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Opportunities

Big Lottery Fund Well-being Programme – regional portfolio (Other – North East)

[Stop Press issued 19th August 2013]

Portfolio funding. VCSE. Deadline 13th September 2013.

North of England Mental Health Development Unit (NEMHDU) is working in partnership with Enable East who are leading this piece of work. From 2007 to 2011 Enable East - as part of North Essex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust - managed a portfolio grant of £3.9m as part of the national Big Lottery Fund Well-being Programme. Big Lottery Fund have extended their funding and awarded a further £2.7m to Enable East to deliver 'Well-being in the East' for a further two years to March 2015 and to a wider geographical area which now includes the **North East**.

Interested organisations can submit a proposal to deliver a 'community resilience project' as part of this new portfolio. The theme of the portfolio is 'Building Resilience in the East'; projects will need to fit within this broader strategy and as such will need to demonstrate a focus on

- delivery to armed forces families (including veterans and reservists) in the North East
- delivering outcomes around one or more of the three overall programme outcomes: improved mental health, increased physical activity and healthier eating
- demonstrate a contribution to building resilience

Those interested in being involved should let Paul Johnson of NEMHDU know as soon as possible: paul.johnson@nemhdu.org.uk / 07919 173 917.

Source: Direct / FINE

Comic Relief Local Communities (North East update)

Comic Relief are providing this funding to the region via the local Community Foundations. 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. The programme will run for two years. Grants of between £1,000 and £10,000 will be available. 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.

The Community Foundation **Tyne & Wear and Northumberland** have two rounds, both with a pot of £25,000. Their first round closed in August. The second round opens on 10th January 2014.

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

Tees Valley Community Foundation (TVCF) has launched theirs on the website and provided the following information:

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

The closing date for TVCF's first round is **August 29th**. The second round opens on 3rd February 2014.

<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 Foundation Tyne & Wear and Northumberland – call for applications (Grants – North East)

CNL Young People's Fund (usually £1,000-£2,000 - one or two awards of £10,000 made each year. Deadline 4th October 2013)

The fund will support charities and VCSE groups running projects to help disadvantaged young people in **Northumberland** to overcome the barriers to a successful transition to adulthood.

- Projects will be for young people aged 13-19 (to 25 if special needs)
- Priority will be given to projects serving isolated communities
- Proposals must be well defined with a clear objective, output and measurable outcomes
- Capital and revenue projects considered
- Requests for general running costs only considered in exceptional circumstances

Community Ventures (deadline 2nd September 2013)

Community Ventures is a Community Foundation programme that aims to help organisations in **Tyne & Wear and Northumberland** to be as effective as possible, by helping to develop organisational and individual skills, practices and confidence. It 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.

Esmée Fairbairn North East Fund (Generally £10,000 - £30,000. Deadline 17th October 2013)

The fund is open to charities, community groups and not-for-profit organisations working in areas of deprivation in the **North East** with an income of between £50,000 and £250,000.

Organisations need to work within at least one of the following strands: Arts; Education and Learning; Environment and Social Change. The application should address a significant gap in provision, develop or strengthen good practice, or challenge convention by taking risks to address difficult issues.

Grants are unlikely to be less than £10,000 and will usually cover a 12 month period. The maximum grant available is for £30,000 covering up to 3 years. This round will have approximately £90,000 to allocate to projects that can get underway early in 2014.

Fogo Grassroots Fund (up to £5,000)

The fund will support community development in disadvantaged areas of **Newcastle**. Applications are invited from smaller (income of no more than £60k a year), volunteer-led organisations. Applications should clearly show how groups/areas facing greatest disadvantage will be improved or supported.

REEDS Grassroots Fund (up to £3,000)

The fund supports community development in **Tyne & Wear and Northumberland** that aims to improve the life chances of disadvantaged communities.

Applications are invited from smaller (income of no more than £60,000 a year) organisations. Applications should clearly show how groups/areas facing greatest disadvantage will be improved or supported.

Women's Fund (up to £3,000. Deadline 17th September)

The Women's Fund's aim is to support work in **Northumberland and Tyne & Wear** which offers:

- support for women to achieve their full potential
- access to information and assistance on social, health or economic issues
- training and support services

Project beneficiaries should be women over the age of 18. While applications for core running costs are welcome they should be for a specific cost or aspect of a project rather than a small contribution to a larger activity or general organisation budget.

www.communityfoundation.org.uk

Source: Direct / FINE

Community Led Project Support (Grant – England)

£14m total fund. VCSE.

All community groups in England (outside Greater London) are now invited to apply for a share of the £14m revenue fund which is being made available to help groups to formally establish, build up their development proposals and submit a either a Community Right to Build Order or a planning application.

Communities interested in applying for support have the choice of applying for funding through two different routes:

- Community Right to Build –for community groups who want to submit an application for a Community Right to Build Order as an alternative to achieving planning permission
- Planning Application Route – for community groups seeking to achieve planning permission through a planning application

There is £14m available over the next two years (2013-2015). The funding is not intended to cover the costs of building, land acquisition or any other costs of the development itself.

Groups are encouraged to first discuss their proposals with the Community Led Project Support Hub, Locality: 0845 345 4564 (09.30–12.30 week days).

<http://www.homesandcommunities.co.uk/community-led-project-support>

Source: FINE

Ecology Building Society Charitable Foundation (Grant – England)

Up to £2,000. VCSE. Deadline 13th September 2013

The Ecology Building Society Charitable Foundation aims to support projects that enhance the built environment for community benefit.

Applicants will need to show that their organisation or project meets these core objectives:

- To promote sustainable development for the benefit of the public, by the preservation, conservation and the protection of the environment and the prudent use of natural resources
- To promote regeneration and sustainable development with a focus on environment conscious building practices

The Foundation prefers to fund projects with the following characteristics:

- Projects run by small, community-based organisations
- Projects which have a tangible output
- Small projects to which the funding makes a significant contribution (in the case of larger projects, the Foundation prefers to fund a specific element)

<http://www.ecology.co.uk/about/charitablefoundation/>

Source: FINE

Equality and Diversity Innovation Fund (Grant - England)

£1,000 - £25,000. VCSE. Deadline 16th September 2013

The Skills Funding Agency and NIACE are inviting bids from Skills Funding Agency-funded providers to deliver projects which advance equality, diversity and inclusion.

This is a flexible project fund, designed to enable colleges, training organisations and other providers to design and deliver the projects that will have the greatest impact for learners and potential learners. The aim of the fund is to support innovative and sustainable projects which develop the capacity of the sector to meet the public sector Equality Duty (2010).

Successful bids of £5,000 or less will have a higher level of freedom and flexibility in how they deliver their projects, and be subject to a lower level of reporting and monitoring than projects receiving larger grants.

Projects will normally begin in October 2013 and should be completed at the beginning of June 2014. Monitoring and reporting of project outcomes and impact will be required after project funding ceases up until the end of March 2015.

A key aim of the project fund is to catalyse change across the sector, so all projects will be required to collaborate with each other and disseminate their findings locally and nationally.

www.niace.org.uk/edif

Source: Direct / FINE

Health and Social Care Volunteering Fund National Grant Scheme 2013-4 and Partner Search Portal (Grant – England)

Up to £200,000 per annum for a maximum of 3 years. VCSE / partnership. Deadline to apply 27th September 2013

ECORYS and Department of Health have announced the launch of the third Health and Social Care Volunteering Fund (HSCVF) national grant scheme 2013-4 and a bespoke partner search portal that will support interested organisations find appropriate partners to meet the fund's requirements.

The programme has been designed to increase investment in volunteering in health, public health and social care. The programme supports health service priorities and feeds into the Strategic Vision for Volunteering.

Projects that focus on volunteer involvement in key health, public health and social care areas such as dementia and other long-term conditions, early intervention approaches, building supportive community networks and encouraging healthy eating will be targeted.

Grants can support five key priority areas:

- Increasing user voice to improve quality of care
- Community based health and care interventions
- Improving public health through prevention and risk reduction
- Improving management of chronic and long term conditions
- Building capable communities

To be able to apply projects must decide which Strategic Health Authority Cluster they wish to deliver in and decide how the project will run in between three to six delivery locations which are in different local authorities across their chosen cluster.

Grants will be awarded to projects that develop new, improved and/or streamlined systems in health and social care volunteering rather than projects that can simply supply core services.

The partner search portal ' Search for a Partner...' has been developed to help smaller organisations find partners to have the right coverage. Organisations will need to register their organisation to be able to search for suitable partners.

See "Events and Training" section of this bulletin for details of advice sessions.
<http://www.volunteeringfund.com/national-grant-scheme/national-grant-scheme-introduction>

Source: FINE

Innovation Grants – BAME Offender Services (Grant - England)

£1,500 (up to 8 grants to be allocated). VCSE. Deadline 30th September 2013

Clinks, a voluntary organisation that works with offenders and their families, has announced that it is providing small grants to support the development of innovative approaches to achieving improved resettlement outcomes for Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) offenders.

Clinks are particularly interested in receiving applications that will explore

- service user involvement in the planning/delivery of services
- the scope for commissioning/providing specialist services
- how commissioners could imaginatively use small grants to procure services for BAME offenders
- improved partnership working within and between BAME-led organisations, wider VCSE organisations and statutory services, commissioners and the private sector

Applications are open to umbrella organisations and service providers from the sector. Particularly welcome are applications from specialist BAME, user-led organisations and those that focus on particular BAME communities.

<http://www.clinks.org/criminal-justice-black-asian-minority-ethnic-bame/innovation-grants-%E2%80%93-bame-offender-services>

Source: Direct / FINE

North East Business Support Fund (Grant – North East)

Up to £1,400. SME (including charities).

Northumberland Business Service Ltd (NBSL) is offering funding to North East small-medium businesses (SMEs) for projects worth up to £3,500. There is a total of £6m available, which will be used to support projects that will encourage business growth in the North East.

This funding is available to charities if the majority of their income is generated through activity based contracts rather than voluntary grant income.

The fund is only able to support certain types of project where external expertise is being purchased to develop the business (capital purchases, printing and advertising costs cannot be funded) and is primarily for companies that operate in a business to business market (some organisations that sell predominantly to individual consumers may be supported depending on the growth potential of the business).

Examples of projects:

- Business growth planning
- Strategy Development
- Change Management
- Business Expansion Planning
- Product development / diversification
- Developing Quality Management Systems
- Process improvement systems
- Financial restructuring
- Marketing planning
- Web design / development
- Accessing new markets
- Succession planning
- HR Strategy planning and development
- Design costs for marketing

<http://businessadvicene.com/2013/07/31/smes-looking-for-project-support/>

Source: Direct / FINE

Our Place! (Other – England)

£4.3m support programme (may include funding)

Communities Minister Don Foster has announced £4.3m to enable at least 100 communities to design and deliver local services that focus on local priorities and reduce costs.

The expansion of the 'Our Place!' programme builds on the success of the Neighbourhood Community Budget Pilots that for the past year have been pioneering ways to improve local services in 12 areas.

Putting communities in the driving seat, they have brought together local government, service providers, the voluntary sector, and business to help young people get work, support 'just coping' families, reduce anti-social behaviour and find new ways to give people with long term health conditions a better quality of life. 'Our Place!' will make support available - advice, guidance and some grant funding - to communities, local authorities and other public sector providers to get people started on their journey.

To express an interest in becoming an Our Place! neighbourhood, email ourplace@communities.gsi.gov.uk.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/43-million-boost-to-put-communities-in-control>

Source: VONNE / FINE

RBS Inspiring Youth Enterprise (Grant - UK)

Up to £50,000. Non profit. Deadline 16th September 2013 (opens 2nd)

Organisations with existing links with the target audience of young people and experience of supporting enterprise development are invited to apply to this fund. Projects should be specifically focused on assisting young people aged 13-30 years old to explore enterprise.

Applicants able to show evidence of matched funding will be awarded additional points in the scoring system. As the grants are for delivery costs primarily, then any staff costs or volunteer time will be accepted as match against the grant.

RBS would prefer to support projects which spend their grants in the first 12 months although applications for projects of up to 18 months will be considered.

<http://www.inspiringenterprise.rbs.com/inspiring-youth/grant-funding>

Source: Direct / FINE

sported. (Grants – Gateshead / England)

Up to £2,000 plus support. VCSE.

sported. is seeking to support more Gateshead organisations, using sport or physical activity to improve the lives of disadvantaged 11-25 year olds.

sported. is a free to join membership organisation, for groups that meet the above criteria. The charity is encouraging membership applications from clubs, community groups, charities, social enterprises and other not-for-profit organisations who use sport to achieve development outcomes such as preventing crime, educating in health and wellbeing, developing skills for workplace/life, breaking down barriers to participation for marginalised groups, and building stronger communities. sported. aims to tackle disadvantage, and recognises that rural isolation can be disadvantageous to young people when transport links are poor and there is a lack of activity available.

sported. offers a range of capacity building services including online resources covering project planning to PR, an online experts team, an insurance offer, mentoring support and (for groups with a turnover under £50k) grants of up to £2,000. Groups with a turnover over £50K should still apply for Membership as they can benefit from all sported. services except the small grant scheme. sported. also offers a free monitoring and evaluation tool for members

www.sported.org.uk

Source: Direct / FINE

Domiciliary Care – Out of Hours Service (Market Consultation - Durham)

[Stop Press issued 13th August 2013]

Durham County Council. Respond by 23rd August 2013

Durham County Council is seeking expressions of interest from external service providers for a market consultation for the provision of an Out of Hours (Including Urgent / Crisis Response) Domiciliary Service (contract) for people across County Durham.

www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/frm_opportunity?openForm&contract_id=CONTRACT-QTLE-9AHP9K&search_id=&org_id=ORG-QTLE-75FCUZ

Source: NEPO/FINE

Fulfilling Lives: Ageing Better Evaluation and Learning Contract (England)

Big Lottery Fund. Respond by 9th September 2013

Big Lottery Fund are seeking a suitably qualified organisation or consortium with a proven track record of delivering complex evaluations to provide evaluation and learning services for the Fulfilling Lives: Ageing Better programme.

The contract will be for a period of up to eight years and the maximum value will be £4.5m depending on the number of geographic areas BIG ultimately choose to fund.

<http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/about-big/tender-opportunities>

Source: FINE

Independent Supported Living for Adults with Learning Disabilities [Jarrow ISL Scheme] (Contract – South Tyneside)

South Tyneside Council. Respond by 30th September 2013

Provision of independent supported living services to up to eight clients residing at the Jarrow ISL Scheme.

https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/frm_opportunity?OpenForm&contract_id=CONTRACT-QTLE-9AJC9X

Source: NEPO / FINE

Kennelling of Stray Dogs (Contract – Hartlepool)

Hartlepool Borough Council. Respond by 6th September 2013

The Council is looking to appoint a suitably qualified, equipped and experienced service provider for the provision of kennelling facilities for the Councils dog warden service. The Council will provide its own collection service, therefore the contract would require the service provider to kennel and care for the stray dogs from Hartlepool for the statutory period of 7 days. Ideally they are looking for a facility that can provide 24/7 reception facilities (for drop-off by the public during out of hours) and be proactive in re-homing unclaimed strays.

<https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-9AHMPC>

Source: NEPO / FINE

NEPO NE6 Approved Provider List for the Provision of Children's Residential Care - Opening 3

NEPO. Respond by 16th September 2013

This Approved Provider List is for the individual placement of children into residential care homes for standard, solo/specialist and children with disabilities placements.

Providers will be able to apply to come onto the Approved Provider List where they are based within the boundaries of the NEPO member authorities. The Approver Provider List will be reopened on as a minimum a six monthly basis.

<https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-9AENAE>

Source: NEPO / FINE

Support Provision under the Cabinet Office Mutuels Support Programme - Adult Social Care (Contract - North Tyneside)

[Stop Press issued 13th August 2013]

Government Procurement Service. Respond by 26th August 2013 Amount: up to £35,000 (+VAT)

The Mutuels Support Programme delivers help and support for proposed and existing Public Service Mutuels.

An Adult Social Care Service is seeking to spin out of North Tyneside Local Authority. The potential spin out is a highly specialised learning disability support service for a very small number of individuals with extremely high levels of need. Full spin out from the Local Authority is planned by October 2013. Staff are looking to develop a 'cooperative model' involving staff and service users.

The supplier will provide a support service which will enable the successful spin out of the service. Support will include the following:

- Legal and Governance
- Business Planning and Financial Modelling
- Staff Engagement
- Business Pitch

The estimated length of contract is two months.

<https://online.contractsfinder.businesslink.gov.uk/Common/View%20Notice.aspx?site=1000&lang=en¬iceid=1062262&fs=true>

Source: Contracts Finder/FINE

Tees Valley Unlimited Economic Impact of Rail Connectivity in Tees Valley (Contract)

[Stop Press issued 13th August 2013]

Stockton Borough Council. Respond by 27th August 2013 (originally 23rd)

Tees Valley Unlimited (TVU) requires external support to assess the economic value of rail connectivity between Tees Valley and key areas of the UK. This will assist TVU and local authority partners to make the best possible case to government, the rail industry and other stakeholders of the impact upon the Tees Valley economy of particular routes and connections. TVU are looking, therefore, for a high level economic assessment of the direct rail routes between Darlington and London, Tees Valley and Leeds/Manchester and the potential impact of freeing up local capacity and improving local services.

www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/frm_opportunity?OpenForm&contract_id=CONTRACT-QTLE-9ADBDG

Source NEPO/FINE

Translation and Interpreting Services (Contract – North Tyneside)

North Tyneside Council. Respond by 19th September 2013

North Tyneside Council is seeking expressions of interest from suitably experienced organisations to provide Translation and Interpreting services which have been placed into three separate disciplines:

- Foreign languages and Braille
- Telephone and face to face
- British Sign Language

Organisations may bid for one, two or all three disciplines.

<https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-9AKJMR>

Source: NEPO / FINE

Information & Resources

Democratic Engagement Innovation Fund / Rock Enrol

Update on information given in FINE Online Stop Press last week

Last week FINE sent out a FINE Online Stop Press with details of two new Government funds aimed at VCSEs. VCSE organisations in some areas of the North East were able to bid to implement the Government's plan of accessing young people, social housing tenants and hard to reach individuals to increase the number of potential voters registered.

Interested VCSEs have been bitterly disappointed at the money on offer, with a guide price for registrations starting at just £1.20 per person and an upper limit of around £8.00 per person. Related to this, The Registration Fund invites Local Authorities (only) to bid to increase voter registrations. The guide price for Local Authorities is £15.00 per person registered.

VCSEs may wish to contact the local Electoral Services officer at their local authority to check if they have submitted/plan to submit a bid to the Registration Fund. Partnership work with the local authority could result in more realistic funding than a direct bid to either of the funds aimed at VCSEs.

The first round for local authority's bidding closed on August 1st. A second round opens on December 1st.

www.shepway.gov.uk/moderngov/documents/s11834/rcabt20130731%20Maximising%20Registration%20-%20Background%20Document%201.pdf

Source: FINE

10 Commandments of Payment by Results

e-book by Russell Webster (£4)

This book sets out what the author believes the design principles of the Payment by Results (PbR) approach to commissioning ought to be. All the proceeds (less the 30% charge made by Amazon) go directly to the Howard League for Penal Reform.

<http://www.russellwebster.com/pbr-resource-pack/10-commandments-of-pbr-ebook/>

Source: FINE

Events & Training

Health and Social Care Volunteering Fund (HSCVF) National Grant Scheme Advice Sessions

2nd – 4th September: Birmingham (Ecorys Birmingham Office)

9th - 11th September: London (CAN Mezzanine)

16th – 25th September: Telephone / Skype

Free

Advice sessions are an opportunity for organisations to talk one-to-one with one of the HSCVF team to discuss their plans for applying to the scheme.

They are designed to cover the following:

- Check the eligibility of the project idea
- Check the proposed project's fit with the HSCVF programme priorities
- Help organisations think through the elements of a good quality, viable application where the project is well articulated, eligible and fundable

<http://www.volunteeringfund.com/national-grant-scheme/advice-sessions>

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