

Your chance to make a difference

■ Readers' votes will decide how good causes share £250,000 of Big Lottery Fund cash

FOR a fortnight from today, Lancashire Telegraph readers have the chance to help 17 worthy Lancashire causes get a share of £250,000 worth of lottery cash.

In June we invited grant applications after reporting that we had teamed up with the Big Lottery Fund to give out the money across the newspaper's readership area.

Almost 70 organisations answered the call and applied for grants of between £10,000 and £30,000.

Now a shortlist of 17 projects has been drawn up and it is revealed here for the first time.

Dharmendra Kanani, Big Lottery Fund England Director said: "We've had an amazing response from local community organisations hoping for their share of Lottery funding."

"Now is the time to get ready to vote for your favourites."

"Through our partnership with the Lancashire Telegraph, we want you to help us decide where £250,000 goes to support projects which will deliver the spirit, imagination and aspirations of local people and communities. Let's get ready to see people powered change in action."

Over the next two weeks, starting today, readers will have the chance to vote for their



favourite project out of the 17 which will be profiled.

Readers must follow instructions and use the form below.

The form will be printed each night until September 21.

After the votes are counted successful groups selected to receive Lancashire Telegraph Community Cash Awards will be revealed during the week beginning September 30.



The line-up of shortlisted bids is:

- 1 Age UK Lancashire Burnley (£17,452)**
For a community garden as an extension of specialist Dementia Day Support Service
- 2 Audley Community School (£27,580)**
With two other junior schools to redevelop land to create habitats for children to learn about the natural environment
- 3 Clitheroe Youth Forum (£30,000)**
For a relaxing fishing lake designed and created with Pendle View Fisheries by and for young people of all ages and disabilities
- 4 Burnley Home Improvement Agency (£26,828)**
To provide a service to enhance the home security of vulnerable people to reduce crime and make them feel safer
- 5 Community Solutions North West (£19,982)**
To further develop a food-bank with a difference in Burnley using trained volunteers to supply provisions and help clients
- 6 Crossroads East Lancashire (£12,581)**
To set up in Blackburn with Darwen a singing group for those living with dementia and their carers and offer support
- 7 Proffitts CIC (£20,000)**
Rossendale project working with wounded ex-armed forces personnel and the local community to take part in mountain biking activities
- 8 Travel Assist Services (£10,120)**
To provide affordable, professional, accessible community transport for elderly and disabled people across East Lancashire
- 9 Rhyddings B and E School (£27,000)**
To buy range of specialist bikes for disabled and able bodied people of all ages to enable them to become more active
- 10 Rossendale and Pendle Mountain Rescue Team (£30,000)**
Funding to replace their crucial search control vehicle used in searches and rescues
- 11 St Mary's CE Primary School, Rawtenstall (£18,160)**
To establish an outdoor parent/toddler group within an enclosed safe woodland area of school grounds
- 12 Alltogether Social Trust (£15,380)**
Helping Hands Project in Blackburn and Darwen to alleviate the effects disability can have on the whole family
- 13 Sophie Lancaster Foundation (£29,000)**
Extend anti-bullying and violent prejudice project to encompass school pupils aged from 7 to 19 (25 if vulnerable)
- 14 Youth Action Enterprise, Blackburn (£27,417)**
Help young people to consider setting up their own business as an alternative to other forms of employment
- 15 Early Break (£30,000)**
Early intervention, street-based drug/alcohol help service for under 21s to be delivered as outreach service across East Lancashire
- 16 Under 17s Motor Club (£16,875)**
To help educate young riders and drivers by road safety education to 13-15 year-olds in schools and 14-19s in youth groups
- 17 East Lancs Hospice (£13,500)**
Replace old, unreliable van used to collect donations, deliver goods to its furniture shop, dispose of rubbish and take donations to shops



TIME TO VOTE



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It's now over to you to consider how Lottery funding could make a difference to the lives of local people to transform the local environment through schemes that will improve amenities, public and green spaces, building or the natural environment.

Simply fill in the coupon below and include the name and reference number of the project you feel will have the biggest impact for the community

PROJECTS TO VOTE FOR:

- 1 Age UK Lancashire
- 2 Audley Community Junior School
- 3 Clitheroe Youth Forum
- 4 Burnley Home Improvement Agency
- 5 Community Solutions North West
- 6 Crossroads in East Lancashire

I WISH TO VOTE FOR PROJECT (name here)(number here)

Name Address.....

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Postcode Telephone.....

Mobile Email

Your completed coupon must be received no later than September 25, 2013 and should be sent to: FREEPOST RTRT-LAXA-HUSU Community Foundation for Lancashire 1 St James Square The Globe Centre ACCRINGTON BB5 0RE



RULES: The closing date is September 25. Entries received after this date will not be counted. All entries must be received on an original coupon completed in full and no copies or duplicates will be accepted. We may use the information you give us to verify the validity of your vote but the address will not be used for any other purposes. The decision on the vote count is final and no correspondence can be entered into. The Big Lottery Fund has final approval over the award of grants to the projects which have received the most public support. In the event that the outcome of voting cannot be reasonably determined because of fraud or other irregularities beyond the control of the Lancashire Telegraph and Big Lottery Fund, then all or part of the vote may be cancelled, declared invalid or postponed and the Big Lottery Fund's decision will be final as to which projects (if any) to offer grants. Further information is available at www.biglotteryfund.org.uk Usual Lancashire Telegraph rules apply. Log onto www.newsquest.co.uk/terms Winners will be announced in this newspaper by October 5, 2013.