

The Sustainable Advice Project

A support project from AdviceUK to help sustain your advice projects

Help from AdviceUK

AdviceUK has been funded by the City Bridge Trust (CBT) over three years for a Sustainable Advice Project to help members diversify their income and improve the quality of their advice services. This will be done by addressing the weaker areas in applications and addressing any weaknesses in projects or organisational systems. We are bringing together the skills and initiatives already developing within AdviceUK London Development Team with the knowledge and systems of partner organisations who are pushing the sustainability and quality agenda. The project is working closely with London Rebuilding Society, NCVO's Sustainable Funding Project and other key partners to help develop the investment readiness and funding systems of advice providers in London.

The project's goal is to enable our members, and particularly our small and marginalised members, to enhance the quality not only of their funding applications, but also the quality of their organisations. We are keen to help members address areas that have been noted as potentially problematic by funders, and thereby secure the funding you needed to meet clients' needs.

The project focuses on the following main elements:

- 1 Funding updates, including a monthly overview, a dedicated list of organisations that fund advice, as well as information on who funds training, consultancy and capital.
- 2 New quality and fundraising training and information resources.
- 3 Workshops delivered with our partners and funding bodies.
- 4 Expanded availability of one-to-one funding and quality surgeries.
- 5 Updated learning sets and materials ranging from which quality standard best suits organisational needs to how to incorporate outcomes into your advice project.
- 6 Develop new funding bids in co-operation with members and partners to build the sustainability of advice provision in London.
- 7 Introduce members to funding concepts such as, commissioning, tendering, procurement and contracting.
- 8 Support members in ways of working together including partnerships and consortia.

During Year 3 of the project, through seminars, surgeries, updates on our extranet and information bulletins, we will be addressing the concerns of our members and advice organisations in the above areas. Through our one-to-one work, we will help you write and deliver projects that can obtain sustainable funding. We will also be working closely with our partners to ensure that your organisation's plans and projects are given the opportunity to become sustainable.

If you would like more information on the project, or would like to book a one-to-one surgery appointment, please contact Siobhan Hogan, Sustainability Development Worker, on 020 7407 6622 or e-mail: siobhan.hogan@adviceuk.org.uk.