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Opportunities

Agnes Spencer Charitable Trust (Grant – North East)

VCSE. Average grant £1,000 (2011/2012). Deadline February (see text)

The Trustees prefer to support small community based organisations and those working in the fields of

- health
- social welfare
- education
- the arts
- sport

The fund covers North East England and North Yorkshire, especially Cleveland, South Durham and North Yorkshire. In 2012 / 2012 they awarded 15 grants totalling £12,410. The Trustees meet in January, March, June and October; applications should be received at least one month before meeting date.

The Trust will not fund

- large-scale capital projects
- grants to individuals
- non-UK expenditure

More information, application forms and guidelines are available from the correspondent. Applications can be submitted by post or email and the Trust will inform all applicants of the outcome of their application. **Email** or call 01642 636 500

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Source: FINE

Community Foundation Tyne & Wear and

Northumberland – calls for applications (Grant - North East)

The Local Environmental Action Fund (Tyne & Wear / Northumberland)

- For projects that address environmental issues through actions at a local level. Applications are encouraged from projects that are able to demonstrate the following outcomes:
- Encouraging communities to get involved in environmental activities
- Changing behaviours leading to more local environmental action
- Having a positive impact on the environment
- Sharing learning about the environment with others
- £1,000 - £20,000 for revenue and/or capital projects
- Occasionally grants may be made over more than one year
- Deadline **1st February 2013**

Sir Tom Cowie Fund (Sunderland)

- For groups supporting disadvantaged children and young people to fulfil their potential
- Groups must be based in Sunderland only
- £1,000 - £10,000
- Children and young people benefitting may be aged between 8 to 25.
- Deadline **22nd February 2013**

Gateshead Housing Company Community Fund (Gateshead)

- For groups that primarily support residents of Gateshead Housing Company
- Up to £5,000
- In-kind support also offered up to the value of £5,000
- Deadline **15th February 2013**

The John Laing Fund (Tyne & Wear / Northumberland)

- For projects that support people who are homeless, or are at risk of becoming homeless in Tyne & Wear and Northumberland
- Up to £10,000
- Deadline **27th February 2013**

EDF Energy Green Rigg Windfarm Community Benefit Fund

- For groups based within ten miles of the Green Rigg Windfarm
- Will fund the following (list not exhaustive):

Capital items that will have a long lasting benefit

- Play equipment, items for leisure activities and community groups
- Biodiversity and habitat conservation
- Energy conservation and increased use of renewables
- Community trips and events
- Start-up costs for new groups
- £250 - £5,000 (up to £9,000 in exceptional circumstances)
- Deadline **15th March 2013**

Groups based in **South East Northumberland**, particularly young people's projects, are also being encouraged to make a general application to the Community Foundation as several funds supporting this area will be meeting soon. Grants will be around £2,000 and applications should be in by **12th April 2013**.

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Elephant Trust (Grants – UK)

Normally up to £2,000 (sometimes larger grants considered). For VCSE. Deadline 15th April 2013.

The Trust offers grants to artists and for new, innovative visual arts projects based in the UK. The Trust's aim is to make it possible for artists and those presenting their work to undertake and complete projects when confronted by lack of funds.

The Trust supports projects that develop and improve the knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the fine arts. Priority is now being given to artists and small organisations and galleries who should submit well argued, imaginative proposals for making or producing new work or exhibitions. Arts Festivals are not supported.

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People's Postcode Trust (Grant – England)

£500 - £10,000 for VCSE. Deadline 22nd February 2013.

The Trust funds projects that aim to make a difference to local communities

There are a number of funding criteria that all projects must meet. Projects must fit at least ONE of the following:

- Prevention of poverty
- Improvement of health
- Promotion of community development
- Advance participation in sport
- Promotion of human rights
- Promotion of environmental protection

Projects should last a maximum of 6 months in duration. Funding will support

- the purchase of capital items and equipment
- staff costs of up to 50% of total amount requested
- overhead costs of up to 20% of the total amount requested
- marketing costs of up to 10% of the total amount requested
- building renovations that have an ecological or wider impact on the services an organisation can provide

The following will not be funded:

- General promotional appeals, or website development
- Events such as day trips, galas/festivals, residential breaks, conferences etc
- Hospices or end of life care
- Statutory bodies or projects that the state has an obligation to provide
- Medical advice, equipment or research; or any other feasibility or research studies
- Building renovations that are purely for cosmetic purposes

These two lists are not exhaustive.

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Prudhoe Street Mission (Grants – North East)

Prudhoe Street Mission has been working in Newcastle for over 100 years, but recently had to close. It is their intention to continue, but instead of receiving grants they will be making grants, across the North East.

They will consider funding the following:

- Projects (new or existing)
- Play Schemes/Kids Clubs

- One off payments for equipment
- Mission orientated matters
- Assist as a one-off with improvements
- Local Christian Charities
- Other Churches

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Regional Growth Fund (Grant – England)

**Round 4 launched, with allocation of £350m. Minimum bid £1m.
Grants / loans / loan guarantees. Respond by 20th March 2013**

The Government has announced that the next funding round of the Regional Growth Fund (RGF) is now open to applications.

RGF is a £2.6bn fund operating across England from 2011 to 2016. It supports projects and programmes that lever private sector investment to create economic growth and sustainable employment. The first 3 rounds allocated £2.4bn which will leverage over £13bn of private sector investment and create or safeguard over 500,000 jobs. The RGF is a flexible and competitive fund, with bidders able to submit bids either as a project or a programme.

“Private” sector organisations (includes VCSE) are eligible to bid individually or in partnership with other private/public sector organisations, either for a project or programme). Public sector organisations can only bid as part of a programme/consortia bid and there must be a private sector lead for that bid.

Organisations can be part of more than one bid. Duplicate bids will not be accepted. Applicants who were successful/ unsuccessful in previous rounds are eligible. Project or programme must be based in England, although the company may be based elsewhere.

All projects should lever private sector investment for long term growth and private sector employment. All potential bids should take into account that they will need to draw down the funding by 31st March 2016.

Projects/programmes need to be high quality and ‘shovel ready’ - ideally ready to start immediately.

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Theatres Protection Fund (Grant - UK)

**Charity / not for profit. Small capital building projects. Up to £5,000.
No deadline (decision within 4-5 months)**

Small grants scheme for theatres run by charities and not-for-profit groups that can clearly demonstrate the value capital improvements to their theatres would make to their work with local communities.

Small capital building projects that address urgent building repairs, improve operational viability, introduce environmental improvements and that enhance physical accessibility will be prioritised.

Applicants have to own or manage theatres with titles or signed leases of more than five years on buildings in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. Applicants also need to demonstrate that they run a regular theatre programme of professional, community and/or amateur work presenting no less than 30 performances a year. Applicants must have a bona fide UK charitable or not-for-profit legal structure and be able to provide certified or audited accounts for at least two years.

Applicants that are eligible for the 'Challenge Fund for Historic Buildings at Risk' run through the Architectural Heritage Fund with funds from English Heritage and the Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation will not be a priority for the Theatres Protection Fund Small Grants Scheme.

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Source: Funding Insight / FINE

Start up Business Support services (Contract – Redcar & Cleveland)

Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council. Respond by 4th February 2013.

Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council is seeking quotations for the provision of additional bespoke start up business support services to assist pre-start businesses within the borough. The Redcar & Cleveland Enterprise Coaching project is part financed by the European Regional Development Fund Programme 2007 to 2013.

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Provision of Independent Person's services for children's social care complaints and secure reviews (Contract – Hartlepool / North East)

Hartlepool Borough Council with others (see text). Respond by 5th February 2013.

Hartlepool Borough Council, Newcastle City Council, Middlesbrough Council, Durham County Council, Darlington Borough Council, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council and Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council invites all suitable organisations/individuals (including small and medium sized enterprises, the self-employed, social enterprises, voluntary and community sector and similar organisations) to express their interest in joining a framework to provide Independent Persons services for complaints relating to children's social care services and Secure Reviews.

The contract will run for 24 months from 2nd April. The Councils will pay the Contractor £20 an hour plus travel at £10ph up to a maximum of 2 hours.

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Provision of Institute of Leadership and Management (ILM) Training and Qualification (Contract - Tyne & Wear)

Tyne & Wear Fire & Rescue Service. Respond by 12th February 2013.

Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Authority (TWFA) are inviting tenders for the provision of Institute of Leadership and Management (ILM) Training and Qualification. They require a training provider to provide the facility to train and qualify the following staff:

- Supervisory Managers to ILM level 3 Certificate/Diploma in Management;
- Middle Managers to ILM level 5 Certificate/Diploma in Management, and
- Strategic Managers to a Level 7 Certificate/Diploma in Executive Management

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Tender for Citywide Youth Services for the 11 – 19 Age Group and Activities for Young People aged 8-10 years (Contract – Sunderland)

Sunderland City Council. Respond by 14th February 2013.

The contract will provide activities and informal education opportunities for activities for young people aged 8–10 years (Lot 1) and Youth Services for the age group 11–19 years (Lot 2) in all ward areas of the City of Sunderland including arrangements in each age group for the BME population of the City.

Each of the two age groups or Lots will be split into 26 sub lots with each being representative of a ward area in the City and one of these sub lots being representative of the BME population of the City.

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Contract for the provision of Short Breaks (Contract – Gateshead)

Gateshead Council. Respond by 15th February 2013.

Framework arrangement in order to provide children with additional needs and their families with short breaks services. Specifically, the short breaks services will provide tailored support both within the home and on an outreach basis within the local community. There are three separate lots within the framework. Tenderers can bid for one, two or all three of the following lots:

- A: Community Outreach
- B: Home Care and Support
- C: Parenting and Crisis Support

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Framework for the Provision of Short Break Services for Disabled Children and Young People (Contract – Darlington)

Darlington Borough Council. Respond by 15 February 2013.

Darlington Borough Council are seeking contractors for the provision of short break Services to disabled children/young people and their families to be provided through a call off framework agreement funded by the Council and Darlington Clinical Commissioning Group.

The agreement will have a primary period of two years commencing on 1st April 2013 with the option of two twelve month extensions. The provision of the services will be broken down into five lots:

1. Sport, art/craft, drama, recreational and personal development activities
2. Holiday play schemes and holiday opportunities
3. After school clubs
4. Promotion of independence skills, befriending and mentoring services
5. Therapeutic provision

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Information & Resources

Community Infrastructure Levy

Communities to receive cash boost for choosing development.

The Government has announced that communities that accept new housing will benefit from cash incentives. Communities that draw up a neighbourhood development plan, and secure the consent of local people in a referendum, will receive 25% of the revenues from a Community Infrastructure Levy. The community infrastructure levy is a new levy that local authorities in England and Wales can choose to charge on new developments in their area.

The cash boost will be paid directly to parish and town councils and can be used to back the community's priorities for example to re-roof a village hall, refurbish a municipal pool or take over a community pub.

Communities without a neighbourhood development plan but where the levy is still charged will still receive a capped 15% share of the levy revenue arising from development in their area. Communities without a parish or town council will still benefit from this incentive, with the local planning authority retaining it and spending it in accordance with the wishes of the community.

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KnowHow NonProfit How-tos

Knowledge sharing site for the sector.

People with experience of the non profit sector can write and share their knowledge on a range of relevant subjects. The site can be searched by categories/keywords etc. Currently there are 24 relating to funding, including how to

- use the internet for fundraising
- maximise regular donations for small charities
- raise funds and keep costs down for a small theatre company
- fundraise using Facebook
- write more effective fundraising letters
- make PR and fundraising work together

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Events & Training

Writing better funding applications (evening session)

**12th February 2013. Voluntary Action Sheffield, The Circle, 33
Rockingham Lane, Sheffield S1 4FW. 6–9pm. £40**

This SYFAB evening training session will give some top tips on how to write a better application, satisfy funder's criteria and understand the importance of evidence to back up claims.

This interactive session is aimed at those new to writing funding applications or those with some experience who would like to improve their applications.

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