

The Stockwell Urban II Community Initiative

Stockwell United



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The Stockwell Urban II Community Initiative or 'Stockwell United' is the name of a European Union fund awarded to our local community. It started in June 2002 and will be operating until the end of 2006. Over £6 million of funding is available for projects that will benefit people living in Stockwell and Larkhall wards, as well as on housing estates in the West and North Stockwell housing neighbourhoods that lie just outside Stockwell or Larkhall.

What can Stockwell United fund?

Any activity that comes under the broad heading of 'regeneration' may be eligible in principle. Below is a list of some examples of the types of activities that Stockwell United can fund. A more detailed list can be found in the Application Pack.

- Developing effective capacity with the community – support for community and voluntary sector organisations providing training and advice; the creation of community networks and partnerships; support for feasibility and research studies in the area.
- Developing community hubs - refurbishment of run down community premises; development of new community premises; improved access for the disabled: associated landscaping and environmental works.
- Developing an inclusive community - activities that help to breakdown cultural and linguistic barriers to employment; the promotion of cultural experience and learning; support for multi media and ICT innovation that address exclusion; support for minority ethnic networks; support for people with disabilities; promotion of intergenerational and intercultural activities.
- Developing a greener and sustainable neighbourhood - activities that increase or improve public or pedestrian space; promotion of the 'greening' of Stockwell; improvements to existing open green areas and parks; activities that reduce crime; promotion of healthier and environmentally aware lifestyles.
- Supporting local enterprise - support for business start-ups and existing enterprises; assistance with business plans and marketing strategies; activities that encourage job creation.
- Supporting employability - support for the provision of advice, learning, mentoring and ICT training to assist in accessing employment.

What activities can Stockwell United not fund?

- Activities that are a statutory obligation
- Activities of a political nature
- Activities that promote religious beliefs or that exclude people on religious grounds
- Activities of a commercial nature
- Housing development
- Any activity outside Larkhall and Stockwell wards (except on those estates that are part of West and North Stockwell housing neighbourhoods)

Who can apply for funding?

- Voluntary sector groups
- Community groups
- Not for profit companies
- Charitable Trusts
- Further and Higher Education institutions
- Organisations with charitable status

Who cannot apply for funding?

- Organisations whose projects do not benefit at least 80% of residents living in the Urban II area (see map)
- Individuals
- Political groups
- Profit making companies

How much funding can we get for our project?

You can submit a funding application for any amount but Urban II (ERDF) grant can only fund up to 50% of the costs of the project as a whole. You must find the other half - the Match Funding - of the project costs from other sources. Telephone George Wright or Claire Geary for details of bidding round deadlines.

What do we do next?

If you have an idea for a project which you think might be eligible for Urban II funding and would like to find out more or get an application pack contact:

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Map showing the Stockwell United Urban II area.

