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

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## Opportunities

### **Advice, Information & Mobility Services (Contract – Durham)**

**Durham County Council. Respond by 10<sup>th</sup> January 2013.**

Opportunity to provide free, confidential, independent and impartial advice to all residents living in the Borough, to enable residents to maximise their income and assist them to make informed choices about their lives and provision of health and social care.

<https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-929MAF>

Source: Public Tenders / FINE

### **Contract for Provision of School Carbon Reduction Programme (Contract - Durham)**

**Durham County Council. Respond by 19<sup>th</sup> December 2012.**

This contract is to appoint a single organisation to work with Energy Conservation & Education Services to continue and build upon the provision of the School Carbon Reduction Programme across County Durham. The aim is to work with all schools within Durham to help them eliminate energy waste.

The service delivered should include, but not be limited to the following:

- At least two visits per year to each school
- Working with staff and pupils and engaging with existing "eco" groups within schools
- Analysing energy data and presenting it in an appropriate way to staff and pupils
- Walk around audit to assess energy practices
- Promoting the scheme and recruiting schools, with the aim of having 100% of schools engaged by 2015
- Developing and helping schools to deliver curriculum resources
- Promoting energy efficiency measures in schools

<https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-92BL2J>

Source: Public Tenders / FINE

## **County Durham Community Foundation (Grants – Durham & Darlington)**

### **General grants:**

**£5,000 for groups within County Durham and Darlington.** Supporting projects based around the following:

- Self help
- Community regeneration
- Environmental improvements
- Health and wellbeing
- Education
- Capacity and skills development
- Vulnerable people
- Children and young people

The Foundation is looking especially for groups in Chester-le-Street, those in Durham City working with the elderly and projects aimed at moving young people closer to employment.

### **Surviving Winter Campaign (Groups):**

**£1,500 - £3,000 for local community groups to run winter programmes for the elderly and vulnerable.**

To be eligible groups must be located in County Durham and Darlington and have been in existence for at least 12 months, with experience of running winter programmes for elderly and vulnerable people. By winter months the Foundation means November through to the end of March.

Funding can be used to pay for:

- food
- blankets
- sleeping bags
- warm clothing
- extra room hire costs
- additional volunteer expenses
- transport costs
- other necessary Winter equipment

### **Surviving Winter Campaign (Individuals):**

**£250 for elderly and vulnerable people across County Durham and Darlington to help through the winter months.**

For individuals over the age of 18 who have a low household income and are considered to be in fuel poverty. By winter months the Foundation means November through to the end of March.

Funding will cover one or more of the items from the following list considered to be either energy saving items or cost effective items that will help to reduce fuel poverty in the home:

- Draught excluder
- Reflective radiator panel
- Hot water tank jacket
- Energy monitor (to monitor electrical items)
- Coal Miser (to slow the rate that coal burns in a fire)
- Secondary glazing
- Energy efficient kettle
- Fridge freezer
- Cooker
- Carpets (in exceptional cases)

[www.cdcf.org.uk](http://www.cdcf.org.uk) / 0191 378 6340

Source: Direct / FINE

## **Digital Inclusion Innovation Contest (Awards - UK)**

**Three awards of up to £48,000 to develop digital prototype applications to address sensory assistance, inclusive media and accessibility. Deadline 8<sup>th</sup> January 2013.**

IC tomorrow - in association with RNIB and NLA, Scope, and the University of York - have announced this contest. Three awards are available to develop a prototype application or service which addresses the specific challenges of each partner organisation. The three awards are as follows:

1. Sensory assistance
2. Inclusive media
3. Accessible Internet of Things

This contest is open to any UK-based company or developer; it is not necessary to have an existing app or service to apply or to be active in the inclusion sector either.

<https://connect.innovateuk.org/web/digital-inclusion-innovation-contest>

Source: Funding Insight / FINE

## **Esmée Fairbairn Foundation (Grants - UK)**

**£5,000 - £20,000 for Gypsy Roma and Traveller groups to help skill up young people, improve literacy and work with offenders. Not yet open. Main Fund grants also available.**

Funded by the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation, this programme will be delivered by the Travellers Aid Trust. The Travellers Aid Trust expects to award between 7 and 10 grants a year.

The programme is being launched in January 2013 and will run for two years. For more information contact Susan Alexander at The Travellers Aid Trust:

[info@travellersaidtrust.org](mailto:info@travellersaidtrust.org)

<http://travellersaidtrust.org/>

<http://esmefairbairn.org.uk/news-and-learning/news-and-events/new-grants-programme-for-gypsy-roma-and-traveller-groups-1>

Funding is also still available through the Foundation's **Main Fund** which covers:

- Arts
- Education and Learning
- Environment
- Social Change

<http://esmefairbairn.org.uk/apply-for-funding/>

Source: FINE

## **Funding to revive rural communities (Grants/support – UK)**

**Plunkett Foundation awarded over £450,000 from the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation to create a support service for rural communities considering setting up or diversifying community-owned services.**

The funding will provide a combination of adviser support, training, feasibility grants, and opportunities for networking with other community enterprises. The support is specifically focused at the early stage of a community's ideas, and will help them progress to the next stage.

Support through this programme depends upon the enterprises aiming to raise at least £10,000 by offering shares to the whole community.

The new service will open for applications on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December, and Plunkett encourages rural communities who need support for their enterprises to contact them directly for more information: 01993 810730 / [info@plunkett.co.uk](mailto:info@plunkett.co.uk)  
<http://www.plunkett.co.uk/newsandmedia/news-item.cfm/newsid/655>

Source: FINE

## **Let's Colour Project**

**In kind support to help VCSE groups, charities and individuals paint and transform community spaces.**

Groundwork and Dulux's Let's Colour Project is open to community groups, charities and individuals who can nominate a community space that could do with a splash of colour. Those entering could receive the paint needed to transform the space for free. Selected projects will also receive additional support from Groundwork.

The following types of projects are eligible for Let's Colour Projects:

- Housing estates
- School frontages
- Community gardens
- Urban green spaces
- Play projects
- Streetscape / town squares / town centres
- Sea front improvements
- Community art projects
- Community building
- Skate boarding / BMX tracks
- Internal building projects

The following types of projects are ineligible:

- Projects on hospital grounds
- Churchyards / cathedrals
- Improvements to woodland settings
- Wetland management
- Improvements to industrial estates
- Access improvement projects
- Heathland and moorland
- Graffiti projects
- Derelict residential or commercial buildings

(list not definitive)

While a majority of projects will be chosen from online nominations, not all Let's Colour Projects will be awarded from this process. After nominating, a decision will be made within 4 weeks.

[http://www.letscolour.co.uk/nominate/index.jsp?utm\\_source=Linx+255+-+22+November&utm\\_campaign=linx255&utm\\_medium=email](http://www.letscolour.co.uk/nominate/index.jsp?utm_source=Linx+255+-+22+November&utm_campaign=linx255&utm_medium=email)

Source: Grants Online / FINE

## **Low Emission Transport Collaborative Project Fund (Grant - North East)**

**£50,000 - £300,000 to bring new products to the market in the field of low emission transport and infrastructure development. For SMEs and research / technology partners.**

Small and Medium Sized Enterprises, and research or technology partners based in the North East, have the opportunity to apply for funding to the £2m Low Emission Transport Collaborative Project Fund, supported by the Regional Growth Fund.

The fund aims to further advance the North East as a leader in the production of low carbon vehicles; it is designed to support business growth, new product development and the creation of new employment opportunities in the region's low carbon sector.

Applicants will be asked to complete an initial Expression of Interest Form (EOI) form to provide an overview of the project and its objectives. Within two days of submitting a completed EOI applicants will be informed whether they have been invited to **Stage 2** of the bidding process, the deadline for which is the **12<sup>th</sup> December 2012**.

<http://cf.tortoise-dev.co.uk/> / [chris@newskillsconsulting.co.uk](mailto:chris@newskillsconsulting.co.uk) / 0191 233 6333

Source: Funding Insight / FINE

## **Social Outcomes Fund (Social investment - England)**

### **New £20m fund to provide a 'top-up' contribution to outcomes-based commissions**

Open this month, the Social Outcomes Fund is a new fund to provide a 'top-up' contribution to outcomes-based commissions (payment by results or social impact bonds [SIB]) that are designed to deal with complex and expensive social issues. This will catalyse innovative new projects in areas where no single commissioner can justify making all of the outcomes payments, but where the wider benefits mean value for money.

Applications to the fund must involve payment by results and ideally be financed by a SIB. They must also:

- deal with a social issue that affects multiple parts of the public sector
- be based in and of benefit to an area within England
- have some proportion of savings that are cashable
- only require a minor proportion of funding from government top-up funds
- agree to publish data on savings, cashability and effectiveness of the intervention

Propositions actively encouraging the involvement of VCSE organisations will be favoured.

Expressions of Interest (EOI) are currently invited. Applications at this EOI stage can be submitted by any group, but final, full applications (FAs) must be submitted by commissioners. EOIs are considered on a rolling basis but FAs are considered in rounds. The first window for FAs has been set for Spring 2013 and there will be multiple rounds, with more in 2013. EOIs should be submitted at least one month before the deadline for the FA stage, but preferably as soon as they are ready.

The Fund will only contribute a minority proportion of outcomes payments with the average expected to be 20% of the total outcomes payments. For example, if the total outcome payments in propositions range from £4-8m, then top-ups could range from £0.4m - £3m depending on the size of the outcomes payments and the proportion of top-up required. However, larger or smaller sums will be considered. The intention of the Fund is to support in the region of 10 - 20 new payment by results or SIB contracts.

The Social Outcomes Fund Secretariat will operate the Fund and will provide advice and information: [sof@cabinet-office.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:sof@cabinet-office.gsi.gov.uk)

More information on Social Impact Bonds is included in this bulletin's Information section.

<https://www.gov.uk/social-impact-bonds>

Source: FINE

## **The Wise Group – Call for Partners (Grant – England)**

**The Wise Group are seeking Partners to deliver the Big Lottery Talent Match programme in the North East Local Enterprise Area. Respond by 7<sup>th</sup> December.**

The Talent Match Programme is a five year programme which aims to deliver innovative employment solutions for young people 18 – 24 years who have been unemployed for over a year in the North East LEP area. For more details please see the Wise Group Talent Match Prospectus submission available via the following link [http://www.vonne.org.uk/z\\_includes/inc\\_getasset.php?type=file&id=3070](http://www.vonne.org.uk/z_includes/inc_getasset.php?type=file&id=3070)

The Wise Group is now seeking partnership opportunities with organisations that are able to provide evidence of a strong track record, expertise and experience of delivery to young people not in education, employment or training.

If interested, complete the Partner Questionnaire form:

[http://fin.vonne.org.uk/modules/assetlibrary/z\\_extra/getAsset.php?type=file&id=3084](http://fin.vonne.org.uk/modules/assetlibrary/z_extra/getAsset.php?type=file&id=3084). Return to [partnership@thewisegroup.co.uk](mailto:partnership@thewisegroup.co.uk) and [graeme\\_williams@thewisegroup.co.uk](mailto:graeme_williams@thewisegroup.co.uk)

Source: VONNE / FINE

## **Therapeutic Services for Children, Young People & Families Affected by Sexual Abuse (Contract – Redcar & Cleveland)**

**Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council. Respond by 21<sup>st</sup> January 2013.**

To provide a service for Children and Young People and families affected by sexual abuse, offering a range of interventions, including:

- individual and group therapy for victims of child sexual abuse
- assessment and interventions with young people who display sexually harmful and abusing behaviour
- child witness support and support for parents and carers

<https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-92AK5S>

Source: NEPO / FINE



## Information

### Awards for All

#### **New pilot to fund repeat activities, plus advice for applicants.**

##### **Funding repeat activities**

BIG have told FINE that applicants with an income of less than (or equal to) £30,000 now have the opportunity to apply for repeat and on-going activities under Awards for All in a pilot scheme running until the end of March 2013. Currently Awards for All does not fund on-going, regular or repeat activities, as the programme has focused on 'new' project ideas. However, BIG want to respond to the challenging times faced by small groups by looking at alternative ways of funding projects that support those most in need and are now, following a six month pilot in the West Midlands and Yorkshire and the Humber, rolling out the pilot across England.

Any applications received for repeat and ongoing activities over this time period, and meeting the criteria above, will be assessed in the normal way (application materials will not be changed – e.g. on page 9 of the Guide for Applicants, it will still state repeat activities cannot be funded but this is not the case for the duration of the pilot).

##### **Rejections**

BIG also told FINE that applying for excluded items was one of the most common reasons for applications being rejected (e.g. requesting funding for salaries, which the fund does not cover).

<http://www.awardsforall.org.uk/england/pilot-apply.html>

(at the time of writing this information about the pilot is not yet on the website, please keep checking for further information)

Source: Direct / FINE

### **Big Lottery Fund strategic spending programme**

#### **Big Lottery Fund will soon outline priorities for a £740m strategic spending programme for England.**

BIG will spend these funds – just under half of its predicted income to be spent in England between March 2012 and March 2015 – on four objectives where there is a "compelling need":

- Helping babies and very young children from the most vulnerable areas
- Assisting young people furthest away from the job market
- Helping adults with complex needs
- Older people who are isolated or at risk of isolation

£365m has been committed to the first three of these areas with a significant investment in the fourth (older people) expected to be announced shortly. Of the remaining income during the next three years, 40 per cent will focus on its two main open programmes, Awards for All and Reaching Communities. Another 10 per cent will be set aside for small funding pots to address particular issues.

<http://www.thirdsector.co.uk/news/1161401/big-lottery-fund-unveil-740m-strategic-spending-programme-england/>

## **Building Capabilities for Impact and Legacy / Investment Readiness Development Fund**

**Report setting out Big Lottery Fund's plans for their Building Capabilities for Impact and Legacy (BCIL) framework in England. Includes information on forthcoming Fund.**

The BCIL framework supports BIG's mission to ensure that Lottery funding brings improvements to communities and the lives of people most in need by building the capabilities of voluntary and community organisations.

Over the period up to 2015, BIG will focus on providing 'pre grant' and 'in grant' support for organisations linked to their funding initiatives.

- The aim of the pre grant support is to focus on those groups which work with the communities most in need or of importance to BIG's strategic impact or which have great ideas, but need to develop their skills, systems and confidence in some way before BIG can fund them
- The aim of the in grant support is to develop the capabilities of organisations while they are receiving grant funding from BIG

BIG want to focus on the three areas where their learning suggests that in grant support will make the biggest difference:

- Supporting organisations to engage in continuous improvement of their organisational capabilities
- Responding to crisis
- Planning for the future after BIG's grant finishes

Unlike in the past, BIG are not planning a major funding programme which aims to give grants to support providers to meet all the varied support needs of voluntary and community organisations and social enterprises (VCSEs). BIG think that there are a small number of particular areas where funding can be particularly effective in supporting the wider voluntary sector; these are around

- support for voluntary sector infrastructure organisations (The Assist Programme)
- leveraging greater support from the private sector for VCSEs (Business Connectors)
- helping VCSEs with new opportunities around social investment (see below)

## **Investment Readiness Development Fund**

BIG will establish an Investment Readiness Development Fund (IRDF) in England, which will provide grants to support VCSE organisations on an investment journey.

The IRDF would be open for applications for three years from 2013 and the anticipated fund size is £10 million. The aim of the IRDF would be to improve the sustainability, capacity and scale of VCSE organisations to deliver greater social impact. It would be open to VCSE organisations looking for less than £500k investment. This is so that it is aligned with the Investment and Contract Readiness Fund, which is funded by Office for Civil Society, delivered by The Social Investment Business (outlined by FINE in News You Can Use Issue #10 2012) and is open to organisations seeking more than £500,000 investment. BIG will work hard to ensure that both investment readiness funds are well aligned.

[http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/building\\_capabilities\\_report\\_v0\\_6.pdf](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/building_capabilities_report_v0_6.pdf)

## **Greggs Regional Grants Programme**

**Currently closed.**

Greggs are not currently accepting regional grants applications. The Foundation is currently reviewing their grants priorities and will re-open in January with updated guidelines; check back after January 15<sup>th</sup>.

<http://www.greggsfoundation.org.uk/grants/grant-programs/regional-grantsguidelines-and-application>

Source: FINE

## **J Paul Getty Jr Charitable Trust**

**Trust closing to applications.**

J Paul Getty Jr Charitable Trust will be closing to applications 18<sup>th</sup> January and then winding down over the next three years. The Trust funds registered charities in the following areas:

- Social Welfare Category
  - Reducing Re-offending
  - Improving Prospects
  - Repairing Communities
  - Repairing Lives
- Arts and Heritage Category
  - Preserving Heritage
  - Sustaining the Arts

[www.jpgettytrust.org.uk/index.html](http://www.jpgettytrust.org.uk/index.html)

## **Social Impact Bonds website**

### **New government site providing an introduction to social impact bonds (SIBs), information on commissioning SIBs, sources of funding and support.**

SIBs are a form of large scale investment around a particular theme which may involve multiple partners delivering specific social outcomes. The outcomes are identified by public sector commissioners. Commissioners attract private investors (charities, wealthy individuals etc) which makes it possible to pay VCS organisations to deliver outcomes. The amount that the investors get back depends on the amount of savings made to the public purse as a result of the project. Payment to VCS deliverers is made through contracts, these may be through payment by results mechanisms.

SIBs provide a number of benefits for commissioners, service providers and investors:

- they allow commissioners to attract private investors to fund early and preventative action on complex and expensive social problems
- they enable new services to be tried without commissioners having to pay if they don't work
- they can help services to adapt so they have greater emphasis on prevention
- they can allow greater flexibility for those providing the services to adapt and change the service according to their experience
- they can help charities and social enterprises bid for and manage payment by results projects

The new website provides introductory information for commissioning organisations who are beginning to consider whether to develop a SIB, for those considering investing and for VCS organisations that want to deliver a project funded by SIB. Topics include the following:

- The purpose of social impact bonds
- How to decide whether a SIB is likely to be appropriate
- Carrying out a feasibility study
- Commissioning and procurement
- Finding a provider
- Performance management
- Sources of funding for SIB projects
- Support for commissioners, investors and providers

<https://www.gov.uk/social-impact-bonds>

Source: FINE

## Events & Training

### **Advising groups on funding issues - online course (fit4funding)**

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January - 25<sup>th</sup> March 2013. Open College Network Level 3 accredited. £395 VCSE / £495 statutory**

This course is aimed at individuals whose work involves advising community and voluntary groups on funding and funding related issues, including specialist funding advisors, community or umbrella agency workers.

The course requires learners to commit to approximately four hours participation per week. Learners can work at their own pace and in their own time, and will engage in a range of inter-active experiences and networking opportunities with other learners. The course will cover the following:

- The role of the funding advisor
- Good practice in giving funding advice
- Diagnosing groups' needs
- Clarifying complex funding criteria
- Giving feedback on draft applications
- Voluntary sector funding trends

[www.fit4funding.org.uk/training\\_programme.php](http://www.fit4funding.org.uk/training_programme.php) / [info@fit4funding.org.uk](mailto:info@fit4funding.org.uk) / 01924 239 063

### **Is social enterprise a passing fad or the future for how all business should be done?**

**30<sup>th</sup> November 2012, 3 - 5pm. Teesside University, Darlington. Free**

Peter Holbrook, Chief Executive of Social Enterprise UK, will examine the role of social enterprises that are created to tackle issues of social, economic and environmental failures evident in Tees Valley. He will discuss the importance of building and buying social value, and question whether social enterprise is a passing fad or the future for how all business should be done.

[http://www.tees.ac.uk/sections/business/business\\_events\\_details.cfm?event\\_id=4973](http://www.tees.ac.uk/sections/business/business_events_details.cfm?event_id=4973)

## **VONNE AGM and Healthwatch conference**

**11<sup>th</sup> December 2012, 10am - 2pm (inc. lunch. Registration from 9.30am). Gateshead Town Hall. Free**

This is VONNE's Annual General Meeting and conference. Following the AGM there will be an update on the Civil Society Agenda from Ian Dodds, Cabinet Office and then the latest on the Northern Rock Foundation's Third Sector Trends research from Professor Tony Chapman, who will deliver some interim findings.

Then delegates will hear about HealthWatch, the new independent consumer champion for health and wellbeing being set up in all local authorities. This event is specifically for those who wouldn't normally feel that health and wellbeing is part of their work focus. HealthWatch will have a critical role to play in feeding through to Health & Wellbeing Boards, which have statutory responsibility to transform care services and improve health and wellbeing across local communities.

Health & Wellbeing Boards are not required to provide a place for representation from the wider voluntary and community sector as separate to the place for a Local HealthWatch. Without direct representation, many voluntary and community groups in the North East will need to ensure they are closely linked in to HealthWatch to ensure they can influence the work of Health & Wellbeing Boards.

During the lunch hour there will be optional seminars:

- "Managing HR in Challenging Times" run by Andy Holgate from Holgate HR
- "How Much?! - Insurance Implications of Delivering Public Services" run by Richard Talbot-Jones, Associate Director from Northern Counties LLP

To register: <http://vonne2012agm.eventbrite.co.uk/>, or contact Angela Haig: [angela.haig@vonne.org.uk](mailto:angela.haig@vonne.org.uk) / 0191 233 2000.

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