

Resource-
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New Places for New People

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The New Places for New People (NPNP) Guide www.methodist.org.uk/media/22991/new-places-for-new-people-npnp-guide.pdf advises districts to contact the Project Officer for information on match-resourcing (ie matching NPNP funding with in-kind resources).

How to match resources

The two main types of non-monetary resource that can be used for resource-matching are personnel time and premises, both when no actual payment is being made by the project.

Personnel time – this should be the pro rata or, if this is not available, notional cost of personnel who are not being paid for by the project but who have been provided or are volunteering. Where the usual cost of personnel is known then these costs should be used, pro rata as appropriate. Where personnel are volunteering (offering their time free of charge) and there is no agreed rate for their time, or for convenience, then a figure of £16.46 per hour can be used (based on the ONS UK weekly average wage and a 35-hour week).

Premises – where premises have been provided without cost, either for office use or project delivery (eg worship space) a pro rata cost can be allocated to the project. This could be calculated on the basis of any usual rental charges that might be incurred or as a proportion of annual building usage costs.

Worked examples

Volunteer A offers 10 hours a week as a host at a community food project. This equates to £164.60 per week, treating a month as four weeks gives a monthly figure of £658. An annualised figure would be £7,896, though basing the annual figure on 45 weeks, allowing for holiday periods, would generally be more appropriate, this figure would be £7,407.

Volunteer B offers 15 hours a week as a community befriender. This equates to £247 per week and £988 monthly. An annualised figure would be £11,856 or £11,115 (for 45 weeks).

Building C is an old church building not in active use. It is being used by the project as an office base and provided free of charge by local managing trustees who have offered the space as their matched contribution to the project. The usual hire rate (for charities) is £22 per hour, the office space is used by the NPNP project for six hours per day, four days per week, 45 weeks of the year. The space therefore has a matching value of £23,760.

Building D is a small town chapel which has been offered free of charge by the local managing trustees as a worship space, this is their matched contribution to the NPNP project. It is in use four hours each week at £70 per hour. The total value on a yearly basis (52 weeks) is £14,560.

Caveats

Any amounts included as in-kind resource-matching should not be allocated to any other project or underwritten by any other source of project funding.

Can be used	Can't be used
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Premises allocated without charge• Volunteer time• Goods or services provided without charge• Value of catering provided by volunteers without charge• Pro rata employment costs allocated to project	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ring-fenced funding allocated to another project• Any resources already paid for and for use by another group or project• Pro rata employment costs grant-funded for another project

Districts where there is sufficient financial need that they are only able to match NPNP funding if in-kind contributions are included are invited to offer costed resource-matching proposals. It is helpful for such proposals to be accompanied by the latest annual accounts.

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