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## Grassroots Grants now available to more Community Projects

February 2009 – The Government have increased the threshold that allows local, voluntary community projects to apply for the Grassroots Grants from the original income threshold of £20,000 to £30,000.

Warrington Council for Voluntary Service is one of only 67 funders that have been given access to the Grassroots Grants scheme, and over 30 organisations have benefited within the Warrington community so far.

Nigel Bacon, Chief Executive of Warrington Council for Voluntary Service adds, “This is great news for the community as we are now able to accept applications from community projects that weren’t eligible before, which means more people benefit.”

The Grassroots Grants is a three-year programme funded by the Office of the Third Sector and comes in two parts: a small grants fund and an endowment match challenge that enables local funders to generate extra money for endowments on a matched basis.

If you know of a community project that could benefit from a Grassroots Grant, then please visit [www.warringtoncvs.org.uk](http://www.warringtoncvs.org.uk) to find out more about how to apply.

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### NOTE TO EDITORS

#### **About Warrington Council for Voluntary Service (CVS)**

Warrington CVS has existed for nearly 100 years. During that time Warrington Council for Voluntary Service has developed and adapted to serve the needs and promote the work of the voluntary sector in Warrington and its surrounding areas. Warrington CVS offers a range of help, support and services to local community and voluntary groups to enable them to carry out their work, achieve their aims and become more effective.



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### **About Warrington Grassroots Endowment Fund**

In Summer 2008 Warrington CVS was chosen to launch the Grassroots Grants fund in Warrington and the local area. This is Government money to provide small grants to small and local voluntary, community and faith groups.

Community and voluntary groups from Warrington with an income of £30k or less a year are invited to apply for up to £5k over 3 years. Applications are assessed by an independent local panel and grants are awarded based on the information provided in the application.

The programme has 2 elements, a small Grants Fund for applications between £250 and £5000 and an endowment scheme. Warrington CVS is actively working to set-up an endowment scheme through approaching businesses and individuals within the community to donate and invest to ensure that the award grants continues post-2011.

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