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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

BT/Sunday Telegraph Paralympic Momentum Programme (Grant - UK)

£1,000 for amateur sports clubs (includes after school clubs run voluntarily by parents or other parties) Deadlines 9th May / May 23rd

The competition is open to clubs that offer significant opportunities for participation in disabled sports. Entries must be submitted by an official of the club who must be aged 18 years or over. Entrants may nominate their own sports club only and entries must be supported by two referees who are connected to but not necessarily a member of the club. Written submissions must be no more than 250 words. Entries will remain in the competition unless chosen as a winner.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/sponsored/sport/disability-sports-funding/10001703/paralympic-momentum-terms-conditions.html>

Source: Funding Insight / FINE

Centre for Social Action Innovation Fund (Grant - England)

£50,000 - £500,000 for charities / social enterprises / public / private. Match funding expected. No deadline specified

This £14m fund is run by Nesta, the UK's Innovation Foundation, working in partnership with the Cabinet Office. The fund is currently looking for innovative ventures and programmes that use social action to achieve impact in four fields:

- Helping people to age well, particularly by supporting people over 50 to have a purpose, a sense of well-being and to be connected to others
- Enabling people with long-term health conditions to have a better quality of life, particularly through the use of peer to peer networks and groups
- Supporting and encouraging young people to succeed and find employment, for example through mentoring, coaching, and peer-to-peer networks
- Using new approaches to "impact volunteering" to mobilise volunteers to increase and enhance the outcomes achieved by public services

The funders are looking to support work that

- can demonstrate positive impact on outcomes in one of the above fields
- harnesses social action effectively to work alongside public services
- has an ambitious and financially sustainable strategy for growing impact
- has a commitment to rigorously measuring on-going performance
- is supported by a competent management team who are open to challenge

A number of organisations can apply together, but one must act as lead and take responsibility for the others. Funding can be used to finance programme delivery costs, core organisational costs, business development and impact measurement and evaluation. In addition, the fund can provide non-financial support, including advice and support from the Nesta and Cabinet Office team, commissioning paid for or pro bono expert advice and consultancy services, connecting innovations to potential purchasers and investors and other kinds of non-financial support.

http://www.nesta.org.uk/areas_of_work/public_services_lab/giving_and_social_action/csa_innovationfund/assets/features/centre_for_social_action_innovation_fund_fund_details

Source: FINE

European Partnership on Sports (Grant - UK)

For not-for-profit / public. Total budget available €2.65 million - grant can cover up to 80% of total eligible costs. Deadline 19th July 2013

The European Commission has issued a new call for proposals to implement the preparatory action European Partnership on Sports. The call for proposals will support transnational projects put forward by public bodies or not-for-profit organisations in order to identify and test suitable networks and good practices in the field of sport. In particular, this call will focus on actions that

- strengthen good governance and dual careers in sport through support for mobility of volunteers/coaches/managers/staff of non-profit organisations
- protect athletes, especially the youngest, from health and safety hazards by improving training and competition conditions
- promote traditional European sports and games

http://ec.europa.eu/sport/news/20130426-2013-call-for-proposals_en.htm

Source: Direct / FINE

Homelessness Transition Fund (Grant – England)

For VCSE.

The Homelessness Transition Fund (HTF) is a grant fund for the voluntary homelessness sector with the ambition to help prevent and tackle rough sleeping.

Main Grants: Up to £150,000. Deadline 21st May 2013

The final round will focus on the following key objectives:

- To support strategically critical homelessness services for single homeless people. In particular those serving rough sleepers and where there is evidence of rising rough sleeping and emerging needs
- To support services in the transition to rolling out 'No Second Night Out' principles and developing other innovations to end rough sleeping

Grants will target areas of high homelessness based on local data, and/or target specific client groups where there is evidence of rising rough sleeping. The Fund anticipates making approximately 23 grants.

Future Ready Fund: £5,000 - £25,000. Deadline 14th June 2013

The aim of the £500,000 Future Ready Fund is 'to protect and enhance essential and strategically critical services for single homeless people and support them in the transition to becoming sustainable'. They will fund proposals that

- lead to stronger better resourced organisations
- prepare organisations for change
- build skills and abilities to take advantage of new funding opportunities
- build relationships or partnerships which strengthen organisations and help to attract funding and provide better services
- make a real difference and make sure organisations can continue to support clients in the best ways possible

<http://homeless.org.uk/fund>

Source: FINE

Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust (Grant - UK)

No maximum limit. For organisations and individuals. Deadline 2nd September 2013

The Trust makes grants for activities that relate to the following areas:

Peace - work that promotes the nonviolent resolution of conflict, including work on arms trade, creation of a peace culture, peacebuilding measures and supporting the right to conscientious objection to military service.

Racial justice - work which promotes racial justice in all parts of society, including empowering BME people to engage in decision making and policy development, and work which monitors and challenges racism and racial injustice.

Power and responsibility - work that encourages an appropriate relationship between people and the institutions that affect them; includes promotion of accountability, openness, responsiveness and respect for human rights.

Quaker concerns - work that helps deepen the spiritual life of the Society of Friends or that develops Quaker responses to problems of our time.

The Trust tends to fund work that is on a national level and while there are no maximum grant limits, the Trust does stress that costings need to be realistic. Previously supported projects include Migrant Voice - who received a £60,000 grant over three years for a project to strengthen the voice of migrants in the media - and the Institute of Race Relations, who received a grant of £2,800 for work on preventing violent extremism.

Generally, the Trust will not fund the following (not exhaustive):

- Larger, older national charities with established constituency of supporters and substantial levels of reserves
- Building, buying or repairing buildings
- Business development or job creation schemes
- Providing care, support or training services
- Housing and homelessness
- Travel or adventure projects for individuals
- Educational bursaries
- General appeals

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

Source: Grants Online / FINE

Kellett Fund (Grant – North East)

Up to £30,000 for VCSE in Tyne & Wear, Northumberland, Chester-le-Street. Deadline 14th June 2013

The Kellett Fund supports projects that improve the welfare of active older people. The Fund will prioritise projects that provide inclusive leisure and learning activities for older people and/or support their active participation in all aspects of community affairs. They will seek to support a balanced range of projects across both priorities, and are particularly interested in those that deliver against both through offering older people opportunities to benefit from, and contribute to, service provision. Funded projects must be ready to start in September 2013.

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

Source: Direct / FINE

Research and Knowledge Exchange Fund (RAKE) (Grant – UK)

Around £10,000 - £12,000 for VCSE (individuals / teams / partnerships). Deadline 21st June 2013.

The Institute for Small Business and Entrepreneurship has announced a new call for proposals under its Research and Knowledge Exchange Fund (RAKE). The Fund aims to encourage and support research activities from academics, third sector organisations, consultants and practitioners with the ambition of drawing together and generating an entrepreneurial community of practice to facilitate knowledge exchange and transfer. A critical theme for this year's call for proposals is the impact of 'place' on entrepreneurs. Applications that 'think outside of the box' are encouraged.

A potential but not exhaustive list of suggestions include

- regional economic sustainability in less favoured regions and the role of entrepreneurs
- rurality and sustainability
- effects of urban environment and how inner city issues may 'push' entrepreneurial developments

<http://www.isbe.org.uk/RAKE-2013-Call-for-Applications>

Source: Grants Online / FINE

Rix 'We Care' (Prize – UK)

£500 per depot for VCSE causes. Deadline 22nd July 2013

Please note: Anyone living in the UK can enter but the chosen cause must be located within a Rix Petroleum depot delivery area. The North East depot is in Felton, Hull (NE65 9NZ, tel 01665 602100) and the delivery area is 48.5 miles. Postcodes TD15 and TD12 are also accepted. There is a postcode checker to use on the website: <http://www.rix.co.uk/we-care/register/#depots>

Rix Petroleum want to know about what people care about most within their local community by entering the 'We Care' competition. This may be

- a local library - a great place to meet and chat with friends
- a local football team who did great last season by winning the cup
- a local scout group because they raise money for those in need
- a local pond or woodland because it nurtures local wildlife

Applicants should upload a picture that encapsulates the caring cause, charity, location or organisation along with a short description of why they think it should win. Within each depot area, the cause with the most Facebook 'likes' wins the prize. The prize money can be used for lots of different things to help the chosen cause do what it does best in the local community.

http://www.rix.co.uk/we-care/we-care-competition/?utm_source=Linx+276+-+25+April&utm_campaign=linx276&utm_medium=email#

Source: NCVO / FINE

Sport England Improvement Fund (Grant - England)

£150,000 - £500,000 (capital). VCSE. Deadline 29th May 2013.

Please note: the Improvement Fund is not an open application programme. If a project is able to meet the key criteria of the fund, they should download, complete and submit the Improvement Checklist, after which Sport England will decide on whether to invite them to submit an Expression of Interest form.

The fund will award grants to sustainable projects with a clear local need, supporting projects that deliver capital improvements through new build, modernisation or refurbishment.

For this round, priority will be given to projects that can clearly demonstrate a significant reduction in the use of energy and/or water, and reduce waste in the construction and operation of the facility. In particular the funders will seek to support projects that can address one or more of the following themes and issues:

- Mitigating the impact of climate change
- Supporting the creation of and viability of multi-sport environments
- Providing an example for future projects by the selective use of new technologies and improvements to the building fabric

A minimum of 25 per cent cash partnership funding towards the total project costs is required. This can come from either the applicant body and/or third parties. As a guide, in the previous round 344 Checklists were received, from which 222 Expressions of Interest were invited and 38 projects supported.

http://www.sportengland.org/funding/improvement_fund.aspx

Source: FINE

T2013/71/PE Provision of a Bespoke Package of Residential Care, Support and Education (Contract – Darlington)

Darlington Borough Council. Respond by 20th May 2013.

Opportunity to provide a bespoke package of care (including accommodation), support and education for a young person with complex emotional and behavioural needs. This bespoke package of care must be delivered within an approximate radius of 20 miles from Darlington. The contractor will be able to demonstrate that it can work in an innovative and creative way delivering a package that is designed to capture the imagination of the young person and help him to develop positive aspirations for himself for the future.

<https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-972JTJ>

Source: NEPO / FINE

Information & Resources

Comic Relief

Change of estimated date for new grants strategy

Comic Relief's 2009-2012 grants strategy has now come to an end. The new grants strategy will be launched later this year. Programmes will open for applications in September 2013. (FINE had previously been informed that this would happen around Spring 2013)

<http://www.comicrelief.com/apply-for-a-grant>

Source: FINE

Futurebuilders / Modernisation Funds

Social Investment Business to run the funds for another three years

Social Investment Business will continue to manage the Futurebuilders and Modernisation Funds for the Cabinet Office for a further three years. The new contract, which was competitively tendered, is for portfolio management only and there are no plans at present to advance any new loans.

http://www.civilsociety.co.uk/finance/news/content/14977/social_investment_business_to_run_futurebuilders_fund_for_another_three_years?utm_source=29+April+2013+Fundraising&utm_campaign=29+April+Fundraising&utm_medium=email

Source: Civil Society / FINE

Switch to alternative funding sources to beat the cuts

Article discussing new models of finance

The Guardian article explains the pros and cons of new models of finance available to social enterprises and charities, including

- impact investment
- microfinance
- social impact bonds
- crowdfunding

<http://socialenterprise.guardian.co.uk/social-enterprise-network/2013/apr/16/alternative-forms-social-enterprise-funding>

Source: Guardian / FINE

Events & Training

Bidder Information Day: Accommodation Based Respite for people with Learning Disabilities within North Tyneside (North Tyneside Council)

24th May 2013, 10am–1pm, Riverside Centre, North Tyneside Council. Free
(Respond by 17th May)

In the near future, the Council will be looking to procure these services. They are running this session to distribute some information and gain an understanding about the appetite in the market to run this type of service. The event will provide potential bidders with an opportunity to have a chat with Commissioners.

<https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-979L32>

Briefing event: Provision of drug, alcohol and carer support services (Stockton on Tees Borough Council)

11th June 2013, 10am. MM Banqueting, New Street, Thornaby. Free

The Council will shortly be inviting suitably experienced organisations to express interest in the provision of these services and are hosting a briefing event for interested parties. The event will provide an insight into the type of services and number of Lots to be commissioned, an understanding of the procurement processes and an opportunity to network with other providers and Commissioners. Call 01642 528474 or email drugactionteam@stockton.gov.uk

<https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-979GF3>

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