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

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## Opportunities

### Community Assets and Services (Grants - England)

#### Not for profit / charitable

This is a programme for organisations thinking of running a local service or taking over the management of a local building or land of community value. Grants available:

#### Pre-feasibility grants

- £5,000-£10,000 to help build the internal capacity of the organisation to be able to deliver services or take on ownership of buildings and land. Examples of what can be funded:
  - Undertake work to assess and address capacity
  - Improve governance and leadership
  - Support the costs of incorporation or forming a consortium
  - Coaching and mentoring for existing staff

#### Feasibility Grants

- Up to £100,000 to help organisations carry out detailed feasibility work in preparation for bidding for service contracts or for developing project and business plans for asset development and ownership. Examples of what can be funded:
  - Development of comprehensive business plans
  - Covering the costs of external expertise to advise on issues such as TUPE
  - Professional fees related to building related activities

#### Capital Grants

- £100,000-£500,000 for organisations ready to take the next step in acquiring a local asset. Interested organisations can submit an Expression of Interest until **30<sup>th</sup> August 2013**

<http://www.sibgroup.org.uk/communityrights/apply/applicationpack/>

Source: FINE

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## **Community Foundation Tyne & Wear and Northumberland - call for applications (Grants – North East)**

### **Community Ventures**

- Aims to help organisations to be as effective as possible by developing organisational/individual skills, practices and confidence
- Provides free time and expertise from leaders in the business, public and charity fields to help selected voluntary projects make a step-change, strengthen their operations or plan a new strategy
- Deadline 12<sup>th</sup> August 2013

### **EDF Energy Green Rigg Community Benefit Fund**

- For groups/schools based within ten miles of the Green Rigg Windfarm
- Grants of £250-£5,000 (up to £9,000 in exceptional circumstances)
- Priority given to groups based or benefitting people from within a three miles radius of the windfarm
- Grants awarded for
  - capital items that will have a long lasting effect
  - biodiversity and habitat conservation
  - energy conservation and increased use of renewables
  - community activities
- On-going revenue costs are not eligible for support.
- Deadline 31<sup>st</sup> August 2013

[www.communityfoundation.org.uk](http://www.communityfoundation.org.uk)

Source: Direct / FINE

## **Flexible Support Fund (Grant - Tyne & Wear / Northumberland)**

**Up to £25,000. Partnership (lead body non profit). Deadline 11<sup>th</sup> September 2013 (accepted on an on-going basis until then)**

DWP, Jobcentre Plus Northumberland, Tyne & Wear District is now seeking single grant applications for partnership activity which will help improve employment outcomes across all parts of the District.

DWP, Jobcentre Plus Northumberland, Tyne & Wear District launched Flexible Support Grant Funding for Partnerships in August 2011. The Flexible Support Fund is administered by DWP, Jobcentre Plus and gives District Managers the facility to grant awards to local partners/partnerships, as an additional means of support to customers in the pre-work programme stage of the Jobcentre Plus customer journey.

The fund allows additional scope to influence local priorities and engage further with local partners to help meet DWP's objectives, to assist customers to overcome

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barriers and help them to find and progress into sustained employment. The grant funding priority is to improve employment outcomes for all. Within this, DWP identified the following specific areas of disadvantaged claimant groups, in line with the Governments Social Justice agenda:

- Drug and/or alcohol abusers
- Offenders/ ex-offenders
- Homeless
- Ethnic minorities/ those whose first language is not English

In addition, other disadvantaged groups include

- youth unemployment (18-24 year olds)
- those with mental and/or physical health issues
- those with sensory impairment
- digital inclusion (i.e. those who would benefit from 1-2-1 support due to their limited access and/or experience of IT systems)
- ESOL- linked to jobsearch support
- those with learning disabilities such as dyspraxia, dyslexia etc
- those leaving care

Proposals should show how the Flexible Support Fund is being used as a catalyst to draw in other funding and/or is adding value to other funding streams.

[http://www.mhne.co.uk/view\\_post.asp?id=5430&tl\\_id=2](http://www.mhne.co.uk/view_post.asp?id=5430&tl_id=2)

Source: MHNE / FINE

## **Google for Nonprofits (In-kind – England)**

The Google for Nonprofits programme - which offers charities free and discounted access to online collaboration tools, advice, and free Google advertising - has now been extended to charities registered in England and Wales. Charities such as RNLI, BeatBullying, Little Princess Trust, and WaterAid have already been trialling the services. Charities approved for the programme will receive at no charge access to:

- up to \$10,000 (approx. £6,500) a month in advertising credit on Google AdWords
- the online communication and collaboration suite Google Apps, which includes Gmail, Google Talk, Hangouts and Drive
- premium features within YouTube and Google Earth Outreach
- online advice resources such as educational videos, examples of how other UK charities are using Google's tools, and a support forum
- community discussions on the Google for Nonprofits forum on Google+

<http://www.fundraising.co.uk/news/2013/07/17/google-nonprofits-programme-extended-charities-england-and-wales>

Source: UKF / FINE

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## **Help the Hospices – capital grants for dementia care (Grant - UK)**

**Up to £10,000 for adult hospices (full members of Help the Hospices).  
Deadline 30<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

Grants are available to support capital projects that have a direct impact on older patients in adult member hospices in the UK. The funding is being made available through the Rank Foundation grants programme and in 2013 the theme is dementia care - specifically to support projects focusing on caring for older people with dementia.

The type of work that can be undertaken includes

- refurbishment
- specialist equipment such as hoist
- small-medium capital items such as cutlery, talking alarm clock, bed with under bed lighting, crash mat, multi-sensory equipment
- reconfiguration of existing space and/or new building work

<http://www.helpthehospices.org.uk/our-services/grants/uk-grants/rank-foundation/>

Source: Grants Online / FINE

## **Michael Tippett Musical Foundation (Grant - UK)**

**£500 - £4,000. VCSE. Deadline 30<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

The Foundation focuses on one area of musical activity as their single priority - the development of group music making, especially involving young people in projects incorporating composition and creative ideas. Trustees wish to see composition as central to projects put forward for support.

Grants awarded will be made towards creative musical activity. Projects might be first-time initiatives or the development of existing projects and must be based in the UK. For an application to be successful the Trustees will pay particular attention to

- the project's musical aspirations
- projects involving young people
- the artistic leadership of the project
- how the project will be planned, managed and evaluated

<http://www.tippettfoundation.org.uk/html/guidelines.htm>

Source: Funding Insight / FINE

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## **SITA Trust - Enhance Communities (Grant - England)**

### **Not for profit**

Enhancing Communities is the name of SITA Trust's funding programme for community improvement projects. SITA supports projects that make physical improvements to community leisure facilities and historic buildings / structures. Projects must be in any of 115 funding zones around qualifying sites owned by our donor, SITA UK (postcode checker on website).

The Enhancing Communities Programme offers two funds:

#### **Core Fund**

- Grants of up to £60,000 for projects with an overall cost of no more than £250,000
- Next deadline 25<sup>th</sup> November 2013

#### **Fast Track Fund**

- Grants of up to £20,000 for projects with an overall cost of no more than £40,000
- Applicants will find out whether their application has been successful within 60 days of the application deadline date
- Next deadline 19<sup>th</sup> August 2013

Before SITA Trust can release funding to a supported project they need to receive a payment called the Contributing Third Party payment (CTP) - SITA UK requires that 11% of the money provided is recovered from third parties.

<http://www.sitatrust.org.uk/community-funding>

Source: FINE

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## **Delivery of the Adult Nightly Accommodation North East Scheme (Contract – North East)**

### **Stockton Borough Council. Respond by 12<sup>th</sup> August 2013**

The North East Regional Homelessness Group (NERHG) has been working to ensure that each area of the North East is in a position to meet the needs of homeless people identified and verified as first time rough sleepers.

This tender relates specifically to nightly accommodation which would be provided in the homes of host volunteers. Tenders are invited from agencies prepared to deliver the following services across the North East region:

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- Development of a team of hosts to be able to deliver nightly emergency accommodation for adults aged 25 and above who are sleeping rough or at risk of having to sleep rough
  - Receiving referrals for single homeless people in need of emergency accommodation
  - Assessment of risk for all referrals within the space of a few hours
  - Placement of homeless people with volunteer hosts
  - Liaison with other agencies to help to find suitable move-on accommodation
  - Administration of placements

<https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-99MCLJ>

Source: NEPO / FINE

## **Housing Related Support Services for Vulnerable Children and Young People aged 16 to 18 (Contract – Middlesbrough)**

### **Middlesbrough Council. Respond by 14<sup>th</sup> August 2013**

Middlesbrough Council intends to establish an approved list of organisations suitable for undertaking contracts for the provision of Housing Related Support services for vulnerable children/young people, aged 16 to 18 years living within Middlesbrough.

The aim of the service is to improve the life opportunities of children/young people who have ceased to become Looked After or are Looked After.

<https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-99PGRX>

Source: NEPO / FINE

## **Provision of specialist day services for people with learning disabilities, learning disabilities with associated physical disabilities, physical disabilities or cerebral palsy (Contract – Stockton)**

### **Stockton Borough Council. Respond by 21<sup>st</sup> August 2013**

Provision of day services to people with learning/physical disabilities or cerebral palsy to maximise their independence and quality of life, particularly through the development of life skills and training. To be operational from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013.

<https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-99VC2T>

Source: NEPO / FINE

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## **Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council: Cafe provider for Redcar Leisure & Community Heart (Contract)**

**Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council, Respond by 9<sup>th</sup> August 2013**

The Council is seeking quotations for the provision of a café and catering operator for the Redcar Leisure and Community Heart on Kirkleatham Street, Redcar.

<https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-99MJMK>

Source: NEPO / FINE

## **Tees Valley EU Strategy - Social Inclusion Task & Finish Group Facilitation (Contract)**

**Stockton Borough Council. Respond by 30<sup>th</sup> July 2013**

To ensure the Tees Valley creates the best possible EU Strategy to access funding for the area between 2014 and 2020, support is required to facilitate workshops on the key EU priority theme of social inclusion and reducing poverty. The results of these workshops should be compiled to produce a series of SMART actions and potential areas of activity which will form the basis of a deliverable, evidence based action plan.

<https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-99QDNW>

Source: NEPO / FINE

## **Information & Resources**

### **Esmée Fairbairn North East Fund**

#### **Second round opens next month**

The Community Foundation have contacted FINE to announce that the second round of this fund will be open for applications at the end of August, with a closing date of mid-October. There is potential for some workshops to run; FINE will update when further information is available.

The £0.5m fund is open to groups working in areas of deprivation in the North East from Tyne & Wear, Northumberland, County Durham and Tees Valley. Grants are unlikely to be less than £10,000 and will usually cover a 12 month period.



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The maximum grant will be for £30,000 covering up to three years. The general criteria are that organisations and projects should

- address a significant gap in provision
- develop or strengthen good practice
- challenge convention, take risks to address difficult issues and test out new idea or practices

Applications can be for core or project costs, and this includes staff salaries and overheads. The fund will reflect the tone and breadth of the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation's funding priorities and fit within its four strands:

- Arts
- Education and Learning
- Environment
- Social Change

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

Source: Direct / FINE

## **Fulfilling Lives Ageing Better**

### **Thirty two Local Authority areas shortlisted**

Thirty two Local Authority areas across England have today been shortlisted for a share in a £70 million funding package under the Big Lottery Fund's Fulfilling Lives: Ageing Better programme, tackling social isolation for vulnerable older people. The area partnerships will be led by local voluntary organisations. In the North East these areas are Middlesbrough and Stockton-on-Tees.

[www.biglotteryfund.org.uk](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk)

Source: FINE

## **Key Fund survey**

### **North East needs assessment survey. **Deadline 26<sup>th</sup> July****

NESEP would like to ask for the sector's help in completing a needs assessment survey on behalf of Key Fund, a provider of grant and loan finance to social enterprises in the North East. The survey results will be used to demonstrate the funding needs of social enterprises and inform Key Fund's future development in the North East. Key Fund have commissioned Viewpoint Research CIC to collect this information. All information collected will remain confidential. Key Fund will not be able to identify individual organisations.

<http://viewpoint-research.co.uk/surveys/keyfund3/keyfundsurvey.htm>

Source: Direct / FINE

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## Events & Training

### **Big Lottery Fulfilling Lives Programme Roadshow event**

**29<sup>th</sup> July 2013. Newcastle/Gateshead (various locations). Free**

This Programme is a national project through which BIG want to help local people living with complex and multiple needs in Newcastle and Gateshead. BIG want to speak to such people and find out what they want from services in their area. They aim to get services working better together and want to make sure any future plans are developed by those who need them most. Sessions will run on a drop-in basis:

- 10:30-11:30am Lifeline Outlook, Hutton Terrace, Newcastle (NE2)
- 11:45am-12:45pm WOMEN ONLY Lifeline Outlook, Hutton Terrace, Newcastle (NE2)
- 2-3pm Brunswick Methodist Church, Brunswick Place, Newcastle (by Fenwicks)
- 4-5pm Basis@366, High Street, Gateshead

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