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

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Welcome to the first edition of FINE Online, FINE's new, weekly bulletin covering funding and finance opportunities for the North East VCSE. FINE Online provides details of VCSE relevant grants, contracts and investment including deadlines and eligibility criteria. It also contains useful information and resources on fundraising topics. FINE utilises its well-established relationships with funders in the North East and its experienced research team to bring you up to date, relevant information helping you to seize opportunities and make best use of your limited fundraising time.

This replaces News You Can Use and ConTracked. You can receive FINE's weekly funding information through FINE Online at no extra cost to your organisation until January 2013, when subscriptions will start from just £35.00 a year. In the meantime we welcome feedback about the new bulletin - contact us on 0191 477 1253 / enquiries@fine.org.uk

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Opportunities

Carers services (Contract - Durham)

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**Two contracts from Durham County Council for services to carers.
Deadline to respond: 23rd November 2012**

County Durham & Darlington Carers Emergency Support Service: will develop emergency plans with the carer that will be activated in the event of a carer emergency; such plans will initially involve contacting family, friends or neighbours to assist the cared for person and if they are unable to assist then a paid worker who can, if required, provide personal care will respond.

<https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-8ZRJW3>

County Durham Core Carers Service: will provide an accessible, high quality, countywide independent support service for carers that includes registration/assessment of carers, information/advice, emotional/practical/peer support, 1:1 support and informal advocacy support.

<https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-8ZYGTV>

Source: NEPO / FINE

Framework for the Provision of Independent Supported Living (inc. Housing related support) and Community Enabling for Clients with a Learning Disability and/or Mental Health needs within the borough of North Tyneside (Contract – North Tyneside)

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Contract from North Tyneside Council to join a framework of providers to support those with learning disability / mental health needs. Deadline to respond: 26th November

The Council is seeking to procure a Framework of Providers to provide support in the home and the community for people with a learning disability and/or mental health needs. This Framework will also act as an Accredited List, which will be made available to clients who choose to receive their Personal Budget as an Individual Service Fund or a Direct Payment.

<https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-8T9L3X>

Source: NEPO / FINE

Healthwatch: 2 further areas open (Contract – Gateshead / Newcastle)

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Two further areas in the North East now open to tender.

Gateshead: respond by 3rd December 2012

<https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-8ZREBF>

Newcastle: respond by 18th December 2012

<https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-8YRGYM>

Source: NEPO / FINE

Services for families of disabled children (Contract - Hartlepool)

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Two contracts from Hartlepool Borough Council for services for families of disabled children. Deadline to respond: 11th December

Extended activities and 11 week play scheme provision for families of disabled children: to provide extended activities outside of the school day and 11 weeks school holiday play scheme provision. The services will operate weekdays (outside of school hours) term time, school holidays and weekends.

<https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-8ZVEUE>

Specialist toy loan service and associated activities for families of disabled children: to provide a quality toy loan service that provides a wide range of toys, equipment and resources to meet the needs of children with a disability and/or additional need. The service will also meet needs of individual young people by offering development by way of offering a range of toys, resources and equipment. The service will operate weekdays for 50 weeks a year and provide two sessions per month on a weekend.

<https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-8ZVKBQ>

Source: NEPO / FINE

Independent Person and Independent Person in Secure Accommodation Review Panel (Contract – Northumberland)

Contract from Northumberland County Council for an Independent Person in the investigation of complaints relating to children and young people. Deadline to respond 14th December 2012.

The arrangements for the statutory management of complaints from children and young people (and their representatives) require that everyone who provides Social Services must have procedures in place to respond to complaints made about those services. Local Authorities must involve an Independent Person in the investigation of formal complaints at Stage 2 of the Children's Social Care Complaints Procedure and within Secure Reviews for Northumberland young people in Secure Accommodation. The Council wishes to commission an organisation to provide an Independent Person for this purpose, as and when required.

https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/frm_opportunity?OpenForm&contract_id=CONTRACT-QTLE-927M5N

Source: NEPO / FINE

Adrian Randall Prize (Grant - UK)

New £5,000 prize fund from Charity Finance Group for innovation in charity finance. Deadline 10th December 2012.

The new Adrian Randall Prize, from the Charity Finance Group will be awarded annually and will provide a £5,000 grant towards the development of "an idea that will transform charity finance". For example, this could be put towards the cost of further education and training, taking time out to go on a personal development journey related to charity finance or setting up or investing in a charity start-up.

Applicants are invited to submit ideas for new approaches and ideas in the field of charity finance, including creative solutions to tackling problems and issues which have been neglected or are difficult to address. Applications will be judged on

- innovativeness and achievability
- promotion of best practice within charity finance
- the ability to radically change charities' approach to charity finance
- ability to address difficult or neglected issues

The competition is open to all applicants and is not limited to CFG members or finance professionals. Applicants must fill in an online application form, explaining their idea in 300 – 400 words and submit to randallprize@cfg.org.uk

<http://www.cfg.org.uk/about-us/adrian-randall-prize.aspx>

Source: Third Sector / FINE

Grow the Game (Grant - England)

Up to £5,000 from The Football Foundation for projects to increase participation. Open to not for profits. Deadline 21st December 2012.

The Football Foundation has announced that it is accepting applications for funding through its "Grow the Game" programme. Through the programme, funding of up to £5,000 is available for projects that increase participation by both players and volunteers within the game. Applications are welcome from organisations that are not for profit and planning to set up two new football teams over the next two years. Organisations must have a signed constitution (with a dissolution clause), child protection policy, equal opportunities policy, bank statement and income/expenditure records.

The type of activities that can be funded include (but are not limited to)

- facility hire
- hire of FA qualified coaches
- referees fees
- CRB checks
- affiliation fees
- promotion and publicity

<http://www.footballfoundation.org.uk/apply/grow-the-game/>

Source: Funding Insight / FINE

Provision of learning disability residential and supported living services (Contract - Northumberland)

Deadline to respond: 21st December 2012

Northumberland Care Trust commissions social care services on behalf of Northumberland County Council and provides primary care services to adults and children. The Care Trust requires suitably qualified and experienced organisations to provide learning disability residential and supported living services in identified existing settings within the county. The people living in the homes may have substantial physical support needs, autism spectrum conditions or present challenges to services. Whilst many of the homes are registered residential models, successful organisations will work with commissioners to consider potential deregistration in looking to promote independence and best opportunity for the current population. The Council is seeking to appoint three organisations to join a framework.

<https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-8ZYELT>

Source: NEPO / FINE

Care at Home Services (Contract – Redcar & Cleveland)

Contract from Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council to provide support. Deadline to respond 7th January 2013.

Opportunity to provide a support service for service users who - by reasons of age, infirmity or any other circumstances - are in need of care and attention which is not otherwise available to them, and for promoting the welfare of such Service Users. These arrangements might supplement existing help already being given by caring relatives or friends.

The services to be provided will be to children, young people, adults (18-64) and older people (over 65) who have been assessed by the Council or the PCT as being eligible to receive care or who have undertaken a self assessment through the self directed support pathway and have a resource allocation.

Customers will have a range of needs, dependant on the level of either their vulnerability or disability. The needs of the Customer are sometimes less complex in terms of needing assistance with daily living activities. For others, their needs may be very much more complex and requiring a range of personal/health care and support services.

<https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-8ZJNN2>

Source: NEPO / FINE

Skills For the Future (Grant - UK)

Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) grants of £100,000 - £1m for work-based training. Open to not for profits. Deadline first round 31st January 2013.

HLF has re-opened its £15 million Skills for the Future programme, which funds work-based training in a wide range of skills that are needed to look after buildings, landscapes, habitats, species, and museum and archive collections, as well as equipping people to lead education and outreach programmes, manage volunteers and use new technology. The HLF give grants to not for profit organisations that can demonstrate a skills shortage and are able to develop a new training programme and recruit, train and pay trainees new to the sector.

Skills for the Future applications go through a two-round process. Applicants must submit their first-round application by 12 noon, 31 January 2013. Applicants successful at this stage will then need to submit a detailed training plan. HLF must receive this by 31st December 2013.

<http://www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/programmes/Pages/SkillsfortheFuture.aspx#.UJt-ToZGeSo>

Source: Funding Insight / FINE

BIG International Programme (Grant – UK / International)

For work tackling poverty and deprivation in developing countries. Grants of £50,000 - £500,000 for UK based non-governmental organisations. Deadline 31st March 2014.

The Big Lottery Fund (BIG) has announced that its £25m International Communities programme - which will run from 2010-2015 - is now open for applications. The programme aims to help disadvantaged communities overseas by supporting work that tackles the causes of poverty and deprivation and brings about long-term differences to the lives of some of the most disadvantaged people in the world, resulting in

- improved primary education for the most disadvantaged girls and boys
- improved health for the most disadvantaged people
- improved access to and use of natural resources to benefit the most disadvantaged people
- improved ability for the most disadvantaged people to exercise their human rights
- improved livelihoods for the most disadvantaged people by enabling communities in need, both rural and urban, to reduce poverty in a sustainable way

The programme is open to UK based non-governmental organisations working with overseas partners in Africa, Asia (including the Pacific and Central Asian countries), the Middle East, Central and South America, the Caribbean, and parts of Eastern Europe. BIG will provide grants of between £50,000 and £500,000 to fund projects in all parts of the developing world, which will improve education, health, allocation of natural resources, human rights, and/or livelihoods.

http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_international_communities?regioncode=-uk

Source: Funding Insight / FINE

Barchester Healthcare Foundation (Grant – UK)

£100 - £5,000 for individuals / small community groups to support older people. No deadline.

The Foundation - which helps older people and other adults with a disability (physical or mental) - has announced that for 2012, their grant making priority is to help older people (65+) in the community to improve their mobility, independence and quality of life.

Grants are available to both individuals and small community groups; in the case of individuals, all applications need to be supported and completed by a third party sponsor (for example, a health/ personal care professional, social worker or charity/ support group representative).

Grants will not normally be made to individuals for

- services for which health and social care authorities have a statutory responsibility
- services offered in a care home (Barchester Healthcare or any other company)
- home improvements/property repairs not related to disability/medical condition
- basic household items such as white goods, furniture and carpeting not related to disability or medical condition
- daily living costs or repayment of debts

Grants will not be made to community groups and small charities for

- core/ running costs or salaries or financial support to general projects
- indirect services such as help lines, newsletters, leaflets or research
- major building projects or large capital projects
- training of staff and volunteers

<http://www.bhcfoundation.org.uk/Default.aspx>

Source: Grants Online / FINE

David and Elaine Potter Foundation (Grant - UK)

Grants of varying amounts for charitable organisations across five categories (education / civil society / research / human rights / arts). No deadline.

The Foundation aims to encourage a stronger, fairer civil society. Funding is divided into five categories:

- Education
- Civil society
- Research
- Human rights
- Arts

The trustees are interested in lasting social change, and in forming long-term partnerships with the organisations the Foundation supports. Grants in the past have ranged from several hundred pounds to grants of up to £2 million.

The Foundation is committed to multi-year grants where relevant and to core support. They offer a flexible approach to grant-making.

The first stage of application is a letter of application. Details of what to include are on the website.

<http://www.potterfoundation.com/index.php>

Source: Grants Online / FINE

Family Holiday Association (Grant - UK)

Financial support to take holidays in 2013 for families on low income. Applications to be made from referring agents. No deadline; early applications recommended.

The Family Holiday Association (FHA) has announced that its funding programme is open for applications. Families on a low income, that have not been on holiday for the past four years and have at least one child between three and 18 years of age can obtain financial support for a break during 2013. The FHA can only accept applications from referring agents and not directly from families.

The holidays provided are generally in UK holiday parks such as Haven or Butlins. Holiday park breaks include free accommodation, linen rental, entertainment passes and holiday insurance (subject to medical conditions). FHA may also make a contribution towards the family's holiday expenses.

The demand for holidays is usually greater than the funding received so FHA recommend submitting an application as early as possible.

http://www.fhaonline.org.uk/news_story.php?id=76&storyID=253&mpid=11

Source: Funding Insight / FINE

Fulfilling Lives: A Better Start (Grant – England)

Grants for voluntary and community sector-led partnerships to improve the lives of vulnerable babies.

A Better Start will invest between £30m and £50m in three to five local authority areas over the next 10 years. BIG is writing to all local authorities in England inviting them to express an interest in applying.

Development grants will be awarded to a shortlist of 10 to 15 areas before final grants are awarded.

The aim of the fund is to improve the physical, emotional and psychological foundations built during a child's first few years. The money will be used to help 10,000 of the most vulnerable babies in England.

<http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/betterstart>

Source: OTS / FINE

Strengthening DPULOs Programme - Facilitation Fund (Grant – UK)

Funding to support DPULOs (Disabled People's User-Led Organisations) in becoming more sustainable. Average award £12,500. No deadline (Board meets approx. every 6 weeks)

The aim of the Strengthening DPULOs Programme is to provide a range of practical and financial support to facilitate strong and sustainable DPULOs. The Facilitation Fund will provide one-off or short-term payments (typically less than 18 months). There is no minimum amount that DPULOs can bid for; the average award made is approximately £12,500. The maximum is £30,000 over the duration of the whole programme (i.e. until March 2015). Funding specifically to meet any additional access needs (for example, BSL Interpreters) will not be counted towards these limits and will be considered separately.

Examples of work that can be supported includes the following:

- Strengthen the role of DPULOs in the community by building employee skills
- Provide training to enable DPULOs to become more commercially competitive
- Fund DPULOs to run enterprise schemes to generate income
- Support DPULOs to widen their customer base
- Advertising and promotion of the DPULOs
- Training to build skills
- Support disabled people back into work by helping DPULOs provide the necessary support
- Strengthen the skills of DPULO staff to provide services for disabled people
- Flyers and promotion materials for prospective participants
- Radio or press promotion
- Equipment to achieve the above - includes updating computers below £1,000 capital threshold and other potential capital assets below £5,000

Further information and support can be sought from Local Ambassadors:

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oliverwoodnkau@gmail.com

Taiba Yasseen (covers North) - taiba.dpulo@yahoo.com

<http://odi.dwp.gov.uk/odi-projects/user-led-organisations/how-to-apply.php>

Source: FINE

Information

Big Society Capital

Market update and call for social investment ideas.

Big Society Capital has published a market update and call for social investment ideas; it provides

- BSC's view of how the social investment market might evolve BSC's assessment of individual market sectors, including a call for investment ideas in:
- payment-by-results
- health, ageing and personal care
- community enterprises and assets
- affordable housing, including community-led development models
- an explanation of how to take forward investment ideas with BSC

<http://www.bigsocietycapital.com/sites/default/files/pdf/Big%20Society%20Capital%20Press%20Release%20-%20Market%20Update%20and%20Call%20for%20Ideas.pdf>

Source: OTS / FINE

Charitable foundations 'have maintained their spending', says ACF survey

The majority of charitable foundations have maintained their spending and others have increased.

Eighty per cent of charitable foundations have maintained their spending as a proportion of their endowment since the onset of the financial crisis in 2008, according to a survey by the Association of Charitable Foundations. Another 5 per cent of trusts increased their spending, says the survey.

<http://www.thirdsector.co.uk/news/1158621/Charitable-foundations-have-maintained-spending-says-ACF-survey/>

Source: Third Sector / FINE

Total income of community groups in England falls by 8 per cent

Community groups in England have experienced a fall in their total income of about 8 per cent over the past year, according to a membership survey by Locality.

The membership body estimates that income among Locality's members – made up of 461 community organisations – was down to £297m in 2012, compared with £325m in 2011. The figures are based on responses to a survey of 218 Locality members carried out in September.

The number of staff employed also fell last year, with members collectively employing an estimated 5,000 people, 5 per cent down on the previous year.

When asked about their future financial stability, 61 per cent of respondents said that the risks were manageable, 35 per cent said that they faced significant financial risks and 4 per cent said they faced possible closure.

The study also showed a significant increase in the number of people volunteering for community groups. An estimated 23,000 volunteers supported Locality's members last year, which represents an increase of 24 per cent on 2011.

http://www.thirdsector.co.uk/bulletin/third_sector_finance_bulletin/article/1159412/total-income-community-groups-england-falls-8-per-cent-past-year-survey-finds/?DCMP=EMC-CONThirdSectorFinance

Source: Third Sector / FINE

Events & Training

Market Engagement Event (Durham County Council)

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6th December 2012. Aycliffe Young People's Centre, Durham. Free to attend.

The event will look at future procurement opportunities as well as service developments including NEETS, healthy school drop in, obesity, teenage pregnancy and autism support. In addition the VCS will give an update on current developments and an over-view of the local sector. Register by 4th December.

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