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Grant funding for Minority Communities

Minority Communities Diversity Forum

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A partnership approach

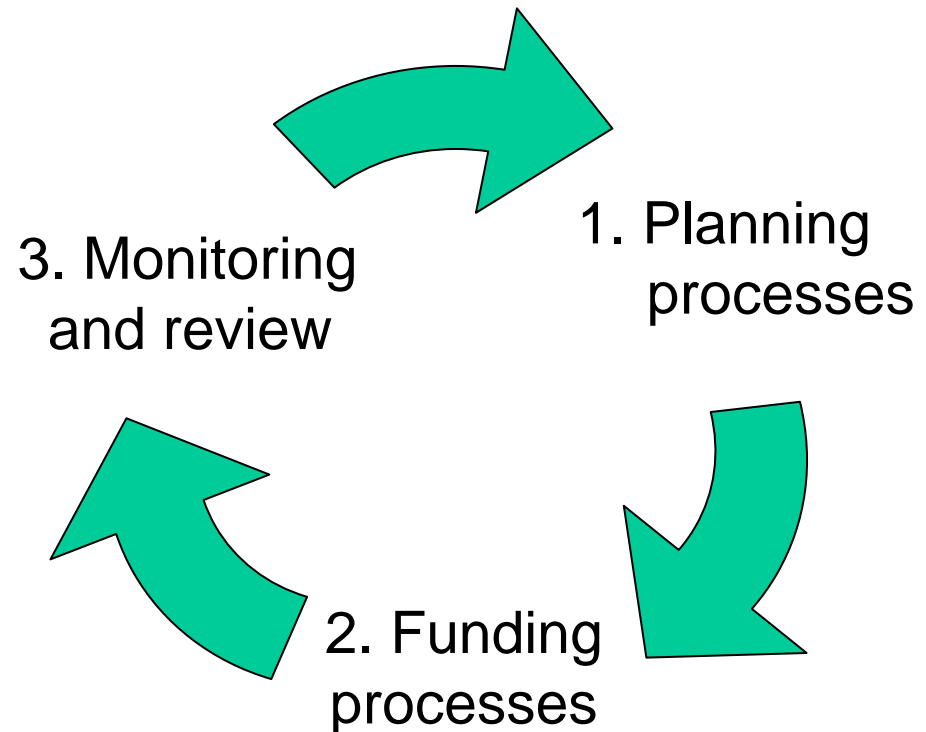
- **Compact** - partnership agreement to support positive relationships
 - Principles and commitments
 - Codes of practice: BME Groups, Community Groups, Funding and Procurement, Volunteering, Consultation and Policy Appraisal
 - National debate - strengthening the Compact
- **Key roles for the VCS**
 - Voice in policy development - helping to set the vision / strategy - **strengthening communities**
 - Planning - identifying needs, gaps in services - reaching marginalised communities – **e.g. support for older people with social care needs from the Indian communities**
 - Service Delivery - early intervention / prevention and **transforming public services**



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Planning to meet needs - a 'commissioning' approach

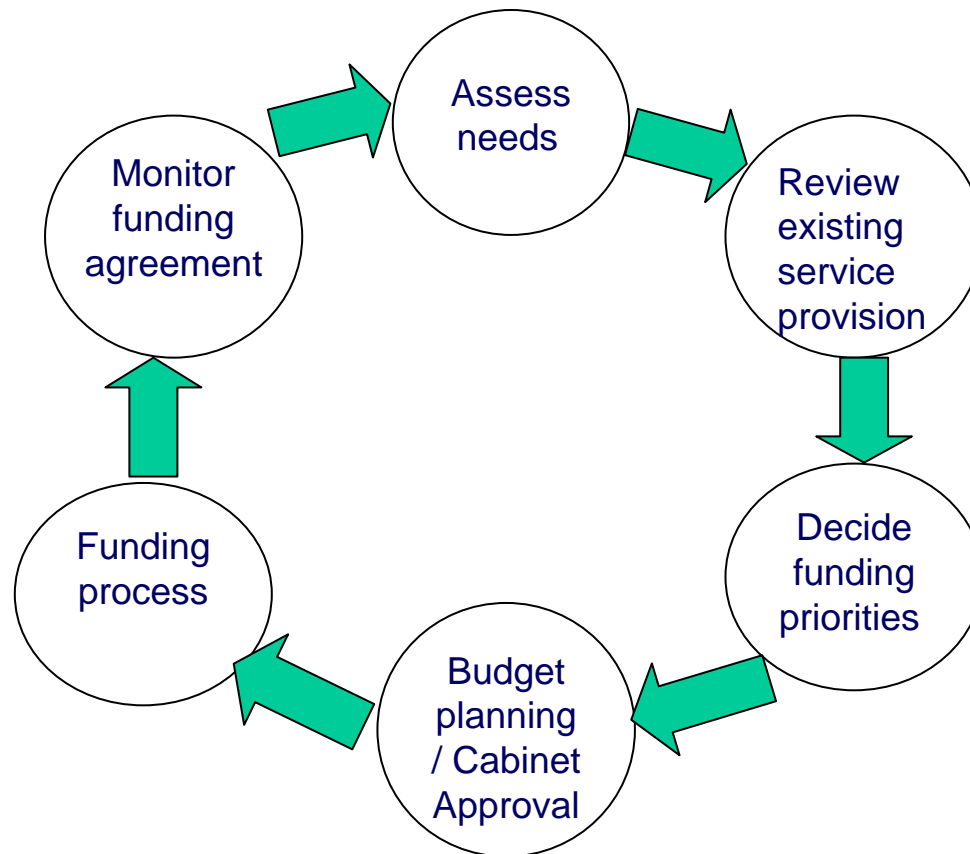
Planning,
funding and
monitoring
services - a
cycle





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A more detailed look at the process...



Council funding for minority communities

- **Grants Information Guide**
 - Community Grants Budget (CGB) – approx £600k
 - Adult Social Services Grant Funding – approx £800k
 - Total Corporate and Adult Services Grant Funding = approx £1.4m
- **Existing funding for BME groups**
 - Approx 23% of CGB funding goes to BME community groups
 - Significant numbers of people from BME backgrounds also access mainstream grant funded services
 - 56% of the funding to BME groups targets all BME communities; the remaining 44% targets specific BME communities (Indian, Pakistani, West Indian; Chinese; African; Polish; Ukrainian)
- **Equality Impact Assessment** - gaps identified for smaller / emerging communities - Derby Population, Migration and Community Profile (CSP)₅ gives a more detailed picture



Improving access to grant funded services

- Proposed changes to monitoring process
 - Improvements to recording of equality information
 - Recording of ethnicity - more detailed breakdown, reflecting emerging communities
 - Recording of language needs
 - Recording of faith
 - Needs to be user friendly and 'proportionate'
- Using information to improve access to grant funded services
 - Actions and targets to improve access to minority groups
 - Improved data will help inform priorities for new grant funding
 - Need to work alongside the CSP (Area and Neighbourhood Team and Community Cohesion Team) to identify grant funding priorities for minority communities

Grant funding opportunities

- Cabinet Report on Corporate and Adult Services Grant Funding for 2009/10 expected 17 Feb '09
- Health and Social Care Development Fund - small grants of up to £3k for one-off costs / short term projects - jointly funded with PCT - total fund £45k
- Possible extension of Older and Disabled People's Groups grant programme to increase the amount of funding available
- Other recommendations to make budgetary provision for new grant funding priorities in 2009/10, *but may not be affordable*
- Wider context of financial pressures across the Council - challenge of setting a balanced budget for 2009/10

How to apply for grant funding

- Application forms
 - Available from VCS Team or on Council web site www.derby.gov.uk/CommunityLiving/VoluntaryOrganisations
 - Forms recently updated - a standardised approach across the Council, but tailored to specific grant funding opportunities
- Guidance notes on completing the forms
- Contact VCS team with any queries:
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Over to you...

- Any questions?
- What do you think are the main priorities for grant funding for minority communities?
- How can we work better together to meet these needs?
- Any ideas for improving grant funding processes?