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

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Opportunities

BBC Children in Need - Small Grants (UK)

Up to £10,000 for one year. VCSE. Next deadline 1st September 2013.

Grants are given to support work with children and young people experiencing disadvantage through

- illness, distress, abuse or neglect
- any kind of disability
- behavioural or psychological difficulties
- living in poverty or situations of deprivation

Children in Need fund organisations working to combat this disadvantage and to make a real difference to children and young people's lives. They are looking for projects where a relatively small amount of money can make a big difference and are unlikely to fund applications that top up funding for salaries or larger projects where a small grant would only make a marginal impact on its success.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b008dk4b/features/cin-grants-small-index>

Source: FINE

Guardian Charity Awards

Share of £25,000 prize fund plus other prizes and support. Registered charities (registered more than 2 years, annual income £5,000 - £1,5m). Deadline 19th July 2013

The Awards seek to recognise and encourage small and medium-sized charities that are improving social wellbeing in its broadest sense, by delivering clear benefit to people who are disadvantaged by poverty/disability or are marginalised in some other way.

The judges use the following criteria when looking at the entries received and score them accordingly depending on the evidence demonstrated by each charity:

- Are the aims and objectives of the charity innovative?
- Is there evidence of the charity having made an impact?
- Does the charity appear to be replicable and/or sustainable?
- Do you think the charity makes an outstanding contribution to social welfare in the community?

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/voluntary-sector-network/series/charity-awards-2013>

Source: FINE

Health and Social Care Volunteering Fund: Local Grant and Capacity Building Scheme 2013 (Grant – England)

Up to £50,000. VCSE. Deadline 31st July / register by 19th July 2013

The latest round of the Department of Health's Health and Social Care Volunteering Fund (HSCVF) local grant scheme has been announced.

The HSCVF local grant and capacity building 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. The funding offer for all successful applicants includes both the capacity building support package which aims to build organisational capacity that will assist with longer term sustainability and grant monies to develop volunteer-led service delivery through a discrete project.

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

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

The fund seeks projects that have something special to offer over existing services, and demonstrate potential to develop new and/or streamlined systems in health, public health and social care volunteering. Grants will not be provided to projects that simply aim to supply additional core services, or request funding for existing services or continuation funding.

The total grant of up to £50,000 is available. 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 the income each year.

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

Source: FINE

Kids Fund (Grant - UK)

Up to 80% of course fee to maximum of £3,000. VCSE. Deadline 1st November 2013.

The Kids Fund is part of the Field Studies Council (FSC), an environmental education charity dedicated to providing informative and enjoyable opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to discover, explore, be inspired by, and understand the natural environment. The Kids Fund aims to:

- bring environmental understanding to disadvantaged young people by attending a course at an FSC learning location
- help disadvantaged young people to attend a course who may otherwise be excluded due to some form of disadvantage - health, mobility, deprivation or financial

Groups who meet one of the following criteria will be eligible:

- Disadvantaged young people aged 8-18 years (or up to 25 years for those with special needs)
- Voluntary youth groups (either run by voluntary leaders, managed by a voluntary organisation, a registered charity)
- School groups (if aiming to provide benefits which are additional to the statutory school curriculum or clearly show added value, depth and breadth to the taught curriculum)

<http://www.field-studies-council.org/supporting-you/applying-to-fsc-kids-fund.aspx>

Source: Funding Insight / FINE

Local Environmental Action Fund [LEAF] (Grant – Tyne & Wear / Northumberland)

Up to £20,000. VCSE. Next deadline 1st August 2103 (opens 1st July)

Grants are available to support projects able to demonstrate these outcomes:

- Encouraging communities to get involved in environmental activities
- Changing behaviours leading to more local environmental action
- Having a positive impact on the environment
- Sharing learning about the environment with others

LEAF supports projects that address environmental issues through practical action, or through supporting behaviour change. Most projects have social and community benefits along with environmental outcomes.

The committee are particularly keen to receive applications focused on:

- biodiversity & habitat preservation
- climate change adaptation
- local flood mitigation/adaptation
- feasibility studies for environmental projects
- creating/developing green spaces
- litter/rubbish reduction
- marine and coastal projects
- waste and reducing landfill

For more information, contact Alison Forbes on 0191 222 0945 or af@communityfoundation.org.uk

Source: Direct / FINE

Rethink Good Health (Grant - UK)

Total available £25m. Deadline 24th October 2013.

BIG is seeking one lead partner to manage and deliver the £25m UK-wide funding programme Rethink Good Health (RGH), which aims to influence and inform policy and practice in preventing alcohol misuse amongst older people, specifically those aged 50 and over. RGH will be brought about through developing a portfolio of individual projects that can be used to gather evidence of what works and forms a comprehensive communication and influencing plan to inform policy and practice. RGH will support a portfolio that brings about the following outcomes:

- Policy and practice about preventing alcohol dependency in later life is better informed
- Improved health and well being for people age 50+ who are at risk of developing alcohol dependency
- More effective services are delivered to prevent alcohol dependency amongst the ageing population

BIG expect that a group of organisations will need to work together, managed by the UK lead partner who must be a major VCSE organisation with the capacity and experience to manage a project this size. Eligible costs will be in three main areas:

- Costs of learning, dissemination and policy influencing that is the primary aim of the funding programme
- Costs for individual projects which will provide the evidence and case studies to inform the learning
- Management costs

<http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/global-content/programmes/uk-wide/rethink-good-health>

Source: FINE

Sport England: Protecting Playing Fields (Grant - England)

£10,000 - £50,000. VCSE / local authority / schools. Deadline 5th August 2013

Protecting Playing Fields is part of Sport England's Places People Play Olympic legacy mass participation programme. This is the final round. Due to the programme's success, a similar investment programme which both improves and protects playing fields will be announced later this year and launched in the Spring 2014.

Grants are available towards the purchase of land for new playing fields and bringing disused playing fields back into use. This can include the purchase of playing field land where there is a known and established threat - such as through the expiry of a lease or a development proposal - and improvements to existing pitches through leveling, drainage, reseeding and realignment. Sport England are also particularly keen to improve and protect playing fields in community ownership. As such they will also look to provide further support to those where ownership of playing fields sites are being transferred to the community from public ownership.

Successful projects will be those where organisations can demonstrate future management, maintenance and sporting use at the site along with the site being protected for 25 years or longer. This means that organisations must own (or intend to own) the freehold or have a lease for the field for that length of time.

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

Source: Funding Insight / FINE

Strategic Legal Fund for Vulnerable Young Migrants (Grant - England)

Up to £30,000 for non-government organisations / private law firms. Deadline 8th July 2013.

The Strategic Legal Fund for Vulnerable Young Migrants (SLF) is a fund to support legal work that goes beyond securing justice for an individual and makes a significant contribution to law, practice and procedures to uphold and promote the rights of vulnerable migrant children and young people more generally. The SLF aims to tackle injustices and inconsistencies in law and practice that disadvantage or discriminate against vulnerable young migrants as a result of their migration status. They do this by making grants to organisations to undertake pre-litigation research, or to make third party interventions to ensure that the key legal points are made in existing cases. The SLF is an initiative of Trust for London, delivered in

partnership with Esmee Fairbairn Foundation and MigrationWork CIC. It takes forward a pilot project created by The Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund.

The fund will accept applications in any relevant area of law including

- asylum
- immigration
- human rights
- family law
- community care
- housing
- education
- mental health

<http://strategiclegalfund.org.uk/>

Source: FINE

Transition to Adulthood (T2A) programme (Grant - England)

Up to £150,000 for 3 years. VCSE. Deadline 5th July 2013

The Transition to Adulthood (T2A) programme, ran by the Barrow Cadbury Trust and is seeking expressions of interest for grant funding towards the delivery of services aimed at supporting young adults at distinct points throughout the criminal justice process. These projects are intended to illustrate how a 'T2A Pathway' could be delivered. The T2A Pathway sets out ten stages in the criminal justice process at which effective interventions can be made to support young adults involved in crime, including point of arrest, prosecution, sentencing, probation and prison. The Trust anticipates making 6 awards. Criteria:

- The lead applicants for each project must be a voluntary sector organisation
- Applicants must have robust financial and governance arrangements, and a steady track-record of raising funds
- Match funding is expected
- Applicants must be able to demonstrate a track-record for delivering similar interventions and have evidence of impact
- Projects must be delivered in partnership with at least one statutory agency
- Projects must only deliver the intervention on a voluntary basis and not as part of a statutory order or licence arrangement
- The projects must build on an existing project that is already up and running and demonstrating promising results. The Trust will welcome projects that are either already targeted at young adults, or which are currently working with other age groups and could be adapted to deliver a specific young adult dimension

<http://www.t2a.org.uk/t2apathwayeoi/>

Source: Clinks / FINE

Adult Cycle Training (Contract – Newcastle)

Newcastle City Council. Respond by 1st July 2013

Adult cycle training increases the safety of cyclists on the road and has been shown to increase the number of people cycling regularly. This requirement is for training, and direct online booking facility /administration.

<https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-986LZS>

Source: NEPO / FINE

Funding to support the expansion of the free entitlement for disadvantaged two year olds in Sunderland (Contract – Sunderland)

Sunderland City Council. Respond by 28th June 2013

Sunderland City Council is inviting expressions of interest from childcare providers interested in applying for funding to support the expansion of childcare places for disadvantaged two year olds. Revenue funding will be available to support the development of provision to accommodate two year olds and limited capital funding is available to support providers to adapt existing provision. Funding will be targeted in particular wards where places are needed.

<https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-98NGC4>

Source: NEPO / FINE

Social Incubator North – update (Investment – North England)

Deadline for first round announced – 1st July 2013

FINE first brought news of the fund to you in issue #24:

Social enterprise. Up to £25,000 investment plus support. Total fund £2m

Budding entrepreneurs from across the north of England are invited to apply for Social Incubator North. The fund is expecting over 200 applicants, of which it hopes to create 60 new investment ready businesses. Ideas have to be new, although proposals are accepted from existing organisations seeking a new strand to their business. Social Enterprise Yorkshire and the Humber (SEYH), North East Social Enterprise Partnership (NESEP), Social Enterprise East Midlands (SEEM), Social Enterprise North West (SENW) and Locality are the delivery partners.

Successful applicants will receive up to £25,000 investment, 80 hours of tailored one-to-one business support, peer learning, networking and access to business premises. All ideas however must come with a "social backbone". The enterprises must deliver more than the financial bottom line, creating positive social or environmental impact, such as offering employment or training to vulnerable members of the community or delivering a service with green credentials.

www.socialincubatornorth.org.uk

Source: FINE

Information & Resources

Private Investment in Culture Survey 2011-12

What the survey shows for the North East

Arts & Business have released the results of its latest Private Investment in Culture Survey covering 2011-12. The survey showed that private investment in culture in England is up on the previous year in London and the North West; for every other English region it's down. For the North East it's down by the biggest percentage (though not the biggest cash amount), closely followed by the South West.

Private investment in the survey is broken down into three elements; business investment, individual giving and grants from Trusts and Foundations. The decline in the North East was largely due to a substantial drop in business investment. Individual giving was up and Trust and Foundation Income dropped but not dramatically.

On a positive note, the North East percentage of the country-wide individual giving pot (0.9%) is on a par with the East of England (1%) and only slightly lower than Yorkshire (1.3%) both of which have double the population of the North East.

<http://www.communityfoundation.org.uk/6643-6643>

Source: Direct / FINE

StartSomeGood

Crowdfunding site expands into UK

Crowdfunding site StartSomeGood, which helps people raise funds for social impact projects, has now expanded to enable people and organisations in the UK to use its services. The Washington DC-based site now allows UK social entrepreneurs, non-profits and individuals to raise money in pounds.

The site charges a 5% fee plus Paypal processing fees, but no fees are charged and no money changes hands unless and until the campaign succeeds by reaching its funding goal. After a project is submitted it is "vetted according to our values and criteria" before it goes live. Sometimes it can be set live within 24 hours.

<http://www.fundraising.co.uk/news/2013/06/13/crowdfunding-site-startsosomegood-opens-uk>

Source: UK Fundraising / FINE

Events & Training

Northumberland Healthwatch Roadshows

Various times & locations – see text. Free

Healthwatch Northumberland, the new consumer champion for health and social care, will give the people of Northumberland a stronger voice to influence and challenge how health and social care services are provided. To help local people and organisations find out more about what Healthwatch Northumberland does, and can do, they are holding a number of roadshows across the region:

- **Blyth** Community Enterprise Centre, 12th June, 11am-2.30pm
- **Berwick** Swan Centre, 13th June, 11am-2.30pm
- **Hexham** Community Centre, 17th June, 11am-2.30pm
- **Ashington** Age UK, 18th June, 11am-2.30pm
- **Morpeth** Storey Park, 19th June, 12-3.30pm
- **Alnwick** St. James Church, 21st June, 11am-2.30pm

Contact Fiona Swindell on 03332 408 468 or email info@healthwatchnorthumberland.co.uk

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