

What is the Fair Share Trust Programme?

The Fair Share Trust Programme (FST) is a grant programme to be targeted at designated areas. In Blackpool these areas are those of inner Blackpool, with special emphasis on the Integrated Neighbourhood Initiative areas (INIs). There are four areas – Claremont, Talbot and Brunswick, Central Drive and St Heliers. The target area has been decided by the Local Strategic Partnership and been agreed by the New Opportunities Fund.

The aims of the Fair Share Trust, nationally, are to

- Build capacity and sustainability in local communities, including support for community assets and planning and involvement in local regeneration
- Build social capital offering funding for local social developments, supporting job creation, skills development, social networks and community engagement in local organisations, activities and initiatives
- Improve the local environment, enabling communities to make it safer, healthier, greener, cleaner, better designed and more welcoming and accessible to all groups

Blackpool has £880,000 to spend by 2013.

The New Opportunities Fund (NOF) has asked the Community Foundation Network to distribute this money on a national level. However, as Blackpool does not have a community foundation CVS has been given the responsibility.

Who can apply?

- Voluntary, community and faith organisations

What types of projects can be funded?

The Local Panel has decided that the priorities for spending the money are as follows

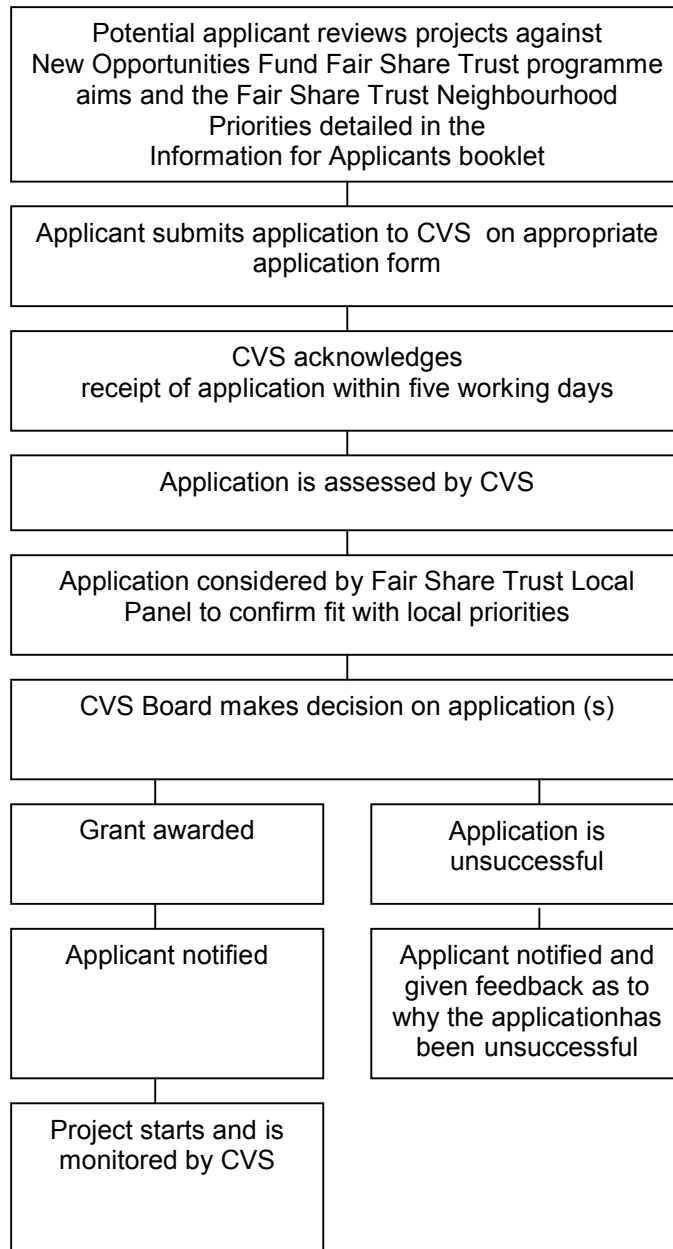
- To improve community pride and cohesion
- To reduce community crime and violence
- To improve the health of young people

Any project that is funded will have to meet these priorities, and the aims of the Fair Share Trust.

We will not fund large capital grants, although paint / desks and such like will be considered.

The maximum grant is £50,000 over three years.

Journey of an application



The projects funded by Fair Share so far are

Millennium Volunteers – the project will provide training for staff (and create a new part time post) in order to enable staff to offer one to one support to young people who require a deeper level of support. The worker will also provide support for young people to gain accredited qualifications.

Blackpool Boys and Girls Club - the project aims to recruit young people (8-12) from the beneficial area to engage in a youth group and also to attempt to get local people (and parents) involved in volunteering.

Progress Recruitment - this project will work with young disadvantaged people to aid them envisage their employment dreams.

Claremont West Family Centre - this project aims to provide a befriending scheme between older and younger parents, and also to provide parenting classes for young, and older, parents in the area.

Windmill Youth Group - this project will work with local young people to provide a three year Duke of Edinburgh Scheme. The project will also make use of local adults to volunteer with the scheme.

PC Recycle - this project will employ a member of staff who will take Millennium Volunteers and teach them how to wipe clean a computer and then prepare it for use.

Streetlife - this project aims to work with young homeless people and give them accredited training on an ad hoc basis, thus enabling them to participate more fully in society.