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Opportunities

Big Potential (Grant – England)

£10m total available. VCSE. Not yet open

VCSE organisations currently missing out on investment opportunities are set to receive more support as the Big Lottery Fund has chosen Exemplas in partnership with Charity Bank to deliver Big Potential, a £10 million support programme (previously referred to as the Investment Readiness Fund).

Big Potential will launch in summer 2013 with the aim of helping to improve the sustainability, capacity and scale of VCSE organisations in order to deliver greater social impact.

The programme is aimed at VCSE organisations at the beginning of their social investment journey and has been designed to complement a range of other initiatives including the Cabinet Office's Investment and Contract Readiness Fund delivered by the Social Investment Business Group.

Further details on how to apply for the grant will be available from the Big Lottery Fund this summer.

http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/global-content/press-releases/england/230513_eng_socinv_bank-to-get-sector-investment-ready

Source: Direct / Third Sector / FINE

Bridges Social Impact Bond Fund (Investment - UK)

Up to £3m for charities / social enterprises.

The first fund of its type, the Bridges Social Impact Bond Fund provides investment and support to charities and social enterprises to deliver programmes designed to improve social outcomes in areas such as education, employment, housing and care for vulnerable young people.

These contracts can facilitate the funding of early-stage, preventive interventions.

The £14m fund was launched in April 2013 with Big Society Capital as cornerstone investor, alongside Omidyar Network and Panaphur. The fund has a co-investment agreement with the Bridges Social Entrepreneurs Fund.

The fund supports organisations that have

- a clear social mission
- a strong management team
- the ability to deliver highly impactful social interventions
- the ability to robustly monitor and proactively manage the social outcomes delivered by these programmes

Each investment made by the fund will be up to £3m to deliver an outcomes-funded intervention programme.

<http://www.bridgesventures.com/bridges-social-impact-bond-fund>

Source: NCVO / FINE

Community Foundation Northumberland and Tyne & Wear – Calls for Application (Grants)

Tynedale activities – deadline 26th June 2013

The Foundation currently have funds that are looking for applications from voluntary and community groups for projects in Tynedale, Northumberland. They manage a number of funds that are interested in supporting community activities in the area and will present applications to the most appropriate fund. In particular, groups are encouraged to apply that meet one or more of the following criteria:

- The group has an annual income under £50,000
- Funding is sought for projects that aim to improve the health or wellbeing of disadvantaged young people, the disabled or the elderly, particularly through sports and fitness activities
- Funding is sought for projects that provide activities and support for young people
- Projects that support the local community of Corbridge and its surrounding area
- Groups needing support for activities or equipment for activities in Haydon Bridge that help to bring the community together

Northumberland activity – no deadline

The following two funds at the Community Foundation are being readvertised as the number of applications received has been low:

- The Three Valleys' Fund - preferred area of benefit is the parishes of Alnham, Alwinton, Biddlestone, Brinkburn, Callaly, Cartington, Glanton, Harbottle, Hedgeley, Hepple, Ingram, Netherton, Rothbury, Snitter, Thropton, Tosson & Whittingham. Usually around £1,000, no specific deadline
- Lendrum Family Fund - an endowment fund to support community activity in Shilbottle. Usually around £1,000

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

Source: Direct / CAN / FINE

County Durham Community Foundation (Grant – Durham / Darlington)

Up to £5,000 for VCSE. Deadlines vary

CDCF have grants available for groups within County Durham and Darlington. They are particularly looking for groups within Chester-le-Street. Projects supported include

- self help
- community regeneration
- environmental improvements
- health and wellbeing
- education
- capacity and skills development
- vulnerable people
- children and young people

www.cdcf.org.uk

Source: Direct / FINE

Creative Skills For Life (Grant – England)

£10,000. VCSE / partnership. Deadline 5th July 2013

The Creative Skills For Life competition fund supports development projects that use digital technology to give young people being treated for cancer and other life-limiting or life-threatening conditions the chance to explore their creative potential via the Creative Skills For Life (CSL) programme.

CSL is an arts therapy programme, designed to enable young people to explore their creative potential as a catalyst for healing and personal development.

The fund is targeted at creative businesses who wish to bring innovative concepts or prototypes to success in the market place in support of CSL. Proposals such as mobile apps, or the development of a new game for tablet or mobile, may all be eligible for funding.

http://www.creativeengland.co.uk/index.php/portfolio/funding/#creative_skills_for_life

Source: Grants Online / FINE

Heritage Lottery: Understanding the First World War (Grants – England)

£3,000 - £100,000+. VCSE. Deadlines vary

Heritage Lottery Fund will provide funding to help groups, communities and organisations mark the Centenary by exploring, conserving and sharing the heritage of the First World War, from memorials, buildings and sites, to photographs, letters and literature.

Projects can focus on any heritage related to the First World War, and the funders are encouraging new perspectives and stories not previously told. In assessing applications, they take account of the range of outcomes for heritage, people and communities that projects will achieve.

Three levels of grants are available:

- **First World War: then and now**
£3,000 - £10,000, rolling programme. This grant programme is for community projects that focus on the First World War, with a short application and quick decision
- **Our Heritage and Young Roots**
£10,000 - £100,000, rolling programmes. Our Heritage provides grants for any type of heritage project, and Young Roots provides grants for projects led by young people
- **Heritage Grants**
£100,000 upwards, next deadlines 13th June / 8th August.

<http://www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/whatwefund/FirstWorldWar/Pages/FirstWorldWar.aspx#.UadkA9hJS3M>

Source: FINE

Housing and poverty - How can we build sustainable homes more cheaply? (Grant – England)

Up to £50,000 (inc. VAT and expenses). Deadline 15th July 2013

This is a Call for Proposal from the Joseph Rowntree Foundation for research into the above. The main aim of the study is to learn from existing attempts to reduce construction costs whilst maintaining (or improving standards) and why these efforts have not led to an increase in house building. The project will be for six months, starting September 2013.

<http://www.jrf.org.uk/funding/calls-for-proposal/housing-and-poverty-sustainable-homes-cheaply>

Source: Direct / FINE

NHS Innovation Challenge Prize for Dementia (Grant – England)

Share of £150,000 total prize fund. VCSE / partnerships. Deadline 4th September 2013

The Challenge is to deliver better outcomes for people with dementia and their carers through services that are integrated and designed around the person with dementia and not the system. It requires health, care and support sectors working together to provide exceptional and innovative services, including

- better access to timely diagnosis
- significantly better access to care, treatment – support and information, and improved co-ordination of care
- supported home care and integrated domiciliary care
- reduced admission and readmission to hospital
- integrated support for end of life care
- fewer admissions to care homes and support when necessary
- the use of new or innovative technologies and evidence of efficiency savings

Services should result in tangible benefits and a radical increase in patient and carer satisfaction.

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

Source: Government / FINE

Opportunity to deliver a series of skills and information workshops for the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) Sector (Grant – England)

Up to £150,000. Deadline 7th June 2013

The Ministry of Justice Transforming Rehabilitation Programme aims to transform the way offenders are managed in the community to achieve a reduction in the rate of re-offending whilst continuing to protect the public. This is a grant to

- deliver a series of information and skills workshops aimed at developing the capacity of VCSE organisations to successfully deliver rehabilitation services
- develop a self-assessment checklist of key things VCSE organisations will need to have/address/be willing to undertake in order to have a realistic chance of accessing the Transforming Rehabilitation Programme opportunity

The grant is intended to be awarded in late June 2013 for work to take place in this financial year 2013/14.

<https://online.contractsfinder.businesslink.gov.uk/Common/View%20Notice.aspx?site=1000&lang=en&NoticeId=947355>

Source: Clinks / FINE

RBS Inspiring Women in Enterprise (Grant – UK)

Up to £50,000. Not for profit. Deadline 17th June 2013 (opens 3rd June).

The RBS Group is offering grants to help build the capacity of organisations that encourage and support women not yet in business to explore enterprise. Inspiring Women in Enterprise will support both new and existing programmes led by not-for-profit organisations.

RBS are looking to support organisations that are helping women on their enterprise journey. This might be helping them to set up in business, delivering enterprise education, innovative networking events, developing entrepreneurial knowledge and skills, and more.

All successful applicants will be given the opportunity to take advantage of a range of additional benefits including accessing network and partnership events, and working with the Inspiring Enterprise team to help promote our partnership and the impact it's making.

<http://www.inspiringenterprise.rbs.com/inspiring-women>

Source: Direct / FINE

Information & Resources

Charity Commission

New website / Commission suggests charging charities or top-slicing gift aid to fund its services

The Commission has launched its new website and hopes the improvements will make it easier to use. Information on how to find a charity, register, complete an annual return, change charity details and how to complain about the Commission /a charity is now displayed on the Commission's homepage. There are also 70 new articles offering guidance on common tasks and signposting readers to more detailed guidance, plus interactive guides on matters such as preparing accounts.

<http://www.charity-commission.gov.uk/>

The Charity Commission has suggested to the Treasury that it takes a slice of gift aid, or places a direct levy on charities, as it warns that it cannot sustain funding cuts of 10 per cent expected in the Government's upcoming spending review.

http://www.civilsociety.co.uk/governance/news/content/15220/charity_commission_suggests_charging_charities?utm_source=23+May+2013+Fundraising&utm_campaign=23+May+Fundraising&utm_medium=email

Source: Civil Society / FINE

Prosperous Parks

New toolkit

At a time when many parks face an uncertain future, this income generation toolkit – from partners Land Trust, Big Lottery Fund and Heritage Lottery Fund - hopes to help secure a sustainable future for more open spaces across the country by providing community groups, park managers, land owners and local authorities with ideas and information about sustainable commercial income for parks.

<http://prosperousparks.com/index.html?r=1&h=768&w=1024>

Source: BIG / FINE

Events & Training

County Durham Community Foundation

Those interested in speaking to the Foundation about the funding they have available and how to apply can do so at the following free events:

- Craghead Village Hall, 10-11am, 5th June
- Coxhoe Village Hall, 10-11am, 19th June
- Chester–Le–Street CVS, 10-11am, 3rd July
- Consett CVS, 10-11am, 17th July
- Brandon Carrside, 10-11am, 31st July

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

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