

## Applying for Parents in the Lead Activities Fund? What you need to know...

Parents in the Lead activities fund is designed to help parents, grandparents and other adult carers run activities for themselves together with their babies and toddlers 0 – 4 years, with other families locally. Activities must mostly take place in BD3, BD4, or BD5.

There is a simple application form to be filled in by grand/parents (and those helping them) to tell us their ideas and what money is needed. Parents include dads, mums and grandparents and families expecting a baby.

### Activities should help 0-4's:

Develop social and emotional skills

Improve language and communication

Improve health and diet

### Examples of activities that could be run:

- ✓ Ante-natal classes that help expectant parents support each other before a baby is born
- ✓ Activities for very small babies and their parents, e.g. simple games, singing and signing
- ✓ A playgroup for dads and their 0-4's together
- ✓ Activities with grandparents, babies & toddlers together
- ✓ Planting or other outdoor activities with 0 – 4's and parents

### Case Study

Some members of our antenatal group who live near each other in Barkerend want to continue to meet now our babies have been born. This is for mutual support and to start baby sign language classes, once we have learned sign language ourselves. The activities fund would allow us to pay for someone to teach us baby sign language and to lead the first month of sessions.

### You may have completely different ideas!

#### Money available:

Your group can apply for a maximum of **£2,500** in one year. You can apply more than once a year, perhaps for two different projects, but the limit is **£2,500**.

**So please only ask for what you need.**



## Deadlines to apply:

There are four deadlines throughout the year by which applications should be received:

28 March

30 June

30 September

31 December

## Help:

Come to one of our Spark sessions and talk to us about your amazing ideas. We can help you complete an application form or you may be able to get help from a school or community group that you know.



Let us know if your group does not have a bank account and we will help you look for another group to hold your funding. You can ask for some money in your application to pay an organisation to support you to make your ideas happen.

## Keeping your babies and toddlers safe:

We will run a session for all successful groups about keeping adults and children safe, which we will need someone to come along to. This will be part of an event where you can meet other groups doing similar things and can all sign up to get your money.

## Decisions:

The Panel will meet within 2 - 3 weeks of a deadline. We will contact you with any questions so we understand what you are planning. If successful we will invite you to a meeting to sign your agreement, so you can get your funding. **Your activities won't be able to start until this has been done.**

## When your funded activities end:

We need to know who took part (different ages, female/ male, different ethnicities, where people live), how well your activities worked, what lessons you learned and how you spent the money. We have an End of Project Report that you will need to fill in to tell us this.

## Any questions?

If you have any questions, please contact us on 01274 723146 or by email to [sheila@bradfordtrident.co.uk](mailto:sheila@bradfordtrident.co.uk) and [lizzie@bradfordtrident.co.uk](mailto:lizzie@bradfordtrident.co.uk).

## Top Tips:

- Show your filled in form to someone who knows nothing about your ideas to see if it makes sense.
- Tell us how you know there is a need for what you plan to do.
- Tell us about any big costs and how they fit into what you are planning.