Appendix 6 ~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~ Feedback

As many of the comments received had as similar theme the table below is a collection of the comments made about the grants process. The feedback has been very helpful in shaping the development of the criteria and application form.

Comment no.	Comment	Where we have included it in the process	Additional Comments
1	The grant form should recognise that a service may be unique to the valley and provide a service that is not similar to others.	Question 4: Value for money and added benefits. Can you demonstrate: that the project provides a unique selling point for Rossendale and potentially beyond?	The criteria also recognised here that the service may be unique to an area, or a group.
2	The form should demonstrate what the organisations priorities are and also what they are delivering in relation to RBC priorities	Question 2 and 3: Project/Organisation Overview and Link to Priorities.	The criteria ask organisations to clearly outline what they do and how the project will work in relation to the requested funding. In addition it asks to link the project to RBCs corporate priorities and neighbourhood plan priorities.
3	The form should highlight the efficiencies brought about by the service being delivered by the third sector, rather than the council.	Question 4: Value for money and added benefits. Can you demonstrate: That the service could not be achieved for less, including delivery by the council, please explain.	In addition to this the criteria also asks the applicant to demonstrate that they are delivering something at value for money in comparison to other public sector bodies and other community groups.
4	The form should give opportunity to demonstrate the work the group do with volunteers, including training and development opportunities for them.	Question 9: Opportunities for Volunteers and Community Training. What opportunities does the organisation/project give to volunteers and what training and support do you offer these volunteers	Although the criteria includes a question along these lines, it is a low priority as some organisations within the valley cannot utilise volunteers in the same way as others, this may be because of sensitivity around the work, or some other cause.

5	If the organisation utilise the funding to lever in additional support and/or funding from other organisations / commissioners / grant givers.	Question 4: Value for money and added benefits. Please indicate if this grant will help draw in further funds.	The criteria ask for a list of other funding to be added, so it can be clearly demonstrated what additional funds this grant will help lever in. It also asks for a list of partnerships the organisation they work with.
6	The form should allow any size of group to apply and complete the form		Three different forms have been created; each one has 9 sections of questions on, each with the same theme, eg: priories; value for money. The form will reflect how much money an organisation has asked for, for example, if they ask for less money, they will be asked less questions, the more money, the more complex the questions.
7	The form should ask how many beneficiaries there are to the project.	Question 9: Opportunities for Volunteers and Community Training. How many people will benefit from the project?	This question has been asked, but will consider that it is not always about the amount of individuals worked with, but the quality and depth of that engagement.
8	How service users will be involved in shaping the process.	Question 9: Opportunities for Volunteers and Community Training. How have service users and/or volunteers been utilised in developing this service.	This question has been included in the criteria.
9	What would happen if the grant is not received, or not received in full.	Question 7: Project Development and Potential Risks. Is there a risk if this project is not delivered? Please explain	To further explore this issue we have also asked groups to outline any risks there may be and how the organisation will mitigate around that risk.

| 10 | The form should allow the group to demonstrate their own outcomes, without a sole reliance on numbers of individuals worked with, for example: volunteers trained, groups partnered with etc | Question 2: Project/Organisation Overview. What will be the outcomes and how will you report/evaluate these to the Council. | The group will be able to report their own outcomes (up to 5 depending on the form), and in addition let us know how they will report these to the Council. |