

## **£7.5 Million To Put Faith Into Action**

New government investment has been announced to support the work of the faith sector and inter-faith community groups throughout England.

The first round of the **Faiths in Action** fund has been launched. A total of £4 million has been allocated to the programme to support the Government's aspiration to help faith communities and others to promote understanding, dialogue, and develop strong and sustainable partnerships.

There will be two rounds of funding:

- Round 1: Grants of up to £12,000 will be on offer to be spent between April 2009 and the end of March 2011.
- Round 2: It is expected that grants of up to £2,500 will be available, to be spent in one year from April 2010 to the end of March 2011.

The Fund concentrates on the four key priorities:

- Developing the confidence and skills to 'bridge' and 'link'.
- Supporting shared spaces for interaction and social action.
- Developing structures and processes which support dialogue and social action.
- Improving opportunities for learning which build understanding.

All applications must directly relate to one or more of these four priorities. Organisations may apply in both rounds providing the total of the money requested over the two rounds does not exceed £12,000.

Faith, inter-faith, voluntary and community sector organisations in England are eligible to apply.

**The deadline for receipt of Round 1 applications is 1 November 2008.**

Applications should be sent to the Cambridge office of the Community Development Foundation (CDF), which is administering the fund on behalf of the Department for Communities and Local Government. A series of briefing events will take place in September and October; full details can be found on the CDF website [www.cdf.org.uk](http://www.cdf.org.uk)