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Funding Information North East

Opportunities

Arts Council: Grants for the Arts Libraries Fund (England)

£1,000 - £100,000. Public libraries / partnership (VCSE). No deadline

Libraries in England, in partnership with arts organisations, can apply for grants to encourage library users and those living locally to take part in artistic and cultural activities.

The funding will be available until March 2015. Grants for the arts are for activities carried out over a set period and which engage people in England in arts activities, and help artists and arts organisations in England carry out their work.

Funding is available to support any arts form which is part of the Arts Council, England's remit; this can include theatre, music, dance, literature, visual arts, and combined arts. The Arts Council can consider funding a broad variety of activities such as festivals, exhibitions, workshop programmes, residencies, digital projects, performances, etc.

<http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/apply-for-funding/grants-arts-libraries-fund/>

Source: Grants Online / FINE

Arts Council: Strategic touring programme (Grant – England)

Over £15,000. Individuals / organisations (inc. VCSE) / partnerships, networks and consortia. Next deadline 4th October 2013

The £45m programme was launched in 2011 and is designed to encourage collaboration between organisations, so that more people across England experience and are inspired by the arts, particularly in places which rely on touring for much of their arts provision. The Council are interested in encouraging more activity in the local authority areas with relatively low levels of attendance and participation in the arts. Aims for the programme:

- People across England having improved access to great art visiting their local area
- Stronger relationships forged between those involved in artistic, audience and programme development on both the supply and demand side of touring
- A wide range of high quality work on tour including, in particular, more work by and for children and young people, and more work by and for people from diverse backgrounds

The activity must be time-limited and take place over a maximum of three years. The kinds of activity supported includes

- artistic activity
- audience development activity
- skills development activity
- proportionate management and administrative costs
- (in exceptional circumstances) some expenditure on equipment if directly related to the activity

At least 10% of the total cost of the activity should come from other sources of income.

<http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/apply-for-funding/strategic-touring-programme/>

Source: FINE

Council for Disabled Children - Innovation and Sustainability Programme (Grant - England)

Up to £10,000 (up to 30 projects to be awarded). Not for profit (annual turnover up to £750,000). Deadline 6th September 2013

The Council are looking for applications from organisations to undertake projects that will achieve the following:

- Improve their organisation's sustainability through innovative and creative work
- Increase the participation of disabled children and young people and those with special educational needs (SEN)
- Support the implementation at a local level of the government's proposed SEN and disability reforms, as outlined in the Children and Families Bill

<http://www.councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/innovationsustainabilityprogramme>

Source: FINE

EU Funds (Grants – UK / Europe)

Various calls for proposals. Non-governmental organisations (NGOs).

Pilot Project for Preparatory Action on Resettlement of Refugees

- Aims to create a network among targeted municipalities and local/regional authorities of EU countries, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees and NGOs, with a view to facilitating the sharing of experiences and best practices on resettlement and the integration of refugees
- €200,000 - €500,000 (approx. £170,000 - £430,000)
- Applications must consist of a partnership of at least four eligible organisations from minimum of four eligible countries. In addition, two of the four organisations must be central governmental authorities of the eligible countries
- Anticipates funding one or two projects
- Deadline 15th October 2013

http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/financing/fundings/migration-asylum-borders/other-programmes/pilot-project-resettlement/index_en.htm

Pilot Project for Victims of Torture

- Main objectives are to help create and support rehabilitation centres for and provide multidisciplinary assistance to victims of torture
- €175,000 - €350,000 (approx. £150,000 - £300,000)
- Actions must be implemented by a partnership of eligible organisations. In order to be eligible the partnership must include at least two distinct eligible organisations from the same eligible country or from a different eligible country
- Anticipates funding five - eleven projects
- Deadline 22nd October 2013

http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/financing/fundings/migration-asylum-borders/other-programmes/pilot-project-victims-torture/index_en.htm

Pilot Project on Unaccompanied Minors

- For pilot projects identifying good practices on prevention, reception, protection and integration policies for unaccompanied minors (e.g. asylum seekers, victims of trafficking, children who enter illegally into the Union)
- €200,000 - €1m (approx. £170,000 - £860,000)
- Applications must consist of a partnership of at least four eligible organisations from minimum of four eligible countries. Two of the four organisations must be central governmental authorities of the countries
- Anticipates funding one - five projects
- Deadline 24th October 2013

http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/home-affairs/financing/fundings/migration-asylum-borders/other-programmes/pilot-project-unaccompanied-minors/index_en.htm

Source: Direct / FINE

Help The Homeless (Grant - UK)

Generally up to £5,000. Small-medium charities (income less than £1m pa). Next deadline 30th September 2013

Help the Homeless are currently accepting applications for capital costs to support projects that assist disadvantaged individuals in their return to mainstream society, through residential or training facilities. All applications must relate to projects that assist individuals in their return to mainstream society, rather than simply offer shelter or other forms of sustenance.

Grants to larger charities may be considered if the project is suitable innovative and only possible for a larger organisation to develop it.

<http://www.help-the-homeless.org.uk/applying-for-funding/>

Source: Grants Online / FINE

Innovation, Excellence and Strategic Development Fund (Grant – England)

No min/max. £5 – 6m total fund. VCSE. Deadline 11th October 2013

The Department of Health's Innovation, Excellence and Strategic Development Fund offers support to organisations that work to improve health and social care in England. Organisations need to show commitment to health and social care priorities, including improving public health and delivering safe and compassionate care.

The Government is yet to decide how much the 2014/15 fund will be worth but funding is usually worth between £5m and £6m. In 2013/14, 49 charities received a share of £5.5m from the fund, with awards ranging from £24,496 to £408,783.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/voluntary-sector-funding-available-for-health-and-care-projects>

Source: Third Sector / FINE

Transformation Community Chest Grant (Grant – Durham)

£500 - £10,000. VCSE. No deadline

A Community Chest Grant can be used for a range of purposes but the ideas should come from the communities themselves, based on what they feel their neighbourhood needs.

All applications must demonstrate financial need. The aims of the Community Chest are as follows:

- To encourage new activities in the community for adults
- To support voluntary and community groups and organisations to deliver services which will make a positive impact on the health and wellbeing of their community
- To provide an easily accessible process for obtaining start-up funds

The Community Chest Grant is a Durham County Council Adult Social Care, Public Health and North Durham Clinical Commissioning Group initiative.

<http://www.durham.gov.uk/Pages/Service.aspx?ServiceId=9293>

Source: NEPO / FINE

Café Operator for the Kirkleatham Museum site in Redcar (Contract)

Redcar & Cleveland Council. Respond by 4th October 2013

The Council is seeking quotations for the provision of Cafe Operator for the Kirkleatham Museum site in Redcar, seeking providers who will deliver an exceptionally high quality service and provide the best commercial return for the rental of the space. The café space will be let under a fixed term three year agreement.

<https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-9AYKX8>

Source: NEPO / FINE

Service for young people involved in or at risk of sexual exploitation (Contract – Stockton)

Stockton Borough Council. Respond by 20th September 2013

Opportunity to provide a support and outreach service for young people involved in, or at risk of, sexual exploitation

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

Source: NEPO / FINE

Tees Wide Mental Health Training Hub (Contract)

Stockton Borough Council. Respond by 13th September 2013

The aim of the Mental Health Training Hub is to contribute to a more cohesive regional approach in the coordination of mental health related training and the formulation and maintenance of the database. The training hub will locally coordinate and commission training, support organisations to effectively build training capacity, and support those who have been trained to utilise their knowledge and skills within their role.

The service provider will ensure that no less than, but not limited to, 70% to 80% of the training delivered is commissioned externally and that no more than 20% to 30% of the training delivered is done so by themselves.

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

Source: NEPO / FINE

Information & Resources

European Structural Fund (ESF)

Update for the 2014-2020 fund

In Europe:

Although final negotiations will confirm details, Europe wide from 2014 ESF will differ in the following ways:

- Allocating a minimum share of the budget to ESF, to a higher level than before (€84bn compared to €75bn), and with minimum ESF in regions depending on their level of development
- Concentration of ESF on a limited number of objectives to reach critical mass and increase impact
- A minimum share of 20% of the ESF ring fenced for social inclusion
- Greater emphasis on combating youth unemployment, promoting active ageing, and supporting the most disadvantaged and marginalised people
- More support for social innovation, testing solutions to acute social needs
- More participation by social partners and civil society, particularly non-government organisations (NGOs), encouraged also by simplification of the delivery system

In England:

Key features include:

- Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) being tasked to come up with integrated European programmes tailored to the needs of their areas
- Strong alignment of ESF with the European Regional Development Funds (ERDF) and rural funds
- A return of ESF support, when needed locally, for high level skills
- The opportunity for new Community Led Local Development projects, with much greater local involvement in delivery
- The possibility for LEPS to use EU funds in innovative ways
- An 'opt-in' menu of ways to secure match funding, with ESF projects in particular being able to join with Big Lottery schemes to deliver on ESF's requirement to work on social inclusion
- Strong support for innovation, technical and social
- Continuation of National Offender Management Service (NOMS) ESF provision under the new programme

Detailed guidance has been given to LEPs to help them all come up with local European Structural and Investment Fund strategies, with the first drafts due with Government by 7th October this year. Anyone looking to find out more about the likely future shape of ESF and other EU funds in their area are advised to get in touch with their local LEP:

- Tees Valley Unlimited (Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar and Cleveland and Stockton-on-Tees): <https://www.teesvalleyunlimited.gov.uk/>
- North East LEP (County Durham, Gateshead, Newcastle upon Tyne, North Tyneside, Northumberland, South Tyneside and Sunderland): <http://www.nelep.co.uk/>

Update on current ESF in the North East:

As we move towards the end of the current European funded programmes, VONNE has produced a document providing the latest analysis on how ESF in the North East has been spent so far and what results have been achieved:

http://www.vonne.org.uk/news/news_article.php?id=2034#sthash.u3XhRNU7.dpuf

<http://www.esf-works.com/esf/esf-2014-2020/overview>

Source: ESF / VONNE / FINE

Reaching Communities in difficult times

Update from the Big Lottery Fund (BIG)

Reaching Communities has recently undergone some improvements. This is a summary of a blog from England Director, Dharmendra Kanani:

- “Building on our learning from our first eight years of Reaching Communities, we will be making the programme more **flexible and responsive** to ensure the funding stream can meet everyone’s ambitions”
- “We are asking you to **set out more in the initial Stage One** ideas and concept part of the process so that we can assess early and judge your potential success or otherwise. This will mean we can give you an early answer”
- “Please **contact Big Advice early**. We want to have a much better view of your ideas, to get a stronger sense of your project so that we can give you the best guidance. This will mean fewer applicants will be invited to submit Stage Two applications, but those that do will have a much greater chance of success. We’ve also increased the decision making to fortnightly, so projects won’t have to wait as long to hear about their bid”

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- “We are placing a **greater premium on learning** across all of our funding and this includes asking those applying to Reaching Communities to set out more clearly how and what learning and impact will take place throughout the life time of the funding”
 - “The **upper grant limit** you can apply for has been removed creating flexibility to support larger projects. The deal is you call us and speak to Big Advice first if you intend to apply for more than £500,000 or have a buildings application”
 - “Importantly, we now offer **feasibility funding** of up to £10,000 through Awards for All. And we are now supporting **buildings projects** with grants from £10,000 upwards and offering revenue funding to help new community building projects through the early stages”

<http://bigblog.org.uk/2013/08/22/reaching-communities-in-difficult-times/>

Source: Direct / FINE

Sport England: Inspired Facilities Olympic and Paralympic Legacy Fund

Additional funding announced

Sport England has announced an addition £40m to extend its Inspired Facilities Olympic and Paralympic Legacy Fund to 2017. Round 5 will open on 21st October 2013 and remain open until 16th December 2013.

<http://inspiredfacilities.sportengland.org/>

Source: FINE

Events & Training

Carers Strategy 2013-2017 and invitation to a Carer Support Services Tender Briefing Meeting (Stockton Borough Council)

18th September 2013, 2-4pm. Education Centre, Stockton. Free. Respond by 13th September.

Following a wide ranging consultation process the Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council and NHS Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees Clinical Commissioning Group Joint Strategy for Carer Support Services for Adults, Children and Young People has now been published. Formal tender processes for new and improved services will commence in November 2013 and new contracts will commence 1st April 2013.

In preparation for the new tender, the Council is inviting existing and prospective new providers to attend this meeting.

<https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-9ASEN5>

Make Blogging Work for You

18th September 2013, 10am-2pm. Shiremoor Centre, Earsdon Road, Shiremoor. £10

This two hour session will give an introduction to the practice and art of blogging. It will highlight its strengths as a way to provide information to the community, generate discussion and engagement or actively promote a cause or initiative.

<http://www.voda.org.uk/cms/component/content/article/691>

“Managing the finance function – a question of balance”

10th October 2013, 4-5:30pm. UNW Boardroom (Ground Floor), Citygate, St James’ Boulevard, Newcastle. Free

UNW is an independent firm of chartered accountants based in the North East. This seminar takes a look at the role of the finance function, often seen as “back office” rather than an integral part of what the charity does, to consider how charities of different sizes and complexities can seek to strike the right balance between keeping costs down but providing the right level of information to both decision makers and funders.

<http://www.unw.co.uk/whats-happening/events/>

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