

For further information and an opportunity to speak in more detail to the grant leads for each of the grants please feel free to attend one of our grant information sessions planned around the county. These are a good way to talk through any issues and find out more about support available to you:

Date	Time	Venue
<b>Thurs 25th March</b>	10:00am	Redditch Town Hall
<b>Mon 29th March</b>	10:00am	St Peters Baptist Church, Worcester
<b>Thurs 1st April</b>	10:00am	Prospect View Health Centre, Malvern

Please note these are not drop in sessions and therefore to receive all the information attendance will be required from 10 am.

In addition to the grants, information on the **Connections to Opportunities** funding will also be available at these events. The award of £880,000 has come from Advantage West Midlands and the council is the first in the country to have made a successful bid. VCS groups can apply for funds to deliver projects at ground level for those people furthest from unemployment in the most deprived areas of the county. Please note this is a separate funding stream and deadlines for this will differ.

### How do I submit an application for round 5 grants?

If you would like to submit an application the deadline is **4pm Friday 30th April**. Applications can be hand delivered to reception at County Hall or posted via recorded delivery to the address below:

**County Council Grant Application, Community Leadership,  
County Hall, Spetchley Road, Worcester, WR5 2NP**

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# The fifth round of the County Council grants will be launched on

**Monday, March 1st, 2010**

We are giving grants to support the voluntary and community sector organisations in Worcestershire whose activities contribute towards identified outcomes for the community.

## Whats available in round 5?

In round 5 we are offering a strategic grant for 3 year activity:

### **Supporting People: Mentoring Support Project for Vulnerable People**

This strategic grant will provide essential mentoring support for vulnerable people who are in need of housing related support (with a specific focus on people who are known to the criminal justice system). You will be expected to work throughout the County, responding to need with support from Worcestershire Supporting People and West Mercia Probation Trust. A total fund of £225,000 is available for organisations to apply for, preferably in a single grant.

Funding available for successful organisation from July 2010

We are also offering two community grants for one year/one off activity

**First Base Arts:** Grants to help VCS organisations to show how the arts can have a positive impact by bringing communities together and for communities to take an active and participatory role in the arts.

A maximum of £500 can be applied for and money will be available for successful organisations from July 2010

**Celebrating Diversity:** Grant to help VCS organisations celebrate diversity through raising knowledge and understanding and encouraging interaction e.g. a celebration day in the community.

A maximum of £1,000 can be applied for and money will be available for successful organisations from July 2010.

Please be aware that organisations applying must supply details of a bank account in the name of the organisation and a copy of their constitution to be considered. If you need to find out more about this or need support in getting a constitution for your organisation please contact the Worcestershire Infrastructure Consortium by calling **Hasna Sheriff on 01684 312742 or email [hasnahs@comfirst.org.uk](mailto:hasnahs@comfirst.org.uk)**

## Where can I find out more?

For background information on the Voluntary and Community sector grants scheme and information on when funding is available throughout the year please visit our web pages

**[www.worcestershire.gov.uk/voluntary](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/voluntary) here you can find:**

- **Details of how to apply and supporting guidance**
- **Examples of past successful projects**
- **Further support for your organisation**

