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Funding Information North East

Opportunities

URGENT: Tees Valley VCS Advisory Group

Opportunity to join and influence delivery programme for European Structural Funds 2014 -2020. Respond by 22nd April 2013

Tees Valley Unlimited (TVU) is in the process of initiating an Advisory Group of VCS representatives to assist them with the development of a Tees Valley delivery programme for European Structural Funds 2014-2020. This process is being organised by Hartlepool VDA with, and on behalf of, the HVDA, Middlesbrough VDA, Redcar & Cleveland VDA, Catalyst and Evolution.

Nominations are being sought from individuals who wish to join the Advisory Group. Interested individuals are required to submit a 500 word statement outlining their relevant experience and skills.

http://www.evolutiondarlington.com/pages/posts/tees-valley-vcs-advisory-group-to-work-with-tees-valley-unlimited-on-european-funding-805.php?utm_source=eVOLution+Friday+e-Bulletin&utm_campaign=49296d1375-RSS_EMAIL_CAMPAIGN&utm_medium=email

Source: eVOLution / FINE

URGENT: Volunteer Family Mentors (Contract – Northumberland)

Mencap. Respond by 22nd April 2013

Mencap are seeking Expressions of Interest from VCSE organisations who could offer volunteer mentoring and advocacy support to families or people with learning disabilities or difficulties in Northumberland, to ensure the best possible outcomes for the families. Expressions of Interest could be from individual organisations or from a partnership of local services.

Parent Pioneers offers a model of support to parents with a learning difficulty/disability to access Parenting Courses that suit their needs and styles of learning. The project will also offer volunteer parent mentoring support to families so that they can put the knowledge and skills they learn from the course into their daily lives. The project is led by Mencap and is a consortium of sector specialists including Mellow Parenting, a reference group of parents with learning difficulties/disabilities run by the Elfrida Society.

The Volunteer Family Mentor (VFM) contract is for two years 2013 –2015 and would be managed by the Parent Pioneers Operational Project Group in Northumberland.

Key deliverables:

- To recruit Parent Pioneer VFMs
- To match VFMs with families
- To provide training for the VFMs
- To support and supervise VFMs
- To ensure that VFMs are working ethically
- To attend Parent Pioneers operational group meetings every six weeks
- To support the work of the Norah Fry Research Centre in evaluating and monitoring the Parent Pioneers project

For more information email sue.reed@mencap.org.uk / lucy.virgo@mencap.org.uk
Source: c4c / FINE

Community Radio Fund (Grant - UK)

For Community Radio Stations. No upper limit; average £15,000. Deadline 8th May 2013.

Telecom's Regulator, Ofcom, has announced that the Community Radio Fund is now open for applications. Community Radio Stations can apply for funding to support their core running costs. These can include

- management costs
- administration costs
- fundraising to support the station
- community outreach work
- costs involved in using volunteers

Grants can only be made to community radio licensees which are broadcasting under a community radio license (and not an RSL, for example).

<http://stakeholders.ofcom.org.uk/broadcasting/radio/community-radio-fund/>

Source: Funding Insight / FINE

European Integration Fund (Grant - UK)

For non-government organisations / charities / partnerships. Minimum £200,000 (dependent on start date), no maximum. Next deadline 10th June 2013

The UK Border Agency has announced that it is now accepting applications for funding under the European Integration Fund. A total of £31m is available to support innovative projects under the following priorities:

- Projects that prepare third-country nationals for their integration into the UK, whilst they are still on the territory of the third country
- Projects which assist in the integration of third-country nationals who are legally in the UK with a potential route to settlement
- Projects which address policy capacity building, co-ordination and intercultural competence building in the UK across the different levels and departments of government
- Projects which facilitate the exchange of experience, good practice and information on integration between member states

Projects can last a maximum of 24 months depending on the start date. The fund will run until February 2014. The amount applied for must normally be matched 50:50 with funds from non-European Union sources.

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsfragments/76-eif>

Source: Grants Online / FINE

Family Fund (Grant – UK)

For individuals / families. No deadline.

The Family Fund helps families across the UK who are raising a disabled child, young person with additional complex needs, or children and young people with a serious illness (aged 17 or under).

The family must have evidence of entitlement to one the following:

- Child Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Support
- Incapacity Benefit
- Employment Support Allowance
- Housing Benefit and Pension Credit

If not in receipt of any of the above, further information may be needed to complete the application.

As the Family Fund has limited funding, the following disability criteria to determine whether a child is eligible (all criteria must be met):

- Children and young people must have additional complex needs, or have a serious or life threatening illness
- There must be evidence that the child or young person's additional needs impact on a family's choices and their opportunity to enjoy ordinary life
- They must require a high level of support in three or more of the following areas:
 - The physical environment
 - Education
 - Communication
 - Access to social activities
 - Personal care, supervision and vigilance
 - Specialist resources, including Information and Communications Technology, required
 - Medical or therapeutic treatment and condition management
- The child or young person's condition must be long term (12 months +) or life limiting

Families often apply for essential items such as washing machines, but the Fund can also help young people with grants that have particular meaning to their age group, such as equipment for college. Depending upon what is asked for, the grant may be awarded in a number of different ways, for example

- a payment card for kitchen appliances, furniture, leisure items etc
- a product delivered to your home direct from a supplier for computers
- a direct payment or voucher from a supplier towards a holiday
- a payment made into an account for other items

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

Source: Funding Insight / FINE

Gateshead Volunteers Month Small Grants

Up to £300 for VCS. Deadline 3rd May 2013 (for events 1st June - 15th June) / 24th May (for events 16th - 30th June)

This fund, from Gateshead Council, will provide small grants to enable VCS groups to take part in Volunteers Month events, in order to raise awareness of the benefits of volunteering, help the Council to deliver Council Plan priorities of "Improving health and wellbeing" and "Creating capacity through volunteering" and to deliver the aims of the Gateshead Volunteer Plan.

Funding will support

- cost of information stand hire
- publicity materials
- volunteer expenses

To apply, send a letter of application (letter headed paper) which provides the following information:

- Name of group
- Which event(s) want to attend
- Details of funding required
- Breakdown of costs
- Bank account details

A copy of the group's constitution and accounts should also be sent with the letter of application. Return completed applications to: Christine Dodds, Communities, Neighbourhoods and Volunteering, Community Based Services, 1st Floor, Civic Centre, Gateshead, NE8 1HH or email: communitygrants@gateshead.gov.uk

For further information call Linda Whitfield on 0191 433 2836 or email lindawhitfield@gateshead.gov.uk

Source: Direct / FINE

Grassroots Giving "Big 160 Appeal" (Grant - England)

£500 (160 grants) for grassroots (annual net profit less than £10,000. Registered charities not eligible). Deadline 31st July 2013 ("asap")

Skipton Building Society has created the Big 160 Appeal which will assist grassroots groups across the country. Preference given to organisations which get very little support elsewhere.

They will consider funding almost anything – the following will NOT be considered:

- Rent and/or maintenance of a property
- Expeditions, holidays or travel programmes
- UK centres for overseas projects
- Projects that are normally the responsibility of other organisations such as the NHS or local government
- Medical research and medical equipment
- Animal welfare
- Party political activities
- Promotion of religious causes
- Running costs
- Direct costs of fundraising events
- Loans or business finance
- Requests to cover the costs of equipment, clothing, travel expenses or sponsorship of events
- Individuals and students not part of a wider group
- Activities taking place outside of the UK

<http://www.skiptonbig160.co.uk/>

Source: Grants Online / FINE

Healthy Heart Grants (North East)

Up to £10,000 for community groups. Deadline 31st May 2013 (opens 1st May).

Communities in "Tyne Tees" (North East – full town/city checklist on website) are being encouraged to apply for new funding for projects that aim to improve heart health by helping people to be fitter and healthier.

Heart Research UK and SUBWAY® Healthy Heart Grants are being run by national heart charity, Heart Research UK, and are the result of a partnership between the charity and the high street sandwich brand. Money for the grants has been raised through in-store fundraising across SUBWAY® stores.

Funding is available for original, innovative projects that promote heart health and reduce the risk of developing heart disease. Projects can address a variety of issues like healthy eating, physical activity and smoking cessation but the key focus must be heart health.

www.heartresearch.org.uk/grants/subwayhhg

Source: Direct / FINE

Prince's Countryside Fund (Grant - UK)

Up to £50,000 (capital / revenue) for VCSE. Deadline 18th May 2013

The aim of the fund is to help improve the long-term sustainability of the British countryside. In this round the Fund seeks to address four key issues:

- Rural Isolation
- Decline of Rural communities
- Low Farming Incomes
- Lack of access to training

They do this by providing grants that will:

- improve service provision in rural areas
- support rural enterprise
- support farming businesses
- provide training opportunities for young people

To be eligible projects must be doing one of the four items listed above.

There have been some changes to the funding and its objectives since the last round. The following will no longer be accepted:

- Applications where the objective of the project is to 'reconnect people with the countryside'
- Applications from individuals or private enterprises, with the exception of Community Interest Companies and Companies Limited by Guarantee
- Applications for capital funding for the purchase of buildings or land

It is recommended that potential applicants read the eligibility criteria and guidance thoroughly before applying

<http://www.princescountrysidefund.org.uk/page/apply-funding>

Source: Funding Insight / FINE

Social Investment Business (SIB) Loan Fund (Investment – England)

No amount prescribed. For social ventures. Investments begin September

SIB are looking for established organisations interested in loan funding with expected interest rates between 5 and 8%, terms of 5-10 years. Investment will begin later this year, in September but the programme is open to Expressions of Interest now. There is no prescribed minimum or maximum amount.

<http://www.sibgroup.org.uk/loans/>

Source: Direct / FINE

Provision of Mentoring services - Creative Industries (Contract – Redcar & Cleveland)

Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council. Respond by 30th April 2013

The Council is seeking quotations for the provision of mentoring services primarily for the creative industries sector based within the borough of Redcar and Cleveland. These opportunities are part funded through the European Regional Development Fund 2007-13. The contract is ad-hoc; as and when clients require specific support. Mentors are also encouraged to seek out clients from the borough of Redcar and Cleveland. There is no guarantee of being asked to provide services if successful in quotation as the requirements are client led. If services are required there is an upper limit of £20,000.

<https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-96TKXB>

Source: NEPO / FINE

Framework Agreement for the Provision of Homecare and Support for Adults (Contract – Darlington)

Darlington Borough Council. Respond by 10th May 2013

There are three elements to the service:

- Care and support – personal care, domestic support and any other activity agreed to meet the individual's outcomes
- Housing related support - delivered to individuals with a learning disability, who receive supporting people funding, to establish or maintain independent living skills
- Re-ablement - support which helps people "do things for themselves, rather than having things done for them"

<https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-96PCDN>

Source: NEPO / FINE

Carers Support Service (Contract – Darlington)

Darlington Borough Council. Respond by 14th May 2013

Joint contract between Darlington Borough Council and NHS Darlington Clinical Commissioning Group for the provision of Support Services for Carers:

- Lot 1: Adult Carers, including Parents Caring for Disabled Children
- Lot 2: Young Carers up to the age of 25

The service will ensure a holistic whole family approach to assess the family's needs, working with the right services to support the family, as part of a multi agency care plan to meet their needs. The service will therefore need to provide a range of interventions and programmes.

<https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-96ULB9>

Source: NEPO / FINE

Information & Resources

Community IT Academy (CITA)

Change of address

Community IT Academy (CITA)

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Westgate Road

Newcastle upon Tyne

NE4 9PQ

Tel: 07958 482 509

www.communityitacademy.org

Source: Direct / FINE

European Union (EU) Funding

UK allocation of EU structural funding announced

The Government has set out how the UK's allocation of EU Structural Funds will be divided for 2014 to 2020:

- **England: €6.174 billion**
- Northern Ireland: €457 million
- Scotland: €795 million
- Wales: €2.145 billion

<http://www.esf-works.com/news/471-uk-allocation-of-eu-structural-funding->

Source: ESF / FINE

Ministry of Justice (MoJ) probation service contracts

Statement from Big Society Capital (BSC) for organisations considering bidding for probation service contracts

Big Society Capital has issued a statement encouraging charities and social enterprises operating in the criminal justice sector to get in touch, particularly those considering roles as prime contractors or as part of consortia bidding for the future MoJ probation service contracts. The statement also clarifies how BSC sees its role in providing finance for the reforms, at prime and sub-contracting level.

http://www.bigsocietycapital.com/sites/default/files/pdf/BSC_JusticeMarketStatement.pdf

Source: Clinks / FINE

Social Investment Business (SIB)

New contact details for investment enquiries, effective 17th April:

The Social Investment Business Group
1st Floor, Derbyshire House
St Chad's Street
London WC1H 8AG
Tel: 0207 842 7788 / email info@sibgroup.org.uk
<http://www.sibgroup.org.uk/>
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Events & Training

Directory of Social Change (DSC) May Fayre

21st–23rd May 2013, Charity Centre London NW. £25-35 per workshop

DSC's May Fayre offers three days of over 50 training workshops. Fundraising sessions include:

- Fundraising Skills
- Fundraising using Social Media
- Fundraising Strategy
- Proposal Writing
- Corporate Fundraising

http://www.mayfayre.org.uk/online_booking.html?dm_i=6S7,1D9BS,RKJG4,4N05Y,1

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