

## BIG LOTTERY

PATA is delighted to have received an award from the Big Lottery Fund to support the **PATA Toddler Project**.



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We will once again be able to provide advice and individual support plans for each toddler group, in areas such as organisational skills, financial management, children's activity ideas, legal issues, and health & safety. We will run local activities for groups to take part in, sharing information and providing resources to take back to the groups.

The project will also work with the library service, other local charities such as Active Gloucestershire and Gloucestershire Resource Centre as well as children centres to enable parents to access activities and facilities in their communities. A designated area on the website will be built to contain factsheets, resources and local information. The grant is from the Reaching Communities fund so we will also be helping groups and parents become involved in their local communities, and for areas without a baby and toddler group we can help set them up. PATA's was one of only two projects supported in the south west.

**Mark Cotton, Big Lottery Fund's Head of Region for the South West**, said: "We're delighted to be able to support these projects, which will make a real difference to children and families in these areas and help them to get more involved in their communities."

A new development team will be in place by the start of the summer term when they will start making contact with their designated groups.