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Funding Information North East

Opportunities

Adult Mental Health Capital Grant (Durham)

Respond by 12th August 2013

The Adult Mental Health Capital Grant was allocated to local authorities to support the planned strategic shift to supporting people with mental health problems within their own communities and continue the development of individual choice. Durham County Council has agreed that money set aside for the Adult Mental Health Capital Grant can now be released for bids for 2013/14.

<https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-993HX2>

Source: NEPO / FINE

Arts Council - five new or updated funding streams (UK)

Exceptional Awards programme

- General fund providing grants of £50,000-£250,000 for up to 25 one-off arts projects over two years

Unlimited II

- A programme to support deaf and disabled artists
- Will initially make a single grant of £1.5m to an organisation that will carry out a programme of mentoring and commissioning from 2013 to 2016

Cultural Destinations

- £3m partnership with VisitEngland
- Will support cultural organisations that work in tourist destinations
- Grants of £250,000-£350,000
- Will fund projects to run from March 2014 for a maximum of three years

Enterprising Libraries

- £450,000 available to general applicants, in ten grants of up to £45,000
- Will support libraries as hubs for enterprise

Grants for the Arts

- Application process has been streamlined. Programme gives awards of £1,000 to £100,000 to arts organisations

<http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/news/arts-council-news/today-we-launch-five-funding-streams/#sthash.ZRCkt2KX.dpuf>

Source: Direct / FINE / Third Sector

CEMEX Community Fund (Grant - England)

£1,000 - £15,000. VCSE enrolled as an Environmental Body with Entrust. Deadline 17th September.

The CEMEX Community Fund is a grant-giving fund established by CEMEX under the Landfill Tax Credit Scheme. Its aim is to support sustainable local community and environmental projects within three miles of a high impact CEMEX site*.

Support is available for projects which provide and maintain public parks and amenities when the work protects the social, built and/or natural environment and repair, or restore buildings or structures which are of religious, historical or architectural interest. Previously funded projects have included, for example, church roof repairs, kitchen extension to a parish hall, playground initiatives and environmental enhancements.

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

* there is a location search on the website but as an idea, a google map search for CEMEX in the region brings up the following postcodes: DH7 8HH; DH8 7NE; NE1 3SQ; NE11 9EJ; NE13 7GA; NE22 7AL; NE32 3DX; NE34 9PT; NE40 3UL.

<http://www.cemexlocations.co.uk/default.asp>

Source: Grants Online / FINE

Comic Relief Local Communities (Grant – North East)

Comic Relief will be providing this funding to the region via the local Community Foundations.

The Community Foundation Tyne & Wear and Northumberland will be launching the fund tomorrow (4th) and so material should be expected to be up on the website then. There will be two rounds (allocating in September and March), both with a pot of £25,000.

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

Tees Valley Community Foundation has already launched theirs on the website and provided the following information:

- The programme will run for two years
- Grants of between £1000 and £10,000 will be available
- The programme aims to empower local people, enabling them to create lasting change in their communities. Projects should be run by people directly affected by the issues they are dealing with and priority will be given to small, locally based groups or organisations in areas of disadvantage that have a clear understanding of the needs of their community

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- Under the programme, organisations can apply for funding to:
 - increase local services
 - build skills of local people
 - increase community cohesion
 - respond to local economic needs
 - A Local Communities grant must be at least 30% of the total cost of the project

<http://www.teesvalleyfoundation.org/news/comic-relief-funding-launched-for-2013-15/>

County Durham Community Foundation is expecting a small pot of funding but as yet has no confirmation of when this will be available – FINE will provide an update when this confirmation is received.

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

Source: FINE

Community Investment Programme (Investment – Tees Valley)

Further information and clarification now available. (Originally publicised in FINE Online issue 24) **For VCSE. No upper limit. Rolling programme**

Tees Valley Community Foundation has launched its new Community Investment Programme, through which it will provide significant and targeted support to the voluntary and community sector in Middlesbrough, Stockton on Tees, Hartlepool and Redcar & Cleveland.

The Community Investment Programme is not a grant - it is a non repayable investment.

The primary aim is to maximise the social return on investment; the Foundation wants to support projects that can really make a difference and clearly demonstrate their success. Core costs will be eligible and the Foundation may consider making investments to cover two or even three years.

The Community Investment Programme is focusing on three main themes which identify strategic challenges currently faced in the Tees Valley and the key characteristics of organisations with whom the Foundation is seeking to work:

- A Stronger Start for Young People – may include education, training or employment activities, enterprise, health, safeguarding or citizenship
- A Healthy Community – may address health or disability issues, the environment or involve volunteers and those who care for others
- Our Community, Our World – may be education based, focus on improving the environment, safety, local history or diversity

Although the themes are defined, the activities within are not; new and innovative ways of working are invited.

The applicant should be seeking investment for a long-term project which will be sustainable, and hopefully thrive, once funding has ceased.

Types of investment which may be suitable for the programme include:

- development of a site for the long term benefit of the community
- refurbishment of an existing community organisation's facilities to enable the expansion and improvement of their activities in the long term
- implementation of a sustainable programme to assist and benefit the local community

<http://www.teesvalleyfoundation.org/apply-for-support/other-support>

Source: FINE

Music in Transition Awards Scheme (Cash prize - UK)

£3,000 & £1,000 x 3 runner-up. Primary schools. Deadline 4th November 2013

The Paul Hamlyn Foundation has announced that it is launching a national Awards Scheme to find the most inspiring music collaborations that are effectively supporting pupils' transition from primary to secondary school.

Schools that have some linked Year 6 and Year 7 music partnership activities underway this term, or are planning something with a neighbouring school, are invited to enter the scheme.

Criteria:

- Promotes an inclusive approach to music learning
- Demonstrates excellent practice in at least two of the following areas:
 - Managing pupil information
 - Supporting personal and social needs
 - Joining up the curriculum
 - Sharing pedagogies
 - Engaging pupils as agents
- Shows effective partnership working
- Comprises approaches that are sustainable in the long-term
- Gives clear indications of positive impact for pupils

<http://www.musicalbridges.org.uk/music-in-transition-awards-scheme/>

Source: Funding Insight / FINE

Youth in Action Programme (Grant - Europe)

Up to €100,000 (c.£85,000) - not more than 50% of a project's total eligible expenses. VCSE. Deadline 5th September 2013.

The European Commission has announced a new call for proposals under its Youth in Action Programme. This call for proposals is under sub-action 4.6 (Partnerships). It aims to support partnerships of stakeholders active in the youth sector at European level - with regions, municipalities, civil society actors, etc - to develop over long-term projects. Specific objectives of such partnerships are to

- encourage the involvement of public bodies at regional or local level or other stakeholders active in the youth sector in European youth and non-formal education activities
- support their capacity-building as bodies active in the youth field providing non-formal education opportunities to young people and youth workers
- promote the development of sustainable networks, the exchange of best practices as well as the recognition of non-formal education

Preference will be given to those projects which best reflect the following priorities:

- Permanent priorities of the Youth in Action programme:
 - participation of young people
 - cultural diversity
 - European citizenship
 - inclusion of young people with fewer opportunities
- Annual priorities of the Youth in Action programme:
 - awareness-raising of the rights linked to the EU citizenship
 - inclusive growth
 - creativity, entrepreneurship and employability
 - healthy behaviours

Furthermore, preference will be given to well-structured projects which are framed within a longer-term perspective and planned with a view to achieve a multiplying effect and a sustainable impact.

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:C:2013:148:0004:0007:EN:PDF>

Source: Grants Online / FINE

Youth Music (Grant - England)

Up to £250,000. Not for profit. Deadline 3rd October (not yet open – “opens in July”)

Youth Music makes grants to support projects that provide music-making activities for children and young people, especially those young people in challenging circumstances. Youth Music will fund those organisations committed to music-making activities for children and young people up to 18 (or up to 25 if they have special educational needs, disabilities or are in detention).

Youth Music aims to support music making activities principally in out of school hours such as during weekends, holidays as well as in breakfast and after schools clubs. Youth Music understands that programmes may need to begin in school hours especially if the proposal involves encouraging first time participation in music. To help with this, Youth Music will consider applications for programmes where up to 25% of the time is spent in school hours. The proposed programme should aim to encourage children and young people to eventually make music outside of school hours.

<http://network.youthmusic.org.uk/funding>

Source: Grants Online / FINE

Youth Social Action Fund (Grant – Middlesbrough / Redcar)

Up to £2m over 2 years. Non profit / partnership. Deadline 29th July 2013

Minister for civil society Nick Hurd has announced new funding opportunities for youth organisations that run programmes which engage young people in social action. The Youth Social Action Fund is offering financial support to such schemes.

The Cabinet Office is orchestrating two separate calls for ideas for the fund, one of which is for programmes that will be delivered in the two areas of Middlesbrough (including Redcar) and Lancashire.

The key ambition underpinning this call for ideas is to begin to understand the extent to which social action may be able to contribute to improving educational attainment.

Programmes in the Middlesbrough/Redcar and Lancashire regions should provide social action opportunities for 10-14 year olds to create positive outcomes for young people, including improved attainment and engagement at school.

All programmes should demonstrate how they will make strong links within their trial area to other providers, new and existing, and become advocates for the wider social action movement, to help to create a social action journey for young people.

The funders are looking to support organisations capable of working across **both** areas, and able to work with approximately 10–20 schools supporting a total of 250–500 young people.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/youth-social-action-fund>

Source: FINE

Adult Community Learning 2013/14

Durham County Council. Respond by 22nd July 2013

This contract is for the provision of community learning opportunities for adults aged 19+. Bidders are asked as part of their submission to design and cost appropriate, innovative community learning programmes (both accredited and non-accredited) for learners across County Durham. Delivery will start in September 2013; all delivery must be completed by 31st July 2014.

<https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-992BJL>

Source: NEPO / FINE

Provision of a Mental Health Assessment and Recovery Service (Contract – Middlesbrough)

Middlesbrough Borough Council. Respond by 16th August 2013

The Council are seeking expressions of interest from suitably experienced providers for this service. The service will provide a comprehensive assessment of independent living skills for people with mental health problems, develop personalised recovery plans and deliver support to improve their skills and address their broader needs.

The service is to be delivered from a property in Middlesbrough, which will house seven people for up to 12 weeks.

<https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-993G8F>

Source: NEPO / FINE

Information & Resources

European Regional Development Fund and European Social Fund: allocations 2014 to 2020

The Right Hon. Dr Vince Cable announced yesterday how the €6.2 billion England allocation of the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and the European Social Fund (ESF) will be allocated.

In the North East, the North East LEP will receive €539.6m, and the Tees Valley LEP will receive €202.6m. This takes account of Durham and Tees Valley's status as Transition Areas.

The Government has given a commitment that the Growth Programme Funds will be allocated to Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) areas to support local growth. In the current programme around half of the overall ERDF and ESF allocation was retained by Government to determine how it was spent, but for 2014-2020, local areas will determine over 95% of these Funds. For the first time in over a decade, the funds will be able to be used at local level to increase their combined impact alongside other local public and private investments, including the recently announced Single Local Growth Fund to allow local partners to make a real impact.

Under the EU regulations, the UK is likely to have to devote a minimum share of the total UK allocation to the ESF (likely to be around 46%). The Government has decided that individual LEPs should determine the precise split between ERDF and ESF in their areas, although to ensure that the overall ESF share does not fall below the required EU minimum, LEPs will be asked to broadly respect the required minimum split unless they can present a strong case against doing so.

The full written statement on the allocation of European Funds can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/european-regional-development-fund-and-european-social-fund-allocations-2014-to-2020>

Source: Cabinet Office / FINE

Spending Review 2013 – NCVO round-up

NCVO has provided a snapshot summary of the Spending Review recently announced by the Government, including key points made that are relevant to the VCSE sector.

They view it as “potentially a strong blow to the sector. Falling funding, along with the likelihood for some organisations that welfare changes will see more people seeking their advice and support, mean that many charities will be in a precarious position. In particular, now more than ever it’s essential that local government is sensitive about how it finds its savings. Given that charities play a major role in preventing social problems and therefore reducing costs, councils looking to balance their budgets will need to have meaningful discussions with the voluntary sector about how they can support their communities”.

<http://blogs.ncvo.org.uk/2013/06/26/spending-review-2013-a-2-minute-guide-on-whats-important-for-charities/>

Source: Direct / FINE

Events & Training

Foundation for Social Improvement (FSI) Roadshow

18th – 19th July 2013, 10am-4:30pm. CastleGate Newcastle. Free (deposit of £50)

The FSI is bringing two days of free training to Newcastle so that all small charities can access the skills they need to become self sustaining.

The Roadshow will offer training sessions covering a wide range of fundraising skills and techniques:

- Developing Corporate Relationships
- Exploring Social Media
- Develop your Fundraising Strategy
- Introduction to Major Donor Fundraising
- Trusts & Foundations
- Demonstrating Your Impact
- Building your Core Case for Support
- Stewardship

<http://www.thefsi.org/programmes-3/training/near-you/newcastle/>

Institute of Fundraising North East Group meeting

17th July 2013, 4-6pm, As You Like It Bar, Newcastle. £5/£3 pre booked

The next bi-monthly meeting for the Institute of Fundraising's North East Group will invite members and non-members to join in networking over canapés and a glass of wine.

Speakers:

Karen Watson, Newcastle Volunteers Centre - *How to Maintain & Retain Volunteers*
Catrina Flynn, Development Manager, Toma Fund - *"Institute of Fundraising National Conference – A Round Up Event"*

Email here catfly@live.co.uk by **8th July** to confirm attendance.
www.institute-of-fundraising.org.uk/groups/regional-north-east

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