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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

Anti-Poverty Strategies - reviews: phase two (Grant – UK)

**Up to £20,000 for each review project (including VAT and expenses).
Deadline 28th June 2013.**

Research opportunity from Joseph Rowntree Foundation (JRF). These reviews will assess evidence for the impact of interventions or policies on poverty, particularly where these have been costed or have robust outcome data, as well as addressing why these approaches have had a positive effect. At this stage JRF are initially asking proposers for a completed Expression of Interest form only. There are six separate studies available:

- Transport
- Fuel and other essential services
- Family structure
- Communities and neighbourhoods
- Advice and support
- Adult and tertiary education

http://www.jrf.org.uk/funding/calls-for-proposal/anti-poverty-strategies-phase-two?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=New+JRF+calls+for+proposals+Anti+Poverty+Phase+2&utm_content=New+JRF+calls+for+proposals+Anti+Poverty+Phase+2+CID_590cb8426b4230aca1ff43f0ea8d9811&utm_source=Email%20marketing%20software&utm_term=Anti-Poverty%20Strategies%20-%20Reviews%20Phase%20

Source: Direct / FINE

Digital Innovation Grants (UK)

£2,000 - £10,000 plus support. Registered charities, annual income over £50,000. Deadline 30th June 2013

The PleaseFund.Us Digital Innovation Grants scheme is a grant package awarded to charities specifically to establish and boost their presence in the growing crowdfunding space. The grants have been designed for charities looking to inject innovation and creativity to their existing fundraising efforts, allowing them to reach out to a wider audience, and engage them on a long term giving journey with the charity. The crowdfunding grants will allow charities to exploit the power of crowdfunding without any risk or set up costs.

<http://www.pleasefund.us/help/charity-grants>

Source: SYFAB / FINE

EDF Energy's Green Fund (Grant - England)

Up to £30,000. Non-profit / schools. Deadline 31st August 2013

The EDF Energy Green Fund exists to help develop micro-generation technology through funding of schemes in organisations with a social purpose. Organisations which have benefited or could benefit from funding include:

- schools and universities
- local community buildings (e.g. local authority meeting rooms / village halls)
- museums
- churches

The Fund offers grants to help cover the cost of renewable energy technology that can be used to produce green energy from the sun, wind, water, wood and other renewable sources.

<http://www.edfenergy.com/products-services/for-your-home/our-services/green-energy-fund.shtml#>

Source: Funding Insight / FINE

PROGRESS Gender Equality - Action grants 2013 (Europe)

Up to €250,000 (£212,000). VCSE. Deadline 28th August 2013

The European Commission has launched a new call for proposals to address gender equality within the EU. Grants are available for actions that address the gender pay gap; action that promotes gender balance in economic decision-making positions.

The grant cannot constitute more than 80% of overall eligible project costs. It is envisaged that the EU will fund 10–15 projects. Projects must add value at the European level and will therefore priority will be given to applications from transnational partnerships consisting of social partners, business associations, NGOs and research institutions, etc.

http://ec.europa.eu/justice/newsroom/grants/just_2013_prog_ag_ge_en.htm

Source: Grants Online / FINE

HSCVF Local Grant and Capacity Building Scheme 2013 (Grant – England)

Up to £50,000 for multi-annual projects (VCSE). Deadline to register 19th July / to apply 31st July 2013

The Health and Social Care Volunteering Fund (HSCVF) have announced the launch of this fourth round Local Grant and Capacity Building Scheme (LGCBS). The fourth round aims to invest in the capacity and capabilities of voluntary sector organisations by nurturing innovative ideas and providing organisational support. The scheme has been designed to improve the voluntary sector's potential in the health, public health and social care landscape by helping them to become more sustainable.

It is anticipated that approximately 40 organisations will receive a package of capacity building support and project funding. Maximum grant amounts for each financial year (subject to annual parliamentary approval) are

- 2013/2014 - £5,000
- 2014/2015 - £20,000
- 2015/2016 - £20,000
- 2016/2017 - £5,000

The maximum amount available per financial year is also dependent on the organisation's yearly income, as the HSCVF grant must be 25% (one quarter) or less of that income each year.

Organisations can make an application under one of the following themes:

- 1: Increasing User Voice to Improve Quality of Care
- 2: Community Based Health and Care Interventions
- 3: Improving Public Health through Prevention and Risk Reduction
- 4: Improving Management of Chronic and Long Term Conditions
- 5: Building Capable Communities

Applicants must have

- a track record in health and social care activity
- an established volunteer base
- policies on equality, health and safety, and safeguarding of children and adults already in place

<http://www.volunteeringfund.com/local-grant-scheme/local-grant-scheme-introduction>

Source: Funding Insight / FINE

People's Health Trust: Active Communities (Grant – England*)

* North East: currently open in Northumberland (HealthAble), Tees Valley and Durham (HealthImprove). Tyne and Wear organisations are not currently eligible (see FINE Online Issue 26).

£5,000 - £25,000 per year up to 2 years. Not for profit (income less than £350,000 a year). Deadline 15th July 2013

Active Communities aims to close the gap between those communities which experience the worst health in England, Scotland and Wales and the majority of the population. People's Health Trust will be working with people living in the poorest neighbourhoods. They are looking to support projects that encourage community activism – projects designed by local people that address issues relevant to them and benefit and improve their local community.

Projects should bring communities together, foster a sense of belonging and encourage local people to be involved in and take ownership of activities and services that take place in their neighbourhoods. Applicants need to have a great idea, designed and led by local people which will take place within a small area for a small group of people such as 20 or 30 streets or a couple of villages. Projects should run for between 9 months and 2 years.

<http://www.peopleshealthtrust.org.uk/apply-for-funding/active-communities>

Source: FINE

Prototype Fund (Grant – UK)

Up to £25,000. Small business. Deadline 17th July 2013

Abertay University's business support office is providing grants for small companies that are developing their own games or other forms of interactive digital content. This fund is open to application that

- are games entertainment specific
- are from companies that are already registered with companies house and have previously completed and released games/a game into the marketplace
- complete the prototype work before 1st December 2013

What the funders are looking for:

- Innovation
- Route to market
- Commercial viability
- Development capability
- Business scalability and capacity

<http://prototypefund.abertay.ac.uk/>

Source: Grants Online / FINE

Santander Social Enterprise Development Awards (SEDA) 2013 (Grant – North East*)

* Tyne & Wear, Northumberland, County Durham, Tees Valley, Cumbria and Hull/East Yorkshire

£10,000 - £50,000. Social enterprises. Deadline 1st July 2013

SEDA awards celebrate the work of social enterprises successfully growing their income through trading and able to illustrate how their work benefits their community. Eligible organisations will have been trading for a minimum of two years, with an income of at least 50% generated from sales and/or contracts and commissioning.

There are 16 awards available; one £50,000 award, 7 awards of £20,000 and 8 awards of £10,000, depending on the size of the group's turnover. Winners will also have the opportunity to benefit from business support from Santander.

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

Source: Direct / FINE

Seafarers UK Small Grants (UK)

Up to £5,000. VCSE. Deadline 23rd August 2013.

Grants are available to organisations seeking funding for projects involving seafarers, ex-seafarers, their spouses or dependents or maritime youth organisations.

Examples of the type of projects that can be supported include

- a crèche for a maritime community
- training activities that involve young people in maritime activities which may lead to a career at sea
- sheltered accommodation for older seafarers and / or their dependents
- support and/or accommodation for working age seafarers and their families or dependents

http://www.seafarers-uk.org/how-to-get-help/small_grants_scheme/

Source: Grants Online / FINE

Short Breaks Capital Grants Scheme 2013 (Durham)

£1,000 - £10,000. VCSE. Respond by 18th June 2013

The purpose of this Council scheme is provide the opportunity for independent, charitable or voluntary sector organisations to secure some additional capital funding to deliver initiatives for and with children/young people (0-25) with disabilities and their families that will make a real difference to their lives and which will enable them to access short break activities. Organisations may submit more than one application but applications must be completely separate and for different purposes. The fund is for capital expenditure only which, in this fund, does not include staffing costs, transport costs and other running costs.

<https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-98KATG>

Source: NEPO / FINE

Asset Transfer - VCS Support (Contract – Newcastle)

Newcastle City Council. Respond by 14th June 2013

Provision of independent 'pre-feasibility' support to community groups allowing them to consider whether asset transfer is appropriate for their organisations.

https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/frm_opportunity?openForm&opp_id=OPP-HIS-QTLE-97ZKZ3&search_id=PLAN-SCHQTLE-98LJGU&contract_id=CONTRACT-QTLE-97XCWX&org_id=ORG-QTLE-75FD56&from=#

Source: NEPO / FINE

Personalised Travel Training & Travel Buddy Scheme (Contract – Northumberland)

Northumberland County Council. Respond by 21st June 2013

The Council seeks a contractor to set up and deliver travel training and travel buddy service in South East Northumberland to be delivered to individuals referred to them as facing an identifiable transport barrier which prevents them from taking up employment or employability training.

https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/frm_opportunity?openForm&opp_id=OPP-HIS-QTLE-97WK4K&contract_id=CONTRACT-QTLE-97QDZH&org_id=ORG-QTLE-75FD7V&from=

Source: NEPO / FINE

Information & Resources

Big Lottery Fund

Details of current restructure

Tasked by the Government with reducing its administrative and running costs, BIG is in the midst of carrying out an organisational restructure. Initial changes are centred on the regional teams across England which have been abolished. Experienced staff from the small North East Regional Team have already left BIG with more due to leave soon.

Formal details of the restructure are yet to emerge but FINE understands that a "Local Area Team" and an "Impact and Influence Team" will replace some of the functions of the old regional team. The Local Area Team is likely to undertake local intelligence gathering and general outreach functions to support applications to Awards for All and Reaching Communities. The team will cover two patches: Northumberland / Tyne & Wear and Cumbria / Durham / Tees Valley. They will be overseen by a Funding Manager who will also cover three patches in Yorkshire and Humberside. The Impact and Influence Team will have responsibility for policy and learning in the North East and Cumbria as well as BIG's strategic programmes.

The second wave of the restructure is set to take place later this summer, focusing on the grants teams. It is not expected that number of grants assessors will be reduced. BIG's changes are in response to demands by the Department of Culture Media and Sport that lottery distributors cut their admin and running costs.

Source: FINE

Charity Bank

Change in structure

The Charity Commission has approved changes to the articles of Charity Bank to allow the bank to continue operating as a bank and secure its operation for charitable purposes. The requirements of the banking regulations mean that it is not possible for Charity Bank to continue both as a charity and as a bank, and it has therefore ceased to be a charity effective as of 31st May 2013.

http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/news/charity-commission-approves-proposals-to-change-the-structure-of-charity-bank-030613/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+CharityCommissionUpdates+%28Charity+Commission+updates%29

Source: FINE

HMG report – Growing the Social Investment Market: 2013 progress update

Update on Government activity to support social investment market

This report outlines the progress made over the past year on Government's commitments to grow a sustainable social investment market. It also sets out key actions Government is taking ahead over the next year to support the market and highlights wider trends in the social investment market. At a glance:

Progress made this year

- Tax Relief for Social Investment
- Social Outcomes Fund
- Social Incubator Fund

This is supporting

- new sources of finance
 - Big Society Capital investment £56m
 - Match funding
 - 23 frontline organisations supported
- Public Service Reform - 13 Social Impact Bonds 2013 (1 in 2010) – more than rest of the world combined
- a growing market - 21% increase from £165m (2010/11) to £200m (2011/12)
- innovation - social enterprises developed more new products and services than other SMEs (55%/43%)
- economic growth - social enterprises contribute over £55bn each year to the economy and employ more than 2m people

Plans for the next year

- Diversify investor base
- Support investment readiness
- Open up market
- Maximise the impact on economic growth
- Drive global agenda

Thoughts on this publication can be submitted to socialinvestmentandfinance@cabinet-office.gsi.gov.uk

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/205295/Social_Investment_Strategy_Update_2013.pdf

Source: FINE / VONNE

Primary Care Commissioning Consultation

For VCSE organisations in health and social care

Primary Care Commissioning are conducting a survey of commissioning support services offered by VCSE organisations working in health and social care. The results of the survey will provide a picture of activity in this market.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/YRHW63T>

Source: FINE

Prime Minister's plans for Social Investment

Announces measures at G8 summit

The Prime Minister announced three new measures to further incentivise social investments, helping people measure the social value of those investments, and using the power of social investment to help communities buy local assets:

- Big Society Capital and the Big Lottery Fund are developing a £50m Community Assets Fund which will provide a blend of grants and loans to help communities through the phases of local ownership. The fund will start making payments next year. This is part of a longer term commitment from Big Society Capital and the Big Lottery Fund to provide a quarter of a billion pounds of finance over the rest of this decade to help communities with ambitions to own local assets
- A new consultation on a Social Investment Tax Relief could generate an extra half a billion pounds in social investments over the next five years. The consultation runs until 6th September:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/consultation-on-social-investment-tax-relief>
- The Social Stock Exchange online portal to showcase publicly listed social impact businesses. <http://www.socialstockexchange.com/>

<http://www.bigsocietycapital.com/sites/default/files/pdf/News%20Release.pdf>

Source: FINE

Events & Training

Gateshead X Funder Series: Gateshead Council Capacity Building Fund

4th July 2013, 10am – 12pm. GVOC, Gateshead. Free

This event is to support those considering applying to the Capacity Building Fund.

The fund is for groups based/working in Gateshead who are constituted or have a set of rules and who want additional help and support in attracting and delivering commissioning or contracts. The fund will support training, expanding and developing services, marketing/promotion, environmental sustainability projects, core costs and more.

To book a place contact reception on 0191 478 4103 or email enquiries@gvoc.org.uk

Legal Part I: Contracting

21st June 2013, 9:30am-12pm. The Fire Escape, Redcar. Turnover less than £25k FREE / turnover £25-250k £20 / turnover more than £250k £30

For Middlesbrough / Redcar & Cleveland only

Redcar & Cleveland VDA's Legal Consultant, Nick Dent, provides an overview of contracts for trustees of voluntary and community organisations and anybody regularly engaged in negotiating with another party for the provision of goods and services.

Contact MVDA on 01642 249300 or email general@mvdauk.org.uk

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16th July 2013, 1:30-4pm. The Fire Escape, Redcar. Turnover less than £25k FREE / turnover £25-250k £20 / turnover more than £250k £30

For Middlesbrough / Redcar & Cleveland only

A practical workshop, delivered by Fiona Christian from FINE, exploring what makes a good grant funding application.

Contact MVDA on 01642 249300 or email general@mvdauk.org.uk

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