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Opportunities

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Advice, Information & Mobility Services (Contract)

In the previous issue of FINE Online, FINE publicised this contract stating that it was for County Durham. This was incorrect; the contract is for Redcar & Cleveland.
<https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-929MAF>

North East ADASS succession planning programme development - tier 2 & 3 officers (Contract – North East)

From NEPO on behalf of the North East Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (NE ADASS). Respond by 19th December 2012.

NE ADASS are seeking to commission an organisation with the capability to develop and deliver a Leadership Development programme (tier 2 and 3 staff) to help up-skill senior managers to significantly reduce spend in adult social care whilst maintaining and improving the quality of service. Contract will run February to September 2013.

<https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-92GMWK>

Source: NEPO / FINE

Provision of an Occupational Health & related services

From Durham County Council. Respond by 4th January 2013.

Opportunity to provide Occupational Health and related services to County Durham & Darlington Fire & Rescue Authority. Contract estimated to run April 2013 – March 2015.

<https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-92JHBO>

Source: Public Tenders / FINE

Replacement scheme for Discretionary Social Fund in Northumberland (Contract)

Opportunity from Northumberland County Council for one or more organisations to deliver new funding scheme for those in need. Respond by 4th January 2013.

The Government's Welfare Reform Act has abolished the current Community Care Grant and Crisis Loans schemes and has transferred funding for a new provision to Local Authorities. Spending decisions will be a matter for local authorities alone and local authorities are free to design their own schemes. The Government do not want or expect local authorities to replicate the current schemes. However the Government does expect funding to be concentrated on those facing greatest difficulty in managing their income and to enable a more flexible response to unavoidable need, perhaps with a mix of cash or goods and aligning with the wider range of local support.

Northumberland County Council is now commissioning for an organisation or partnership of organisations to deliver this new scheme from April 2013. This will be a three year rolling contract which will be reviewed annually. Funding for the first year is £1,053,622. Proposals will have to detail allocation to administrative costs and frontline spend.

<https://www.gtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-92HJKC>

Source: Public Tenders / FINE

Provision of training services in the social care sector in Tyne & Wear for the Tyne & Wear Care Alliance (Contract)

Framework agreement from Tyne & Wear Care Alliance for training services in health and social care. Respond by 7th January 2013.

The Tyne & Wear Care Alliance is inviting training providers to tender for inclusion on a framework for the provision of the following:

- Apprenticeship training services – Health and Social Care
- Awards/Diplomas training services – Health and Social Care
- QCF units – Health and Social Care

Work will be commissioned using a framework agreement. There will be 14 lots on the Framework with the maximum of 10 providers per lot. Providers should specify which area(s) of Tyne and Wear they can cover.

The Lots are as follows:

- Lot 1 – Intermediate Apprenticeship in Health and Social Care;
- Lot 2 – Advanced Apprenticeship in Health and Social Care;
- Lot 3 – Intermediate Apprenticeship in Business Administration
- Lot 4 – Advanced Apprenticeship in Business Administration
- Lot 5 – Level 2 Diploma in Health and Social Care
- Lot 6 – Level 3 Diploma in Health and Social Care
- Lot 7 – Level 5 Diploma in Leadership for Health and Social Care & Children and Young People Services
- Lot 8 – Level 2 Certificate in Healthcare Support Services
- Lot 9 – Level 3 Diploma in Healthcare Support Services
- Lot 10 – HSC 3048 – Support individuals at the end of life
- Lot 11 – HSC 3035 – Support individuals who are bereaved
- Lot 12 – HSC 3047 – Support use of medication in social care settings
- Lot 13 – Level 3 Certificate in Dementia
- Lot 14 – Level 3 Certificate in Activity Provision in Social Care

Each Lot will be subdivided into the following categories:

- Residential – elderly
- Domiciliary – elderly
- Learning difficulties and disabilities
- Mental health
- Personal assistants

<https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-92GDVC>

Source: NEPO / FINE

Commonwealth Foundation (Grant – UK)

New fund to promote good government governance, open to registered Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) from Commonwealth Country. Up to £30,000 per year for up to three years. Respond by 10th January 2013.

The new programme aims to generate knowledge and understanding of participatory governance and its benefits in promoting effective, responsive and accountable governance within the Commonwealth by supporting models of good practice. The grants programme has two grant streams:

- Enhanced capacity of CSOs to collaborate with each other and engage in participatory governance
- Increased collaboration and learning between CSOs and institutions in governance

The grants programme will be particularly supportive of proposals that mainstream the Foundation's cross-cutting outcome areas in their project design:

- Gender equality
- Environmental sustainability
- Cultural respect and understanding

To note:

- Grant applicants are encouraged to show clear evidence of match funding
- Up to 10% of the total grant will fund a monitoring, evaluation and learning element
- Up to 15% of the total grant will fund indirect and overhead costs

<http://www.commonwealthfoundation.com/new-grants-programme-announced>

Source: Funding Insight / FINE

Provision of a Local Healthwatch Service (Contract - South Tyneside)

Respond by 14th January 2013.

This is South Tyneside Council's commission for the Healthwatch scheme. Contract estimated to run April 2013 – March 2015.

<https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-92JKS9>

Source: NEPO / FINE

Two opportunities with Big Local Whitley Bay (Contracts – North Tyneside)

Opportunity for information and data analysis work / community consultation and engagement work to informal development of Big Local programme in Whitley Bay. Respond by 14th January 2013

An area of Whitley Bay has been selected to receive £1million of Big Local funding which the local community will decide how to use to improve their area. VODA has been appointed as the local trusted organisation and will manage an initial investment of £20,000 to help the interim steering group engage and consult with as many local people as possible.

Big Local Whitley Bay is inviting tenders for the following two pieces of work to inform development of the programme:

Information and data analysis work

http://www.voda.org.uk/cms/assets/files/Tender%20Big%20Local%20Info%20Analysis%20_3_.pdf

Community consultation and engagement work

http://www.voda.org.uk/cms/assets/files/Tender%20Big%20Local%20Comm%20Cons%20_3_.pdf

Source: VODA / FINE

Funding to improve care environments for people with dementia (Grant – England)

Expressions of interest sought from care providers for funding to improve the surroundings of people living with dementia. £50m total fund, capital. Stage One deadline to respond 16th January 2013.

Local authorities working in partnership with social care providers and the NHS will have the opportunity to bid for a share of £50 million capital funding to invest during 2013-14. The funding will be used to improve care environments to help people with dementia and their carers manage their condition better.

The funding is aimed at expanding the range of health and care services offering dedicated dementia friendly environments and to stimulate further use of supportive environments to help the growing number of people with dementia get the best possible care.

Projects that are successful in securing funds will form part of a national pilot to disseminate best practice and evidence across the NHS and social care system of the best examples of 'dementia friendly environments'. The findings and evidence will be used to develop future guidance in this area, assisting organisations that provide services to people with dementia as well as commissioners of services and Local Health and Wellbeing Boards to become one of the best in Europe.

<http://www.dh.gov.uk/health/2012/11/dementia-environments-ei/>

Source: FINE

Idlewild Trust (Grant - UK)

Up to £5,000 for registered charities encouraging excellence in the arts and preservation of items of historic interest for public benefit. Respond by 22nd February 2013.

The Trust supports registered charities (as well as churches that are Excepted Charities and some UK Publicly Exempt Charities) that are concerned with the encouragement of excellence in the performing and fine arts and the preservation for the benefit of the public of buildings and items of historical interest or national importance. Occasionally it also supports projects that conserve the natural environment.

Their categories of interest are:

- Education: funds education projects and initiatives within the fine arts (performing arts and visual arts) whose primary objective is to nurture and develop talent, working with those aged 16 or over. Occasionally, excellent projects for younger students will be considered. The projects must be professionally run and should demonstrate best practice in their field

- Museums and Galleries: exhibitions, projects and capital works within museums, galleries and other venues concerned with the visual arts and crafts. The Trust will need to be satisfied that the work is of a high standard and will attract visitors from outside its immediate community, if not nationally. Priority is generally given to projects of a national interest with a national or regional audience
- Performing Arts: projects, events and performances within the performing arts including music, dance, poetry, drama and film. The Trust will need to be satisfied that the work is of a high standard and will attract an audience from outside its immediate community, if not nationally. Priority is generally given to projects of a national interest with a national or regional audience
- Preservation and Conservation: The Trust funds the conservation or restoration for the benefit of the public of lands, buildings and other objects of beauty or historic interest in the United Kingdom. However the Trust does not fund new work within a restoration project such as new heating systems, annexes or facilities

<http://www.idlewildtrust.org.uk/> / info@idlewildtrust.org.uk / 020 8772 3155

Source: Grants Online / FINE

GALAXY Hot Chocolate Fund (Grant – UK)

New fund opening 7th January donating £300 each month to local projects.

GALAXY Hot Chocolate is looking to help small, local community groups and charities across the UK, with the launch of a new charitable fund.

The fund, which runs from the beginning of January until the end of March 2013, will donate cash awards to support warm hearted people and projects. Each month, deserving recipients will be selected to receive a donation of £300. There will also be a monthly People's Choice award, where the public can vote for their favourite local charity or community project.

Applications to the fund can be made on the GALAXY Hot Chocolate website www.hotgalaxywarmheart.com from 7th January 2013.

Source: Direct / FINE

Vantage Fund (Grant – Wansbeck)

Fund re-launched, focusing on improving community spaces. £50 - £5,000 to VCS organisations in Wansbeck. No deadline.

The focus of the Vantage Fund in its second year is Improving Community Spaces. This may be a community building that requires improvements or a lick of paint, to making environmental improvements through the planting of trees & shrubs or providing a seating area in a community garden.

Voluntary and community sector organisations that provide facilities for the community to use or wish to improve a communal outdoor area are eligible to apply. Applications will be considered on how a grant will improve a community building or community space to make it more welcoming. Applicants must complete a simple application form and provide copies of their constitution, annual accounts (bank statement if new group), child protection policy and any relevant quotes. Applicants must also have agreement from the land owner for any work being undertaken and ensure relevant insurances are in place.

www.vantagefund.org.uk / 01670 858 688

Source: Direct / FINE

Information

Acevo launches review of Work Programme

Acevo is launching a review of the Work Programme, which came under heavy criticism recently for failing to get sufficient people into long-term employment.

Just 3.5 per cent of the 878,000 people who took part in the scheme until July 2012 had found work for six months or more. The Government's target for the scheme was 5.5 per cent.

In response, Acevo is launching a review of the Programme. It will publish recommendations for how to make improvements and for what should come after it once the Programme comes to an end.

http://www.civilsociety.co.uk/finance/news/content/13921/acevo_launches_review_of_work_programme?utm_source=28+November+Fundraising&utm_campaign=28+November+Fundraising&utm_medium=email

Source: Civil Society / FINE

BIG investing in social enterprise

Big Lottery Fund is investing £6.9m into the Lloyds Banking Group Social Entrepreneurs Programme.

This additional funding brings the programme's total investment to £14m, building on the original £5m investment from Lloyds on its launch in April and another £2m from social investor Nominet Trust.

The number of social entrepreneurs funded nationwide is now expected to pass 1,000, to reach an estimated 120,000 people within communities nationwide.

Lloyds insists that the additional grant enables the programme to provide a wider range of financial support and educational training at the School for Social Entrepreneurs (SSE) sites. In addition to the financial support, a senior mentor will be provided for each individual candidate for their entire 12-month training period. The number of delivery locations will also double, from seven to 14 sites.

http://www.civilsociety.co.uk/finance/news/content/13917/big_injects_69m_into_lloyds_entrepreneurs_scheme?utm_source=28+November+Fundraising&utm_campaign=28+November+Fundraising&utm_medium=email

Source: Civil Society / FINE

Newcastle CVS

Change of address.

From the 10th December 2012 the new address for Newcastle CVS will be:

Newcastle Council for Voluntary Service
3rd Floor, Higham House
Higham Place
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE1 8AF

The telephone number will remain the same at 0191 232 7445.

Source: Direct / FINE

Sector trends

FINE outline key findings from research into local funding.

FINE has recently been undertaking the research for the next edition of our popular guide, the North East Guide to Grants for Voluntary Organisations.

This involved the FINE team reading over one hundred funders' audited accounts and visiting dozens of websites.

We will be sending out more information about the guide in the New Year but meanwhile we thought you would be interested in a few of the trends we observed during the research phase:

- More funders than usual are in the midst of reviewing their funding policies and/or organisational structure. Some are doing this as part of their regular evaluation cycle but many are responding to the economic environment
- Many of the funders we looked at saw a dip in their income since the previous year and a corresponding drop in the size of grant pots
- Some funders who also give grants for individuals' needs are shifting greater proportions of funding than previously towards individuals, rather than to groups

- Some national charities were worried about being in the guide as they were already struggling to cope with demand and were concerned that this would generate too many applications

There have been confusing reports relating to the volume of grant applications to different funders. Contrary to reports by some of the funders above, others - including many North East funders - told FINE that they are seeing a drop in the numbers of applications received.

There does seem to be a pattern emerging – funders who have larger grants available (over £10,000) appear to be receiving increased numbers of applications whilst those with smaller grant pots are not as popular. The obvious conclusion is that people need big money - salaries, core costs etc - rather than small grants which support a specific project. If you are running on reserves and don't know if you can pay the staff next year you probably aren't looking for £2,000, you need £20,000. This means that applications for small grants may be less competitive than in the past but applications for large grants will be even tougher.

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