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

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Opportunities

Biffaward Flagship Programme (Grant - UK)

£150,000 - £500,000. VCSE. Deadline 20th August 2013

The Flagship Scheme supports two themes:

- Rebuilding Biodiversity
- Cultural Facilities

Grants are available to support projects that are unique within a region. Projects must be site-based, within 25 miles of a Biffa operation and ten miles of an active landfill. In the **North East**, Biffa has two operations sites – in South Shields and Houghton-le-Spring. The organisation making the application must be eligible to enroll with ENTRUST as an Environmental Body. Biffawards usually support 2 to 3 Flagship projects per year

<http://www.biffa-award.org/flagship-scheme>

Source: Grants Online / FINE

Do a Lotto Good (Grant – Sunderland)

£10,000 - £30,000. Community group/not for profit/parish or town council/health body/school. Deadline 21st July 2013

Sunderland Echo has joined forces with BIG to award £250,000 of Lottery good-cause cash to community projects. Do a Lotto Good will be rolled out over the next few weeks and is aimed at encouraging communities to think about how funding could benefit their area and bring real improvements to the lives of local people. Sunderland Echo readers will vote to help decide which projects will get the cash.

Applicants may be looking, for example, to run classes to get people more physically active, turn a derelict site into a community garden, set up after-school cooking clubs, organise tea dances for isolated older people, train young people to become more employable or help their community get online. Projects need to be working within the readership area of the Sunderland Echo, which includes Sunderland / Whitburn / Washington / Houghton le Spring / Hetton le Hole / Seaham / Murton / Easington Colliery / Peterlee.

Projects with the highest votes will be awarded until all £250,000 has been spent.

www.communityfoundation.org.uk/connect/funds/do-a-lotto-good

Source: VCAS / FINE

Elephant Trust (Grant - UK)

Normally up to £2,000. VCSE. Deadline 23rd September 2013.

The Trust offers grants to artists and for new, innovative visual arts projects. The Trust's aim is to make it possible for artists and those presenting their work to undertake and complete projects when confronted by lack of funds.

The Trust supports projects that develop and improve the knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the fine arts. The main objective is to support new work.

Priority is now being given to artists and small organisations and galleries who should submit well argued, imaginative proposals for making or producing new work or exhibitions. Arts Festivals are not supported.

<http://www.elephanttrust.org.uk/docs/theguide.html>

Source: FINE

Frederick Soddy Trust (Award - UK)

£250 - £550. Five awards. Schools. Deadline 31st January 2014

The Trust, with the support of the Geographically Association, runs an annual award scheme for schools. The Trust provides support for expeditions and fieldwork which include the 'study of the whole life of an area with major emphasis on the human community'.

Each award depends on the merits of the individual project. The award is for a group (of any number) of pupils between 5 and 18 years of age. There is no prescribed form of application. It should be no more than 500 words, but should include brief details of the plan, administrative arrangements and a budget. A map is essential.

<http://www.soddy.org/schools.htm>

Source: Funding Insight / FINE

Harold Hyam Wingate Foundation (Grant – England)

Not for profit. No amount specified. Deadline 2nd September 2013 (subject to change)

Various grant programmes are open, including the following:

Jewish Life and Learning

- To encourage Jewish cultural, academic and educational life in a manner that enhances the Jewish contribution to the life of the wider community
- Applications invited in particular from academic institutions specialising in Jewish subjects and from bodies promoting Jewish culture, including museums, libraries and literary publications. Also welcomed from organisations able to demonstrate a record in inter-faith dialogue, in the promotion of reconciliation between Jews in Israel and their Arab neighbours and the encouragement of liberal values in both communities

Performing Arts

- Particular emphasis given on providing financial support for not-for-profit companies with a record of artistic excellence that require additional funding not available from public sources or commercial sponsorship, to broaden repertoire or develop work of potentially outstanding interest which cannot be funded from usual sources
- Assistance also considered for training and professional development for creative talent or the technical professions

Music

- Supports those areas of music performance and education which do not readily attract backing from commercial sponsors or other funding bodies, or which are not eligible for public funding
- Priority given to organisations that give opportunities to young professionals and to education projects for young people, as well as for new adult audiences - includes direct assistance as well as funding for organisations which promote their work or performance, and support for Master Classes
- Will consider applications for support for on-going expenses and will be willing to consider this for a period up to three years

As an indicator, total charitable donations made by the Foundation in 2010/11 were £814,156 across 93 grants. Spending was £1,369,916; in 2011/12 it was £1,196,971.

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

Source: Funding Insight / FINE

Heritage Lottery Fund – two grant programmes (UK)

Catalyst Small Grants Initiative:

£3,000 - £10,000. Not for profit / partnerships. Deadline 16th August 2013

This grants initiative is open to heritage organisations, or partnerships of heritage organisations, and is intended to build fundraising capacity and encourage more private giving to heritage; the initiative is intended to achieve the following:

- increase the capacity of heritage organisations to access funding from private sources
- bring additional private money into the heritage sector
- improve the financial sustainability of heritage organisations

The type of activities that could be supported could include the following (not exhaustive):

- Building Friends schemes, where the outcome may involve increased income through legacy funding or individual donations
- Initiatives to build and expand an organisation's relationships with users to increase membership fees or donations
- Paying someone to help integrate the responsibility for fundraising across the organisation as a whole

Applicants will need to demonstrate that a significant proportion of their work aims to look after or engage people with heritage, and that they have a clear need to build fundraising capacity, as well as the potential to increase the diversity of funding sources.

http://www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/programmes/Pages/Catalyst_Heritage_SmallGrants_SF4.aspx#.UcLFoJywX4s

Heritage Enterprise:

£100,000 - £5m. VCSE. Deadline 5th September (requests of £100,000 - £2m) / 8th August (requests of £2-5m)

Heritage Enterprise from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) supports enterprising community organisations to rescue neglected historic buildings and sites and unlock their economic potential.

With a Heritage Enterprise grant organisations can breathe new life into historic sites by repairing, adapting and giving them a productive new use. By funding much of the repair costs HLF hopes to encourage private developers to work with community organisations to deliver commercially viable schemes.

http://www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/programmes/Pages/Heritage_Enterprise.aspx#.UcYjdhJS3M

Source: Grants Online / FINE

Paul Bush Foundation Trust (Grant - UK)

Up to £5,000 (individuals) / £10,000 (organisations). Deadline "mid-September" 2013

Grants are available to support the needs of adults and children with physical disabilities in England. Funding is available to assist those individuals with a disability to improve their physical, psychological and emotional well-being via the provision of grants to address short term needs.

The Trustees are unable to support those individuals who have received interim funds or a compensation award via a personal injury/clinical negligence award.

For organisations

- For registered charities supporting the needs of individuals with physical disability
- Grants are made for one year
- Applications for 'seed funding' are particularly welcome
- Preference is given to funding discrete projects with defined outcomes

Trust may award grants for the following:

- Projects/items related to improving health and well being
- Projects/services aimed at providing education to disabled people, their families and professionals regarding the difficulties they face
- Projects/services that assist individuals or families to overcome social deprivation related to disability

For individuals

- All applications must be supported and completed by a third party sponsor
- Grants are made to individual adults or children
- Small grants between £100-£3,000 / larger grants between £3,000-£5,000
- Trustees favour small scale one-off requests that show immediate evidence of improving quality of life

Trust may award grants for the following:

- Specialist equipment that cannot be obtained through health, social services or any other statutory service
- Small scale immediate accommodation projects
- Specialist technology provision for home or school
- UK holiday provision requiring specialist support and provision

<http://www.bushco.co.uk/about/paulbushfoundationtrust.aspx>

Source: Grants Online / FINE

Philip Henman Trust (Grant - UK)

Up to £25,000 (£3,000-5,000 per year for 3-5 years). Registered charities (normally defined as having annual income over £100,000). Deadline 10th September 2013

The Trust is currently inviting applications from UK based overseas development organisations requiring partnership funding for long term overseas development projects that will provide a lasting beneficial impact to the people or environment.

The project must start no more than six months before the start of the Trust's funding and must run for no more than five years. Ongoing concerns will not be funded.

The funding from the Trust should normally cover 20-80 per cent of the total project budget. The project must be partly funded by other sources (voluntary work and central office administration costs can be counted).

Please note that the Trust only has resources to guarantee an average of two new long term grants a year.

<http://www.djclark.com/pht/index.html>

Source: Grants Online / FINE

RWE npower renewables Kiln Pit Hill Windfarm Community Fund (Grant – Shotley Low Quarter)

£250 - £15,000. VCSE (constituted). Deadline not specified

This fund has an allocation of £15,000 for projects in the Shotley Low Quarter area. Examples of what the grants will support include:

- Capital items
- Revenue items
- Sessional worker costs
- Repairs and/or refurbishment to a community building
- Start-up costs for new community groups
- Out of school activities
- Voluntary and community group activities
- Community and environmental projects

Grants for individuals may be considered under special circumstances. Applicants should demonstrate that their project has community benefit and charitable aims. Contact Su Legg on 0191 222 0945 or by email:

sl@communityfoundation.org.uk

www.communityfoundation.org.uk/apply

European Social Fund: Community Grants 2014-15 (Contract)

Respond by 15th July 2013

The Skills Funding Agency have issued a Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) to procure the delivery of ESF Community Grants 2014-15. The PQQ covers the procurement of the services of Grant Co-ordinating Bodies for the operational management and issue of ESF Community Grants. Providers will need to log in to the Skills Funding Agency tendering portal to see it.

<http://skillsfundingagency.bis.gov.uk/providers/programmes/esf/>
<https://skillsfundingagency.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.shtml>

Source: VONNE / FINE

Prior Information Notice (PIN): Provision of Offender Services Contract (North East)

The Ministry of Justice have issued a PIN to inform the market that it intends to start tendering for 21 contract areas as part of the "Transforming Rehabilitation: a strategy of reform".

There are two contract package areas for the North East, covering Northumbria and Durham/Cleveland. The total value of the contracts to be let is likely to be £5bn-£20bn over ten years. The formal process will be announced in August 2013.

This market engagement will include a number of events set up specifically for potential providers to feed into discussion on the main issues and design documents ahead of the formal procurement process. It will also provide opportunities for provider networking and early supply chain development.

Any organisation which may wish to become a provider should register their interest (this is not just restricted to large prime providers). All organisations that register will receive all further communications relating to the proposed reforms, including more detailed information on the design of the new contracts. There is no commitment at this stage.

<http://www.justice.gov.uk/transforming-rehabilitation/prior-information-notice>

Source: VONNE / FINE

Information & Resources

Inside the Mind of a Grant-maker

Report from nfpSynergy, written on behalf of the Institute of Fundraising (IoF) and the Office for Civil Society

Grant-making trusts have reported a fall in the number of applications they have received since the start of the economic downturn, research from the consultancy nfpSynergy has found. The report says that all but one of them experienced a fall in applications in the year 2008/09, and that the number of applications is still recovering to pre-recession levels. The effect was particularly dramatic for small, specialist grant-makers. Grant-makers interviewed said they were unsure of the reasons for the fall. Possible reasons they suggested included a declining number of charities, reduced resources for fundraising, a reluctance to take on big, one-off projects and the assumption that grant-makers would not have funds to give away.

Grant-makers believe charities are more likely to succeed if they put in fewer applications but make more effort with each of them; if they research the organisations to which they are applying and if they are honest and flag up problems early in the process. The report also makes a series of recommendations to improve grant-making:

- The IoF and the Association of Charitable Foundations should work together to set up a joint code of good grant-making practice
- They should also set up a discussion forum to improve grant-making practice
- Grant-makers should be encouraged to develop clear, up-to-date processes, such as two-stage applications, to minimise the amount of time wasted
- They should think about offering core funding, to small charities especially
- They should also spend more time on feedback for charities they fund

Comment from FINE:

Here in the North East many grant funders also experienced a fall in the numbers of applications received over the last year or so (as previously publicised in FINE Online). Following the publication of this report FINE spoke to a number of trusts and foundations about the current position; they told us that the numbers of funding applications in the region have now largely returned to expected (or higher than expected) levels. Indeed, some reported surprise at receiving an increasing number of applications from large organisations applying for small grants.

http://www.thirdsector.co.uk/bulletin/third_sector_daily_bulletin/article/1187027/grant-making-trusts-fewer-applications-start-downturn/?DCMP=EMC-CONThirdSectorDaily

Source: Third Sector / FINE

Northern Rock Foundation – Third Sector Trends

Latest publications

Three new publications are due to be published as part of the Foundation's Third Sector Trends Study, designed to help understand the structure and dynamics of VCSE organisations in the North East and Cumbria, and to track changes in the sector over time. The publications are

- **The reality check: Final report from the second phase of the Third Sector Trends Study** – key findings from the whole study to date
- **The Crystal Ball: How do third sector organisations see their future and what are they doing about it?** – analysis of the principal characteristic of third sector organisations by size and ethos and how this impacts on organisations' practice around "Foresight", "Enterprise", "Capability" and "Impact"
- **On the Money – how does the way third sector organisations think about money affect the way they work?** – explores patterns of income fluctuation and financial insecurity in the sector discussing how organisations think about money, where it comes from and how they use it impacts on their ability to achieve their potential (or not)

The publications should be uploaded to the website within the next few days.

<http://www.nr-foundation.org.uk/resources/third-sector-trends/publications/>

Source: FINE

Events & Training

Impact Measurement Workshop

3rd July 2013, 9:30am-1pm. Newtown Community Centre, Stockton on Tees. Free

This is a free workshop for not for profit organisations on how to measure their impact. By the end of the workshop delegates will have a better understanding of

- what is meant by impact
- ways to become more outcome focused
- value for money and ways to measure it
- a range of useful tools and further sources of information

Due to limited places and the technical focus of the workshop, places are only open to those currently responsible for monitoring and evaluation within their organisation. Book here <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Pamoja>

Newcastle Funders' Fair

3rd September 2013. Free. Venue / time TBC

The Fair is for local voluntary and community organisations in Newcastle to find out about funding opportunities. It is a joint Newcastle CVS and Newcastle City Council event.

More information will be available soon.

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

Social Prescribing Service in North Tyneside

**15th July 2013, 11am-1pm. Langdale Centre, Wallsend. Free.
Respond by 8th July 2013**

North Tyneside Council and North Tyneside Clinical Commissioning Group would like to engage with providers who may be interested in delivering a Social Prescribing Service within the borough.

Please note there will be a maximum of two delegates per organisation allowed.

Contact Sue Beresford on 0191 643 7100 or sue.beresford@northtyneside.gov.uk by the **8th July 2013**.

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

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