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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

Charity Bank (Loan – UK)

£50,000 - £1m. VCSE

Charity Bank finances social enterprises, charities and community organisations, with the support of depositors and investors who want to use their money to facilitate real social change, while earning a financial return.

The Bank can provide loans for a variety of needs, such as the following:

- Property purchase or refurbishments
- Property development
- Capital investments
- Asset purchases
- Short-term bridging loans including grant bridges
- Working capital loans
- Underwriting facilities for fundraising programmes
- A range of other requirements

These can be unsecured loans for terms of up to five years, or up to 25 years where security is available.

The North East Lending Manager, Jeremy Ince, can be called on 07787 575 023.
<http://www.charitybank.org/charity-loans>

Source: NEA2F / FINE

Edge Fund (Grant – UK)

Up to £5,000. VCSE. Deadline 14th October 2013

The Edge Fund supports communities, campaign groups and activists struggling for social, economic and environmental justice; in particular they fund work that fits into one or both of these categories:

- Is run by and for people facing discrimination and injustice (due to their class, ability, gender, race, nationality, religion, sexuality, or other factors) who are actively working to challenge these injustices and to create just and healthy communities
- Aims to create systemic change – work that seeks to dismantle and replace the structures and processes that create oppression, inequality and environmental destruction

As a rough guide, successful applicants often have annual incomes under £10,000.

The funders are looking for work that creates change in society and is very unlikely to be funded elsewhere. They do not fund work that only provides services to individuals, such as medical care, counselling, shelter, job training and advice.

<http://edgefund.org.uk/>

Source: FINE

Green Open Homes Initiative (Grant - England)

£500 - £20,000 (£180,000 total). Any organisation. Next deadlines 30th September / 20th December 2013

The Department of Energy and Climate Change has announced that it is running a competition to award grants for local groups to run Green Open Homes events as part of the new Green Open Homes initiative. The Green Open Homes Competition aims to support open homes events in England that demonstrate low carbon improvements (energy efficiency and renewable energy measures). Winning applicants will each receive a combination of a grant and mentoring support.

Green Open Homes is a national network which aims to support low carbon retrofit by linking and promoting existing low-carbon open homes events, and helping new initiatives get going across the country. An open home is a domestic property where the resident allows other people in their local community to visit in order to see and learn about something in the house.

The competition is open to any organisation, including non-profit organisations, community groups, local authorities and private businesses. Grant awards can only be made to formally constituted organisations. Events must happen before the end of May 2014.

<http://www.greenopenhomes.net/>

Source: Funding Insight / FINE

Idlewild Trust (Grant - UK)

Up to £5,000. Registered charities. Deadline 26th February 2014

The Idlewild Trust supports charities concerned with the

- encouragement of the performing and fine arts and crafts
- advancement of education within the arts
- preservation for the benefit of the public

The Trust awards around £120,000 each year. Categories for funding:

- Education - education projects and initiatives within the fine arts (performing arts and visual arts) whose primary objective is to nurture and develop talent, working with those aged 16 or over
- Museums and Galleries - exhibitions, projects and capital works within museums, galleries and other venues concerned with the visual arts and crafts
- Performing Arts - projects, events and performances within the performing arts including music, dance, poetry, drama and film
- Preservation and Conservation - conservation or restoration for the benefit of the public of lands, buildings and other objects of beauty or historic interest

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

Source: Grants Online / FINE

LEAF (Local Environmental Action Fund) (Grant – Tyne & Wear and Northumberland)

Up to £20,000. VCSE. Deadline 1st November 2013 (opens 1st October)

The fund is for environmental projects. Priority is given to projects that achieve the following:

- Encourage communities to get involved in environmental activities
- Change behaviours leading to more environmental action
- Have a positive impact on the environment
- Share learning about the environment with others

For more information, email af@communityfoundation.org.uk or call Alison Forbes on 0191 222 0945.

Source: Direct / FINE

Triangle Trust – Development Grants (UK)

Up to £40,000 per year for 3 years. Registered charity/ not for profit social enterprise /CIC. Deadline 7th November 2013.

The Triangle Trust is now inviting applications for Development Grants from organisations whose sole purpose is to support the rehabilitation of offenders or ex-offenders. The Development Grants have replaced the Trust's previous Project Grants.

The grants provide funds towards the organisation's core costs to support the development of a solid foundation for the long-term. Trustees would like to see applicants use these grants to develop sustainable income sources, so that when the grant comes to end the organisation's income will not be reduced.

www.triangletrust.org.uk

Source: Direct / FINE

Alternative Curriculum Programme (Contract – North Tyneside)

North Tyneside Council. Respond by 31st October 2013

Alternative Curriculum provides vocational education as an alternative to classroom learning. This offers a range of personal, practical and vocational training by a range of specialist suppliers. Most training leads to a recognised qualification, alongside the main school curriculum.

It is proposed that the newly procured contract will be split into a number of lots each with a specific specialism.

The Alternative Curriculum will provide a vocational pathway alongside the main school curriculum. Delivery will occur at the supplier's premises and will cater for a number of pupils aged 14-16. Activity will run in line with the academic year with the procurement of each lot structured over a period of three years.

<https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-9BQJS7>

Source: NEPO / FINE

Provision of Housing Related Support Service (Contract – Sunderland)

Sunderland City Council. Respond by 18th October 2013

Housing related support is support that helps vulnerable citizens improve their quality of life and wellbeing by enabling them to live as independently as possible in their community. The service is divided into three Lots:

- Lot 1 - for people at risk of or experiencing domestic violence
- Lot 2 - for people with multiple needs and exclusions (including families)
- Lot 3 - for young people (including young people and pregnant young people)

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

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 and 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. This does not form part of the procurement exercise.

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

Source: NEPO / FINE

Supported Accommodation and Outreach Service for Single Socially Excluded People (Contract – South Tyneside)

South Tyneside Council. Respond by 11th November 2013

Opportunity to provide housing related support services for single socially excluded people – an accommodation based service and outreach service.

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

Source: NEPO / FINE

Information & Resources

Cabinet Office Consultation

On proposals to make it easier for small and medium-sized organisations to win public sector contracts

The consultation suggests changes to the use of pre-qualification questionnaires and says that all public sector contracting opportunities worth more than £10,000 should be advertised online. The consultation runs until 17th October.

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/243685/SME_consultation_-_publication_version_-_18september.pdf

Source: Third Sector

Place-Based Social Investment: A Prospectus for Growing the Local Social Economy

Social Investment Business recommends network of 'local impact funds'

The UK should establish a network of "local impact funds" to provide social investment at a local level, according to this report by the Social Investment Business. The SIB proposes setting up a network of funds that are run by local voluntary sector organisations.

<http://www.thirdsector.co.uk/news/1212392/Social-Investment-Business-recommends-network-local-impact-funds/>

Source: Third Sector / FINE

Transforming Rehabilitation programme

Ministry of Justice announces bidding competition

A total of 399 voluntary organisations will compete to take part in the government's Transforming Rehabilitation programme. The MoJ announced the launch of the bidding competition to deliver the scheme, which will provide probation services to 225,000 low and medium-risk offenders in England and Wales. The scheme will be divided into 21 prime contract areas and will cost £2.25bn over the first five years.

Altogether, the government has received expressions of interest from more than 700 organisations, including about 30 large organisations that have expressed an interest in bidding for prime contracts and eight spin-outs from the public sector. The contracts are expected to be in place by 2015.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/search-begins-to-find-best-organisations-to-tackle-high-reoffending-rates>

Source: Third Sector / FINE

Events & Training

Domestic Abuse Service 2014 and invitation to a Provider Tender Briefing Meeting (Stockton Borough Council)

9th October 2013, 2-4pm. The Education Centre, Norton. Free

The Council will shortly be inviting suitably experienced organisations to tender in the provision of domestic abuse support services in the Borough. This briefing event is for interested parties and will provide an insight into the type of services that will be commissioned, an understanding of the procurement processes within the Council and an opportunity to network with other providers and talk with Commissioners.

<https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-9BPHB8>

VODA Funding Fair 2013

23rd October 2013, 1-5pm. Shiremoor Centre, North Tyneside. Free

The Fair is an opportunity to get in front of funders for a one-to-one, pre-booked meeting and a chance to talk about projects and funding needs. Funders include

- Big Lottery
- RW Mann
- Hadrian Trust
- Comic Relief
- Sir James Knott
- Greggs Foundation
- Sport England
- Community Foundation
- Heritage Lottery Fund

There will also be a workshop entitled 'The Do's and Don'ts of making funding applications', which will run for an hour at 1.30pm and again at 3pm.

<http://www.voda.org.uk/cms/component/content/article/1-latest-news/710-new-funding-fair-date-announced>

VONNE Conference and AGM: LEP's, European funding and the VCS

14th November 2013, Castlegate Centre, Newcastle.

With over €700m coming to the North East through European funding and a significant amount of this earmarked for social inclusion, it is crucial the VCS has a voice in shaping how such money is spent. The two Local Enterprise Partnerships are currently preparing strategies for government on how this should be invested.

This conference is a chance for Chief Executives and senior staff of voluntary organisations, charities and social enterprises from across the region to hear about the programme, learn how the VCS can influence this and help set local priorities.

VONNE's Annual General Meeting will be held in the morning, followed by lunch, and then the main conference begins in the afternoon.

<https://lepseuropevcs.eventbrite.co.uk>

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