

Funding News

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Local Network Fund Final Bonanza Extra £200,000 Additional Money Secured by Tees Valley Community Foundation

Don't Delay, Apply Today!

**If you work with children and young people 0 - 19
yrs old and have a short-term project in 2007 look no
further.....**

If you are a small, locally managed group, based in Teesside, and you need between £250 and £7,000 for equipment or to organise an activity for children or young people, and your activity fits into one of the five outcomes of the Government's Every Child Matters strategy:

Being Healthy
Staying Safe
Enjoying and Achieving
Making a Contribution
Achieving Economic Wellbeing

now is the time to apply!

**All projects need to be completed by
31 December 2007 so to avoid
disappointment get your application
in NOW!**

If you would like to discuss making an application, please contact our Outreach Officer on **Chris Barkas** on **01642 304403**.

We look forward to hearing from you

The Local Network Fund for Children & Young People is a programme of DCSF and is managed by Tees Valley Community Foundation serving Teesside

02 / Conservation Foundation – It's Your Community (UK)

02 has recently committed £1 million to the It's Your Community award scheme. The scheme is managed by the Conservation Foundation and provides **grants from £100 up to £1,000** for projects designed to improve local environments throughout the UK.

The funding is open to the following types of groups:

- Local amenity groups
- Parish and village councils
- Youth clubs
- Heritage groups
- Environmental and conservation groups
- Individuals

Funding is usually awarded under four main categories:

- **Community Places** – improving the places that communities share – for example, installing new equipment for a playground, repairing a pavilion roof, erecting a community notice board.
- **Community People** – helping to bring people together and creating a sense of ownership and responsibility in communities – for example, promoting safety awareness to young people, supporting a self-help group for elderly people.
- **Community Pride** – tackling issues head-on and restoring a sense of pride – for example, clearing litter and rubbish or removing graffiti.
- **Community Landscape** – improving communities' natural environments – for example,

creating community gardens, planting trees, improving public access to riverbanks.

However, these are only examples, and the funders are also open to new, ground-breaking suggestions outside these main areas.

The following types of projects or activities are not eligible:

- Applications for top-up funding for larger projects.
- One-off projects which may not have a lasting impact.
- Projects aligned with political or religious organisations.
- Applications to raise money for a third party giving organisation.
- Projects outside of Great Britain or Northern Ireland.
- Projects to support an individual.
- School projects which support the national curriculum but do not involve the wider community.
- Fundraising events.
- Sponsorship of commercial events such as fetes, festivals or recreational clubs.

Applications can be made via the scheme's website at:
www.itsyourcommunity.co.uk

02's new funding commitment means that the scheme can now support up to 60 projects per month. Applications are judged on the 20th of each month.

For more information contact:

Tel: 0800 902 0250

Email:

hello@itsyourcommunity.co.uk

Website:

www.itsyourcommunity.co.uk

Source: FINE

Department for Children, Schools and Families – Children, Young People and Families Grant Programme (England)

Source: Grants Online/FINE

Open to: RC, VCS

The Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) is the new government department that replaces the Department for Education and Skills. The DCSF has announced that its Children, Young People and Families Grant Programme is now open for applications. There is approximately £11m available during 2008-2009 under this programme.

The programme will fund work to improve outcomes for children, young people, and families (parenting and couple relationships) in England in the context of the Government's Every Child Matters: Change for Children programme. The key aims of Every Child Matters are to ensure that children and young people:

- Stay safe
- Are healthy
- Enjoy and achieve
- Make a positive contribution
- Achieve economic wellbeing

The overall aims for the programme are to help voluntary and community organisations:

- Improve the quality of the services they provide
- Share learning about what works in achieving positive outcomes for children, young people and families

- Work in partnership to contribute to the achievement of outcomes for children, young people and families
- Are aware of public policy and other significant developments affecting the environment in which they deliver services
- Develop greater capacity to engage with policy development and with the strategic planning of public services
- Access good quality infrastructure provision

To be eligible for a grant, organisations must either be a registered charity or must be a non-profit making organisation set up and run on similar lines to a charity. The DCSF will fund partnership applications, provided the lead partner meets the programme's eligibility criteria. The grants are not available for individuals, schools or colleges, or profit-making organisations.

There are two types of grant available:

Strategic grants

Grants to support the core operational activities of an organisation where these activities match the DCSF's objectives, particularly with regard to delivery of Every Child Matters. In this round the DCSF is particularly interested in supporting national voluntary youth organisations that work with local voluntary organisations which the Department would otherwise be unable to reach. Strategic grants are available for capacity building activities, networking support, and specialist services; all activity must

be of national significance and must take place within at least three government regions. There is no limit on the size of strategic grants, but organisations must apply for an amount that is suitable for their current capacity, and should be aware that in previous rounds the fund was heavily subscribed.

Project grants

Grants for one-off, one year innovative activities across two or more government regions that will help to develop knowledge of what works in improving outcomes for disadvantaged and minority ethnic children, young people and families (parenting and couple relationships) whose access to services is limited. Grants will be in the region of £50,000 but applicants should note that the majority of the programme's funding will be allocated to strategic funding.

There is a two-stage application process. In the first instance applicants should submit an Expression of Interest form, available from:

www.everychildmatters.gov.uk/strategy/voluntaryandcommunity/cypfgrant/

These must be submitted by **1 October 2007**. Selected applicants will then be invited to submit a full application, with a deadline of 14 December.

For more information contact:

Email:
cypfgrant.programme@dcsf.gsi.gov.uk

Website:
www.everychildmatters.gov.uk/strategy/voluntaryandcommunity/cypfgrant/

Clare Duffield Foundation – consultation for a new leadership programme for the third sector (UK)

Source: Grants Online

The Clare Duffield Foundation is proposing to create a new programme that will identify and recognise talent and develop new leaders within the third sector. The intention of the programme is to help individuals develop their leadership skills and encourage them to take on bigger leadership challenges, with a view to building the sector's confidence and powers of advocacy.

The programme will build on the experience gained from the Foundation's Clare Leadership Programme for the cultural sector. It is expected that the new programme for the third sector will similarly offer formal leadership training, specialist training bursaries, secondments, a research period and access to a mentor.

Before launching the programme the Foundation is conducting a widespread consultation across the third sector. The consultation paper is available to download from:

www.clareduffield.org.uk/projects_thirdsector.htm

The Foundation is seeking as many responses as possible from interested parties; responses should be submitted by **Friday 5 October 2007** and should be sent to:

Sally Bacon
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The Clare Duffield Foundation
Studio 3
Chelsea Manor Studios
Flood Street
London
SW3 5SR

Fax: 020 7351 5308

Email: sally@clareduffield.org.uk

Foyle Foundation (UK)

The Foyle Foundation distributes grants to UK charities who work in the following areas:

- **Learning** – the Foundation's priorities for this category are: libraries, museums and archives; and organisations supporting people with special educational needs and learning difficulties.
- **Arts** – the Foundation's priorities are to:
 - Support performing or visual arts.
 - Help make the arts more accessible by developing new audiences, supporting tours, festivals and arts educational projects.
 - Encourage new work and support young and emerging artists.
 - Building and infrastructure projects to construct new arts facilities, improve or re-equip existing venues.
- **Health** – including:
 - Applications linked to a known medical condition.
 - Projects or core work that makes an active contribution to improved health care.
 - Smaller health charities, including those for rare or distressing conditions will be favoured.

Grants are generally in the range of **£10,000 to £50,000**. The maximum amount for a large grant will not normally exceed £500,000 and may be payable over several years.

Application forms and guidelines are available on request from the Foundation or can be downloaded

from:
www.foylefoundation.org.uk/index.php?pageID=9

Applicants should provide additional information, where relevant, as detailed in the Supplementary Information and Building Project Checklists in the Foundation's guidelines.

There are no application deadlines. It may take up to four months or more, from receipt of a completed application, to obtain a decision from the Trustees. You should therefore apply at least six months before you require the funding.

Applications should be sent to:

David Hall
Chief Executive
The Foyle Foundation
Rugby Chambers
2 Rugby Street
London WC1N 3QU
Tel: 020 7430 9119
Email: info@foylefoundation.org.uk
W e b s i t e :
www.foylefoundation.org.uk

Redcar and Cleveland Community Fund (particular areas within Redcar and Cleveland)

The next deadline for receipt of applications is **24th August 2007**

For a copy of the application form and guidelines please contact:

Gemma Anderson
External Funding Assistant –
Finance and Procurement
Redcar and Cleveland Borough
Council
Redcar and Cleveland House
Kirkleatham Street
Redcar
Tel: 01642 444 229

Big Lottery Feedback

At a recent meeting with the Big Lottery staff we were offered the opportunity to have a breakdown of all applications received from Redcar and Cleveland by Awards for All and also some of the BIG Lottery funding streams.

The information was collated by the staff at BIG lottery and is of a generic nature. Whilst some of the applications were rejected because of insufficient funds, many were rejected for simple errors or insufficient information. It highlights the need to seek guidance when completing these applications, even if it is only to have someone else double check that you have included everything.

Awards for All

Between 1st April 2006 and 13th June 2007 there have been 54 applications in all 19 were rejected and another 39 were returned for further information.

Reasons for Rejecting Awards for All applications

2 - Deficient Documentation

Bank/Building Society Account not in name of applicant
Details on application form and documents differ

10 - Outside programme remit

Excluded items
Not additional (to statutory responsibility)
Not within 12 months
Over programme limits
Retrospective funding

3 - Planning/management concerns

Insufficient financial controls
Insufficient management controls

5 - Insufficient funds - this occurs when there have been more fundable applications than money available and we have to make choices about which projects to fund. We did this by scoring against the following factors:

- * How many of our aims are met
- * Whether the organisation has received National Lottery funding before
- * Whether the organisation's annual income is below £20,000
- * Whether the total project cost is below £20,000
- * Whether the application meets the Regional Focus

Incomplete Awards for All applications

Between 1 April 2006 and 13 June 2007 there have been 54 applications to the Awards for All programme from groups based in Redcar & Cleveland. Of these applications 39 were incomplete. These would have been sent back to the applicant to request further information and therefore delayed the assessment.

Big Lottery Feedback

NB most applications had multiple incomplete reasons.

16 - accounts/financial projections issues

- accounts/financial projections missing
- 4 accounts do not cover a full year
- accounts out of date
- accounts unsigned

17 - bank details issues

- 3 bank form missing
- 7 bank statements missing (including letter from finance department when a school is using an LEA account)
- 5 bank statements too old
- bank statements not original

6 - constitution issues

- constitution missing
- constitution not adopted
- different name on constitution

2 - contract issues

- contract signed by the wrong person

11 - contacts issues

- company signatory missing
- main contact date of birth missing
- 2 - main contact home address missing
- main contact signature missing
- senior contact date of birth missing
- 2 - senior contact details missing
- senior contact signature missing

31 - referee issues

- 4 - referee date of birth missing
- referee home address missing
- referee not from pick list
- referee not independent
- 7 - referee not suitable
- reference required (i.e. no referee provided)
- referee not suitable for a children's group

4 - various questions on the application form incomplete.

The information for the larger grant programmes follows similar themes. The competition for these grants is great and it makes sense therefore to ensure that you give your organisation the best possible chance. If you need any assistance or advice please contact either RCVDA or one of the other support organisations within Redcar and Cleveland. It is better to contact us before you send the bid in - we are often only contacted once the bid has been rejected!!

Jephcott Charitable Trust (UK)

Source: FINE research
Type of funder: Charity
Open to: RC, VCS

The Jephcott Charitable Trust makes donations for charitable purposes in four areas:

- **Population control** – particularly for educational schemes.
- **Conserving the natural environment** (but please note that the Trust does not support projects involving animal welfare or heritage sites or buildings).
- **Education** – projects benefiting people of all ages and backgrounds.

Eligible projects might involve:

- o Providing formal education.
- o Teaching vocational skills to enhance the possibility of employment.
- o Teaching computer skills.
- o Health awareness.
- o Distance learning.

Health – supporting a wide range of healthcare projects.

The Trust makes grants to charities in all parts of the world. Organisations must be properly constituted and must be a registered charity or must be able to give the name of a registered charity that will endorse the application and accept the grant on its behalf.

Grants are usually in the range of **£2,000 to £10,000** (but can go up to £20,000, in exceptional cases only). The Trust prefers to make grants which will make a difference, for example by providing one-off donations, or “pump-prime” funding, to help a charity or project get started. For this reason, the Trust prefers to fund capital costs

(such as for buildings or equipment) rather than running costs. Requests for long-term funding are not normally considered.

For applications to be successful, it is crucial that the organisation is able to carry out monitoring or evaluation on the project to be funded.

The Trust does not support:

- Organisations whose administrative expenses form more than 15% of their annual income.
- Individuals.
- Animal welfare.
- Heritage.
- Organisations concerning themselves with poverty in the UK.

Application forms are available from the Trust’s website. Trustees meet to consider applications in April and October each year. Applications should be sent to:

The Secretary
The Jephcott Charitable Trust
Cotley
Streatham Rise
Exeter
EX4 4PE

Please note that the Trust has a part-time administration and cannot accept enquiries by email or telephone. Further information is also available from the Trust’s website:

www.jephcottcharitabletrust.org.uk

Oxfam / Xfm / V – funding for Oxjam music events (England)

Oxjam is an initiative from Oxfam, in conjunction with the radio station Xfm and with funding from the volunteering charity v, that provides support for young people to help them organise

music events to raise money for Oxfam. There are **200 grants of £250 each** to help Oxjam event organisers with the costs of putting on their events. Artists who perform at these winning events will also have the chance to feature on Xfm.

Oxjam events will take place this October across the country; events already organised include:

- A "Battle of the Bands" event in Newcastle
- An Open Mic night in Leeds
- An Oxjam Music Quiz in Skipton

Oxfam will also offer help and advice to event organisers, including the provision of an Oxjam Toolkit, logos and publicity materials and an online promotional space on the My Oxjam website.

To apply for the funding complete an online application form at:
www.oxfam.org.uk/what_you_can_do/oxjam/pgs/grant_apply.htm

Forms must be submitted by **18 August 2007**.

For more details about this year's Oxjam events and how to get involved contact:

Email: oxjam@oxfam.org.uk
Website: www.oxfam.org.uk/what_you_can_do/oxjam/index.php

Ragdoll Foundation (UK)

The Ragdoll Foundation was established to develop the power of imaginative responses in children through the arts. It aims to work with children in deprived circumstances to unlock their creativity and allow them a safe space to develop their voice and be heard.

The Foundation makes grants for charitable purposes in order to:

- Promote the development of children

through their imaginative thinking

- Encourage innovative thinking and influence good practice elsewhere
- Offer creative solutions that deal with the causes of problems in childhood
- Ensure effective evaluation of projects to promote sharing and learning
- Above all, demonstrate how the voices of children can be heard

Grants of £500 and over are available. Please check the Foundation's website for the full list of exclusions.

There is no standard application. In the first instance applicants should submit an inspirational paragraph (one page maximum) outlining their idea or project, along with a completed contact form, available from the Foundation's website. Applications should include an indication of costs, including income, expenditure and other funders or partners involved in the project. In order to reduce paperwork, applications should be sent by email where possible and should be addressed to Karen Newell at the contact details below. If your project falls within the overall funding criteria a member of the Foundation may contact you to discuss the project in more detail and you may be invited to submit a fuller application.

Trustees will meet two or three times a year and applications must be submitted in advance of meetings. The next deadlines for applications are **28 August** and **7 September 2007**.

The contact details for enquiries and to submit applications are:

Karen Newell
Ragdoll Foundation
Timothy's Bridge Road
Stratford upon Avon
Warwickshire CV37 9NQ Tel: 01789 404100
Mobile: 07977 916969
Email: KarenN@ragdollfoundation.org.uk
Website: www.ragdollfoundation.org.uk

Kellogg's – Active Living Fund (UK)

Source: Grants Online / FINE Research

Open to: VCS, RC

The Kellogg's Active Living Fund gives small grants to fund projects and activities that directly lead to people taking part in sustained physical activity. The aim of the fund is to help remove the "barriers" which stop people being active. It is especially keen to fund activities that enable adults and children to exercise together.

The fund is open to charities and other voluntary and community organisations in the UK. Schools can apply but the fund will only consider contributing towards extra curricular activities that promote sustained physical activities. This is a competitive fund and projects will be assessed according to the following criteria and priorities:

Project Type

- **Top priority:** Innovative (new) ways of getting non-active individuals active.
- **Second priority:** Existing projects or activities that adapt or expand so that they are available to new groups of people or new geographical areas.
- **Third priority:** Existing projects or activities that need new or replacement equipment, or existing projects that require replacement funding.

Beneficiary Type

- **Top Priority:** Family units, children and adults undertaking physical activity together.
- **Second Priority:** Children aged up to 18.
- **Third priority:** Adults aged 25 and over
- **Fourth priority:** Young adults aged 19-24.

To have the best chance of success your project needs to be a high priority in terms of both the Project Type and

the Beneficiary Type. Examples of projects and how they would score under the assessment process are given in the guidance notes for the fund:

www.kelloggs.co.uk/company/corporateresponsibility/activelivingfund/helpandguidance.aspx

The fund provides **grants of up to £1,000**. The grant must have a significant impact on the project (so that, for example, Kellogg's would consider a grant of £1,000 for a £2,000 project but will not consider a grant of £1,000 for a £10,000 project).

Under this programme Kellogg's will not award grants:

- To individual athletes, sportsmen and women.
- For costs associated with salaries or posts.
- To profit-making organisations.
- Towards transport costs, as all projects should be accessible to ensure sustainability.
- To applications where the request does not directly support the activity being undertaken; for example Kellogg's will consider a request for equipment, but not for maintenance on a building being used.
- To retrospective applications, where the activity has either taken place or has commenced at the time an application is considered by the Kellogg's panel.

Applications should be made using the online form at: www.kelloggs.co.uk/company/corporateresponsibility/activelivingfund/activelivingfund.aspx

A panel of Kellogg's employees meets every month to assess applications for funding and you should receive an answer within six weeks at the latest.

Website: www.kelloggs.co.uk/company/corporateresponsibility/activelivingfund/

The Alcohol Education and Research Fund (UK)

This Fund finances projects within the United Kingdom for education and research on alcohol related issues.

The Council's main aims are to:

- Generate and disseminate research based evidence to inform and influence policy and practice.
- Develop the capacity of people and organisations to address alcohol issues.

The Council provides funding under two main programmes:

Research Grants – priority will be given to applications which focus upon the Council's priorities. This year priority will be given to projects that are likely to push forward the government's Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy.

In preparing bids the following points should be considered:

- The Council is seeking value for money to fund four or five projects of around £50,000. Projects should be completed in one, two or three years.
- The project should develop people as well as improve the evidence base.
- The methodology should be sound, whether a qualitative or quantitative approach is considered appropriate.
- The Council would welcome proposals which involve partnership funding with local organisations in order to develop more substantial projects.

Developing People and Organisations Grants – The Alcohol Education and Research Fund can only be used to pay for project activities that are outside the responsibilities of central or local government agencies and services. The Council's present policy is to give grants for specific projects rather than for general support of the established administration of voluntary organisations. Grants are available of between £5,000 and £50,000.

The Council wishes particularly to be satisfied that the proposal will meet an

accepted and urgent need and will not duplicate existing provision. In all applications a sound evaluation will be required.

The aims of all initiatives must be:

- Improving practice by developing knowledge and skills and motivation.
- Influencing change Promoting organisational development
- Evaluation.

The next closing date for applications for research and developing people and organisation's grants is the **5th September 2007**

In addition to the above programme £75,000 has been set aside for the current year to fund small projects up to a maximum of £5,000. Small grants could fund small research projects, pilot research studies or demonstration projects with a strong evaluation component. They could also fund projects that increase the capacity of individuals and organisations to deal with alcohol issues. The following criteria are used to judge all applications for small grants;

- Will the project make a difference to the alcohol evidence base or to the capacity of individuals or organisations?
- Are the aims well defined and achievable?
- Is there a sound evaluation component to check whether aims have been achieved?

The Council will give preference to projects that will have a demonstrable impact.

Small grants will be rapidly processed throughout the year with no deadline.

Further details and an application form can be found on the Council's website, www.aerc.org.uk or contact:

Andrea Tilouche
Committees and Grants Manager
AERC
Room 178
Queen Anne Business Centre
28 Broadway
London
SW1H 9JX Tel: 020 7340 9502

Source: FINE

Community Website Builder (UK)

The Community Website Builder is a free service that allows voluntary and community organisations to build and maintain their own website. The service is provided by BT and Recipero Limited (Recipero has recently merged with ik Software, the company that previously provided the software and applications for this scheme).

No special knowledge of programming or software is required. All organisations need to set up their website is a computer, an internet connection and a web browser.

All websites come with the following features:

- Free website hosting
- Free website address, ending in .btik.com
- Free technical support by email
- The capacity to add up to 250 of each of the following: pages, images, news items, calendar items, gallery items, documents and links
- Unlimited enquiry and guestbook facilities
- No frames, for easier navigation
- Tools to encourage greater accessibility and faster data retrieval

To be eligible to use the service organisations should be one of the following:

- A UK registered charity
- A non-profit making organisation
- A volunteer-led group or organisation

All websites created through the scheme are manually checked and any website deemed ineligible for the scheme or registered with incomplete or invalid details will be taken off-line.

The service is not available for government-funded organisations such as libraries or local councils; however, Recipero can offer a discounted website for such organisations through their commercial service. In addition, BT and Recipero offer a service similar to the Community Website Builder for UK schools, available at:
www.schools.ik.org

More information and links to examples of websites that have been created using the service are available at:
www.communitykit.co.uk

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