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Summary

On the 7 August 2006 HM Treasury announced details of the ninth annual bidding round of the Invest to Save – Inclusive Communities Budget (ISB). FRAs are invited to bid for a share of this £13.5m budget. All bids need to be submitted by 12 noon on the 27 October 2006.

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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 On the 7 August 2006 HM Treasury announced details of the ninth annual bidding round of the Invest to Save – Inclusive Communities Budget (ISB).
- 1.2 The ISB encourages new and joined-up ways of working by providing funding for pilot projects that develop innovative approaches to service delivery, bringing together local authorities and third sector organisations in partnership to deliver more efficient and effective public services that are responsive to the needs of local people.

2.0 Criteria

- 2.1 This round is aimed at partnership projects involving local authorities and third sector organisations. These encompass voluntary and community organisations, charities, social enterprises, cooperatives and mutuals. Projects should be aimed at:
- Developing the third sector's role in service delivery and building fairer communities – projects that deliver cash release efficiency savings; and
 - Projects that are consistent and aligned with the delivery of Local Area Agreements (LAAs) and Community Strategies.
- 2.2 Within this framework, special consideration will be given to projects focused on:
- reducing health inequalities within local communities;
 - reducing crime and improving community safety;
 - services for children and young people; and
 - employment and training opportunities, particularly within Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) communities.
- 2.3 Details of the full bidding criteria and guidance together with Q&A can be found at <http://www.isb.gov.uk/hmt.isb.application.2/>

3.0 Funding

- 3.1 Up to £13.5m is available to fund these innovative partnership projects and all FRAs are eligible to submit bids.

4.0 Deadline

- 4.1 The deadline for submitting bids is 12.00 on the 27 October 2006. Expressions of interest should be e-mailed to invest.save@hm-treasury.gov.uk, on the correct proforma.

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- 4.2 Please let myself or Alan M Turnbull know if you intend to submit a bid or want to discuss any proposals. Please also ensure we are copied in on any Expressions of Interest you submit. These can be copied to:

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