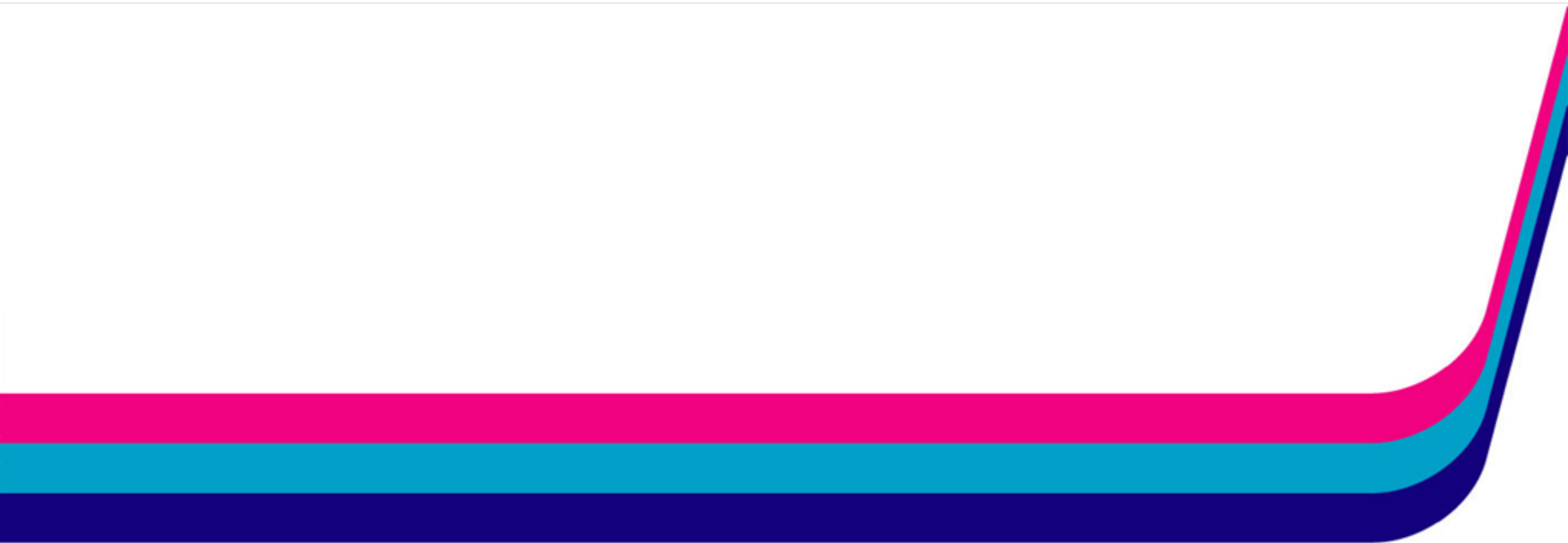




# Big Lottery Fund

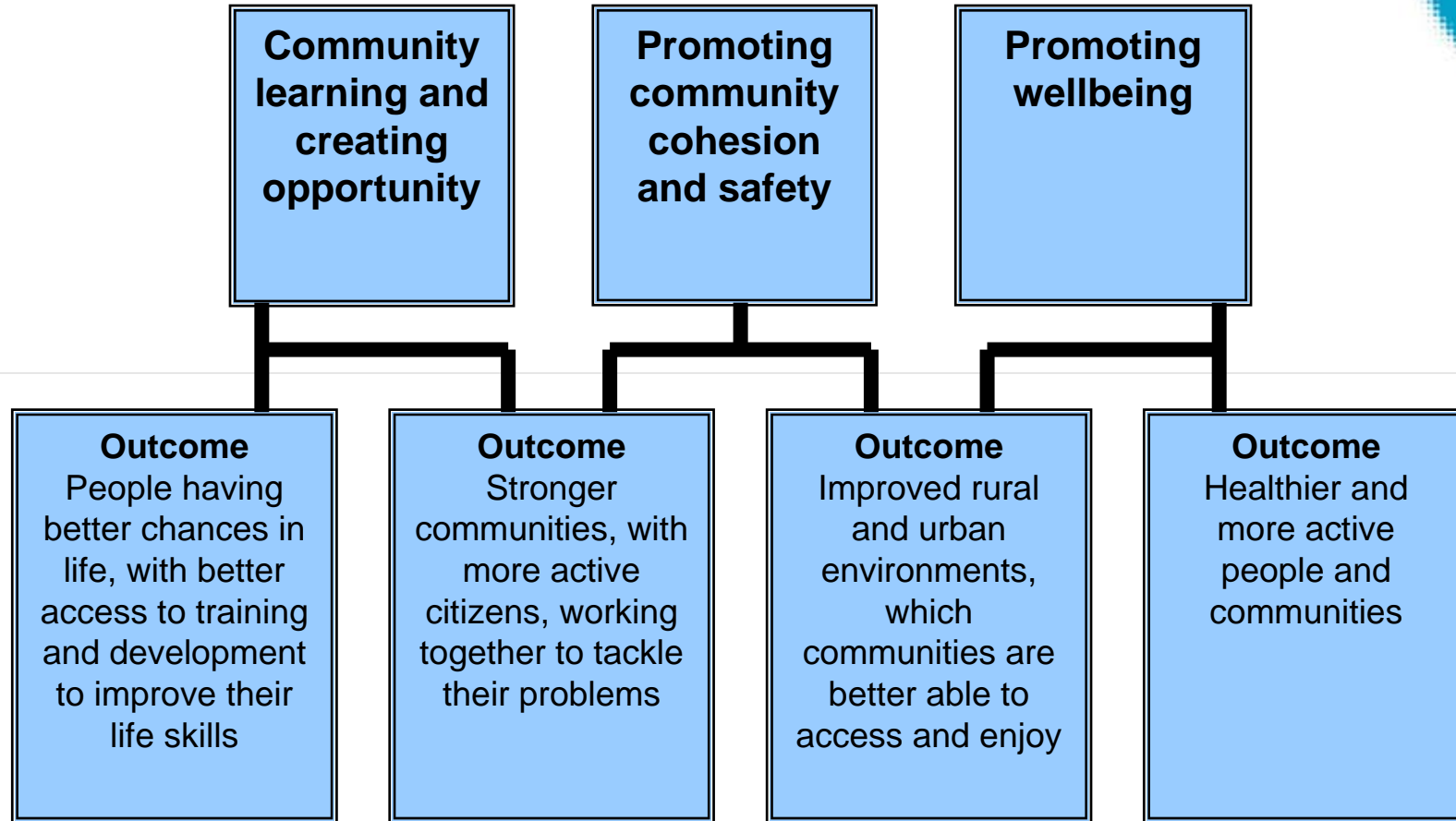


# Introduction



- BIG is the largest Distributor of Lottery Good Causes money
- We also distribute **non-lottery** money
- We run a wide range of funding programmes, all in support of **our Mission:**
  - to bring real improvements to communities**
  - and to the lives of people most in need**

# Big Lottery Fund Outcomes



# Awards for All



Grants of **between £300 and £10,000**

Open to voluntary and community groups, schools, town/parish councils, some health bodies

Projects must meet **at least one** of BIG's 4 Outcomes (on previous slide)



**New projects** that start after funding awarded and **finish within a 12-month period**

Won't cover core costs or core work

# Examples of funded projects



Students and Refugees Together (START) - £4,700

The group will develop a project in Plymouth to teach sewing skills to 15 people. An occupational therapist will lead the sessions to involve members in a range of cultural skills and activities.

Integrate Bristol - £9,715

A project by this Bristol community group to run story telling sessions, learn about film making and produce short films for young people from ethnic minorities on traditional stories from their cultural background.

# Reaching Communities



Grants between **£10,000 and £500,000**  
**(£50,000 capital)**

Open to voluntary, charitable, public sectors, including schools

Funds existing and new projects lasting **up to 5 years – full cost recovery**

Proposals must:

- tackle a community need and offer solutions to meet that need
- explain how the community has and will be involved
- meet at least one of BIG's outcomes

**Two stage application process**

# Example of funded project



Devon & Cornwall Refugee Support Council -  
£345,934

Expansion of an existing project based in Plymouth, which provides practical assistance to asylum seekers and refugees to help them integrate into the local community, access services and support and provide a social network to provide a better quality of life.

# What BIG expects from applicants



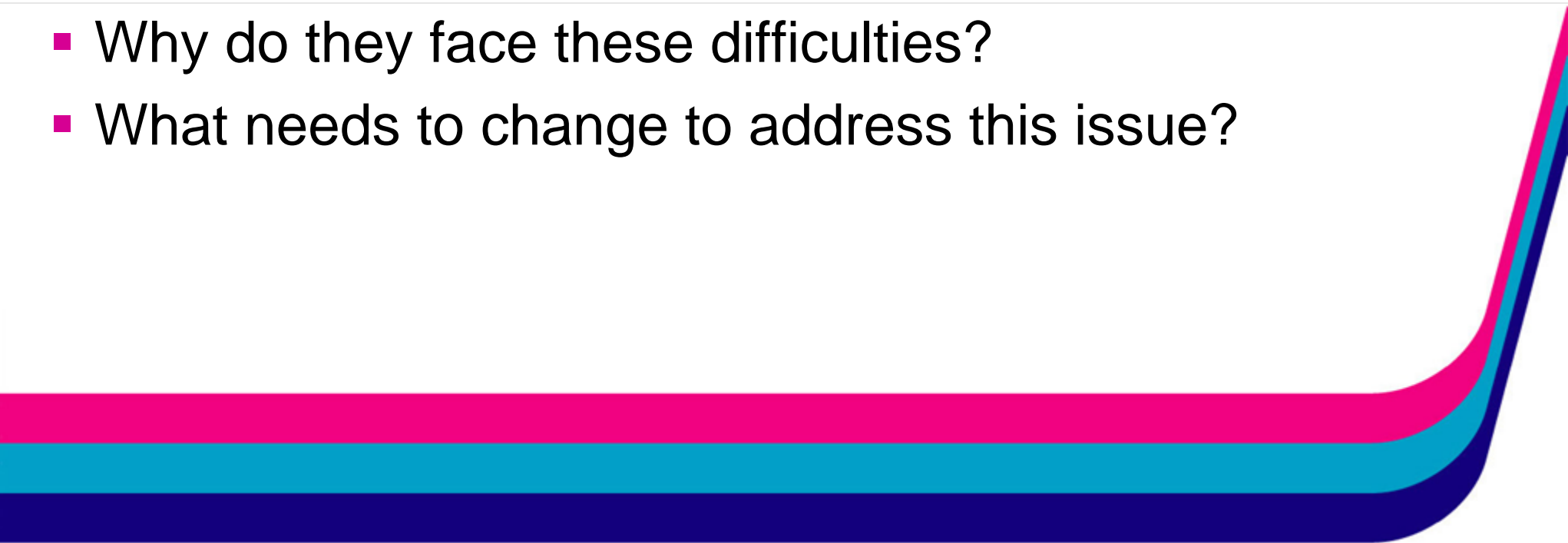
- Committee, constitution, bank account
- **Identify, explain & evidence the need**
- Develop an aim
- **Develop outcomes**
- Work up activities
- Measure progress – milestones
- Monitoring



# Identifying the need for your project



- Identify the need **and** explain it
- What difficulties do people in the community face?
- Why do they face these difficulties?
- What needs to change to address this issue?



# What grants officers are looking for



- Is the need for your project supported by robust evidence or research?
- Have you consulted with all relevant stakeholders?
- Does the consultation support the identified need?
- Do you have a good understanding of similar work already taking place?
- Do other stakeholders know about your project and are they supportive of it?
- Are you aware of relevant local, regional and/or national plans, and strategies? Can you explain how your project relates to them?

# SMART outcomes



- Big Lottery Fund will ask projects to identify 2-4 outcomes
- Outcomes must be **SMART**: specific, measurable, achievable, realistic and time-based
- **We are currently revising this approach, please check the website for more details**
- **Example:**  
**300 young people will have increased their fitness levels and have enjoyed improved physical health by the end of the project**

# Improving your chances



- seek to involve a wide range of people
- meet more than one of our four outcomes
- show strong evidence of need for the project
- have clear project outcomes

## *Awards for All only:*

- never received an Awards for All grant
- smaller annual income and smaller projects

# The future



- What will happen to your project when the funding ends?
- What will happen to your beneficiaries, staff and capital equipment?
- Who are you going to approach for funding?
- Are you going to generate an income?
- How will you develop partnerships?
- Will learning from the project support future funding bids?

# Contact us



- For funding information or general enquiries ring the Big Advice Line on **0845 4 10 20 30**
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