grant that Derby City Partnership will award for any individual bid is in the order of £200,000.00
<b>Match Funding requirements</b>
Projects are not required to raise any match funding. However, applications that show how existing resources will be used to make maximum use of lottery money, will be favoured. For capital projects we will require a commitment from the project sponsor to pay for the associated revenue costs for the expected life of the project.
<b>Application process</b>
Applications received will be considered by the Appraisal Panel during week commencing 18.6.07. Successful applications will be notified week commencing 25.6.07.
<b>Application deadline</b>
Applications must be received by <b>12 noon on Monday 18 June 2007.</b>

## Deadline dates for Big Lottery Children's Play Bid

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Lead(s)</b>
<b>25.5.07</b>	<b>Specifications and invitations to bid distributed and publicised</b>	<b>Theresa Whyte</b>
<b>18.6.07 12 Noon</b>	<b>Deadline for return of bids</b>	<b>Theresa Whyte</b>
<b>Week Commencing 18.6.07</b>	<b>Appraisal Panel consider all bids received</b>	<b>Theresa Whyte Appraisal Panel</b>
<b>Week commencing 25.6.07</b>	<b>Successful applicants notified</b>	<b>Theresa Whyte</b>
<b>5.9.07</b>	<b>Cultural City approve Derby's Portfolio for Big Lottery Bid, Children's Play.</b>	<b>Theresa Whyte Cultural City</b>
<b>6.9.07</b>	<b>Chief Executive endorses Big Lottery Bid</b>	<b>Chief Executive</b>
<b>10 September 2007</b>	<b>Final deadline for return of completed applications to BIG Lottery</b>	<b>Theresa Whyte</b>
<b>December 2007</b>	<b>BIG decision on application</b>	<b>BIG Lottery</b>