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Funding and finance opportunities for North East voluntary and community organisations and social enterprises

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Funding Information North East

Opportunities

Alec Dickson Trust (Grant - UK)

Up to £500 for young volunteers. No deadline specified (meet twice yearly)

The Trust provides grants to help young people (aged up to 30) or small groups of young people run a volunteering project in their local area.

The fund seeks to support projects that enhance the lives of others, particularly those most marginalised by society such as:

- the homeless
- those with drug dependency problems
- people with disabilities

Innovative projects are especially welcome.

Please note: it is highly unlikely that applications from young people embarking on organised 'gap year' projects overseas or requesting a grant for college/university course fees will be funded.

<http://www.alecdicksontrust.org.uk/>

Source: Grants Online / FINE

Arts and Older People (Grant - England)

For partnerships (arts/residential care). £1m total fund over 3 years – estimated 4 projects supported. Deadline 14th August 2013

The Baring Foundation has teamed up with the Arts Council England to launch a new £1m funding programme, inviting proposals from partnerships or consortia - led by either residential care providers or arts organisations - to deliver a three year programme providing access to high quality arts experiences for older people in residential care.

The programme wants to build on the existing examples of good practice where artists, and arts/cultural organisations are making a real difference to people's lives and providing a bridge between older people and the wider community.

<http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/apply-for-funding/arts-and-older-people-care-commissioned-grant/>

Source: Funding Insight / FINE

Fulfilling Lives: Ageing Better (Grant – North East)

**For partnerships (see text). £2-6m per partnership estimated.
Northumberland not eligible.**

Ageing Better, from the Big Lottery Fund (BIG), is about reducing social isolation for older people to improve their well-being and give them confidence and support, so that they can be more active within their neighbourhoods.

There is at least £70 million available and BIG want to fund 15 to 20 local authority areas from across England. They expect local communities within each area to come together to form a partnership. Each partnership can expect to be awarded between £2 and £6 million for a project lasting between three to six years.

BIG want to fund community-led approaches that enable older people who are most at risk of social isolation and loneliness to lead more fulfilling lives. They want local communities to come forward with creative proposals that reflect their local needs and aspirations.

Application process:

- 100 local authorities are invited to submit an expression of interest form. Proposals for cross-boundary working will be accepted
- 30 areas are selected to take forward to proceed to the vision and strategy stage. They must form a partnership led by a **voluntary and community sector** organisation. There can only be one partnership for each of the 30 areas shortlisted
- The lead VCS organisation will be offered up to **£20,000** of development funding to help with organising and writing a vision and strategy
- The VCS organisation that submitted the vision and strategy will continue to lead the partnership in developing a detailed project proposal. Up to **£50,000** is available to help at this stage

<http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/global-content/programmes/england/fulfilling-lives-ageing-better>

Source: FINE

Heritage Enterprise (Grant – UK)

£100,000 - £5m for not-for-profit / partnerships. Next deadline 13th June 2013.

Heritage Enterprise from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) supports enterprising community organisations across the UK to rescue neglected historic buildings and sites and unlock their economic potential. By funding much of the repair costs HLF

hope to encourage private developers to work with community organisations to deliver commercially viable schemes.

HLF can also fund

- the purchase of a heritage asset in need of investment
- essential conservation work, such as structural repairs to a historic building
- work to bring vacant and derelict buildings and sites back into commercial use

HLF can fund activities to help people engage with the heritage and work to help organisations/partnerships develop and manage their project.

The programme will also offer grants of **£3,000 - £10,000** to help local community groups set up Heritage Enterprise projects, which would then be eligible for further funding.

Projects can apply for a limited amount of funding for capital expenditure during project development. This can be to support urgent repairs to prevent further deterioration or for new temporary structures designed to allow 'meanwhile uses'. The total expenditure for capital works during the development phase should not normally amount to more than 10% of the delivery-grant request.

http://www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/programmes/Pages/Heritage_Enterprise.aspx#.UXeWf0pZibI

Source: Third Sector / FINE

Leche Trust (Grant - UK)

For VCSE. Amount not specified. Deadline 20th August 2013.

The main focuses of the Trust's grant making activities are

- the promotion of good relations between Britain and third world countries
- assistance to academic, educational or other organisations concerned with music, drama, dance and the arts
- the preservation of buildings and their contents and the repair and conservation of church furniture
- the preservation of the nation's countryside, towns, villages and historic landscapes

<http://www.lechetrust.org/>

Source: Funding Insight / FINE

National Churches Trust – Community Grants Programme (UK)

Minimum £5,000. Closing date 1st October 2013.

The Trust offers grants towards community facilities at churches, chapels and meeting houses. The programme considers applications from listed and unlisted Christian places of worship of any age and denomination that open regularly for public worship.

Grants are available towards capital works such as additions and extensions, and the introduction of facilities, such as accessible toilets and catering facilities. The programme is for projects that introduce facilities to enable increased community use of places of worship.

- Projects must be able to demonstrate local consultation, benefit and need for the project
- All permissions must be in place at the time that projects apply
- Work must be able to start within two years of the application
- Projects may contain structural repair costs but eligible costs will be considered as those that are for works eligible under this programme
- Principle congregations should be part of a denomination that is a member of (or belongs to an umbrella body that is a member of) Churches Together in Britain and Ireland
- Projects must have an estimated cost of at least £25,000 (including VAT and fees) and include new capital works

<http://nationalchurchestrust.org/supporting-you/grants/community-grants.php>

Source: Grants Online / FINE

Our Big Gig (Grant – England)

Up to £400 for VCSE. Deadline 12th May 2013.

Schools and other organisations (see below) that wish to organise a music event as part of Superact's annual Our Big Gig can receive a grant towards their event / marketing materials. Our Big Gig will be taking place throughout parks and town centres in the UK from the 11th–14th July 2013. This annual event aims to bring communities together to celebrate their local musical talents and encourage people who are new to music making to have a go.

Superact is looking for over 275 local community event organisers across the UK to be part of the Our Big Gig in 2013. In addition to the grant, schools will also receive PR support, training opportunities and the ability to promote and list their events on the Our Big Gig website.

In addition to schools, events can also be organised by a 'friends of the park' group, voluntary music group, local authority, or anyone part of a group organisation with its own bank account.

<http://www.superact.org.uk/ourbiggig/our-big-gig-2013>

Source: Grants Online / FINE

Prudhoe Street Mission Foundation (North / South Tyneside)

FINE first publicised this funding in Issue 8 but at the time there was minimal information available. The organisation is now up and running and open to applications. They will consider funding the following:

- Local churches
- Other charities
- Mission orientated matters
- Projects - new or existing
- Play schemes / summer kids club
- Equipment (not mini buses etc.)

The following will NOT be funded

- Anyone outside North/South Tyneside
- Individuals
- Revenue for general maintenance
- Running costs or salaries
- Training programmes

No funding amount is specified at the time of writing. Application forms should be downloaded from the website and returned by post.

<http://www.prudhoestreetmissionfoundation.org.uk/#/contact/4573132204>

Source: Direct / FINE

Shears Foundation (Grant – North East)

£1,000 - £50,000 (average £10,000) for registered charities. No deadline

The Foundation makes grants for capital items (including building works), organisational running costs, project revenue costs. The majority of grants awarded are one-off, although recurrent grants are sometimes available.

The Foundation funds registered charities working within these main themes:

- Community development and deprivation
- Culture
- Education
- Environment and sustainability
- Health and medical

All themes will have an emphasis on education in its widest sense and awareness-raising especially dealing with deprivation, breaking down barriers and minimising detrimental environmental effects.

Applications should be sent to lyn@shears.onyxnet.co.uk giving details of the funding required along with a full budget and accounts

- Details of other funders involved would be helpful
- The email should also include details of the charity's history its aims and information to give the trustees the context of the application
- Generally, applications will be more favourably considered if there is an emphasis on education and awareness-raising

Grants will not be awarded to

- non-registered charities
- playgroups and pre-school groups
- religious organisations
- pets or animal projects
- gap year projects
- individuals

Source: FINE

Framework for the Provision of Family Support Services (Contract – Gateshead)

Gateshead County Council. Respond by 7th May 2013

This contract will provide three levels of service to support families in Gateshead that fall under the Government's definition of a 'troubled family' with multiple and complex problems including those who

- are involved in crime and anti-social behaviour
- have children who don't attend school
- have an adult on out of work benefits
- incur high costs to the public sector

The contract will have the following three Lots:

- Lot A – Family Stability Programme
- Lot B – Intensive Family Support
- Lot C – Crisis Intervention Service

<https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-954MWQ>

Source: NEPO / FINE

Information & Resources

Believe.in

New fundraising website

A new fundraising platform that promises to give to charity 100 per cent of the money raised through the site, including Gift Aid, was launched last month.

<http://believe.in/>

Source: VONNE / Direct

Big Lottery Fund

Charities applying for Big Lottery Fund (BIG) grants 'should demonstrate consultation'

Organisations will have a better chance of receiving a share of the £770m funding if they consult beneficiaries, says Ceri Doyle of BIG. Any charity seeking a BIG grant should make sure it reads the guidance, shows it has consulted its beneficiaries and demonstrates that its programme is sustainable.

<http://www.thirdsector.co.uk/go/news/article/1178933/charities-applying-big-lottery-fund-grants-should-demonstrate-consultation/>

Source: Third Sector / FINE

Charities Online

HMRC's new system for claiming Gift Aid launched

The new system replaces the paper form that members currently use to claim tax repayments. The transition period for implementing the changes will end on 30th September this year. A step by step guide is available:

<http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/advice-support/funding-finance/financial-management/tax/giftaid>

Source: Direct / FINE

North East Independent Economic Review

Review recommendations published

A Review Team led by Lord Andrew Adonis and tasked with developing a series of key recommendations to stimulate economic growth in the North East LEP area has published its findings.

<http://www.nelep.co.uk/ne-economic-review/>

Source: FINE

Surviving Not Thriving

Final report from VONNE

Charities and voluntary groups across the North East are facing closure according to this report by VONNE which looked into the impact of the cuts on the North East's voluntary and community sector.

At a time when almost two thirds of the 200 voluntary groups who responded are reporting a rise in demand for services, 59% have seen a decrease in funding, as public sector agencies have their budgets slashed. 33% have lost staff and 56% are using their reserves whilst 23% have no reserves at all.

79% received grants from the public sector. With the region's councils making unprecedented budget cuts many groups are finding their funding drastically reduced or pulled altogether. Public sector contracts only provide 50% of the funding mix for groups, down from 57%. This suggests the expectation of charities delivering more public services hasn't happened and is in reverse.

http://www.vonne.org.uk/news/news_article.php?id=1945

Source: VONNE / FINE

Events & Training

Institute of Fundraising North East Group Meeting

22nd May 2013, 4-6pm. As You Like It Bar, Newcastle upon Tyne. £3 per person if pre-booked, otherwise £5

Both members and non-members are invited to join the Group in networking over canapés and a glass of wine. Speakers this month:

- Louise Hunter, Director of Corporate Affairs at Northumbrian Water

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- Karen and Rebecca from the Village Hotel and Spa - 'What the Village has to offer Charities'

Email catfly@live.co.uk by 10th May to confirm attendance

www.institute-of-fundraising.org.uk/groups/regional-north-east

Preparing for Social Investment

21st May 2013 8am-10:30am, Ward Hadaway, Newcastle. Free

This seminar will provide an in depth overview and will cover the following:

- What is social investment?
- Is your organisation ready for social investment?
- Learning from case studies

http://www.wardhadaway.com/page/events/details.cfm?coArticleEvent_articleId=416&coArticleEvent_mode=article&dm_i=1JV9,1FB7Q,8W6FR8,4U8R4,1

Tees Valley Business Summit 2013

4th July 2013. Olympia Building, Teesside University. Free

The event will give people the chance to meet peers and make new contacts whilst gaining straightforward advice from industry experts across several key areas.

Delegates can join representatives from hundreds of businesses and attend practical seminars, inspirational workshops and one-to-one advice sessions, as well as taking advantage of potentially lucrative networking opportunities.

www.teesvalleysummit.co.uk

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