

The Pilot Programme

We want to run a pilot programme to test the feasibility of the Community Allowance and ensure that local people and local organisations can continue to shape its development.



A Community Allowance Pilot Programme

We are currently working on plans to pilot the Community Allowance. In September 2009 we asked community organisations who were interested in running the Community Allowance to contact us. We were delighted when 176 community organisations from across the UK contacted us to express an interest in being part of a pilot programme.

It was a challenge choosing just three to work with as there were so many inspiring and necessary project ideas put forward. However, we eventually chose three organisations to partner with for our first pilot and they are:

[Foresight](#) which will pilot the Community Allowance across North East Lincolnshire

[Learning Links](#) which will pilot the Community Allowance across Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight

[St Peter's Partnerships](#) which will pilot the Community Allowance across Tameside in Greater Manchester

With these partners, we submitted a [Right to Bid proposal](#) to the Department for Work and Pensions. The [Right to Bid scheme](#) was a fund that would enable any organisation to propose to the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) a new way of delivering any of its services. Unfortunately, in June 2010 the Right to Bid scheme was closed by the government. We are now actively fundraising to pilot the Community Allowance.

We are also in discussions with a number of Welfare to Work Providers to include the Community Allowance model in their Work Programme delivery – so that Welfare to Work providers can contract with local community based organisations to deliver the Community Allowance – creating local jobs and local community based services as an integrated part of Welfare to Work delivery. The Community Allowance provides an approach that will multiply the impact of existing money and resources that will be spent in local communities through The Work Programme.

If you are a Welfare to Work Provider or a community organisation interested in delivering the Community Allowance, find out more [here](#) or [contact us](#)