



The Lottery and Local Authorities – Learning from Good Practice at the Local Level

What evaluations and reviews have told us about the
role of Local Authorities and Lottery Funding

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A bit about us

- End to end grant management – design, assessment, award, monitoring and evaluation
- Evaluations of Big Lottery Fund programmes
 - Awards for All
 - Supporting Change and Impact
 - Community Assets Programme
 - Community Assets (Wales)
 - Community Shares
 - Moving on up
- Support for local authorities
 - VFM assessment of support to VCS
 - Relationship with the VCS
 - Design and assessment of local grants/impact

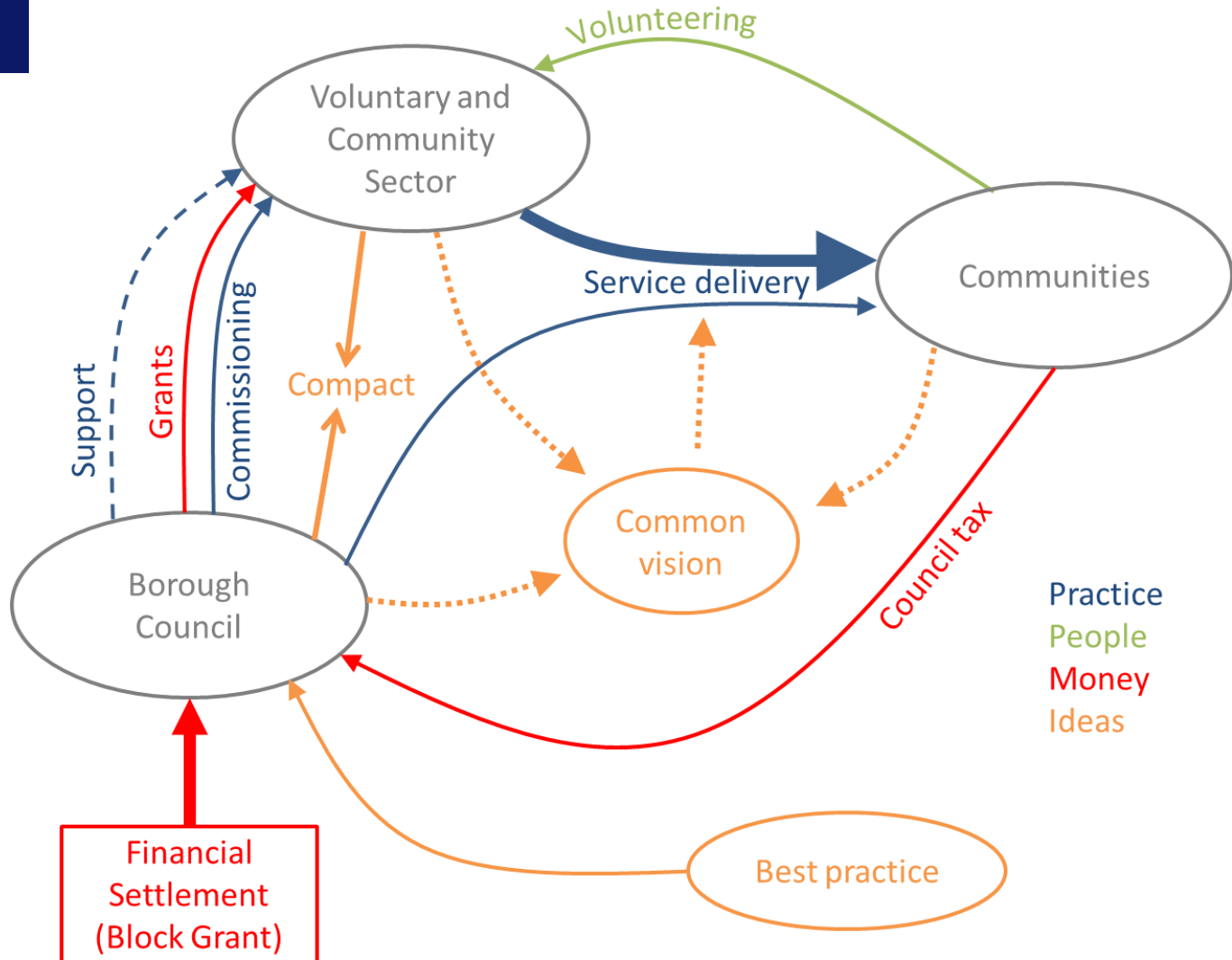


Role of Local Authorities and VCS

- Gatekeepers – access to local fora, groups and organisations
- Brokers of support, either directly through project management (asset transfer) to signposting to others
- Investors in the sector through infrastructure such as CVS, volunteer agencies
- Commissioners of services from the sector, market stewardship and contract readiness
- Local leadership on priorities



The public services/VCS ecosystem



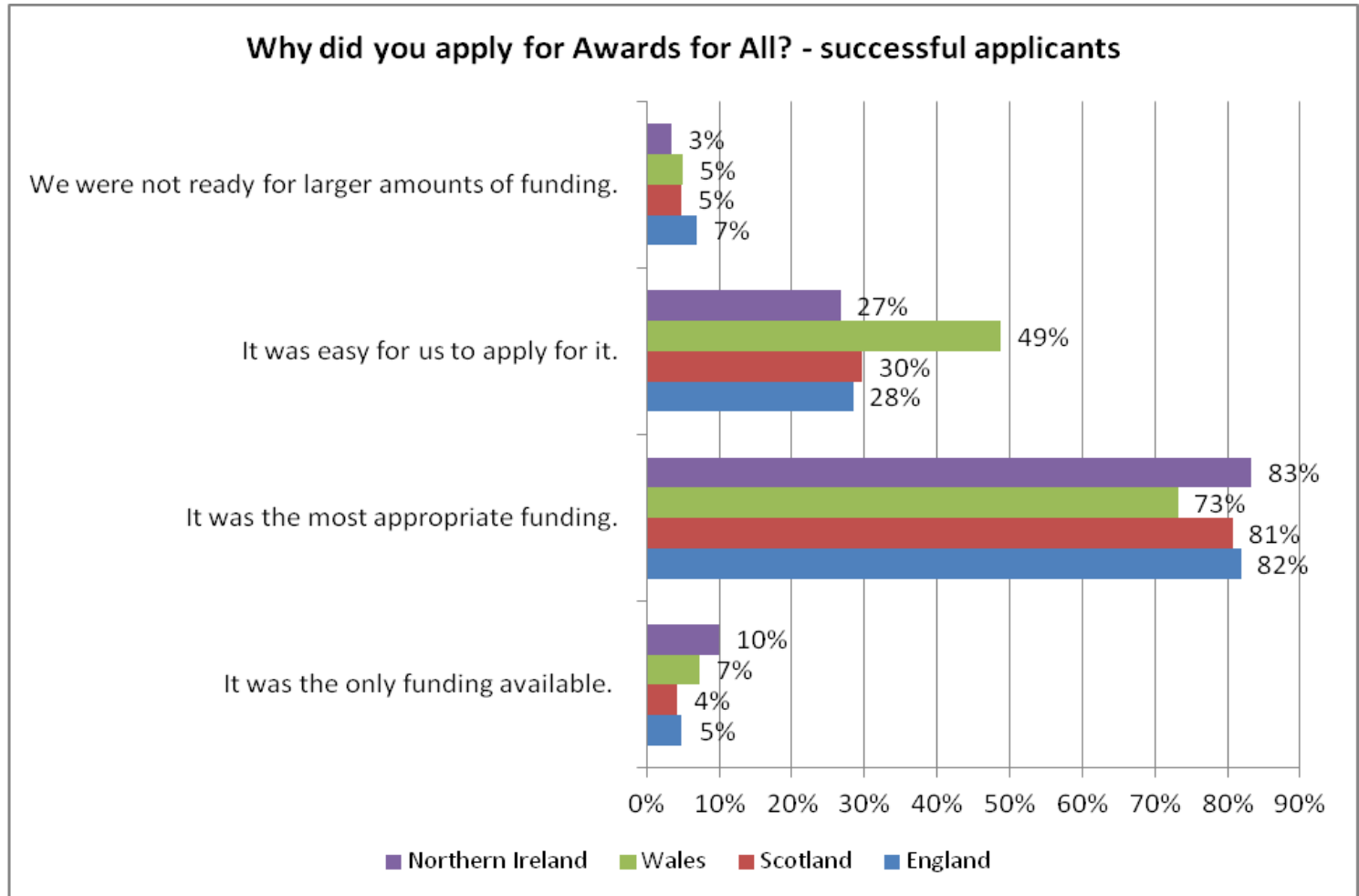


Awards for all (1)

- **Flexibility** - The reach and accessibility of A4A are seen as strengths of the programme. A4A has a particular resonance for small organisations but is also very useful for larger organisations to try new approaches.
- **Reach** - The majority of groups and organisations that applied for A4A had very low staffing levels resulting in capacity issues- A4A must ensure that it focuses on good projects and not just on good quality applications.
- **Process** - 30% of unsuccessful respondents agreed to some extent that the application process had a positive effect on capacity. A majority of successful respondents think that they are now more likely to apply for other grants, both from BIG and from other sources.
- **Sustainability vs growth** - A4A is often quoted as stepping stone to greater and bigger things. Many groups want to sustain themselves rather grow

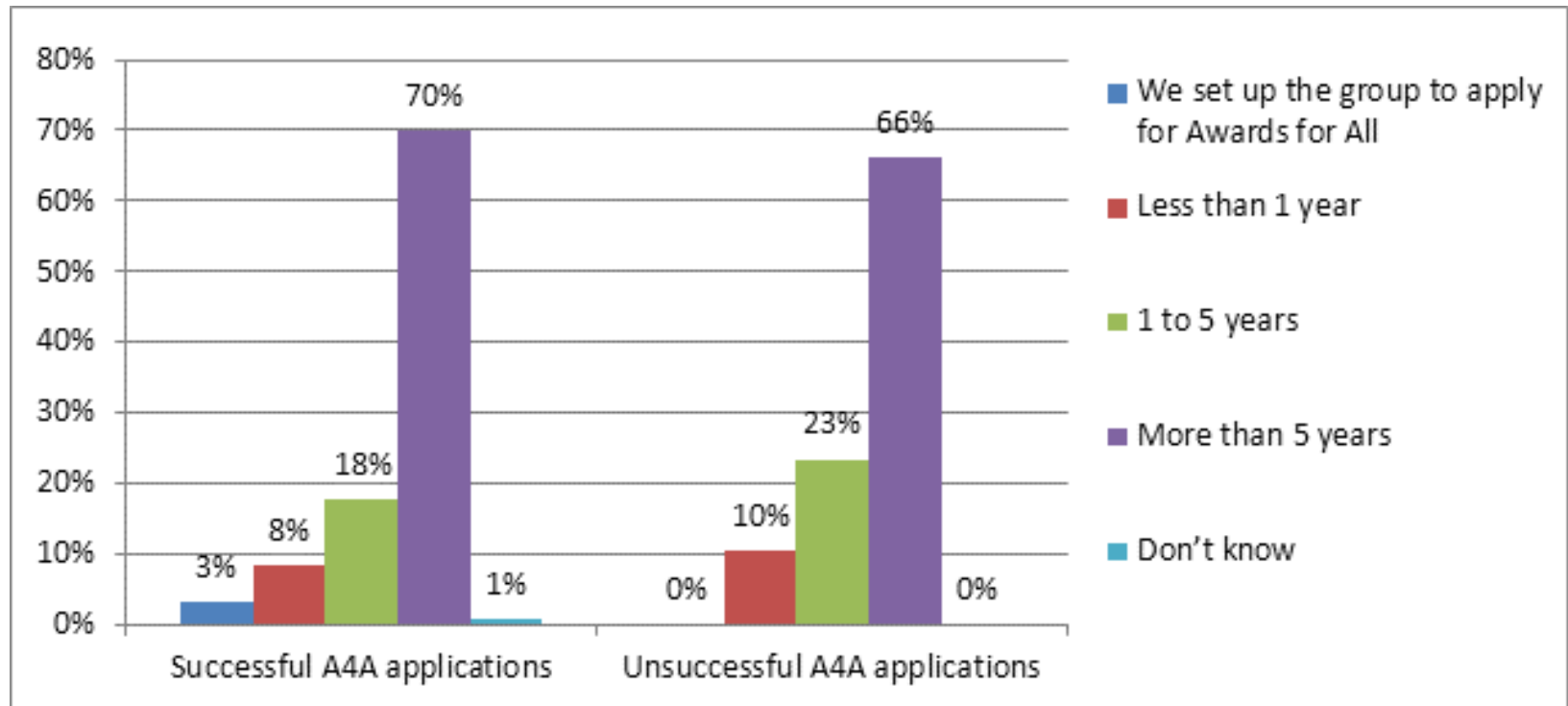


Awards for All - Reasons (2)



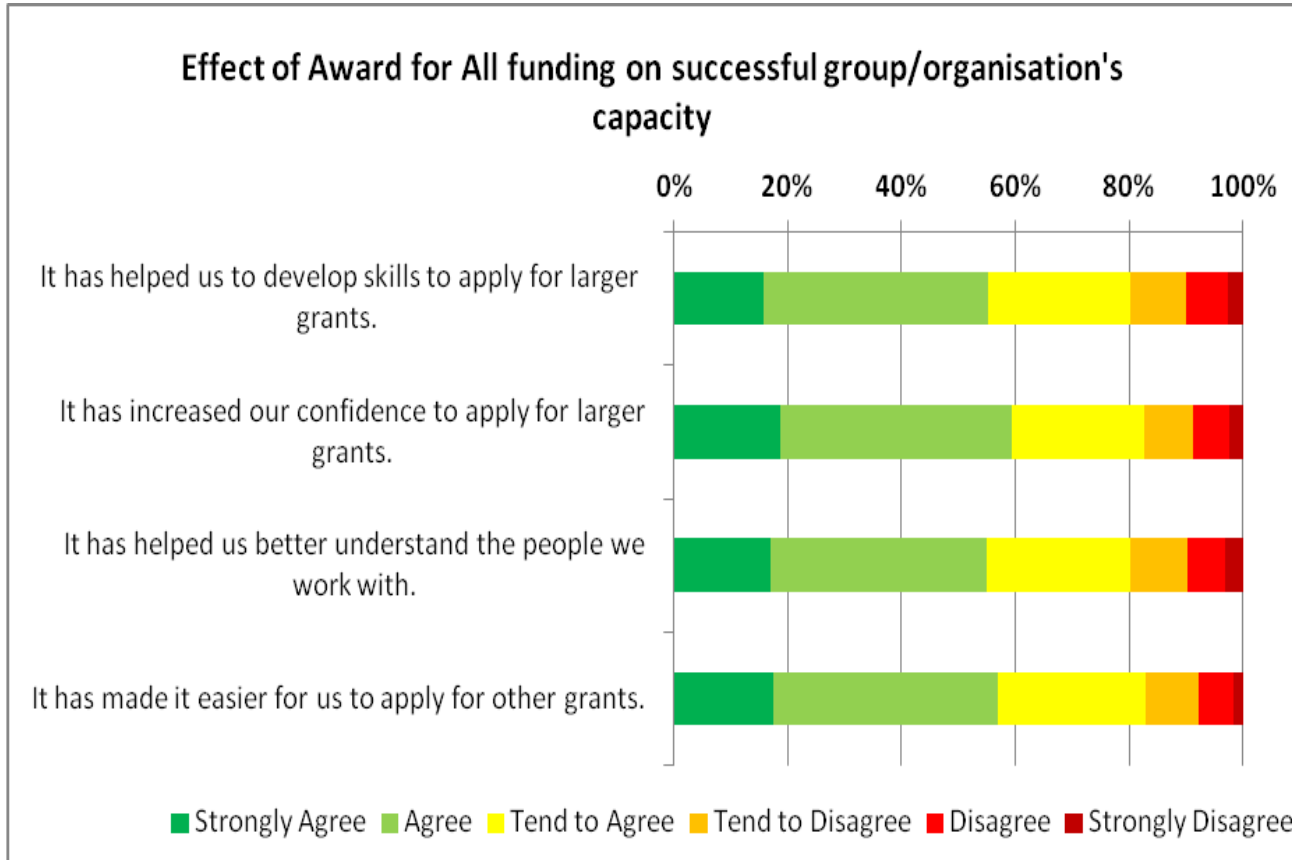


Awards for All - Reach (3)





Awards for All - Capacity (4)

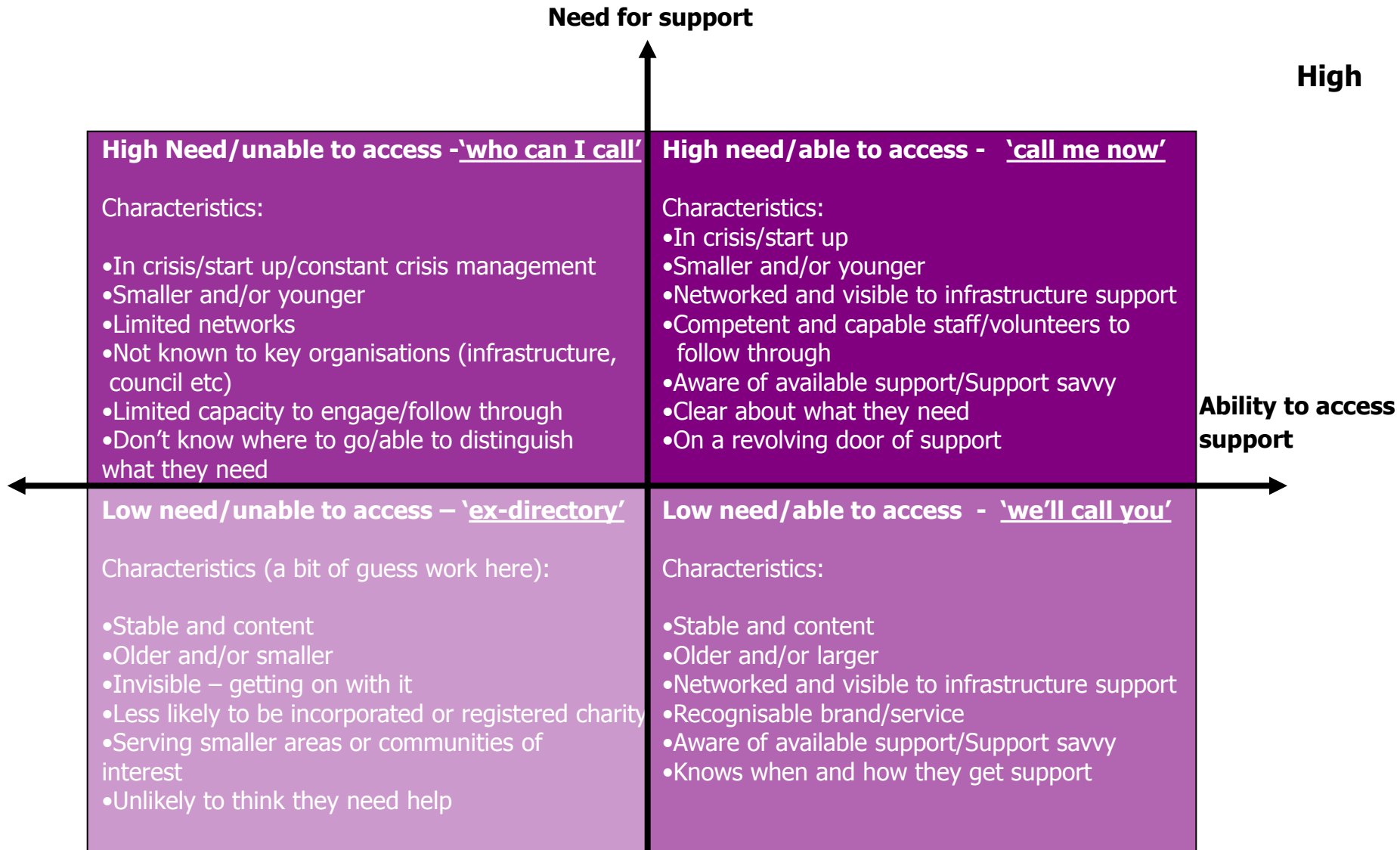




Role of LAs in supporting lottery funding

- **Promotion** as Gatekeepers possibly to 'below the radar' groups or grant-ready projects
- **Brokers** of support and collaboration providing access to information and Local Infrastructure Organisations
- **Investors** by targeting infrastructure support linked to outcomes and leverage
- **Local leadership** on community priorities and needs – transparency and avoidance of duplication

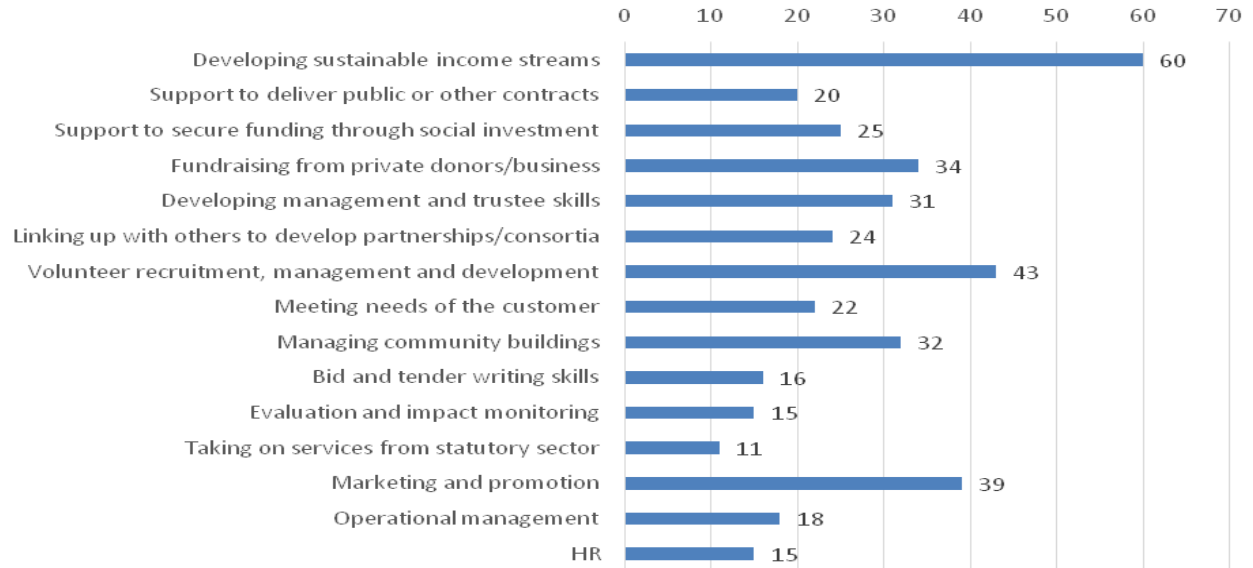
The drivers for accessing support for the VCS



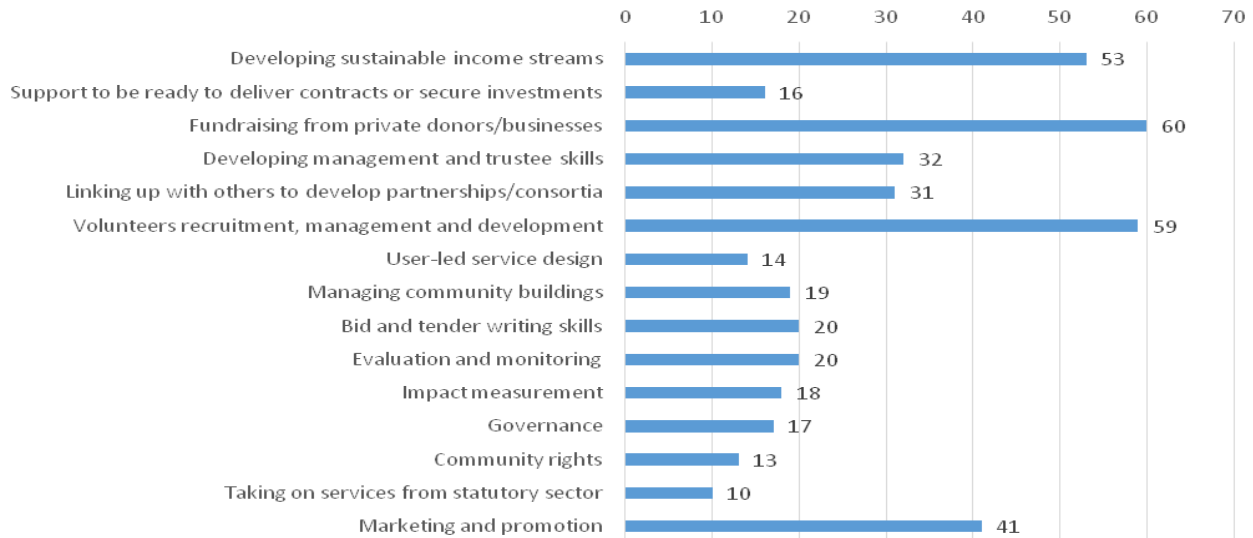
Low



Support needs



User organisation support needs over the next 6-12 months





Role of LAs in supporting lottery funding

- What role should LAs play in ensuring the kinds of support needed are on offer locally?
- What are the support needs of organisations?
- Peer to peer learning and collaboration is highly valued yet in short supply
- What kind of relationship do you want or need to have?