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

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Opportunities

Cash 4 Clubs (Grant – UK)

£250 - £1,000. Sports clubs. Deadline 31st July 2013

Betfair and SportsAid recognise the importance of community sport, so Cash 4 Clubs has been set up to facilitate fundraising for community sports clubs. Any sports club that is registered with its sports' National Governing body or local authority can apply.

No preference is given to types of sport or the age of people involved with the club, but the funders do look for sports clubs that play an active role in the community.

Examples of what can be funded:

- Training for Coaches to ensure they are all level 1 standard
- Junior paddles and safety equipment
- New rugby kit, tackle bags, balls and corner flags
- Floor mats and low balance beams
- First aid training for coaches and new first aid equipment
- Purchase of Dojang matting

<http://www.cash-4-clubs.com/>

Source: FINE

Commissioning Better Outcomes and Social Outcomes Fund (Investment – England)

£40m fund. VCSE (Social Impact Bonds). Open until June 2015 (expression of interest)

Big Lottery Fund (BIG) are focusing on approaches that use payment by results (PbR) mechanisms, particularly those which involve social investment such as Social Impact Bonds (SIBs). To achieve this they have set up two funds - the Cabinet Office's Social Outcomes Fund and the Big Lottery Fund's Commissioning Better Outcomes - with a joint mission to help develop more SIBs.

Between them these Funds are making up to £60m available to pay for a proportion of outcomes payments for these types of models in complex policy areas, as well as support to develop robust proposals.

Applicants can request £10,000-£150,000 of development funding to purchase technical support to develop their SIB. More development funding may be available in exceptional circumstances. In terms of outcomes payments, there is no minimum or maximum funding available for each SIB but BIG expect the average amount of funding to be around £1m. BIG will only contribute a minority proportion of outcomes payments and expect the average contribution to be around 20 per cent of the total outcomes payments.

Development funding can be used to purchase technical support including, but not limited to

- identifying savings
- estimating cashability of savings and identifying ways of realising them
- cohort definition and referral pathways
- refining and pricing of outcomes
- developing metrics
- developing the structure of the SIB
- developing the payment mechanism for outcomes
- engagement with potential investors and providers

As the two funds have the same broad aim there will be a single shared application process to make it easier for customers. Applicants can focus on either or both funds.

The Social Outcomes Fund is intended to be used in situations where solving a social problem would create savings for several public sector bodies, but where the costs would outweigh the benefits for each of those bodies by themselves. It will supply a pot of money that commissioners in central and local government can use to pay out if delivery is successful.

The Commissioning Better Outcomes fund will primarily help to finance social impact bonds that will ensure voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations have a chance to be involved in service delivery.

<http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/sioutcomesfunds>

Source: FINE

Darlington Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) Carers Funding (Grant – Darlington CCG area)

Funding not yet confirmed (anticipate around the £90,000 mark). VCSE. Deadline 22nd July 2013

In the third year of the Coalition Government's commitment to make an additional £400 million available to the NHS to support carers to take breaks from their caring responsibilities, funding is available from Darlington Clinical Commissioning Group for the year 2013-14.

This funding is available for all carer groups, including those working with young carers, young adult carers and the parents of disabled children.

The primary aim of the funding is to provide a range of flexible and personalised ways of enabling carers to take a break from their caring role. The intention is that as many barriers as possible to this occurring will be reduced or removed completely. Although the funding is primarily for breaks, the commissioners may consider other proposals that may ultimately enable carers to take a break from their caring role (subject to funding availability). This may include proposals to identify hidden carers, to build capacity within potential referring organisations/infrastructure, or to provide information and advice to carers who have already been identified.

Applicants should provide detail as to how this project/service will achieve the following outcomes:

- Identification of carers at an early stage
- Enabling carers to:
 - have opportunities to be involved in designing and influencing local care provision and in planning individual care packages
 - fulfil their education, training and employment potential
 - receive personalised support
 - have a family and community life
 - remain mentally and physically well

As this funding is non-recurrent applicants should also be able to demonstrate that plans are in place to end the project/service.

<http://www.evolutiondarlington.com/darlington-clinical-commissioning-group-carers-funding/>

Source: eVOLution / FINE

Entrust Growth Fund (Investment – North East)

Up to £50,000. Small/medium sized enterprises (SMEs) – including VCSE sector. Initially open until December 2016

A new £2.4m fund aimed at boosting growth among SMEs in the North East has been launched by business support group Entrust. The Entrust Growth Fund will offer loans to North East-based businesses struggling to secure mainstream financial backing for their growth plans. It is unique in the region in that it has no restrictions on the sector or business activity of applicants.

The fund is available to North East-based businesses capable of repaying a loan but unable to access other means of financial support. The fund is aimed at backing businesses with potential to grow and create new opportunities in the region.

<http://www.entrust.co.uk/money>

Source: FINE

GSK IMPACT Awards (Award – UK)

£3,000 - £40,000 plus free training. Registered charities. Deadline 20th September 2013

GSK's IMPACT Awards are designed to reward charities that are doing excellent work to improve people's health. Organisations must be working in a health-related field in the UK. Applicants do not have to present a new project and can decide how to spend the award money.

Up to ten winners will receive £30,000 plus the overall winner will receive an extra £10,000. Up to ten runners-up will receive £3,000. Award winners will also be offered two free places on the GSK IMPACT Awards training programme and then be invited to join the GSK IMPACT Awards Development Network.

Applicants must

- have existed for a minimum of three years
- be targeting community health needs in the UK (community can be defined as a geographical community or a community of interest)
- be able to point to a track record of achievement in community health issues
- be small or medium sized organisations with total annual income of £25,000-£2m
- independently constituted from any national umbrella organisation

www.kingsfund.org.uk/gskimpactawards

Source: FINE

Healthy Hearts (Grant - UK)

Up to £10,000. VCSE. Deadline 31st August 2013

Heart Research UK Healthy Heart Grants support innovative projects designed to promote heart health and to prevent or reduce the risks of heart disease in specific groups or communities. Grants are available to community groups, voluntary organisations and researchers who are spreading the healthy heart message.

When selecting award winners, the panel will look first and foremost at how strong the Healthy Heart message is and how actively it is being promoted through the activities. If the heart focus is strong throughout, the panel will then also consider:

- how innovative the project is in terms of activities offered and target audience
- the feasibility of the proposed project
- evidence of appropriate skills and experience to run your healthy heart project
- value for money
- monitoring and evaluation of impact on heart health
- publicity opportunities for the project

Competition is very high and the success rate is currently around 1 in 40.

<http://www.heartresearch.org.uk/grants/healthyheartgrant>

Source: Funding Insight / FINE

Newman's Own Foundation (Grant – UK)

Up to \$50,000 (approx. £33,000). Registered charities. Deadline 1st August 2013

Grants are available for charities that provide support for children with life-limiting medical or developmental conditions. Preference is given for the following:

- Organisations/projects where Foundation resources have the potential for significant impact (typically small to mid-size organisations/projects poised for growth)
- Innovative and effective model projects with potential for replication
- Opportunities to encourage philanthropy by leveraging Foundation resources to stimulate giving from other sources and help build a global philanthropic community
- Existing/potentially strong organisational leadership/governance

<http://www.newmansown.co.uk/charity/overview.html>

Source: Grants Online / FINE

Society for the Promotion of Roman Studies (Grant - UK)

Usually £50 - £500. Schools. Deadline 1st November 2013.

The Society's Schools Committee makes grants to schools to help promote the teaching of Latin and Roman studies. Most of the grants are awarded for the purchase of textbooks and other books on Roman topics, but the Committee also makes awards to groups and schools organising lectures or study days on Roman themes and has recently made money available for archaeology fieldwork bursaries. Applications from schools planning to start courses in Latin are particularly welcome.

There is no special application form, but applicants should provide information about the level of their departmental budget, the type of courses taught, and in the case of applications for books, a list of the books wanted with their prices.

<http://www.romansociety.org/grants-prizes/funding-for-schools.html>

Source: Grants Online / FINE

Tycoon in Schools (Grant - England)

Individuals / Schools (secondary). Deadline 9th September 2013

The Peter Jones Foundation has announced that the Tycoon In Schools 2013 Competition is open for entries. The aim of the competition is to support schools in England to run their own business. In addition to the funding provided by the Foundation, the competition has received backing from the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills.

Pupils will pitch their business ideas to their tutors, who will submit the best business plans to the Peter Jones Foundation in the hope of being granted seed funding to launch the ventures. Trading kicks off 4th November for a four-week period, with the overall Tycoon in Schools winner being announced in January 2014. Over 500 children and 100 teams competed last year with business concepts ranging from a cure for arthritis in horses, to solar paneled phone socks for charging mobile phones.

Last year Eleanor Bullough from Da Vinci School in Stevenage was crowned the Ultimate Tycoon in Schools for her business. She was awarded £1,000 to invest in her eco-friendly shop, which sells colourful paper garlands made from handmade, renewable mulberry paper. Prizes were also awarded to outstanding teams for community engagement, achievement, sustainability and business concept.

http://www.tycooninschools.com/tycoon-telegraph-entry/_/tycoon-in-schools-2013-competition-open-for-entries/18/#.UbmUnpz4LDI

Source: Funding Insight / FINE

Invitation to Tender for iNorthumberland Digital SME Support Programme (Contract – Northumberland)

Northumberland County Council. Respond by 13th August 2013

To develop and deliver a web based platform for the delivery of a comprehensive digital business support programme for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in the Northumberland County.

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

Source: NEPO / FINE

Provision for Sandwiches (Contract – Newcastle)

Newcastle City Council. Respond by 12th August 2013

Provision of sandwiches and pre-packed salads into schools, welfare and retail establishments

https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/frm_opportunity?openForm&opp_id=OPP-HIS-QTLE-99GH6K&contract_id=CONTRACT-QTLE-97AB3K&org_id=ORG-QTLE-75FD56&from=

Source: NEPO / FINE

Information & Resources

Charity Bank

Bank to provide small loans to VCSE sector and set up foundation

Charity Bank plans to work with grantmakers to help provide small loans to small charities and social enterprise; and is looking at setting up its own charitable foundation. Charity Bank was forced to forgo its charitable status earlier this year in order to comply with new European banking regulations, which were at odds with provisions in charity law around asset distribution and dividend payments.

Charity Bank claims that demand for loans was strong but, as it lacked capital, it could not meet requests.

http://www.civilsociety.co.uk/finance/news/content/15655/charity_bank_looks_to_start_small_loan_funding_and_set_up_foundation

Source: Civil Society

Growing the Social Investment Market

Report shows 22 per cent growth in 2012

The social finance market was worth £202m in the year to March 2012 – a rise of 22 per cent on the previous year – according to a report published today.

Growing the Social Investment Market says that 765 deals were carried out in the year and that 29 social investment finance intermediaries (SIFIs) actively invested in 2011/12.

The report was commissioned by the Big Lottery Fund, Big Society Capital, the City of London Corporation and the government. It was written by the consultancy ICF GHK in association with the research firm BMG Research.

Nick Hurd, the Minister for Civil Society, said the report showed that "social investment is an idea whose time has come".

<http://www.thirdsector.co.uk/news/1188838/Social-finance-market-grew-22-per-cent-2011-12-says-report/>

Source: Third Sector

Ministry of Justice (MoJ) contracts

Acevo and NCVO given £150,000 to prepare charities to bid for MoJ contracts

Acevo and the National Council for Voluntary Organisations will use a £150,000 government grant to help charities bid for MoJ contracts to reduce crime and rehabilitate offenders. The infrastructure organisations will work with Candour Collaborations, a consultancy, to deliver 57 workshops in England and Wales to help third sector organisations with aspects of contract bids.

<http://www.thirdsector.co.uk/news/1189662/Acevo-NCVO-given-150k-prepare-charities-bid-MoJ-contracts/>

Source: Third Sector

Events & Training

Barclays Get Ready for Business Seminars

Various North East locations. Free

These seminars cover a range of areas including

- writing a good business plan
- sourcing finance
- managing cash flow
- legal obligations
- taxation and VAT
- marketing
- banking solutions

Upcoming seminars in the region include (full list available on website)

- 16th July 2013, 9:30am-3:30pm. TEDCO Business Works, South Shields
- 17th July 2013, 9:30am-3:30pm. Queens Ct. Business Centre, Middlesbrough
- 24th July 2013, 9:30am-3:30pm. North East Business & Innovation Centre, Sunderland
- 7th August 2013, 5:30-9:30pm. The Quadrus Centre, Boldon

<http://www.barclays.co.uk/Seminars/BarclaysGetReadyforBusinessSeminars/P1242586156553>

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