



Cabinet Office



What is the Local Sustainability Fund?

The **Local Sustainability Fund (LSF)** is a fund to support the sustainability of high-impact voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) organisations and is being delivered by the Big Lottery Fund.

The fund comprises **£20 million of government funding** and is available to **medium sized VCSE organisations** (income £100,000 - £1.5million p.a.), which deliver vital services to the **vulnerable and disadvantaged**.

How do I apply?

There are two stages to the application process



Stage 1



Complete the free diagnostic tool and the LSF eligibility checker, both of which will be open from Thursday 25th June 2015. More information at: <http://vcsediagnostic.org.uk/>



The diagnostic tool will **automatically generate a sustainability report** once you have reached the end of its questions



Submit your report to the Big Lottery Fund as instructed on screen

Submit



Closing date for submissions is **Sunday 26th July 2015** at midnight



Stage 2



You will be **notified in early September** if you have been shortlisted to make a second stage application



If you are **shortlisted** you will be invited to make a more detailed application, which you will be required to do with the help of an expert advisor



You will also need to **identify a local business or businesses** that would be willing to advise you and contribute volunteering time to your organisation, should you receive funding



Closing date for second-stage applications will be **October**



Regional panels will then assess your sustainability reports

You will be notified in **early 2016** if you have been successful.

The first grant payments will be made in **March 2016**