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

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Funding Information North East

Opportunities

Armed Forces Covenant (Libor) Fund (Grant - UK)

£50,000 - £5m. Charitable included. Deadline 16th October 2013

The aim of the fund is to support these two principles:

- Members of the armed forces community should not face disadvantage in comparison to other citizens
- Special consideration is appropriate in some cases, especially for those who have given most such as the injured and the bereaved

Essential criteria includes the following:

- Applications must originate from a reputable organisation
- There needs to be a demonstrable benefit to Armed Forces Community
- Applications must demonstrate value for money
- Applications must demonstrate they are sustainable
- Projects should be specific and defined with clear timescales and measurable benefits/outcomes
- Where a project is designed to support mental health and wellbeing, evidence of adhering to recognised guidance and best practice must be included

The funders will favour national/regional projects this may include those which cover a whole region, country or have a UK wide footprint. Local projects are not, however, excluded from applying.

Previous projects supported include the following:

- £300,000 to recreate the Bastion Memorial Wall at the National Arboretum in Staffordshire
- £144,000 to Veteran Outreach Support to expand their monthly drop in events in Portsmouth, which bring together public, private and charity sectors for one-stop assistance to service personnel

<https://www.gov.uk/the-armed-forces-covenant-libor-fund>

Source: Grants Online / FINE

Community Cashback Starter Grants (England)

Up to £3,000. Tenants' groups. No deadline specified

The Community Cashback initiative gives support for tenant groups who want to help improve their area. Small grants and technical support are now available to tenants and landlords who are interested in working together to develop a Community Cashback agreement – improving local services and rewarding the contribution of local tenants:

- The tenants' group decides on the service then ask the landlord to work with them to enter into a Community Cashback Agreement
- The group and the landlord agree on how much money the group can spend, based on what the service now costs the landlord to provide. If the total value of providing that service is less than £170,000, they can use a Community Cashback agreement (over this value, a more complicated agreement is needed)
- The tenants' group then takes over running the service. Any savings are kept by the group as 'cashback' to spend on local improvements or community benefits

Community Cashback can apply to any services that the landlord provides.

<http://www.nftmo.com/cashback/index.html>

Source: FINE

Esh Communities (Grant – North East / Yorkshire)

Up to £1,000 (1 award per LA area). VCSE. Deadline 11th October 2013

Esh Communities supports new and ongoing projects or services making a positive difference in their area. Applications are sought from projects that align with at least one of these core values:

- Improve quality of life for local residents
- Support disadvantaged or vulnerable communities
- Increase prospects of becoming employed
- Promote equality by engaging minority and hard to reach groups
- Encourage healthy living, positive lifestyle changes and sustainable communities

Trustees will support both ongoing projects and new projects. Where applications are made in respect of ongoing projects clear evidence must be provided to demonstrate that the funding will enable the project to either continue or proceed at substantially improved level.

Grants will be issued to fund one project in Northumberland, North Tyneside, Newcastle, Gateshead, South Tyneside, Sunderland, Durham, Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar & Cleveland and Stockton-on-Tees. If no application is received from one of the above areas, Trustees may award funding to an additional project from another area.

<http://www.eshaddedvalue.co.uk/programmes/esh-communities/north-east-teeside/>

Source: FINE

Investment for Growth (Grant – North East)

40% funding. SMEs. Fund closes March 2015

Funded by the European Regional Development Fund and delivered by the Investment Centre, Investment for Growth has been specifically created to help North East businesses grow. The fund is available to SMEs in the North East who are planning to improve their business through investing in business growth projects. The fund will provide grants of up to 40% of the total project value.

Applicant eligibility:

- Small and medium sized enterprises (SME) actively trading and based in the North East of England
- Businesses that provide a business to business product or service
- Creating or safeguarding jobs within the North East

Eligible projects:

- Business planning
- Process improvement
- Financial management and planning
- Accessing new markets
- Design of marketing and branding
- Marketing strategy
- Bespoke software development
- Development of quality management systems
- Improved ergonomics and layout
- Environmental/efficiency programmes
- Change management programmes
- HR policies and procedures
- Technical designs
- Website design and development

Once the application is made applicants should receive an answer within five working days. Ideally a project will take up to 3-4 months. All project activity must be completed before March 2015.

<http://www.investment4growth.co.uk/> Source: NESEP / FINE

Kelly Family Charitable Trust (Grant - UK)

£1,000 - £5,000. For registered charities. Deadline 1st March 2014

The Kelly Family Charitable Trust is open to applications from charities whose activities involve all or most family members in initiatives that support and encourage the family to work as a cohesive unit in tackling problems that face one or more of its members. The overall objective is to reinforce the potential benefit and support that family members as a unit can give to each other. The fund also welcomes applications from sports and health-related charities whose activities comply.

<http://www.kfct.org.uk/apply.html>

Source: FINE

Peter Cruddas Foundation (Grant - England)

No min/max. Registered charities. Deadline 1st March 2014

The Foundation gives priority to programmes calculated to help disadvantaged and disengaged young people in England and Wales towards pathways into education, training and employment through charitable organisations.

Please note:

- The Foundation is not accepting applications for capital projects
- Currently CIC's and Social Enterprises are not being supported
- Projects can be funded for more than one year
- Charities are encouraged to apply throughout the year

http://thepetercruddasfoundation.org/how_to_apply.htm

Source: Funding Insight / FINE

Police Property Act Fund (Grant – Cleveland)

Amount varies. VCSE. Next deadline 23rd October 2013

The Police Property Act Fund is created from the sale of recovered stolen good or property where the owners are not known and cannot be traced.

The Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable will consider applications from local voluntary and community groups which are working for charitable purposes to improve the lives of people in the Cleveland Police Area.

Applicants must be able to demonstrate that the project or initiative meets one or more of the Police and Crime Commissioners objectives:

- Retaining and developing neighbourhood policing
- Ensuring a better deal for victims and witnesses
- Diverting people from offending, with a focus on rehabilitation and the prevention of re-offending
- Developing better co-ordination, communication and partnership between agencies - to make the best use of resources
- Working for better industrial and community relations

<http://www.cleveland.pcc.police.uk/Financial-Information/Police-Property-Act.aspx>

Source: FINE

Advice Services in County Durham - Market Testing Exercise

Durham County Council. Respond by 24th September 2013

Durham County Council is looking into a potential procurement exercise to put in place future contractual arrangements for the provision of a free, independent and impartial advice service open to all residents of County Durham.

This market testing exercise is not an invitation to tender or a request for formal expressions of interest. The Council is issuing this request for information only.

<https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-9BDF2G>

Source: NEPO / FINE

Develop a Model for Trustees' Support across Northumberland (Contract)

c4c. Respond by 20th September 2013

c4c are inviting applications to deliver a piece of short term work to Develop a Model for Trustees' Support across Northumberland, to be delivered October - March.

There is up to £10,000 available for this piece of work.

<http://www.connect4change.co.uk/articles/page/Opportunities---Tenders--Contracts>

Source: Direct / FINE

Gateshead 2nd Market Consultation for Domiciliary Care Contract

Gateshead Council. Respond by 16th September 2013

The Council intends to carry out a tender exercise for Generalist Domiciliary Care services later this year. A review of the current contract and model of delivery is underway and the Council have commenced a consultation period to gain the views of service users and their carers, potential providers and other key stakeholders.

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

Source: NEPO / FINE

Integrated Care Services Hub for South Tyneside (Contract)

South Tyneside Council. Respond by 10th October 2013

South Tyneside Council's intention is to work with a provider to create a first class Integrated Care Services Hub facility to provide a range of services to adults (primarily older people), including care and support, information and advice, to address a wider spectrum of care needs than has traditionally been available within one facility.

The service will involve the direct provision of residential and nursing care services, together with the provision of accommodation to facilitate the provision of other services in order to deliver the vision of integrated care.

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

Source: NEPO / FINE

Personal care and domestic support for people in Extra Care housing (Contract – Darlington)

Darlington Borough Council. Respond by 14th October 2013.

This contract is for the provision of care and support for adults who live in an Extra Care setting within Darlington. There are two elements to the service:

- Care and support services - including personal care, domestic support and any other activity as agreed in order to meet the individual's outcomes
- Overnight support service - may be required in response to an emergency call for assistance from those living in the Extra Care schemes

<https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-9BAD72>

Source: NEPO / FINE

Soft Market Testing - Day Care Services (Northumberland)

Northumberland County Council. Respond by 27th September 2013

The Family Support Team on behalf of Northumberland County Council are introducing a framework that will enable effective commissioning of service provision, including

- nursery providers who are able to deliver on the 2, 3 and 4 year old entitlement
- out of school provision
- further specialist schemes
- short break services to support disabled children

This soft market testing questionnaire is designed to assess the existing provision across Northumberland and to identify where the gaps are. Please note that this does not form part of the procurement exercise.

<https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-9BAH56>

Source: NEPO / FINE

Touring Exhibition - Tees Valley First World War Commemoration Partnership (Contract – Tees Valley)

Hartlepool Borough Council. Respond by 27th September 2013

The Tees Valley First World War Commemoration Partnership comprises of five boroughs – Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar and Cleveland and Stockton. The partnership requests the submission of quotations for the design and production of a touring exhibition.

The exhibition will be part of the wider Tees Valley First World War Project, which is producing a range of activities to commemorate the First World War. The purpose of the exhibition is to convey what life was like for the people of the Tees Valley during this period - both on the Home Front and for those who fought and worked on the Front.

Work will commence on the exhibition on the 8th November 2013, will be complete by 31st March 2014 and will continue to be maintained until the 31st March 2015.

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

Source: NEPO / FINE

Information & Resources

£5,000 registration threshold

Government does not support changing the threshold

The Government does not support changing the £5,000 registration threshold for charities, but does support voluntary registration for charities below that threshold, says its response to two reports on charity regulation.

The response also says the Government does not support charging charities for registration or filing annual returns. But it backs Hodgson's recommendation to raise the audit threshold for charities to £1m a year and says it will look at changes to the audit threshold for charities that have a high value of assets.

<http://www.thirdsector.co.uk/news/1210710/Government-does-not-support-changing-5000-registration-threshold/>

Source: Third Sector / FINE

Events & Training

Advising Groups on Funding Issues

23rd September 2013 – 25th November 2013. VCSE £395 / Stat. £495

Open College Network Level 3 accredited online course from fit4funding, aimed at individuals whose work involves advising community and voluntary groups on funding and funding related issues

<http://www.fit4funding.org.uk/training/introduction/>

Making a Successful Funding Application Training

18th September 2013, 1-3pm. Sadberge Village Hall.

“Completing funding applications can be a confusing and stressful experience but this need not be so, as there are plenty of avenues of support including directories, computer databases, websites, newsletters and support organisations.” This training is aimed at people who are part of a group.

<http://www.evolutiondarlington.com/713/>

Music Funding in 2013

23rd October 2013, 5-9pm. Baltic, Gateshead. Free

Looking at both traditional and new forms of financing for the music industry, along with where and how to get it. Covering the following:

- Grants
- Public funding
- Sponsorship
- Investment
- Borrowing
- Crowd sourcing

www.generator.org.uk/event/music-funding

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