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## Opportunities

## Arts Council England Cultural Commissioning Grant (England)

**£895,000 for one national provider. Deadline 26<sup>th</sup> February 2013.**

The Arts Council for England has announced that it is looking for a national provider to deliver its new Cultural Commissioning Grant. This is a new programme running from April 2013 to June 2016 which will help the arts and cultural sector to respond successfully to public sector strategic commissioning opportunities.

A total of £895,000 is available to the national provider to carry out activities that will enable the cultural sector to respond to the changing public service sector landscape in which local councils are reducing the services they deliver directly and are commissioning them from external providers.

The types of activities to be undertaken include

- enabling cultural organisations to diversify and increase their income streams by responding to public sector strategic commissioning opportunities
- creating a greater understanding amongst public service commissioners of the potential for arts and culture to deliver their outcomes
- supporting policy development relating to strategic commissioning so that it takes more account of arts and culture

The Grant responds to the changing public service sector landscape in which local councils are reducing the services they deliver directly and are commissioning them from external providers. The initiative also supports the arts and cultural sector to become more sustainable, resilient and innovative, one of the goals outlined in the Council's 10-year plan.

The programme is one of the Council's grant commissions. Grant commissions are a new way of doing things for the Arts Council. This approach enables the arts sector to apply to deliver a particular piece of work to a detailed and specific brief given by the Arts Council. Unlike the strategic funding grant programmes, where the Arts Council defines the outcomes that they wish to see but not necessarily how to achieve them, they will define the outcomes to be achieved with grant commissions and also be specific about how those outcomes should be achieved.

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## Intelligent Energy – Europe (Grant - Europe)

**For VCSE (partnership). Deadline 8<sup>th</sup> May 2013.**

The European Commission has announced that it has launched its call for proposals under its Intelligent Energy - Europe programme. The programme supports European projects and one-off events that save energy and encourage the use of renewable energy sources in Europe.

The programme aims to promote:

- energy efficiency and the rational use of energy sources
- new and renewable energy sources and energy diversification
- energy efficiency and new energy sources in transport

Successful proposals must include a minimum of three independent partners from three different eligible countries. Approximately €65m will be made available to support this call for proposals. The co-funding rate will be up to 75% of the eligible costs.

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## Lords Taverners Non Turf Pitch Grants (England)

**Up to £3,000 for cricket clubs. No deadline.**

The Lords Taverners, the youth cricket and disability sports charity, has announced that its Non Turf Pitch Grants scheme is now open for applications. Through the scheme, applications can be made for grants towards the installation of non-turf pitches, practice ends and nets.

The awards include grants of up to:

- £3,000 towards non-turf pitches
- £2,000 towards non-turf practice ends
- £1,000 towards outdoor nets

A minimum of 50% partnership funding will be required from the applicant.

Applications will be considered from cricket clubs affiliated to a National Governing Body of Cricket, individual schools or other organisations directly involved in the organisation of youth cricket and which have a genuine need for assistance.

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## **MacMillan Cancer Support (Grant - UK)**

**Up to £3,000 for VCSE (among others). First deadline 28<sup>th</sup> February 2013.**

Grants are now available to support start up costs of new and the expansion of existing self-help and support groups. The grants are available to

- people affected by cancer in groups or individually
- voluntary organisations, community interest companies, community groups, social enterprises
- health and social care, information and support staff in partnership with people affected by cancer

The new grants programme replaces Helping You Help Others and Inclusion User Involvement grants for groups and individuals who support people affected by cancer or campaign to improve cancer care.

What can be funded:

- Start up costs for a self-help and support group
- Development applications (e.g. for groups to expand and extend their reach for both self help and support and user involvement)
- Combined applications for those that include self help, support and user involvement

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## **Scottish Power Energy People Trust (Grant - UK)**

**Up to £50,000 over 3 years for registered charities. Deadline 16<sup>th</sup> April 2013.**

Registered charities can apply for funding to support projects in the following categories:

- Crisis Funding - support to organisations who help young people setting up their first home
- Income Maximisation – providing funding to front line charities who carry out benefits advice to households missing out on financial help

- that they are entitled to through welfare benefits and tax credits
- Energy Efficiency measures and advice – Improving home energy efficiency through draught proofing, insulating and offering energy efficiency advice
  - Any combination of the above

Priority will be given to projects aimed at helping families with young children and young people. All projects must include the provision of energy efficiency advice and/or home energy efficiency measures, to ensure enduring benefits in terms of fuel poverty reduction. Projects must address fuel poverty explicitly and as the primary purpose (not just as an add-on).

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## **Stanley Smith (UK) Horticultural Trust (Grant - UK)**

**For charitable organisations. Deadline 15<sup>th</sup> February 2013. Amount not specified. Offers small (under £1,000) and large grants.**

Through the Trust grants are available to projects of significance to horticulture (or botany with a strong horticultural content) and education for horticulture. The type of activities that can be funded include the following (not exhaustive):

- Training schemes for gardeners run by appropriate organisations
- Provision of educational programmes in gardens open to the public
- Preparation of exhibits or exhibitions of horticultural interest
- Restoration of historically interesting gardens which are or will be open to the public
- The development of new gardens which will be open to the public

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## **Survive to Thrive (Grant – Sunderland)**

**£5,000 - £30,000 per year for up to 2 years. For VCSE with incomes between £30,000 and £250,000 per year. Deadline 20<sup>th</sup> March 2013.**

The Survive to Thrive Fund at the Community Foundation is seeking applications from voluntary and community organisations in Sunderland that are facing reductions in public funding at a level which threatens their

existence. The funders are seeking creative proposals designed to achieve a clear goal or change in the way an organisation delivers its activities, sources income or arranges its organisational structure that will help to secure its long term future.

At the heart of any successful application for funding there would have to be an analysis of the issues facing the organisation and a proposal to address those issues which has a realistic intended outcome. The expectation is that there is a range of possible approaches to addressing these issues. Grants could be used for example to

- support/backfill running costs/management costs during change process
- one-off specialist advice
- facilitation of trustee meetings to discuss strategic development
- development costs associated with securing new resources

The fund will **not** simply redress funding lost from public bodies or other sources or meet legal costs such as redundancy payments.

Applicants are strongly advised to discuss their proposal with Derry Nugent, Head of Philanthropy Services prior to submitting an application:

[dn@communityfoundation.org.uk](mailto:dn@communityfoundation.org.uk) / 0191 222 0945

A **FUNDING WORKSHOP** for the Survive to Thrive fund is being held on **26<sup>th</sup> February 2013**, 10am-12pm at VCAS 21 Frederick Street, Sunderland SR1 1LT

To book a place and find out more about the fund then please contact Mary at VCAS on 0191 565 1566 / [mary.pattinson@vcasunderland.org.uk](mailto:mary.pattinson@vcasunderland.org.uk)

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## **vInspired Cashpoint (Grant - England)**

**Up to £500 for young people (14-25 year olds). No deadline.**

vInspired Cashpoint is offering funding to young people who want to set up a local project to help their community. The project should be of benefit to the community where the young people live or where they spend most of their time or a group of people that they would like to help. The project should be a new idea or something that applicants have tried before but would like to do differently. Projects should be finished and the funds used within two months of the start date. Additionally the project should create a least two more volunteering opportunities for 14-25 year olds (in addition to the applicant).

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## Wellcome Trust People / Society Awards (Grants – UK)

**For VCSE (among others). Deadlines and amounts vary.**

People/Society Awards support projects that enable the public to explore biomedical science, its impact on society and culture, its historical roots and the ethical questions that it raises. The schemes aim to

- stimulate interest, excitement and debate about biomedical science and/or the history of medicine
- support formal and informal learning
- reach audiences of all ages and from all walks of life and inform, inspire and involve them
- encourage high-quality interdisciplinary practice and collaborations
- investigate and test new methods of engagement, participation and education

Projects' activities and outputs may include:

- workshops, events, debates and discussions
- exhibitions and museum outreach
- films, games, websites and cross-platform projects
- performance or theatre projects involving existing work or work that may be more illustrative than artistic
- deliberative or opinion-gathering projects
- creation of teaching materials
- projects that use the collections of the Wellcome Library and the Wellcome collection at the Science Museum

Projects that are **not** eligible for People/Society Awards include health promotion or campaigning projects, arts projects for therapeutic purposes, or projects that do not deal with biomedical sciences or the history of medicine.

Funding is available at two levels:

- **People Awards (up to and including £30, 000)** are for innovative and creative projects that engage the public with biomedical science and/or the history of medicine. They can fund small-to-medium-sized one-off projects or projects that pilot new ideas with an aim to scale up or become sustainable following the grant, or they can part-fund larger

projects. Next deadline **26<sup>th</sup> April 2013**

- **Society Awards (above £30, 000)** can fund the scaling-up of successfully piloted projects (whether funded through People Awards or through other means) or can fund projects that are more ambitious in scale and impact than is possible through a People Award. Society Award-funded projects would normally expect to reach audiences with a wide geographical spread across the UK and/or Republic of Ireland. They can also part-fund larger projects. Next deadline **28<sup>th</sup> March 2013**

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## **Service User Council Support (Contract – North East/Northumbria)**

**Northumbria Probation Trust. Respond by 4<sup>th</sup> February 2013.**

Northumbria Probation Trust is committed to the maintenance and development of its Service User Council to provide a structure for staff to meet with Probation Service Users on a range of issues and gain a better understanding of Service Users' experience. The Service User Council was established in 2010, being developed and maintained by an independent support organisation.

This tender seeks to appoint an organisation to support and further extend the work of the Council. A key requirement of the contract is that the worker delivering the support will have experience of being under the supervision of Probation or have experienced Custody and have successfully completed their order or licence.

The contract is initially for a period of one year commencing 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013 with a possibility of extension for a further two 12 month periods, subject to funding and approval. The indicative budget for the provision is £25,000 and it is anticipated that the post holder will be offering at least 2.5 days per week to the contract.

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## **Social Enterprise Support Service (Contract – North Tyneside)**



### **North Tyneside Council. Respond by 5<sup>th</sup> February 2013.**

North Tyneside Council wish to engage with one organisation to deliver a Social Enterprise support service to the Business Factory pre start and new businesses.

Where possible the support will be delivered within the Business Factory premises where a hot desk will be provided. The Business Factory has been established for over three years and secured funding for a further three years in 2012 and has delivered a wide range of enterprise activity across the borough ranging from business ideas generation to business planning advice.

This service will offer intensive advice and support to individuals and groups of individuals considering establishing a new social enterprise. The support provided is to include detailed advice on potential new business structures (including CICs, co-operatives and mutuals), business planning, funding and assessing viability.

The service also includes delivery of a series of two / three hour 'Introductory Workshops' for North Tyneside residents to include an overview of setting up and running a social enterprise and a myth-busting session on business structures, best practice examples of established service deliverers and advice on what additional support is available.

The start date is anticipated to be February 2013 with an end date of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014 and the contract will be a maximum of £40,000.

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### **Short Break Respite Care Grant Funding for Young People in Northumberland (Contract)**

#### **Northumberland County Council. Respond by 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2013.**

There is £180,000 of funding available from Northumberland County Council for providers to bid towards equipment, facilities or adaptations. Bidders must be able to demonstrate the impact and benefit towards added value.

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### **Women's Community Hubs (Contract – North East/Northumbria)**

## **Northumbria Probation Trust. Respond by 4<sup>th</sup> March 2013.**

Northumbria Probation Trust is committed to the provision of women specific services with the aim of achieving a reduction in the number of women who reoffend and the levels of their reoffending. The Trust are offering tendering opportunities to develop and maintain 10 Women's Hubs across the trust area.

The Hubs will be partnerships between Probation and other agencies who offer services which address issues such as finance, benefit and debt, domestic violence, substance misuse, learning and skills, employment, health, mental health and housing. The Hubs will also provide the venue for Probation staff to supervise women offenders and deliver programmes. Each Hub will operate for half a day a week and there will be 10 Hubs across the trust area.

The tender seeks to acquire Coordinators who would, together with Probation staff

- identify the local needs and existing resources and design a service and secure an appropriate venue acceptable to the Trust
- identify, negotiate and coordinate the involvement of external providers in offering regular and appropriate Interventions to the Hub
- implement the Hubs activity
- manage referrals and coordinate action planning
- ensure all partners are coordinated and that services are clear and understandable to service users
- coordinate services for those women who do not have a case manager
- ensure appropriate resources are identified and sought

The tender is offered in four lots (bidders are invited to bid for any number of lots):

- Northumberland & North Tyneside
- Newcastle & North of Tyne Community Payback
- Gateshead & South Tyneside
- Sunderland & South of Tyne Community Payback

The contract is initially for a period of one year commencing 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013 with a three month break clause and with a possibility of extension for a further one or two 12 month periods, subject to funding and approval. The budget available for the total contract (i.e. four Lots) is about £250,000.

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## CTXchange

**Charities offered Microsoft Office software at about 5% of list price.**

Charities are being offered the chance to acquire licences for the latest version of Microsoft Office at a fraction of its list price. The offer is being made through the Charity Technology Trust's technology donation programme, CTXchange, which provides to good causes hardware and software products donated by companies.

This programme is currently available only to eligible UK Registered Charities and Charitable Housing Associations. Organisations which provide the following types of services may be eligible:

- Relief to the poor
- Advancement of education
- Advancement of social and community welfare
- Advancement of culture
- Advancement of the natural environment
- Other purposes beneficial to the community

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## Events & Training

### **Social enterprise networking event – the role of social entrepreneurs in the public sector**

**14<sup>th</sup> February 2013, 12-2pm. Room G13, Phoenix Building, Teesside University. Free to attend.**

Delegates will be able to find out how best to measure the social, economic and environmental impact that these businesses have and use this added value to improve chances of winning contracts. Programme includes the following:

- Welcome by Kate Welch OBE DL, Chief Executive, Acumen
- The role of social entrepreneurs in the public sector Liz Brooks-Allen, The Connectives
- Networking and lunch

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## **VCAS Seminar in Partnership with Community Cost Solutions**

**19<sup>th</sup> February 2013, 10am–12pm. Venue to be confirmed nearer date of seminar. Free to attend.**

This morning seminar will be presented by industry professionals giving delegates tips and advice on how to identify areas of potential savings for their charity.

Areas covered will include:

- Is your charity overpaying for utilities, insurance & stationery?
- Are you aware of the concessions available to charities on energy and water bills?
- Is your charity entitled to a refund of as much as £5,000 from its suppliers?
- Is your charity adequately covered for insurance purposes?

The presentations will be followed by Q&A's and delegates will have the opportunity to discuss their arrangements following the session. Places for this seminar are by booking only, to book a place contact: Charlotte Sanderson on 0191 5651566 or email

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