

PROJECT INFORMATION FORM (PIF)

Scheme Title	Hillfields Objective 2 Action Plan							
Departmental Responsibility	City Development Directorate							
Project Title	WATCH Community Capacity Building Project							
Project Applicant	WATCH (Working Actively to Change Hillfields)							
Project Description								
<p>The project will establish and provide two community development workers/social animateurs working in the Hillfields area. Their major responsibilities will be to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give voice to the many disadvantaged communities living in Hillfields • Develop the skills of local voluntary/community organisations so that they can realise their full potential and develop community led responses to pressing social and economic conditions • Raise the aspirations of local people and enable black and ethnic minority groups including, Asylum seekers/Refugees to improve their access to support • Identify means of accrediting the work of local volunteers as a progression route to mainstream employment and training • Produce a quarterly newsletter in conjunction with Phoenix Area Co-ordination Team <p>The team will enable local people to recognise their worth by contributing to improvements within their own communities resulting in increased local and community based activity.</p> <p>Another feature of the project will be to ensure that local communities are aware and involved in the Objective 2 activities. This will be achieved by regular dialogue with local community organisations and by staging regular events to both promote and report on project activities. The workers will act as a bridge between the partnership board and the local community.</p>								
Project Delivery – Management and Partners								
<p>This project has been designed using the information gathered during the ten year visioning exercise and the writing of the Hillfields Neighbourhood Plan, The Hillfields Action Plan and the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund process. WATCH continually works with community members to ensure that what we deliver is what the local community have asked for.</p> <p>The overall management of the project will be the responsibility of the WATCH Management Committee who have several years experience of managing projects. These include projects funded by SRB, ERDF Urban, ESF Objective 3 and Co-Finance Objective 3 Project. The Management Committee delegate the day to day management to the WATCH General Manager who has several years' management experience and is appropriately qualified The project will be managed on a day to day basis by the Community Services Manager.</p> <p>To assist with managing the organisation WATCH uses a range of specialist business agencies such as Peninsula who advise on health and safety and human resource issues.</p> <p>WATCH is a community led organisation in receipt of several sources of public funds i.e. ESF, ESF Co-Finance, NRF, NSF, New Opportunities Fund. Over the past 12 months it is developed small income generating schemes which provide a small surplus on our annual accounts. It is the intention to convert these surpluses into reserves. For most of its larger funding sources e.g. ESF and NSF, Coventry City Council act as guarantor and for Co-Finance schemes the Co-Financing organisation acts as guarantor currently Learning & Skills Council and Job</p>								
Funding Details	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Lifetime Total
Action Plan Grant		£51,307	£80,605	£73,039	£75,244	£77,387	£70,551	£428,133
Public Sector	£55,551	£36,430	£55,728	£58,162	£60,347	£62,510	£55,674	£384,402
Private Sector								
Voluntary Sector	£14,877	£14,877	£14,877	£14,877	£14,877	£14,877	£14,877	£104,139
Total	£70,428	£102,614	£151,210	£146,078	£150,448	£154,774	£141,102	£916,674
Match is provided by the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund, Neighbourhood Support Fund, Voluntary time, and the Heart of England								
Outputs								
Forecast Outputs						Achievement Date		
Voluntary/Community Groups Supported				20	31/12/08			
Capacity Building Initiatives				19	31/12/08			
Events				9	31/12/08			
Newsletters				20	31/12/08			
Jobs Created				2	31/12/03			
Jobs Secured				1	31/12/03			