Community First, Neighbourhood Match Fund Project Survey Year 3

A) FINDING OUT ABOUT COMMUNITY FIRST

First we'd like to ask you some questions about how you became aware of Community First

Ask all

QA 1

How did you <u>first</u> find out about Community First?

SINGLE CODE
RANDOMISE ORDER

1. Another community/voluntary organisation
2. An online advertisement (specify)
3. Local newspaper or newsletter (specify)
4. Another organisation (e.g. the local council)
5. A member of your local community
6. Word of mouth (specify)
7. Local Community First Panel website
8. A Panel member directly
9. Other (specify)

QA 2

Did you look for any further information about Community First before deciding to apply for funding?

SINGLE CODE

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know

Ask if QA2 = Yes (code 1)

QA 3

Which, if any, of the following sources have you used to find out more about Community First?

MULTICODE
RANDOMISE ORDER 1-5

1. Local Community First Panel website
2. A Panel member directly
3. Community Development Foundation (CDF)
4. Local council

5. Another community/voluntary organisation
6. Other (specify)

Ask if QA3 = Panel website (code 1)

QA 4

Overall, how useful, if at all, did you find the information from the Panel website?

SINGLE CODE, REVERSE 1-4

1. Very useful
2. Fairly useful
3. Not very useful
4. Not at all useful
5. Don't know

Ask if QA3 = A Panel member directly (code 2)

QA 5

Overall, how useful, if at all, did you find the information from the Panel member?

SINGLE CODE, REVERSE 1-4

1. Very useful
2. Fairly useful
3. Not very useful
4. Not at all useful
5. Don't know

B) ABOUT YOU & YOUR GROUP/PROJECT

The following questions will help us understand a little more about you and your group/project.

Ask all

QB 1

QB4

Have you finished the activity or project that was funded through the Community First Panel?

SINGLE CODE

1. Yes, it's finished
2. No, it's currently happening
3. No, it hasn't happened yet
4. Don't know

QB2

QB2_New

SINGLE CODE

Which of the following best describes the type of project that received Community First funding?

1. A one-off event, activity or project (e.g. a street party, music concert)
2. An on-going activity (e.g. a sports club, skills training programme)
3. Don't know

QB3

QB3_New

SINGLE CODE

And which <u>one</u> of the following <u>best</u> describes your project...?

1. We <u>have</u> done this type of thing (or similar) before <u>without</u> Community First funding
2. We <u>have</u> done this type of thing (or similar) before <u>with</u> Community First funding
3. We <u>haven't</u> done this type of thing (or similar) before
4. Don't know

QB4

QB4_New

SINGLE CODE

Was the <u>group</u> running the project set up to apply for Community First funding (i.e. a new group) or was it already in existence before applying for Community First funding (i.e. an existing group)?

1. Group was set up to apply for Community First funding
2. Group already existed before applying for Community First funding
3. Don't know

QB5

QB5_New

SINGLE CODE

How likely, if at all, is your group to continue working together after the end of this project?

1. Certain to
2. Very likely
3. Fairly likely
4. Not very likely
5. Not at all likely
6. Don't know

Ask if **QB4_New** = *Already existed before applying for funding through Community First (code 2)*

QB6

QB6_New

SINGLE CODE

How many times, if at all, has your group applied for grant funding prior to applying for funding through the Community First programme?

1. Never
2. Once
3. Twice
4. 3 times
5. 4 times
6. 5 times
7. 6 times or more
8. Don't know

Ask if **QB6_New** = *codes 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7*

QB7

QB7_New

And how many times, if at all, has your group been <u>successful</u> when applying for grant funding prior to applying for funding through the Community First programme?

SINGLE CODE

1. Never
2. Once
3. Twice
4. 3 times
5. 4 times
6. 5 times
7. 6 times or more
8. Don't know

QB8

QB8_New

How many times have you personally applied for funding through the Community First programme?

SINGLE CODE

a) with this group
b) with other groups

   1. Never
   2. Once
   3. Twice
   4. 3 times
   5. 4 times
   6. 5 times
   7. 6 times or more
   8. Don't know

QB9

QB9_New

SINGLE CODE

Thinking about <u>all</u> of the applications you have made for Community First funding (with any group), how many times have you been successful?

   1. Never
   2. Once
   3. Twice
   4. 3 times
   5. 4 times
   6. 5 times
   7. 6 times or more
   8. Don't know

QB10

QB10_New

SINGLE CODE

To what extent has your experience of applying for Community First funding encouraged you to apply for funding from other sources?

   1. To a great extent
   2. To some extent
   3. Hardly at all
   4. Not at all
   5. Don't know

QB11

QB11_New

Why do you say that?

Please type in below:

DO NOT FORCE RESPONSE

OPEN RESPONSE

[   ]

Ask if **QB4 = *Finished or ongoing (code 1 or 2)***

QB12

QB5

Thinking again about the project that received Community First funding, have you submitted the online monitoring form to CDF?
SINGLE CODE

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know

Ask if **QB4 = *Finished or ongoing (code 1 or 2)***

QB13

QB6

Have you provided details of your project and/or photographs for the Panel website?

SINGLE CODE

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know

Ask if QB13 = No (code 2)

QB14

QB7

Why is that?

SINGLE CODE

1. We weren't aware we needed to

2. We are not able to because of the nature of our project
3. We still plan to do so
4. Other (specify)
5. Don't know

Ask all

QB8

Did your project involve people...?

- **Participating in the activities who have not been involved in similar activities before**

- **Helping to run the activities who have not helped to run similar activities before**

SINGLE CODE FOR EACH

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know

QB9

And to what extent, if at all, do you think your project will encourage people who have not been involved in similar activities before to...?

- **Participate in this type of activity in the future**

- **Help run this type of activity in the future**

SINGLE CODE FOR EACH

1. A great extent
2. To some extent
3. Hardly at all
4. Not at all
5. Don't know

QB10

Most projects seem to fall into one or more of the following categories – which does yours fit into? Please select all the options that apply

MULTI CODE OK
RANDOMISE 1-7

1. Improve, repair, replace equipment and facilities
2. Connect people together – e.g. neighbours, residents, families, vulnerable people etc
3. Encourage people to volunteer, donate or participate in the community
4. Encourage people to be active and healthy – e.g. sports, dance, healthy eating etc

5. Help people to learn – e.g. culture, music, drama, cooking, gardening, languages, job skills etc
6. Improve the environment and encourage interaction with local surroundings – e.g. greening, neighbourhood watch, decorating, public art etc
7. Addressing unemployment and financial hardship
8. Other (specify)
9. None of the above

QB11

Which of the following issues did your project cover?

MULTI CODE OK 1-10

RANDOMISE

1. Finance / income, employment, local business
2. Housing
3. Education and skills
4. Health and care
5. Crime and safety
6. Environment
7. Involving vulnerable or excluded people
8. Digital access and skills
9. Wellbeing
10. Changes to local services
11. None of these

Intro text to appear on same page as QB19

The Community Organisers programme is a national training programme in community organising. Community Organisers, trained by Locality and funded by the Office for Civil Society, work to build relationships in communities to activate people and create social and political change through collective action.

QB19

As far as you know, is there a Community Organiser working in the area covered by your Community First Panel?

SINGLE CODE

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know

Ask if QB19 = yes (code 1)

QB20

And have you personally had any interaction with the Community Organiser (e.g. have you met or talked with them)?

SINGLE CODE

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know

C) GRANT FUNDING AND DECISION MAKING

The following questions ask about the grant application process.

Ask all

QC1

Were you involved in the process of applying for grant funding through the Community First Panel?

SINGLE CODE

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know

Ask if QC1 = 1

QC2

What were the different steps required for your group to apply for grant funding?

Please select all that apply:

MULTI CODE OK

1. Written application
2. Presentation
3. Dragon's Den-style application
4. Interview
5. Informal discussion
6. Online application to your local Panel
7. Other (specify)
8. Don't know

Ask if QC1 = 1

QC3

Overall, how easy or difficult did you find the application process?

SINGLE CODE, REVERSE 1-5

1. Very easy
2. Fairly easy
3. Neither easy nor difficult
4. Fairly difficult

5. Very difficult
6. Don't know

Ask if QC1 = 1

QC4

QC4_New

Please think about each aspect of the grant application process. Did you receive support from any of the following sources?

Please choose all that apply.

MULTI CODE OK

Side of grid
   a) **Help with developing the idea for your project**
   b) **Help completing online forms**
   c) **Help in writing your application**
   d) **Help identifying the matched funding part of your application**
   e) **Other support**

Top of grid
   1. Panel members
   2. Community Development Foundation (CDF)
   3. The Panel Partner
   4. Local council
   5. Another community/voluntary organisation
   6. Friend/family
   7. A Community Organiser
   8. Another source
   9. We did not receive any support with this aspect
   10. Don't know

Ask if **QC4_New = Yes for Panel members**

QC5

Overall, how useful, if at all, was the support you received from Panel members?

SINGLE CODE, REVERSE 1-4

   1. Very useful
   2. Fairly useful
   3. Not very useful
   4. Not at all useful
   5. Don't know

Ask if **QC4_New = any support received**

QC6

What additional support, if any, would your group have liked to receive?

Please type in below:

OPEN RESPONSE

[   ]

Now we would like you to think about the funding you received.

Ask all

QC7

Which of the following have the funding and matched resources helped you to do (or will help you to do) through the project?

MULTI CODE OK

1. Continue to do what you already do (e.g. to pay for ongoing expenses or equipment hire)
2. Do more of what you already do (e.g. including more people/new types of people in an activity or extending the hours you offer)
3. Improve the quality of what you already do (e.g. hire better equipment or invest in training for volunteers/staff)
4. Begin completely new activities (e.g. organising a one-off community event or starting a new community scheme)
5. Don't know

QC8

Do you think the project would have happened without Community First funding?

Please choose all that apply.

MULTI CODE FOR CODES 1-5; SINGLE CODE FOR CODES 6-8

1. Yes, with funding from other sources
2. Yes, but it would have taken longer
3. Yes, but on a smaller scale
4. Yes, but not to the same standard as with the funding
5. Yes, but we would have run the project differently
6. No, probably not
7. No, definitely not
8. Don't know

QC9

And which of these options do you think would have been <u>most likely</u> had you not received Community First funding?

Please choose one option only.

SINGLE CODE ONLY

1. The project would have happened with funding from other sources
2. The project would have happened, but it would have taken longer
3. The project would have happened, but on a smaller scale
4. The project would have happened, but not to the same standard as with the funding
5. The project would have happened, but we would have run the project differently
6. Don't know

QC10

QC11

As you know, each group/project has to put forward "matched funding" to be eligible for Community First funding. This matched element can be in volunteer hours, cash or services in kind.

We are interested to understand the extent to which any volunteer hours, cash or services in kind put forward by groups/projects as part of their matched element are entirely new. Examples include:

- **New money raised specifically for the funded project**

- **Extra volunteering hours that would otherwise not have been given**

- **Services in kind that otherwise would not have been given**

How much, if any, of the matched funding element of your application was new?

SINGLE CODE

1. All of it
2. Most of it
3. About half of it
4. Hardly any of it
5. None of it
6. Don't know

D) IMPACT OF THE COMMUNITY FIRST PROGRAMME

The following questions ask about the impact of the Community First Programme in your local area

Ask all

QD1

Thinking back to <u>before you applied for funding through the Community First programme</u>, how much, if anything, would you say you knew about each of the following...? Please answer using a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 is 'Nothing at all' and 10 is 'A great deal'.

SINGLE CODE FOR EACH

The organisations and people that have influence in your local area
How to organise events and activities to address local needs
The needs and aspirations of other people in the local area

1. 0 – Nothing at all
2. 1
3. 2
4. 3
5. 4
6. 5
7. 6
8. 7
9. 8
10. 9
11. 10 - A great deal
12. Don't know

QD2

And how much, if anything, would you say you know about each of the following <u>now</u>...? Please answer using a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 is 'Nothing at all' and 10 is 'A great deal'.

SINGLE CODE FOR EACH

The organisations and people that have influence in your local area
How to organise events and activities to address local needs
The needs and aspirations of other people in the local area

1. 0 – Nothing at all
2. 1
3. 2
4. 3
5. 4
6. 5
7. 6
8. 7
9. 8
10. 9
11. 10 - A great deal
12. Don't know

QD3

QD3_New

Thinking back to <u>before you applied for funding through the Community First programme</u>, how confident were you with each of the following...? Please answer using a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 is 'Not at all confident' and 10 is 'Extremely confident'.

SINGLE CODE FOR EACH

Finding sources of grant funding
Developing and presenting ideas for projects
Making a successful funding application
Using websites and other IT
Getting involved with community activities

1. 0 – Not at all confident
2. 1
3. 2
4. 3
5. 4
6. 5
7. 6
8. 7
9. 8
10. 9
11. 10 – Extremely confident
12. Don't know

QD4

QD4_New

And how confident are you with each of the following <u>now</u>...? Please answer using a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 is 'Not at all confident' and 10 is 'Extremely confident.

SINGLE CODE FOR EACH

Finding sources of grant funding
Developing and presenting ideas for projects
Making a successful funding application
Using websites and other IT
Getting involved with community activities

1. 0 – Not at all confident
2. 1
3. 2
4. 3
5. 4
6. 5
7. 6
8. 7
9. 8
10. 9
11. 10 – Extremely confident
12. Don't know

QD5
For each of the following, please indicate whether you think this has become more or less common in the local area since the Community First programme began, or whether it is about the same.

SINGLE CODE FOR EACH

RANDOMISE

- <u>New</u> people taking part in local groups, events and activities (i.e. those who have not taken part before)
- People <u>generally</u> taking part in local groups, events and activities
- Strong links between different local organisations and groups
- People aware of and acting on their rights
- People are able to say what they think needs to change in their area
- People feel proud of their neighbourhood
- People have the skills to organise activities and projects for themselves and others in the neighbourhood
- People trust each other
- New community groups being set up

1. Much more common
2. A bit more common
3. Stayed the same
4. A bit less common
5. Much less common
6. Don't know

Ask if **QD5_New = *More common (codes 1 or 2) for any***

QD6

Overall, to what extent, if at all, do you think the positive changes in the local area are as a result of the Community First programme?

SINGLE CODE

1. To a great extent
2. To some extent
3. Hardly at all
4. Not at all
5. Don't know

Ask if **QD5_New = *Less common (codes 4 or 5) for any***

QD7

Overall, to what extent, if at all, do you think the negative changes in the local area are as a result of the Community First programme?

SINGLE CODE

1. To a great extent
2. To some extent
3. Hardly at all
4. Not at all

5. Don't know

QD8

QD8_New

We would like to know what groups/projects who have received Community First funding think about the future for their local area after the Community First programme has come to an end. Are there any comments you would like to make about the future of your area after Community First finishes?

DO NOT FORCE RESPONSE

OPEN RESPONSE

[   ]

QD9

QD8

Are there any other comments you would like to add about the Community First programme? If so, please write in below.

DO NOT FORCE RESPONSE

OPEN RESPONSE

[   ]

E) INFORMATION ABOUT YOU

This section asks a few short questions about you and your background, which will allow us to understand the types of people applying for funding through Community First Panels. Any information you provide will be treated in the strictest confidence and will not be used to identify you. These questions are being asked in line with the latest equalities legislation, but if you do not wish to answer a question please select "prefer not to say".

Ask all

QE1

What was your age on your last birthday?

SINGLE CODE

1. 16-24
2. 25-34
3. 35-44
4. 45-54
5. 55-64
6. 65-74
7. 75-84
8. 85+
9. Prefer not to say

QE2

Are you...?

SINGLE CODE

1. Male
2. Female
3. Prefer not to say

QE3

What is your ethnic group?

SINGLE CODE

White
1. English / Welsh / Scottish / Northern Irish / British
2. Irish
3. Gypsy or Irish Traveller
4. Any other White background (specify)

Mixed / multiple ethnic groups
5. White and Black Caribbean
6. White and Black African
7. White and Asian
8. Any other Mixed / multiple ethnic background (specify)

Asian / Asian British
9. Indian
10. Pakistani
11. Bangladeshi

12. Chinese
13. Any other Asian background (specify)

   Black / African / Caribbean / Black British
14. African
15. Caribbean
16. Any other Black / African / Caribbean background (specify)

   Other ethnic group
17. Arab
18. Any other ethnic group (specify)

19. Don't know
20. Prefer not to say

QE4

What is your work status?

SINGLE CODE

1. Employee in full time job (30 hours or more per week)
2. Employee in part time job (less than 30 hours per week)
3. Self employed - full or part time
4. Government supported training (e.g. Modern apprenticeship / Training for work)
5. Unemployed and available for work
6. Permanently retired from work
7. Full-time or part time education (i.e. at school, college or university)
8. Looking after family / home
9. Permanently sick / disabled
10. Other (specify)
11. Don't know
12. Prefer not to say

QE5

Please indicate the <u>highest</u> educational or professional qualification that you have obtained to date, if any?

SINGLE CODE

1. GCSE/O Level/CSE
2. Vocational qualifications (=NVQ1+2)
3. A Level or equivalent (=NVQ3)
4. Bachelor degree or equivalent (=NVQ4)
5. Masters/PhD or equivalent
6. Other (specify)
7. No formal qualifications
8. Don't know
9. Prefer not to say

QE6

Which, if any, of these have you done in the last two or three years?

MULTI CODE OK

RANDOMISE

1. Voted in the last local council election
2. Discussed politics or political news with someone else
3. Discussed community issues or community news with someone else
4. Signed a petition
5. Donated money or paid a membership fee to a charity or campaigning organisation
6. Done paid community work
7. Done voluntary local community work (e.g. organising a street party in your area)
8. Done other voluntary work (e.g. writing letters for Amnesty international)
9. Boycotted certain products for political, ethical or environmental reasons
10. Expressed my political opinions online
11. Taken part in party political activities (e.g. meetings, canvassing)
12. Been to any community meetings (including Council meetings)
13. Taken part in a demonstration, picket or march
14. None of the above (SINGLE CODE ONLY)

QE7

How long, in total, have you lived or worked in the local area your Panel operates in? If you have lived/worked in the area on separate occasions (e.g. moved out and then back in) please tell us the total length of time you have lived there.

SINGLE CODE

1. Under 3 months
2. 3 months up to 1 year
3. 1 year up to 2 years
4. 2 years up to 5 years
5. 5 years up to 10 years
6. 10 years up to 20 years
7. Over 20 years/all my life
8. I do not live or work in the area my Panel operates in
9. Don't know

QE7a

Are your day-to-day activities limited because of a health problem or disability which has lasted, or is expected to last, at least 12 months?

SINGLE CODE

1. Yes, limited a lot
2. Yes, limited a little
3. No
4. Prefer not to say

QE7b

What is your religion?

SINGLE CODE

1. No religion
2. Christian (including Church of England, Catholic, Protestant and all other Christian denominations)

3. Buddhist
4. Hindu
5. Jewish
6. Muslim
7. Sikh
8. Any other religion (specify)
9. Prefer not to say

QE7c

How would you describe your sexual orientation?

SINGLE CODE

1. Heterosexual
2. Gay man
3. Gay woman
4. Bisexual
5. Prefer not to say

QE8

We'd now like to ask you how you view other people. Generally speaking, would you say that most people can be trusted, or that you can't be too careful in dealing with people?

SINGLE CODE

1. People can be trusted
2. You can't be too careful
3. Depends

There is considerable interest in people's wellbeing, and this is now being measured across the country. Please could you answer the following four questions – your answers will help us to understand Community First Projects within the context of wellbeing more generally.

QE9

Overall, how satisfied are you with your life nowadays? Please use a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 is not at all satisfied and 10 is completely satisfied.

SINGLE CODE

1. 0 – Not at all satisfied
2. 1
3. 2
4. 3
5. 4
6. 5
7. 6
8. 7
9. 8
10. 9
11. 10 – Completely satisfied
12. Don't know
13. Prefer not to answer

QE10

Overall, to what extent do you feel the things you do in your life are worthwhile? Please use a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 is not at all worthwhile and 10 is completely worthwhile.

SINGLE CODE

1. 0 – Not at all worthwhile
2. 1
3. 2
4. 3
5. 4
6. 5
7. 6
8. 7
9. 8
10. 9
11. 10 – Completely worthwhile
12. Don't know
13. Prefer not to answer

QE11

Overall, how happy did you feel yesterday? Please use a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 is not at all happy and 10 is completely happy.

SINGLE CODE

1. 0 – Not at all happy
2. 1
3. 2
4. 3
5. 4
6. 5
7. 6
8. 7
9. 8
10. 9
11. 10 – Completely happy
12. Don't know
13. Prefer not to answer

QE12

Overall, how anxious did you feel yesterday? Please use a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 is not at all anxious and 10 is completely anxious.

SINGLE CODE

1. 0 – Not at all anxious
2. 1
3. 2
4. 3
5. 4
6. 5
7. 6
8. 7
9. 8
10. 9
11. 10 – Completely anxious
12. Don't know
13. Prefer not to answer

QE13

This project will be running until 2015 and we are keen to hear from people involved again. Can we take your details for Ipsos MORI to contact you again about this study in the future? We will not contact you for any other reason, or pass on your details to anyone else.

SINGLE CODE

1. Yes
2. No

QE14

IF YES RECORD NAME, TELEPHONE, MOBILE, EMAIL AND POSTAL ADDRESS

THANK AND CLOSE SCREEN