



## EU Programme for Peace and Reconciliation in Northern Ireland and the Border Region of Ireland 2007-2013

### “PEACE III SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME”

#### TERMS OF REFERENCE

##### 1. Introduction & Background

The main aims of the Peace III Programme are to reinforce progress towards a peaceful and stable society and to promote reconciliation by assisting operations and projects, which help to reconcile communities and contribute towards a shared future for everyone.

The three Councils of North Down, Ards and Down District have come together to play a more strategic role in the delivery of Peace III at a local level. The Councils, in partnership with statutory and social partners, have developed a local Peace Plan for the cluster. The Peace Plan will inform the delivery of financial support across the three Councils from Priority 1.1: *Building Positive Relations at a local Level*. This objective aims to challenge attitudes towards **sectarianism and racism** and support conflict resolution and mediation at the local community level.

The Peace III Plan for the cluster was founded on a transparent and inclusive planning process, which involved the community, key stakeholders and private, public and statutory organisations working within North Down, Ards and Down District. The nine Priority Themes within the Plan, outline the types of initiatives which will be supported in order to **tackle racism and sectarianism at a local level**.

European assistance totalling approximately £2.7 million has been secured by the cluster, and almost 40% of this award has been ring-fenced for small grants schemes under each of the nine Priorities. The maximum indicative award under the small grants scheme is £30,000. Successful projects will have to demonstrate that they can achieve the aims, objectives and outputs detailed below.

## 2. Theme VI: “Programmes which support representative, inclusive and effective decision making fora”

This section provides applicants with details of the types of projects, which may be supported.

<b>THEME 6</b>	<b>Programmes which support representative, inclusive and effective decision making fora</b>
NEED	Councils’ function to deliver the Peace III Action Plan is closely linked to their duty to deliver Good Relations and Community Planning. Therefore mechanisms/models which enable communities to build relationships and work towards a shared future for the region, should be supported. The Plan recognised that there were different forums and models of integrated working within each Council areas. The Plan acknowledged that these models may need support in advance of RPA.
PRACTICAL ACTIONS	<p>Programmes which would support representative, inclusive and effective decision making fora may include existing or new initiatives, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Those which would improve community engagement/participation and civic leadership</li> <li>• Research into existing models and how these may improved/adapted</li> <li>• Support for existing fora, which demonstrate a clear programme of activity which will challenge sectarianism and racism</li> <li>• Support for statutory sector involvement to improve service delivery at a local level</li> <li>• Those which would improve the quality of life at a local level.</li> </ul>
OUTCOMES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased representation/participation within and between communities/groups and workplaces</li> <li>• Improved service delivery and social and economic reconstruction at a local level</li> <li>• Improved community based mechanisms to influence policy/ processes.</li> <li>• Improved and inclusive community based mechanisms to influence community involvement to work towards a shared vision/ future</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve co-ordination and collaboration between groups/communities and agencies</li> <li>• Increased inclusion</li> </ul> <p>Completion of a minimum of two attitudinal surveys/focus groups/on-line surveys during the life of the project (at commencement and on completion)</p>
MONEY AVAILABLE	Small Grants £120,000 (maximum indicative award £30,000)
INDICATORS	<p>No of groups/communities involved</p> <p>Breakdown of groups/sectors involved (gender etc)</p> <p>No of statutory/voluntary/community groups/individuals participating.</p> <p>Improved services at a local level</p> <p>Improved co-ordination and efficiencies at a local level</p> <p>No of issues identified</p> <p>No of issues resolved</p> <p>Reduced tenancy turnover</p> <p>Reduction in anti-social behaviour</p> <p>Increased tenancy waiting lists</p> <p>Improved local environment</p>

### 3. Information for applicants

Applicants to Theme VI: are required to demonstrate how their proposal will support representative, inclusive and effective decision making fora in order to address racism and sectarianism.

Application forms and guidance notes can be downloaded from:

- SEUPB's web-site, [www.eugrants.org](http://www.eugrants.org).
- North Down, Ards and Down Councils web-sites or
- Hard copies of small grants application packs are available from the Peace III Manager, North Down Borough Council.

Small Grants application packs include:

- Terms of Reference
- A Small Grants Application form and
- Guidance notes for completion

Applicants are strongly advised to relate their application to the North Down, Ards and Down Council's Peace III Plan which is available on each of the three councils' websites (detailed at the end of this document).

Further information on the above can be obtained in the Peace III Operational Programme documents. To access these documents, please go to [www.eugrants.org](http://www.eugrants.org).

#### **4. The Application Process**

Full details of the application process can be found in the North Down, Ards and Down Councils, Small Grants Guidance notes.

Please send completed applications, marked with the relevant Theme, by post to: Jan Nixey, Manager, Peace III, C/o The Signal Centre of Business Excellence 2 Innotec Drive, Balloo Road, BANGOR, BT19 7PD.

Alternatively you may email completed application forms to the Peace III Manager, [jan.nixey@northdown.gov.uk](mailto:jan.nixey@northdown.gov.uk) However, a signed hard copy of the final application must be received by the closing date.

Applicants will be informed of the outcome of the assessment process within eight weeks of the closing date. Details of an appeals process are available on request.

#### **5. Closing Date**

The closing date for fully completed and signed applications is **4.30PM on FRIDAY 17th APRIL 2009**. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

#### **6. Further Information**

Should you require further information on this call or assistance in completing the application process, please do not hesitate to contact North Down Borough Council, Ards Borough Council or Down District Council;

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