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Funding Information North East

Opportunities

Chrysalis Trust (Grant – North East)

Around £1,000 (see text) for charitable organisations. Deadline 15th May 2013.

The Trust aims to prioritise harder to fund causes, to spread funding between local (North East England), national and international causes, to support both capital projects and core funding with 'one-off' donations and to act without discrimination. Current priorities for the Trust are

- relief of poverty and disability
- provision of access to shelter, education, healthcare and water

During the Trust's first full year of operation (2010/2011) grants were made to 12 organisations totalling £62,646. Five of these were for international causes. Grants awarded for North East organisations were for around £1,000.

Exclusions include

- research - academic or medical
- holidays or outings
- arts or entertainment activities
- animal welfare
- general appeals

<http://www.chrysalis-trust.co.uk/criteria.html>

Source: FINE

Clore Duffield Foundation - Poetry and Literature Awards Fund (Grant – UK)

£1,000 - £10,000 for VCSE (among others). Deadline 1st May 2013.

Through the fund, schools, FE colleges, community groups, libraries and other arts/cultural organisations can apply for grants to support participatory learning projects and programmes focused on literature, poetry and creative writing for under 19s.

- The Foundation prefers to be the major funding body, but if the total project budget is more than £10,000 (the maximum grant available) it should not exceed £20,000
- Trustees are happy to consider partnership applications from linked institutions

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- The Foundation is interested in projects which draw on a full range of poetry and literature to promote creative reading and writing for pleasure
 - Applicants are encouraged to approach this funding opportunity in creative and imaginative ways
 - Trustees will be interested in the potential for projects to serve as models of good practice for others, including the planning and evaluation processes which show intended outcomes and impact

The following will not be funded:

- General appeals / "business as usual"
- Ticket subsidies
- The purchase of books, computer software, DVDs and CDs – unless directly associated with the proposed project and representing no more than 25% of the budget
- Staff posts
- Academic research
- Capital/building costs
- Professional development and training for teachers and others who work with children and young people – unless directly associated with the proposed project and representing no more than 25% of the budget

http://www.cloreduffield.org.uk/page_sub.php?id=331&parent=35

Source: Funding Insight / FINE

Ernest Cook Trust – Small Grants (UK)

Up to £4,000 (most £1,000-£1,500) for VCSE. No deadline.

The Ernest Cook Trust gives grants to registered charities, schools and not-for-profit organisations wishing to encourage young people's interest either in the countryside and the environment or the arts (in the broadest sense) or aiming to raise levels of literacy and numeracy. The small grants programme is to support organisations which would like to undertake projects which meet the Trust's objectives and require a small amount of pump-priming in order for such projects to take place.

The programme is a rolling one, with meetings at two-monthly intervals throughout the year. Suitable applications are allocated to the next available meeting, however due to high demand applicants are advised to submit an application at least six months ahead of their project start date.

The following are not eligible for funding:

- Retrospective funding
- Building work or refurbishment work
- Youth work, social support, therapy and medical treatment, including projects using the arts, environment or literacy & numeracy for these purposes
- Projects related to sports, outward bound type activities or recreation
- Overseas projects
- Wildlife Trusts and for Farming & Wildlife Advisory Groups

<http://www.ernestcooktrust.org.uk/grants/index.html>

Source: Funding Insight / FINE

Gillian Dickinson Trust (Grant – North East)

£200 - £50,000 for local VCSE in Northumberland, County Durham or Tyne & Wear. Trustees meet quarterly.

The Trust wishes to support organisations which meet Gillian's passion to promote creativity amongst young people (aged under 25) and those who have been deprived of the opportunity to enjoy the arts whether by disability or circumstance.

The Trust generally makes one-off or recurrent grants (maximum five years) for capital items, running costs, revenue costs or building work. Although the Trust only makes grants to registered charities, it would consider making a grant via an intermediary charity, e.g. a CVS.

Examples of grants awarded in 2011/2012 include:

- Youth Opera in the North East - £1,000
- Palace Green Pavilion Trust - £1,000
- The Samling Foundation - £37,000
- Tyneside Cinema – Northern Stars - £15,000
- Northern Stage - £5,000
- Northumbrian Association Writers Award - £1,500
- Live Music Now - £3,000
- Pianoforte North Foundation – Young Pianist of the North - £10,000

www.gilliandickinsontrust.org.uk

Source: FINE

Lloyds Banking Group Social Entrepreneurs Programme (Grant/Support – UK)

Up to £4,000 / £15,000 for VCSE. Deadline 2nd April 2013.

The Lloyds Banking Group has launched a new round of its Social Entrepreneurs Programme which aims to support community-focused business people across the UK to start or upscale their projects.

The project has two strands:

Start Up

- For those at an early stage in the development of their project or organisation
- Offers grants of £4,000 plus support in personal development and basic business skills development to help turn projects or project ideas into reality
- Nearest course location: Middlesbrough, starting October 2013

Scale Up

- For established organisations looking to take it to the next level
- Offers grants of £15,000 and support for learning and development projects
- Only delivered in London and Liverpool

<http://www.the-sse.org/schools/26/lloyds-banking-group-social-entrepreneurs-programme/192/1.-about-the-programme>

Source: Grants Online / FINE

Lush Charity Pot (Grant – UK)

Up to £10,000 (average £4,000) for VCSE (usually with income less than £250,000 pa). No deadline (reviewed monthly).

Lush support small, grassroots organisations around the world working in the following areas:

- Environment
- Animal protection
- Human rights

All applications within these fields will be considered irrespective of their geographical location or how the organisation is registered, however, Lush will not support any organisation that

- promotes or supports violence, aggression or oppression towards others (non-violent direct action groups only will be supported)
- denies the human rights of others

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- is involved in cruelty or subjugation of animals, including testing on animals for research
 - forces or coerces others to change their religious beliefs
 - harbours racism, prejudice or judges others on anything other than their own actions
 - has not made every effort to be environmentally responsible

The majority of funding is allocated to small, grassroots groups that are often best placed to make a real difference with limited resources and often struggle to find funding.

Priority is given to less popular issues which are more difficult to raise funds for. The most popular causes tend to be health charities (medical research, hospices etc), social welfare, religious causes, children/ young people and military related causes, so these aren't a priority for Lush. They are looking for organisations that take on issues that others don't, those that push the boundaries and challenge mainstream opinion.

As a campaigning company Lush particularly look for projects that create long-term change. They also fund projects that provide aid and support where needed (such as animal shelters and refugee support and advice groups) and projects that promote and implement viable, fair and sustainable solutions to the world's problems.

<https://www.lush.co.uk/content/view/393>

Source: FINE

National Lottery Awards 2013 (Grant – UK)

7 x £2,000 cash prizes for lottery-funded projects. No deadline specified.

The National Lottery Awards are an annual search to find the UK's favourite Lottery-funded projects.

The Awards recognise the incredible difference that Lottery-funded projects have made to people, places and communities all. They also celebrate the talent, hard work and amazing dedication of the people involved in running them. Awards are given across seven categories, reflecting the different types of projects that benefit from Lottery funding. These are:

- Art
- Education
- Environment
- Health
- Heritage
- Sport
- Charity/Voluntary

All of the entries are carefully read and assessed in June. An independent judging panel then shortlists projects in each category to go through to a final round of public voting. The project with the most votes in each category will be declared the winner. The winners in each of the seven categories will be invited to a star-studded Awards event to be broadcast on BBC One, where the results will be revealed. In addition to the Lottery funding they have already been awarded, the winners will each receive a £2,000 cash prize to spend on their project.

www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk/awards

Source: UK Fundraising / FINE

Strategic Legal Fund for Vulnerable Young Migrants (Grant - England)

Up to £30,000 (lower applications encouraged; average grant around £12,000) for not-for-profit organisations/ private law firms. Deadline 11th March 2013.

The Trust for London and the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation, in partnership with Migration Work CIC, are providing £400,000 as part of the Strategic Legal Fund for Vulnerable Young Migrants. Grants are available to undertake strategic legal work to benefit children and young people who are significantly disadvantaged by migration status.

The fund will accept applications in any area of law that affects vulnerable young migrants including:

- asylum
- immigration
- human rights
- family law
- community care
- housing
- education
- mental health

The fund only supports strategic legal work, defined as work where the impact is likely to go beyond an individual case and to result in changes to law, policy and practice that will benefit a wider group of people. Applications must be to fund one of two kinds of strategic legal work:

- The research and development of cases pre-litigation
- Third party "interventions" in existing cases

The fund aims to complement longer-term funding with short-term grants to respond to legal opportunities. The maximum grant length is 12 months, and most grants are for six months or less.

Grants will cover any reasonable revenue costs incurred to undertake the proposed pre-litigation research or to prepare a third party intervention. This includes temporary staffing, freeing up or extending existing staff hours, volunteer expenses, travel and subcontracting with other voluntary and community organisations. Funders want to maximise resources by using pro bono input where possible. Applicants therefore need to show there is a pro bono element to the proposed work, for example, solicitor, legal representative or researcher time.

<http://www.strategiclegalfund.org.uk/how-to-apply/>

Source: Grants Online / FINE

Trees for Communities (Grant - UK)

For community group (charity / non profit) projects costing £100 - £700; Council will fund up to 75% (25% to be raised by applicant organisation). Deadline 30th April 2013.

The Tree Council, the lead tree campaigning charity working to promote the importance of trees within the changing environment, has announced that its Trees for Communities grant making programme is now open for applications.

- Children aged up to sixteen must be actively involved in the planting project
- Planting must take place on publicly accessible land, usually in public or charity ownership
- The Community Group must be able to raise 25% of planting costs
- Hedge plants and willow are not eligible for funding
- Apple and pear trees on selected root stocks are the only fruit trees eligible for funding
- Planting must take place during National Tree Week (23rd November – 1st December 2013)

<http://www.treecouncil.org.uk/grants>

Source: Funding Insight / FINE

Worshipful Company of Weavers (Grant – UK)

Up to £15,000 pa for VCSE (see text). Trustees meet in February, June and October.

The Worshipful Company of Weavers supports projects working with disadvantaged young people (aged 5 to 30 years) to ensure that they are given every possible chance to meet their full potential and participate fully in society.

The fund awards one-off grants and recurrent grants, normally for a maximum of three years, for capital projects and equipment and for salaries and running costs.

The areas of particular interest to the fund are as follows:

- Young people at risk of criminal involvement
- Young offenders
- The rehabilitation of prisoners and ex-prisoners

The Worshipful Company of Weavers prefers to support small or new community-based organisations where the grants would form a substantial part of the funding. It is also particularly interested in supporting innovative projects in their early stages, especially those that can be evaluated and may act as a catalyst for other work elsewhere.

Grants are only available to registered charities or organisations applying for charitable status.

Twenty major grant awards were made in 2011 with at least one of these going to a North East project (Denton Young Peoples Project, Newcastle - £5,000)

www.weavers.org.uk

Source: FINE

Restorative Justice (Contract – Hartlepool)

Hartlepool Borough Council. Respond by 11th March 2013.

The purpose of the Restorative Justice Service in Hartlepool will be twofold. The service will enable and support victims of youth crime to have their say and to talk about the full impact of a crime on their lives whilst ensuring that the young person who has offended learns about the full consequences of their actions and makes use of the opportunity to show remorse, make reparation and sign up to a plan for their restoration in the community.

<https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-94TJYH>

Source: NEPO / FINE

Information & Resources

Grow Your Charity Online

Google campaign to help small charities improve their online fundraising.

Google, in partnership with the Media Trust and Charity Technology Trust, is to help 30,000 of the UK's smallest charities improve their online fundraising.

The 'Grow Your Charity Online' campaign will provide free training and tools for charities across the country. Charities will benefit from an online learning hub, specialised training, and workshops.

The online hub gives some summary advice on various aspects of digital fundraising and communications, including video, social media, email, blogging, and mobile design. It highlights some of Google's tools and services for charities, including Google Drive (for cloud computing, or sharing documents remotely), Google Analytics, Google+ pages, and Google Grants for free advertising on Google.

Google staff will travel across the UK during 2013 to meet with charities face-to-face. They will also host a regular series of online educational events. Google UK employees will also dedicate a percentage of their work time towards the project, by volunteering their Internet expertise at various workshops over the year.

www.growyourcharityonline.com

Source: UK Fundraising / FINE

Guide for the Ambitious Social Entrepreneur

Social enterprise guide from ClearlySo

The ClearlySo Guide for the Ambitious Social Entrepreneur offers a source of information on relevant issues for social businesses and enterprises.

(Register free to download)

http://www.clearlyso.com/uploads/clearlyso_guide_for_the_ambitious_social_entrepreneur.pdf

Source: FINE

Social Enterprise project

North East Social Enterprise Partnership consortium project to help North East social enterprises.

The project will help social enterprises become more competitive and sustainable, creating jobs and increasing economic activity. The project will offer free support to new and existing social enterprises helping embed a commercial, business minded culture that retains and prioritises its social values. The project will empower them to take advantage of market opportunities and improve their productivity, generating their own income and reducing their dependence on grant income.

The consortium project comprises a number of third sector organisations including Locality, Community Ventures (Middlesbrough) Ltd, Sustainable Enterprise Strategies CIC, New Leaf New Life and NESEP with each partner also providing match funding.

<http://www.nesep.co.uk/currentevents/news/social-enterprises-cash-boost-to-become-more-busin/>

Source: Direct / FINE

Events & Training

How to fundraise with Twitter (webinar)

26th February 2012, 11am-12pm. £25 for VCSE sector

A one-hour guide from Howard Lake of UK Fundraising on how to fundraise using Twitter.

<http://fundraisingwithtwitter9-eorg.eventbrite.co.uk/#>

Northern Rock Foundation's State of the Sector conference

21st June 2013. Other information TBC.

The event will share the latest findings from the major Third Sector Trends research project. More information to follow.

<http://www.nr-foundation.org.uk/resources/third-sector-trends-study/>

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