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Opportunities for Volunteering Scheme

Guidance Notes

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1. Introduction

- a. Applications are being invited from Third Sector Organisations with proposals that improve the profile and diversity of volunteers as well as improving the range and quality of volunteering opportunities in health and social care.
- b. This invitation is made in the context of a review of the Department of Health (DH)'s funding and investment to the third sector which includes developing the Opportunities for Volunteering Scheme. This includes ensuring both the current Scheme and future support for volunteering has greater relevance to the wider health, well-being and social care agenda.
- c. At present grants under this scheme are distributed through sixteen national voluntary organisations which, for the purposes of the scheme, act as agents for the Department of Health. Within the overall structure of the Grants Scheme, each agent runs its own OFV programme. Some agents have a rolling programme of grants with new grants starting each year and older grants coming to an end, whilst others run fixed grants programmes where all funding is awarded in one round and new applications cannot be accepted until all of those grants have run their full term
- d. These notes outline the outcomes and eligibility criteria for the present Opportunities for Volunteering Scheme for organisations wishing to apply to the scheme during this time of change. It also describes the arrangements for feedback and funding for successful applicants. Any project interested in applying for a grant starting in 2009 will need to read this guidance carefully.
- e. Demand for grants in recent years has substantially exceeded the available funds. Consequently, it is likely that all agents will have to turn down a number of worthwhile applications. However, each application will be considered fully on its merits, and grants awarded where they are judged most likely to meet the Department of Health and national Agent's policy priorities.
- f. Please read these notes and specific agents' criteria (outlined in **Appendix B**) to judge whether your organisation comes within the remit of the scheme.
- g. Application forms can be obtained from the appropriate national agent and should be returned to them by post or courier by the closing date stated by the national agent. Please see Appendix B for details of the eligibility criteria, specific to each National Agent, their contact points and the closing dates of each scheme.

We have produced these notes as a guide to help Third Sector organisations. They are not an authoritative statement of the law that applies to making grants under this Scheme.

2. Principles of the Scheme

- Applications are submitted to and assessed by the relevant national agent. Details of individual national agents, their eligibility criteria, addresses, time-scales, and priority areas are listed in **Appendix B**.
- In assessing applications, national agents will consider the extent to which they reflect the Department of Health's priorities and criteria.
- Grants awarded under the scheme are discretionary and are subject to terms and conditions agreed with the Department of Health.

3. Department of Health criteria

- a. Under the Opportunities for Volunteering scheme, the Department of Health makes funds available for grants to voluntary organisations in order to increase the range and quality of volunteering opportunities for people in England in the fields of health and social care.
- b. To be considered for a grant, you need to show how you intend to achieve this aim as well as the following criteria:-
- c. Successful projects will be asked to demonstrate how they contribute to the Department of Health's Strategic Objectives of:
 - **Better health and well-being for all**
Helping people to stay healthy and well, empowering them to live independently, and tackling health inequalities
 - **Better care for all**
The best possible health and social care, offering safe and effective care, when and where people need help, and empowering people in their choices
 - **Better value for all**
Delivering affordable, efficient and sustainable services, contributing to the wider economy and the nation.
- d. Funding proposals for projects will need to address two or more of the following, one of which must involve working with volunteers:-
- e. How the project will address health inequalities
- f. Improving the profile and diversity of volunteers

- g. Improving the range and quality of volunteering opportunities in health, well-being and social care service provision
- h. Developing advocacy support in the improvement of health, well-being and social care services that enables individuals to exercise control and choice
- i. **Projects will also need to show how they;**
 - **are developing working with partnerships at a local level; for example through either actual or planned engagement with, local third sector organisations and relevant public bodies**
 - **intend to address future sustainability plans after DH Opportunities for Volunteering funding ceases.**
- j. The assessing National Agent will need to see that the proposed project fits local strategic priorities for example, agreed LAA targets, for supporting volunteering in health & social care. NAs will look at this in assessing the application, liaising with the PCT/LA as appropriate if the information is not demonstrated with the application.
- k. The grants are discretionary and are subject to terms and conditions agreed with the Department of Health.

4. Eligibility Criteria

At this stage it is important for you to assess whether you think your organisation meets the necessary criteria for the Scheme. Please read the following points carefully to help you decide.

Criteria for the organisation

- i. Third Sector organisations are eligible to apply to the OFV Scheme. This includes registered charities, charitable or not-for-profit organisations and social enterprises (businesses where any surpluses are mainly re-invested for community benefit).
- ii. The organisation must have a **formal constitution** or **governing document** which shows its objectives, legal status and management structure.
- iii. The organisation must have an **equal opportunities policy** in relation to the services to be provided, the employment of staff and the involvement of volunteers.
- iv. If the organisation has aims which can be deemed as charitable registration must have been sought formally and the objectives approved by the Charity Commission.

Criteria for the project

- i. The volunteering contribution must be of assistance in a health or social care setting, with a positive impact on the health and/ or well-being of both services users and volunteers (e.g. improving physical or mental health, reducing health inequalities or

supporting or developing advocacy support in the improvement of health, well-being and social care services that enables individuals to exercise control and choice).

- ii. The activities of the project must be of benefit to local communities.
- iii. The project must enable or encourage people to undertake voluntary work in **England**.
- iv. Applications should reflect the needs of a diverse society in all aspects of the proposed activities, for example, promoting accessibility; valuing cultural diversity, promoting equality of opportunity; promoting inclusive communities, and reducing disadvantage and exclusion.
- v. Applicants must provide appropriate contact details of local authorities or PCTs when they apply for funding. This will allow NAs to see that the proposed project fits local strategic priorities, for example, agreed LAA targets for supporting volunteering in health & social care, liaising with local contacts as appropriate if this information is not demonstrated in the application.

An organisation will not be eligible for a grant if it –

- Is a statutory body or profit-making company, (although voluntary or non-statutory project in working in close partnership with statutory bodies can be funded)
- Is an organisation, group, project or activity that involves party political campaigning

A grant will not be awarded -

- to finance fundraising efforts
- for work that duplicates that of another voluntary organisation in the same locality
- to provide continuation funding for existing projects

Definitions

Volunteering, as defined in the Volunteering Code of Good Practice, is an activity that involves spending time, unpaid, doing something that aims to benefit the environment or individuals or groups other than (or in addition to) close relatives. This can include activity undertaken through public, private and voluntary organisations as well as informal community participation and campaigning.

Health and/or social care - to be of assistance in the fields of health and/or personal social care, the voluntary work must be expected to make a worthwhile contribution to meeting health needs or personal social care needs or both. In many cases such voluntary work will be outside the scope of services provided by local authorities, PCTs or other NHS organisations.

Grants will not be available for activities more closely related to those of other government departments or public services (e.g. housing, environmental services, education, victim support services, information and advice about work, social security or housing benefits).

5. Grant information

As the scheme is intended to enable people to undertake voluntary work, projects eligible for grants will generally be at the local level. While some expenditure at national or regional level may be necessary to promote or support local activities, it will only be considered if it forms part of an application for a grant for a local project.

- 1) The current funding period starts on 1st April 2009. OFV projects may be funded for up to a maximum of 36 months depending on the national agent's criteria.
- 2) When an organisation is notified of a grant for more than one year, the level of funding for years two and three will be subject to the availability of funds approved by Parliament.
- 3) The organisation must show that the project has clearly defined objectives which reflect the criteria set by Department of Health and National Agent (see section 3 of this Guidance and Appendix B). If successful, project will be asked by their funding Agent to complete a project plan showing aims and activities so that your project maintains its original objectives during any changes in the way funding is delivered.
- 4) The aim is that this funding will produce long-term benefits. Applicants are advised to consider how to address future sustainability after DH Opportunities for Volunteering funding ceases.
- 5) The arrangements for monitoring your activities, evaluating the impact of the project and dissemination of knowledge and lessons learnt must be explained clearly in the application. If a grant is awarded, the agent will expect the organisation to show what difference it makes to the health and well-being of project users and volunteers and the local community.
- 6) It is important that you can guarantee a start date towards the beginning of the financial year for which you are applying. Any late start projects will have to be negotiated and agreed with individual agents.
- 7) The project must show a commitment to equality and diversity. We expect applicants and organisations delivering projects to meet principles and abide by policies which reflect equality of opportunity, for instance, in recruitment of staff, volunteers, service provision and information.

6. How much can be applied for

Please refer to individual agents' information for levels and time-scales for grants (Appendix B). As a general guide:-

- 1) Grants can be made for a maximum of £40,000 a year per project (or as advised by individual national agents).
- 2) The maximum amount of the grant includes money requested for capital and revenue combined.

- 3) Grants may be paid towards administrative, supervisory or developmental costs, including salaries and overheads. However, all such applications should be able to demonstrate the direct relevance of the expenditure to the provision by volunteers of services in the health and/or personal social care fields.
- 4) Applicants are reminded to think carefully about the likely training needs of the project they are proposing and budget accordingly.
- 5) Volunteers must not be paid for their involvement in an OFV project, but they can receive re-imbursement of out-of-pocket expenses in line with the way the agent normally supports volunteers.
- 6) Grants for capital purposes are limited to £20,000 for any one project for the period of the grant. Within this overall limit of £20,000 there are limits of:-
 - £7,000 towards the cost of a vehicle
 - £11,000 for materials used in the renovation of premises

It is important to note that this is what is permissible under the scheme, but that not all agents will necessarily be making capital grants. Please check individual national agents' criteria (Appendix B).

In all cases of capital expenditure the applicant must show that there is a direct connection between the capital expenditure and the aims of this scheme, and that funding for any associated revenue costs is in place (eg: running and maintenance for a vehicle). In the case of a vehicle it should be clearly shown that the vehicle will be adequately used. Any capital purchases will need to be recorded by applicants in an asset register. If an item passes into any other use or is sold, a refund of an appropriate portion of the capital may be required.

- 7) A project is not able to apply to another National Agent until a decision is made on the first application.

7. How to apply

If you feel you meet the criteria for this scheme and are willing to accept the conditions attached to each grant (listed at **Appendix A**), please see **Appendix B** to identify the agent or agents most relevant to your proposal and contact them to obtain an Application Form.

8. When and where to apply

Your applications must be made on the Opportunities for Volunteering application form provided by the National Agent, and returned to the agent from which they were received, by post or courier, to arrive no later than the dates and times specified by the agent(s).

Agents will not necessarily have the same closing date so please check the information relevant to the agent(s) to whom you are applying.

Please help the agents by sending in your application as soon as possible. Do not wait for the deadline.

All applications should be sent by post unless specifically allowed by the National Agent to

whom you are applying.

Before returning your application to the agent, please ensure that -

- all supporting documents are attached to your application;**
- you take a copy of your application form and all supporting documents.**

The agent will not take responsibility for applications posted by applicants but not received.

Details of individual agents, their addresses, time-scales and funding priority areas are listed in Appendix B.

9. The Decision

Once the applications are received by the individual agent they are registered. Each agent will have its own timetable for considering applications and will inform you as to when you can expect to hear about its decision. If the application form has been fully completed, sent to the appropriate agent and meets the criteria of the scheme, the agent should acknowledge receipt of the application if you have enclosed an SAE with your application form. However please bear in mind that agents will not start taking decisions until after the final closing date.

Applicants must not assume that any grant will be paid until they receive a letter formally awarding a grant.

APPENDIX A

CONDITIONS OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR VOLUNTEERING GRANT AWARDS

Project planning

When a grant is awarded, the awarding National Agent's letter will set out the conditions relating to the grant. These may vary depending on the exact purpose for which the grant is awarded and which agent awards the grant. In general, however, the award letter will state -

1. The amount up to which the grant has been approved and the year(s) in which it will be paid (payments are usually made every three months).
2. The precise purpose(s) of the grant.
3. If payment is dependent on a specific event (e.g. the commencement of a project or the appointment of staff). The voluntary organisation will be asked to let the agent know when that condition has been met so that payment of the grant can then begin.
3. The monitoring, evaluation and review arrangements.
4. The **standard conditions** attached to grants. These are included in or with every award letter and cover the following areas:-
 - a. Circumstances in which the grant may be repayed, suspended, or discontinued.
 - b. The keeping and provision of financial information and accounts.
 - c. That the agent has no commitment to renew financial support after the term of the grant.
 - d. That no aspect of the activity being funded by the grant should be party political in intention, use or presentation.
 - e. The need to comply with the UK law currently in force, including the Sex Discrimination Act, the Race Relations and the Disability Discrimination Act.
 - f. That the grant may not be passed to a third party (third party status does not apply to a project funded through a sponsoring/support organisation, which will have been agreed with the funding agent).
 - g. That the grant must be used in the financial year (1 April to 31 March) for which it has been awarded, and that any unspent grant remaining at the

end of the financial year must be notified to the agent as soon as it comes to light.

5. Additional conditions may apply to each grant. *Examples are -*

- a. Circumstances in which revised budget estimates may be required and procedures related to their provision.
- b. If the level of grant aid is at a fixed cash level and will not be adjusted to meet pay and price changes
- c. If, after a specified period an increasing proportion of total income should be found from other sources.
- d. The project should be evaluated upon satisfactory completion by an external researcher.
- e. The grant award is provisional upon satisfactory completion of registration with the Charity Commission.

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Directory of National Agents

Age Concern England	
Age Concern supports projects designed to meet the needs of older people and works in developing provision of services for older members of the community.	Grants Unit Astral House 1268 London Road London SW16 4ER
Tel: 020 8765 7738	
Email: grant.unit@ace.org.uk	Contact: Beverley Stephens
Web: www.ageconcern.org.uk	
Application For projects to begin in April 2009, only applicants who submitted an Age Concern England Application form will be considered. The closing date for this is 29 th August 2008. The maximum grant will be £35,000 per year, for up to 3 years.	

Attend	
Attend provides support for projects which support volunteering in different health and social care settings to grow and increase their contribution to the strength of health services and local communities.	Attend 11-13 Cavendish Square London W1G 0AN
Tel: 0845 4500285	Contact: Duncan Peacock
Email: duncan.peacock@attend.org.uk	Web : http://www.attend.org.uk
Priorities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovation health and social care projects that will act as an inspiration in the sector, country-wide. • Pump-priming for projects to broaden volunteers' contributions to health and social care. • Projects that will attract new members from local communities to volunteer within health and social care. • Projects that support volunteering in Acute Trust and Primary Care Trusts 	Applications Grants can be awarded for up to £35,000 per annum, although it is unusual for more than £20,000 to be awarded. Over the period of a grant, up to £20,000 can be used for capital purposes. Within this overall limit of £20,000 there are limits of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £7,000 towards the cost of a vehicle • £11,000 for materials used in the renovation of premises Applications are accepted only from Attend affiliated Friends Groups.

Barnardo's	
Barnardo's vision is that the lives of all children and young people should be free from poverty, abuse and discrimination. The organisation is	Tanners Lane Barkingside, Ilford Essex

focused on helping the most vulnerable children and young people transform their lives and fulfill their potential.	IG6 1QG
Tel: 020 8498 7743	Fax: 020 8498 7086
Email: meg.fassam-wright@barnardos.org.uk	Contact: Meg Fassam-Wright
Web: www.barnardos.org.uk	
Application Applications are only accepted from existing Barnardo's services. Please contact Barnardo's for further information.	

bassac	
<i>bassac</i> is a membership body for a network of organisations. We harness the power of our members' knowledge and experience by promoting collaborative partnerships, lobbying for change and sharing learning. Our members are 'multi-purpose' organisations. Located in areas of deprivation, they strengthen neighbourhoods and increase opportunities for local people.	33 Corsham Street London N1 6DR
Tel: 0845 241 0375	Fax: 0845 241 0376
Email: Dionne@bassac.org.uk	Contact: Dionne Harding
Web: www.bassac.org.uk	
Application Grants are only available to <i>bassac</i> members. For more information about membership look at <i>bassac's</i> website. The next application process starts in autumn 2008 for funding projects from April 2009.	

The Children's Society	
The Children's Society supports projects which perform specified activities arising from the justice objectives published in the Society's own Action Plan. These objectives aim to ensure the well-being, safety and care of all children.	Edward Rudolf House Margery Street London WC1X 0JL
Tel: 020 7841 4527	Fax: 020 7841 4500
Email: dorothy.connell@childrenssociety.org.uk	Contact: Dorothy Connell
Web: www.childsoc.org.uk	
Application The Children's Society only awards grants to Children's Society projects. Currently all of their funding is committed. Please contact The Children's Society directly for further details.	

Churches Together in England	
Churches Together in England supports projects managed entirely or primarily by churches, local 'Churches Together' Groups or other Christian organisations. CTE aims to	27 Tavistock Square London WC1H 9HH

support a wide variety of projects, including the development of neighbourhood work, support for self-help groups and the provision of healthcare advice and support for young people. Some priority is now given to projects meeting the needs of women and people from ethnic minorities.	
Tel: 020 7529 8133	Fax: 020 7529 8134
Email: Carole.Golden@cte.org.uk	Contact: Carole Golden
Web: www.churches-together.org.uk	
Application	
The maximum grant will be £20,000 per year, and the average grant is £16,000 per year. The closing date for applications for projects starting in April 2009 is 31 October 2008.	

Crisis	
Crisis is a national charity that fights homelessness and empowers people to fulfill their potential and transform their lives.	Crisis 66 Commercial Street London E1 6LT
The Crisis vision is that all homelessness people, or those in danger of becoming homeless, should be able to easily access individual help and support which will:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • help them rebuild their lives • Prevent them from remaining trapped in the cycle of homelessness 	
Tel: 020 7426 3817	Fax: 0870 011 3336
Email: andre.carvalho@crisis.org.uk	Contact: Andre Carvelho
Web: www.crisis.org.uk	
Application process	
Crisis only awards three year OFV grants to the Crisis SmartMove Network. Please contact Crisis directly for further details.	

CSV	
CSV aims to create and increase opportunities for all people to volunteer in their communities in the areas of health and social services. The scheme aims to promote neighbourhood volunteering in health and social service settings, including health promotion among young people; early-retired people working with other groups; homecare; promotion of volunteering in order to assist the recruitment of volunteers to groups working in the health and social care fields. CSV also looks to promote and safeguard the welfare of children at risk of social exclusion.	237 Pentonville Road London N1 9NJ
Tel: 0207 643 1324	Fax: 020 7278 1020
Email: zkhan@csv.org.uk	Contact: Zumara Khan
Web: www.csv.org.uk	
Application	

CSV accept applications from partner projects routed through regional CSV contacts.
<p>Priorities</p> <p>Current priorities are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteering for Healthy Neighbourhoods including health promotion for young people • Homecare • Promoting independence amongst older people and helping the early retired to lead healthier lives • Promoting and safeguarding the welfare of children at risk of social exclusion • Promotion of volunteering in health and social services settings for a range of agencies through the use of mass media

MENCAP	
MENCAP supports projects that expand voluntary work in the field of health and personal social services, designed to be of help to children, young people and/or adults with a learning disability.	Mencap POBox 1164 Maidstone ME14 9FN
Tel: 01622 859176	Fax: 01634 859176
Email: peter.wright@mencap.org.uk	Contact: Peter Wright
Web: www.mencap.org.uk	
<p>Application</p> <p>MENCAP awards grants to its affiliated clubs and societies, and other groups, for projects which are designed to be of help to people with a learning disability. The closing date for applications is 30 September each year.</p>	
<p>Priorities</p> <p>MENCAP is particularly interested in funding local voluntary organisations which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can demonstrate that their projects are focused upon the Department of Health's specific priority areas. • Are committed to promoting independence and reducing inequalities in health, in particular for children, young people, adults, older people and people from black and minority ethnic communities, with a learning disability, in urban and rural communities. • Provide dynamic and creative opportunities for volunteers, and which enable users of services to themselves become volunteers. • Develop a volunteer strategy, including the establishment of good practice principles and systems, to increase accessibility and sustain quality volunteering. 	

Mind	
Mind has a network of affiliate local associations and associate organisations, which support initiatives promoting rehabilitation and training for people with mental health problems, provision of information and education on mental health and the integration of people with mental health problems into the community.	Granta House 15-19 Broadway Stratford London E15 4BQ

Tel: 01709 761 846	Fax: 01709 761 846
Email: j.mason@mind.org.uk	Contact: John Mason
Web: www.mind.org.uk	
<p>Priorities</p> <p>Mind funds projects promoting social inclusion and positive life opportunities for people with experience of mental distress. e.g.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of self-help/support groups e.g. rural and crisis services; transport schemes • Volunteers training e.g.: befriending, counselling, caring, and creating information resources such as newsletters, web sites etc • Projects reducing isolation and stress and which help service users acquire basic living skills such as confidence building, communication and assertiveness skills • Mental health projects working with black, minority ethnic and gender specific groups, and lesbians and gay men • Research/action into local mental health needs service delivery • Promoting the aims and activities of local groups and the integration of service users into organisational structure 	<p>Applications</p> <p>Mind accepts and will prioritise applications from its own affiliated local associations and from other community mental health projects. Groups are encouraged to become Associate Mind Members. The application process for new projects to start on 1st April 2009 commences in early July 2008. A Preliminary Application form is available from Mind's website. Closing date for Preliminary Applications is 30th September 2008. Mind rarely makes awards greater than £25,000 p.a. however applications above this figure may be considered with suitable justification.</p>

Nacro	
<p>Nacro runs local services, involving local community volunteers working with young people especially those at risk of offending or of being excluded from mainstream provision. The aim is to reduce the risks of offending and address and improve health and well being. Nacro provides constructive activities based on personal development, including structured leisure and educational activities. Services are provided to meet local needs through transition into adulthood. Volunteers receive full training and support to participate.</p>	<p>Challenge House 148-150 High St Newtown Birmingham B6 4US</p>
Tel: 0121 250 5232	Fax: 0121 359 3510
Email: chris.dare@nacro.org.uk	Contact: Chris Dare
Web: www.nacro.org.uk	
<p>Applications</p> <p>Applications are accepted only from within Nacro services. For further information contact Chris Dare, Business Development and Youth Specialist.</p>	

RADAR	
<p>RADAR is a major pan-disability network for organisations of and for disabled people. With a membership of over 450 disability</p>	<p>RADAR 12 City Forum 250 City Road</p>

organisations RADAR works to support the disability lobby and create an environment in which disability organisations can effectively campaign for change.	London EC1V 8AF
Tel: 0870 2246360	email: victoria.nakabira@radar.org.uk
contact: Victoria Nakabira	Web: www.radar.org.uk
Application RADAR is currently funding 13 projects nationally, most of which are three years in duration and will be issuing money in 2009-2010. For more information please contact Victoria Nakabira.	

Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB)	
RNIB supports projects managed by local societies and other local organisations of and for blind and partially sighted people, which provide (among other things): hospital information services, practical help in coping with blindness and home visiting schemes.	Dunedin House 25 Ravelston Terrace Edinburgh EH4 3TP
Tel: 0131 311 8500	Fax: 0131 311 8529
Email: susan.nazareth@rnib.org.uk	Contact: Susan Nazareth
Web: www.rnib.org.uk	
Priorities RNIB welcomes applications from projects which fall into the Department of Health's Priority areas in health and social care and in particular will look to continue to support volunteers, through the OFV Scheme, to alleviate social isolation, enable independence, improve accessibility to services and provide information	Application The closing date for applications will be 30 November for projects starting in April of the following year. Please contact Susan Nazareth directly to discuss your application.

SCOPE	
Scope supports projects designed to meet the needs of disabled people particularly projects involving disabled volunteers and parents/carers. All projects should be working towards good practice of management of volunteers with a commitment to training and management of volunteers. Scope actively support projects that enable disabled people to achieve equality through volunteering	P.O. Box 150 Plymouth PL6 7ES
Tel: 01752 695 912 or 02076197265	Mobile: 07818048669
Email: joanne.garbett3@scope.org.uk	Joanne Garbett, Debbie Usiskin or Nikki Squelch
Web: www.scope.org.uk	

<p>Priorities</p> <p>Scope's mission is that disabled people achieve equality and we therefore support projects which aim is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Provide support to Parents/Carers of disabled children through the provision of self help groups, sitting and short break services ○ Promote sport and leisure opportunities for disabled adults and children who often face exclusion from mainstream activities ○ Provide information services to disabled people ○ Befriending/buddying schemes for disabled people 	<p>Application</p> <p>Scope are now accepting applications and the closing date is 30th September 2008 for projects starting in April 2009.</p> <p>In addition to the above there is a possibility that projects may be able to access Scope's "Access to Volunteering fund". This enables projects to make reasonable physical adjustments that enable disabled people to volunteer with the project</p> <p>Projects can also access inclusive volunteering training and diversity training. Maximum grants are likely to be in the region of £15,000</p>
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United Kingdom Council on Deafness (UKCoD)	
<p>UKCoD provides funding for specific health projects meeting the identified needs of deaf people* in all health issues, including projects providing services for deaf youths and projects promoting independence.</p>	<p>OFV Liaison Officer Westwood Park London Road Little Horkesley Colchester CO6 4BS</p>
<p>Tel: 01206 274 076</p>	<p>Fax: 01206 274 077</p>
<p>Text: 01206 274 078</p>	<p>Email: r.hewitt@deafcouncil.org.uk</p>
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<p>Priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Training and development of volunteer support schemes and self help groups. ● Training of volunteers involved with the setting up and organisation of projects for deaf people ● Deaf people with mobility problems and mental health problems. ● Development of visiting schemes for deaf people living on their own. ● To provide deaf people with the support and information they need for their own health and well being ● To promote and safeguard the welfare of deaf youths at risk of social exclusion. 	<p>Application</p> <p>First step application forms for grants for the financial year 2009/12 will be available from October 2008. We can only consider grants for three year projects. The maximum grants are likely to be in the region of £15,000 per year.</p> <p>* The term "deaf" is used to denote all degrees of deafness, from profoundly deaf to hard of hearing and includes the deaf blind.</p>

Volunteering England	
<p>To support projects which do not fit another national agent's activity and demonstrate that they can support an increase in the quality, quantity, impact and accessibility of volunteering throughout England in health, well-being and social-care, benefiting both volunteers and service users where there is the greatest level of need.</p>	<p>Volunteering England Grants Directorate Volunteering England Regents Wharf 8 All Saints St London N1 9RB</p>

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Applications	
All projects must complete a preliminary application form by 29 th August 2008 for 3-year projects starting in April 2009.	
Priorities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health promotion: e.g. A group working with an people with HIV / Aids training and involving volunteers in providing workshops to raise awareness of HIV and Aids. • Health advocacy: e.g. Volunteers advocating on behalf of people from traditionally disadvantaged groups to improve their access to doctors, dentists, social services etc. • Supported volunteering: e.g. supporting current or ex-drug or alcohol users to volunteer. • Support for people with specific health conditions not covered by other National Agents: e.g. Involving volunteers in providing one-to-one or group support for people from specific ethnic minority groups that suffer disproportionately from a specific health condition. • Befriending and support for people with specific health and social care needs: e.g. Volunteers providing one-to-one emotional and/or practical support for women who have experienced rape or sexual abuse 	
Projects that demonstrate a link between volunteering; health and social care activities and employment. e.g. volunteers will provide support to service users who have been out of the job market for a period due to a health or social care related matter.	