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Lessons learnt – The role of the VCS in the current ERDF programme

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What I will cover this morning

Total number of VCS organisations funded in the 2007-2013 programme

Total level of investment to the VCS in the East Midlands

The value the VCS has added to the programme

Lessons learnt to enable more VCS to access ERDF funding in the next programme



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Total number of VCS organisations funded in the 2007-2013 programme

- 22 Organisations – including Derbyshire YMCA!
- Supporting 35 projects



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Total level of investment to the VCS in the East Midlands

The 35 projects have a total value ERDF of £15.1m

Split by District:-

Corby	£360k
Derby	£5.64m
Leicester	£2.55m
Lincolnshire	£1m
North Nottinghamshire/ North Derbyshire	£1.73m
Nottingham	£2.1m
Oadby	£331k
East Midlands wide	£1.4m



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The value the VCS has added to the programme

The VCS has helped the programme in a number of ways:-

- Through higher intervention of social enterprise projects
- An 'on the ground' 'bottom up approach' led by the beneficiary
- People trust the VCS more than men in suits!
- We need the VCS to support the role of Priority Axis 1 & 2
- The VCS are the conduit between Government and the heart of the community



Lessons learnt

- Clarity around eligibility
 - Up front workshops
 - GDT assistance
- Realistic budgeting and phasing
- Pulling together a Programme based approach
 - Creating economies of scale
 - Do not want £20k projects
 - Assistance with ERDF administration but good at working on the ground
 - Pool resources and knowledge with a lead organisation
- Move to output related funding on the new Programme