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Funding Information North East

Opportunities

Access to Elected Office Fund (Grant - UK)

For individuals. Up to £20,000. Open until March 2014 – applications can be submitted at any time.

The fund provides financial support towards the extra costs disabled individuals face when standing for election (or being considered for selection) that a non-disabled person would not have to pay.

Individuals can apply for money from the fund if they can confirm they are eligible to stand for office, can provide evidence relating to their disability and can show evidence that they have been involved or interested in civic, community or other relevant activities.

<http://www.access-to-elected-office-fund.org.uk/>

Source: Funding Insight / FINE

Carnegie Challenge Fund (Grant - UK)

Up to 10 awards of up to £3,000 for not-for-profits. Deadline end of May / August 2013.

The Carnegie Challenge is a fund to enable not-for-profit organisations to put on a high calibre debate to raise the profile and impact of a conference or event which they are organising.

Awards can be used to cover the expenses of panel members. The award should enable event organisers to attract leading professionals to speak at their event. It is hoped that this fund will allow organisers to attract national and international speakers to take part.

The conference must be delivered by a not-for-profit organisation with previous relevant experience, be designed for more than 100 delegates and relate to one of the three themes of focus of Carnegie UK Trust:

- People and Place
- Knowledge and Culture
- Enterprise and Society

The remaining deadlines for submission are the end of May 2013 for events June to August; and the end of August 2013 for events September to December.

<http://www.carnegieuktrust.org.uk/changing-minds/carnegie-challenge>

Source: Grants Online / FINE

Community Foundation Tyne & Wear and Northumberland – calls for applications (Grants)

P&G Fund

- For applications from community groups to provide children, aged 0 - 13, with opportunities under their funding themes of live, learn and thrive
- Up to £2,000
- Deadline 22nd March

Frederick Milburn Fund

- For applications from community and voluntary projects that have a connection to the River Tyne
- Up to £2,000
- Deadline 5th April

CNL Young People's Fund

- For applications from community and voluntary groups running projects to help disadvantaged young people in Northumberland to overcome the barriers to a successful transition to adulthood
- Most awards range from £1,000 - £2,000
- One or two awards of up to £10,000 made each year

<http://www.communityfoundation.org.uk/apply>

Source: Direct / FINE

Community Shop Awards (Grant – UK)

For community shops. £500 for the winner of each category (6 categories). Deadline 12th April 2013.

Plunkett Foundation is welcoming applications from community shops to celebrate best practice within the community shop sector across the following categories:

- Contribution to Community Life
- Rewarding Volunteers
- Co-operation in Action
- Creative Display
- Retail Innovation
- Better Business

Applicants may enter two categories. Applicants must represent a community shop trading within the UK or Ireland that has a legal structure with an open and democratic membership and is currently open and trading.

http://www.communityshops.coop/awards?utm_source=Linx+268+-+28+Feb&utm_campaign=linx268&utm_medium=email

Source: Direct / FINE

Co-operative Bank Customer Donation Fund (Grant – UK)

£500 - £1,000 for VCSE. Deadline 31st March 2013.

The Co-operative bank is looking for applications to the Customer Donation Fund from all Co-operative Bank Community Directplus account holders to support special projects and fundraising activities.

Community Directplus gives charities, community groups, voluntary organisations and social enterprises an ethical way to bank for free.

The fund grows in relation to the deposits made; for every £100 increase in collective deposits across Community Directplus accounts they add 20p and promise to distribute a minimum of £5,000 twice a year.

Examples of previous work funded includes:

- Newcastle Cycling Campaign – the donation was used to support quarterly members' meetings, cover communication expenses related to lobbying activities and to fund members' activities
- Wiltshire Wood Recycling – the donation has paid for new tools, boots, hard hats and high-viz jackets for the workers
- Animals in Need – the donation has enabled the organisation to expand their facilities
- Crossroads – the donation helped to fund a school holiday programme for children with physical disabilities or learning difficulties.

<http://www.co-operativebank.co.uk/servlet/Satellite/1196151412586,CFSweb/Page/Business-CommunityBanking>

Source: Funding Insight / FINE

Edge Fund (Grant - UK)

Up to £5,000 for VCSE / £1,000 for individuals. Next deadline 22nd April 2013.

Edge Fund seeks to support communities, campaign groups and activists struggling for social, economic and environmental justice, especially those

- facing discrimination and injustice because of their class, ability, gender, race, nationality, religion, sexual orientation, or other factors – those who are actively working to challenge these injustices and to create just and healthy communities
- working for systemic change – those who seek to dismantle and replace the structures and processes that create oppression, inequality and environmental destruction

The fund supports small groups, with minimal funding, working on UK issues; in the first round the average annual income of the short-listed applications was around £3,500 and only three had annual incomes over £10,000.

The fund offers an alternative for groups who find that traditional sources of funding are closed to them due to their radical approach. The funders are looking for work that aims to create social change by addressing the root causes of injustice; this does not include work which primarily only impacts those directly involved in the project, such as care, aid, advocacy or support work for individuals or groups.

Many people have great ideas and perspectives and a real passion for justice, but face enormous challenges in taking action. This is because we live in an unequal society where some people are held back because of their personal circumstances and backgrounds. Grants of £1,000 are available for individuals who are faced with these challenges and can demonstrate a clear commitment to taking action.

<http://edgefund.org.uk/what-we-fund/>

Source: NCVO / FINE

Kelly Family Charitable Trust (Grants - UK)

£1,000 - £5,000 (revenue / capital). For registered charities. Deadline 1st September 2013.

The Kelly Family Charitable Trust is open to applications from charities whose activities involve all or most family members in initiatives that support and encourage the family to work as a cohesive unit in tackling problems that face one or more of its members. The overall objective is to reinforce the potential benefit and support that family members as a unit can give to each other. The fund also welcomes applications from sports and health-related charities whose activities comply.

The Trust is happy to support requests for core funding as well as project-based grants, and actively encourages applications from relatively new organisations to help them become established.

The following will not be considered:

- Non-registered charities
- Individual requests for grants
- National Charities (only regional projects will be considered)
- General Appeals
- Organisations with specific religious or political agendas

<http://www.kfct.org.uk/index.html>

Source: FINE

Santander North East Boost awards (Grants)

Up to £5,000 for North East not-for-profits. Deadline 20th March 2013.

Santander, in partnership with the Community Foundation Tyne & Wear and Northumberland, is offering a special round of awards totalling £30,000 to help not-for-profits build capacity so that they can put in place and carry out a sound plan to move into or further develop a social enterprise model.

Awards would allow organisations to buy in the expertise, training or additional capacity needed to help them do one or more of the following (list not exhaustive):

- identify new or expanded markets to support the growth of trading income
- support governance or professional development needed to increase trading
- develop financial tools and systems suited to increasing trading income
- produce business plans
- improve marketing and sales skills relevant to trading

Organisations must

- be based in North East England
- either be social enterprise or seeking to develop a social enterprise model. Charities, co-operatives, community interest companies and companies limited by guarantee are included
- be seeking to develop trading income of at least 26% of turnover
- directly benefit society in one or more of the following ways
 - Improving social and community inclusion
 - Supporting disadvantaged people through skills, training and employment
 - Creating a greener environment
- have been established for over a year with more than one income source
- have a total income of no more than £1,000,000 a year

Please note: if applicants have applied for a Community Foundation grant in the last six months the Foundation will normally have these documents on file – if this applies, double check with the office before sending an entry. Applicants who haven't heard anything by 29th March will not have been successful.

<http://www.communityfoundation.org.uk/apply>

Source: FINE

SITA Enhancing Communities (Grant – England)

For not-for-profits.

Enhancing Communities is the name of SITA Trust's funding programme for community improvement projects. SITA supports projects that make physical improvements to community leisure facilities and historic buildings / structures. Projects must be in any of 115 funding zones around qualifying sites owned by our donor, SITA UK (postcode checker on website).

The Enhancing Communities Programme offers two funds:

Core Fund

- Grants of up to £60,000 for projects with an overall cost of no more than £250,000
- Next deadline 18th March 2013

Fast Track Fund

- Grants of up to £20,000 for projects with an overall cost of no more than £40,000
- Applicants will find out whether their application has been successful within 60 days of the application deadline date
- Next deadline 15th April 2013

Before SITA Trust can release funding to a supported project they need to receive a payment called the Contributing Third Party payment (CTP) - SITA UK requires that 11% of the money provided is recovered from third parties.

<http://www.sitatrust.org.uk/community-funding>

Tech for Good Challenge (Social investment – UK)

Up to £50,000 investment for approximately 10 UK businesses (including VCSE). Purchase of capital equipment not usually supported. Deadline 15th April 2013.

The Tech For Good Challenge offers social businesses or charities a way to gain funding to get to the next level. Ventures needs to be in early-phase development and be using digital technology to help solve social issues for or with young people.

- The programme is designed to take ventures forward through a collaborative competition style programme we're calling 'Caterpillar's Cocoon' – an opportunity to work with leading corporate partners offering a mix of skills and expertise in addition to a range of other support offerings
- The initiative is a partnership between Big Issue Invest and Nominet Trust with support from five corporate partners: Bank of America Merrill Lynch, LDC, MITIE, Salesforce Foundation and Unity Trust Bank

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- The Challenge is for early stage ventures that have commenced development of their product/service; ventures need not already have launched to market, but do need proof of concept
 - The programme is focused on creating opportunity for young people in England; proposals should focus primarily or significantly on the benefits it can deliver to English audiences

The Challenge is not for enterprises that want to add technological or digital services to existing programmes; the investors are seeking social innovation with technology, particularly ventures that make imaginative use of technology to re-think how young people can be supported to transform their lives and communities.

<http://bigissueinvest-csv.com/challenge/>

Source: Civil Society / FINE

Haltwhistle Health and Social Care Scheme (Contract – Northumberland)

From Northumberland County Council. Respond by 15th March 2013.

The Haltwhistle scheme is a joint development between Northumberland County Council and Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust to provide an integrated care facility combining medical facilities with extra care accommodation. The scheme offers an opportunity to the right organisation to join the partnership and help develop and operate a unique way of delivering services to the local community.

The Council wishes to commission a suitably qualified and experienced managing agent to take responsibility for the operational management, including all aspects of housing management relating to 12 Extra Care flats, and to take responsibility for the provision of facilities management for the hospital.

The managing agent will be responsible for the development of a Planned Preventative Maintenance Plan (to be agreed with the partners) and will be responsible for ensuring the procurement of the necessary specialist support for specialist plant, e.g. medical gasses plant and supply, medical gas authorising engineer / authorised person duties, telecare, nurse call system, etc.

Estimated contract dates: 1st July 2013 – 1st July 2018.

https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/frm_opportunity?openForm&opp_id=OPP-HIS-QTLE-94XGAL&search_id=PLAN-SCHQTLE-95GHFX&contract_id=CONTRACT-QTLE-94XFDA&org_id=ORG-QTLE-75FD7V&from=

Source: NEPO / FINE

Short Break Respite for Young People in Northumberland (Contract)

From Northumberland County Council. Respond by 12th April 2013.

The overall aim of the tender process is to establish a framework of providers which allows the Council to maintain good quality short break respite provision, outreach support and crisis support across Northumberland, increase parental choice and improve the outcomes for children and young people.

Estimated contract dates: 2nd September 2013 – 1st September 2016

https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/frm_opportunity?openForm&contract_id=CONTRACT-QTLE-95GJSL&opp_id=OPP-HIS-QTLE-95HHCV&search_id=&org_id=ORG-QTLE-75FD7V&from=supplier_home

Source: NEPO / FINE

Information & Resources

NHS Northumberland Clinical Commissioning Group

NHS Northumberland Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is set to take on its new responsibilities after becoming fully authorised.

The CCG has been assessed as an organisation ready to take on the responsibility for the planning and purchasing of healthcare and health services for the people of the county from April 2013. This means that it has become a statutory body responsible for a budget of £410m to plan and purchase healthcare and health services for the people of the county, replacing the current commissioners, NHS North of Tyne.

<http://www.northoftyne.nhs.uk/about-us/press-releases/nhs-northumberland-clinical-commissioning-group-has-been-given-the-go-ahead-after-passing-a-rigorous-authorisation-process-with-flying-colours>

North East Access to Finance 2013

4th edition of the local guide for North East SMEs (including social enterprises) published.

North East Access to Finance (NEA2F) are the body set up to co-ordinate and manage the re-deployment of legacies from the region's historical investment funds for the benefit of SMEs (small-medium enterprises).

NEA2F help businesses in this region access finance in two ways:

- Act as a signpost for businesses to direct them to sources of finance and support that are relevant to their needs and currently available in the region
- Working to develop new sources of public investment funding that will become available to the region's SMEs after the current programmes have come to an end

The new edition of their guide now includes support for social enterprises. It can be downloaded for free from the website or requested in hardcopy.

<http://northeastaccess2finance.files.wordpress.com/2013/02/nea-2013-final-pdf-for-web-4.pdf>

Source: FINE

Events & Training

Evolve 2013

17th June 2013, 9:30am – 17:30pm, The Brewery, London. £90 - £427.50

This new partnership event is organised by NCVO and Volunteering England, with contributions from ACEVO solutions, Charity Finance Group (CFG), Institute of Fundraising (IoF) and National Association for Voluntary and Community Action (NAVCA). Evolve 2013 has been split into four distinct areas:

- Evolve Summit
- Evolve Marketplace
- Evolve Fringe
- Evolve Dinner

Delegates can pick and choose the areas that are of the most interest or attend the whole day by booking onto the Summit. There will be 16 workshops, including

- volunteering and volunteer management
- impact
- funding and fundraising
- leadership
- campaigning

http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/evolve2013?utm_source=NCVO_EvolvePromo_workshops&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=NCVO_EvolvePromo_workshops

Express Your Health: a workshop on the Health Reforms, and the changing commissioning landscape for the children, young people and families VCS

21st March 2013, 9am-4pm, St George's Centre, Leeds. Free

This is a Children England workshop on the Health Reforms, and the changing commissioning landscape for the children, young people and families VCS. The session will cover the following:

- An overview of the changes in health structures and health commissioning
- An opportunity to look at both barriers and opportunities for organisations
- Review how your organisation's services map against health priorities
- Review how you can engage more effectively with health in the future

All participants will receive a free copy of the health commissioning resource developed by Children England.

<http://www.evolutiondarlington.com/media/Express Your Health - Leeds3.pdf>

Free Workshops on Social Return on Investment (SROI) and Social Accounting

20th March / 19th April 2013, 10am – 1pm, Town Mission, North Shields.

SROI and social accounting are ways of measuring and accounting for the value an organisation creates with their work. As well as helping organisations account for their achievements and attract funding, it can also help organisations maximise their social impact and improve the lives of the people they work with. SES is running a programme of free workshops for organisations working in North Tyneside to find out how this methodology can help their organisation.

For more information email Toni@ses.coop

Income Options for Voluntary Organisations

26th March 2013, 9:30am – 3:30pm, VODA, The Shiremoor Centre. £35 (VODA Members) £45 (non-members) £80 (statutory/ private)

This course is for voluntary organisations who are interested in exploring ways to diversify their income and gain a better understanding of some of the newer forms of funding and financing the voluntary sector. It discusses the five main areas of income:

- Grants
- Contracts
- Social enterprise and trading
- Social investment
- Personalisation

<http://www.voda.org.uk/cms/assets/files/TVS1309%20Income%20Options%20for%20Voluntary%20Organisations%281%29.pdf>

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