

Funding News

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Lloyds TSB Foundation Community Programme

The Lloyds TSB Foundation funds local, regional and national charities working to tackle disadvantage across England and Wales.

The Foundation focuses on supporting small and medium underfunded charities that can make a significant difference to the lives of disadvantaged people by helping them to play a fuller role in the community.

The Community Programme focuses on funding core work that helps disadvantaged people to play a fuller role in the community and the Foundation is particularly interested in supporting work that achieves this through:

- Improved social and community involvement
- Improved life chances
- Helping people to be heard

The Foundation can fund charities to continue and develop existing community-based work or to develop the organisation or its service, as well as through a number of other ways including:

- Maintaining and/or improving capacity and or effectiveness
- Encouraging learning and best practice
- Enabling the continued provision of services
- Supporting the expansion of services
- Helping improve the quality of services
- Lobbying or campaigning at a local, regional or national level

Grants of one to three years that are appropriate to the size and needs of each charity are offered by the Lloyds TSB Foundation. Funding can be used for running costs, including salaries to ensure that charities can maintain and develop their core work/services, and for projects that build on charities' core work.

A new online eligibility test has been introduced and must be completed before making an application to the Foundation. Eligible projects applying for a grant of over £5,000 will be visited by the local Grant Manager to discuss the funding requirements, projects applying for a grant of under £5,000 will receive a telephone assessment from the Grant Manager. The Grant Manager will then inform the project whether or not to proceed with an application.

The Foundation responds to all applications received and it takes from three to six months for a decision to be made on applications.

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Sport England has launched its new funding programmes. They are committed to the creation of a world-leading community sport system, which means focusing their investment on organisations and projects that will grow and sustain participation in grassroots sport and create opportunities for people to excel at their chosen sport. Further information on all the following programmes can be found on the website at www.funding.sportengland.org

The programmes are open to a wide range of organisations including sports clubs, voluntary or community organisations, local authorities, schools, colleges and universities.

The funding programmes are:

- Small Grants
- Sportsmatch
- Innovation Fund
- Rural Communities (this is the first of three themed funding rounds)
- Sustainable Facilities Fund

Small Grants

This programme has been set up to support local community sport projects which seek to increase participation, sustain participation or develop opportunities for people to excel at their chosen sport.

For example, they may help a sports club expand its age range by helping it to buy extra team kit or pay additional coaching fees. Or they may help youth clubs work together with local sports clubs to get more young people playing sport.

Who can apply?

It is open to any bona fide not-for-profit club or association, statutory body or educational establishment. They will not fund individuals or organisations e

stablished to make a profit and distribute that profit to members.

You can apply for any sum from £300 to £10,000 but the total project cost cannot

exceed £50,000

Sportsmatch

Sportsmatch is funded by Sport England to support the development of grassroots sport in England. It makes awards to organisations running projects aimed at increasing participation in sports at community level. They do this through matching eligible funding invested in community sport.

How does it work?

If a business gives £1,000 in sponsorship to its local rugby club to organise coaching in local schools, we could match that with £1,000 of government money - thereby doubling the amount of money available to the club.

Innovation Fund

The Innovation Fund will create innovative sporting opportunities enabling existing participants to do more, or to bring sport to those people who currently play sport only occasionally, or not at all.

The overall aim of this £5 million investment programme is to find and nurture genuine breakthroughs that will transform the way community sport looks and feels in the future.

The fund will invest in new ideas and solutions which will reach a whole new audience, and provide better, more exciting opportunities to a wider range of people, some of whom, perhaps, think that sport is not for them.

These ideas and solutions will help Sport England to succeed in growing participation and creating a world leading community sport system .

Investment will be in small-scale but groundbreaking innovations which have the ability to become the scaled-up, widespread

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activities that deliver high quality community sport in future years.

Successful bids will help to deliver at least one of Sport England's strategic aims of:

- **Grow:** getting one million people doing more sport and working with the Youth Sport Trust to offer young people at least five hours of high quality sport a week
- **Sustain:** increasing participants' satisfaction with their sporting experience, and reducing the number of young people aged 16-18 who drop out of sport
- **Excel:** improving talent development.

This is a competitive fund. And it is anticipated that they will make a small number of awards of between £10,000 and £500,000 to between 10 and 20 projects.

The Innovation Fund is open to initial applications from 12 May 2009 to 10 August 2009

Sustainable Investment in Communities

The Sustainable Investment in Communities Facilities Fund invests £10m a year of Lottery and Exchequer money into innovative projects capable of transforming the places where we play or take part in sport.

Facilities built in the public spending boom of the late seventies and early eighties are now ageing and to enable Sport England to create a world-leading community sport system, they need to be improved. However, it's not just about building new facilities or refurbishing old ones. There is a need to invest in facility projects that are sustainable in the long-term, not just when they open.

This means the projects they intend to invest in must be able to bring in enough revenue to maintain high standards of facility provision and customer service and a varied programme of sports opportunities and sports development outreach work. Otherwise, standards may fall leading to a decline in use and levels of satisfaction.

The projects they will invest in must also create long lasting partnerships between

public, private and commercial organisations. They will develop and promote industry best practice. And they will make an impact on one or more of their strategic outcomes.

You can find out more about sustainable facilities and how they could work by downloading and reading their Sustainable Community Facilities Toolkit at www.funding.sportengland.org/funding

Initial applications can be submitted between 12 May and 30 June.

Rural Communities Themed Round

The Rural Communities Themed Round aims both to address barriers and create new opportunities for participation in sport in rural communities.

The programme is designed to be as flexible as possible, and Sport England would therefore welcome applications either to modernise or enhance sporting facilities, or provide revenue funding for any aspect of sports development, or a combination of the two.

The total funding available is £10 million of National Lottery money.

Vision and aims of the programme

The overall aim of this investment programme is to develop projects that encourage people living in rural communities to participate and / or sustain their participation in sport, and help those with talent fulfil their potential.

Successful projects and bids will be directly linked to at least one of Sport England's strategic aims:

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Programme dates

Stage one applications can be submitted between 24 April and 30 June 2009

Generations Together – New £5.5 Million Government Programme

Open to: Local Authorities however bids must involve Third Sector Organisations

The Generations Together programme brings together £5.5 million of funding from the Office of the Third Sector, Department of Health, Department for Children Schools and Families and the Department for Work and Pensions to help close the widening generation gap through volunteering.

Generations Together will fund 12 projects across the country where young and older people can engage with each other on equal terms, break down barriers and challenge negative stereotypes.

The programme is designed to:

- Generate wider interest in and thinking about intergenerational work
- Increase the number of volunteers working on intergenerational activity by 20,000 by the end of the programme
- Provide robust evidence of the effectiveness of intergenerational initiatives

Intergenerational practice means different things to different people, however in simple terms intergenerational can be used to describe 'older' (over 50) and 'younger' (under 25) people interacting in mutually beneficial activities to promote greater understanding and respect between generations and to contribute to building more cohesive communities.

Generations Together aims to help young and old people value each other more, as well as encourage them to come together to improve the community. There are a number of ways this can be done so the programme does not prescribe what activity should be undertaken, however the programme has set out a number of outcomes that it expects to be delivered:

For older people

- Improved sense of health and wellbeing
- Reduced sense of isolation
- Improved perceptions of older people by young people
- Increased ability to make a positive contribution to the life of the community
- Greater satisfaction with home and neighbourhood
- Reduction in fear of crime

For children and young people

- Greater resilience and motivation to avoid 'risky behaviour'
- Greater participation in positive activities
- Improved perceptions of young people by older people
- Stronger engagement in education
- Improved self esteem
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For the wider community

- Increased social capital through volunteering activity by both young and old
- Increased meaningful interactions between people from different backgrounds
- Increased involvement of educational institutions in the local community

Bids for up to £400,000 per project over the two years of the Generations Programme are being invited.

The programme is seeking bids from all local authorities, however it is important to note that these bids must involve third sector organisations and the bidding document must make clear that at least 50% of the funding will be deployed within the third sector.

Third sector organisations should contact their local authority to ascertain the potential for bidding, but should be aware that their local authority may not be considering bidding for the fund.

The closing date for applications is **10 June 2009**.

For further information visit:

www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/third_sector/news/news_stories/090417_generations.aspx

£1 billion Future Jobs Fund

Open to: Voluntary Sector Organisations, Social Enterprises, Local Authorities

The Government has created a £1 billion Future Jobs Fund to help generate jobs for those in greatest need, particularly young people and also in areas of high unemployment.

The Fund is an important part of the Government's commitment to delivering real help for young people and those who face barriers to employment, making sure people stay connected with the labour market and do not suffer the adverse effects of long-term unemployment.

The aim of the Future Jobs Fund is to create 150,000 jobs between October 2009 and April 2011 providing real help for young people and those who face significant disadvantages in the labour market.

The Fund has only recently been announced therefore the criteria for those interested in making bids are still being developed. As a guide for the meantime it is expected that successful bids must:

- Create additional jobs for long term unemployed people
- Benefit the local community
- Create a significant proportion of jobs quickly

The majority of jobs created must go to people aged 18-24 who are approaching 12 months on Jobseeker's Allowance. The Fund is particularly interested in hearing from organisations in areas of high unemployment in order to understand how they can best create new jobs in these areas.

The Fund is also likely to favour proposals that:

- Demonstrate the potential to lead to sustainable employment
- Include proposals for training to develop an individual's skills

- Contribute to the creation of a significant number of new green jobs

- Provide value for money and/or include additional funding from other sources

The overall cost of each bid should not exceed £6,500 per job created (including any admin costs) of course this can be supplemented by funding from other sources. Bids will also need to be in line with existing locally agreed work and skills strategies and show that they do not replicate or replace existing jobs.

It is expected that funding will be awarded from autumn 2009 on a rolling basis throughout the following 18 months, at least until spring 2011. Each job created must last for a minimum of 6 months, and funding provided from the Future Job Fund will cover a 6 month period for each unemployed person taken on.

Details of the formal bidding process will be announced soon. In the meantime Local Authorities and other large organisations such as social enterprises and voluntary sector bodies are invited to come forward with their initial ideas for new jobs which will benefit the community.

Those interested in putting forward ideas can email Expressions of Interest to the Future Jobs Fund.

For further information visit:
www.dwp.gov.uk/campaigns/futurejobsfund/

Or email: future.jobsfund@dwp.gsi.gov.uk

Independent Sexual Violence Advisors Fund (England & Wales)

Open to: Sexual Assault Referral Centres, specialist sexual violence Voluntary Sector Organisations, and existing Independent Sexual Violence Advisors services

The Independent Sexual Violence Advisors Fund offers further funding from the Home Office to support victims of sexual violence and abuse. This grant programme funds the cost of existing or new Independent Sexual Violence Advisors (ISVAs) who play a key role in these support services.

ISVAs work in partnership with Criminal Justice agencies, the Voluntary Sector and Victim and Witness Services to provide a service to adult victims of sexual violence, within and outside of the criminal justice system. They help victims to live without fear of violence and to access the services needed in the aftermath of the abuse experienced.

ISVAs are designed to work in partnership to:

- Risk assess and help clients keep safe
- Help clients access their rights
- Help clients access health and other services they require
- Monitor and keep clients informed of case progress
- Provide support through the criminal justice system

Up to 43 grants of £20,000 are available to Sexual Assault Referral Centres (SARC), specialist sexual violence Voluntary Sector Organisations, and existing Independent Sexual Violence Advisors services to contribute to the costs of an ISVA service for the remainder of 2009-10. This figure is based on the anticipated salary and associated costs per ISVA per year.

All applicants to the Fund should:

- Have endorsement and support from local police forces and local partnerships such as Crime Disorder Reduction Partnerships or Community Safety Partnerships, Local Criminal Justice Boards and other statutory partners
- Describe the demographics of the catchment area for the ISVA service and expected case load per ISVA – applications are welcome from organisations providing female-only or male-only services as well as those providing services to both genders
- Demonstrate experience and expertise in the delivery of services for victims of sexual violence
- Meet the minimum service requirements associated with Home Office funding (further information is

available on the website)

- Help clients access other services, for example housing and education
- Provide evidence of the arrangements in place for the ISVA to be managed and supported
- Normally be located either in a VCS organisation/SARC/existing ISVA service
Describe how they intend to continue the ISVA service in 2010/11

Applications require the submission of an application form, which can be downloaded from the website alongside full guidance notes.

The deadline for applications is **25 May 2009**.

For further information visit:
www.crimereduction.homeoffice.gov.uk/sexualoffences/sexual09.htm

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Ministry of Justice – Funding to Reduce and Prevent Offending by Women (UK)

The Ministry of Justice will be investing £15.6 million of new money to prevent and reduce offending by women. The funding will invest in the provision of additional services in the community to build capacity of one-stop-shop services at women's centres and other specialist provision for women in the community.

The overall aim of the funding is to achieve a reduction of the number of women in prison who do not need to be there as they are not serious or violent offenders who pose a risk to the public.

To be eligible for the funding projects must

deliver the following objectives:

- To provide additional and enhanced one-stop-shop services in the community for women at risk of receiving a custodial sentence, women offenders and women at risk of offending
- To build on and improve existing third sector, community based women's services
- To ensure co-ordination of services for women at an early stage in order to tackle factors that can lead to social exclusion and the risk of offending
- To work in partnership with local criminal justice agencies to divert women from custody and increase compliance rates by providing integrated packages of support that meet the needs of vulnerable women, specifically in relation to mental health, accommodation, education and employment, childcare, finance and debt and other issues that may contribute to the women's social exclusion and/or offending behaviour
- To work with mainstream services outside of criminal justice such as social services and health, to facilitate women's access to specialist services and their integration into mainstream services at the end of their support package

Grants will be administered through the Criminal Justice Women's Strategy Unit in the Ministry of Justice as part of the Diverting Women from Custody Project. The funding will be invested in existing third sector providers to enable them to work with courts, police, probation and other statutory agencies to provide support and services to vulnerable women.

The grant process will begin on 5 June 2009 with an information seminar for interested parties held in London. Limited places are available for the seminar and it is expected that high levels of interest will be received. It is therefore likely that places will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis by region.

Those interested in attending the information seminar should read the additional information available on the VONNE website. For organisations unable to attend the seminar a full information pack containing the papers from the day will be available shortly after the event.

Following the seminar there will be three stages to the grants process that applicants will be required to successfully complete:

- A pre-qualifying questionnaire
- A detailed written bid
- An interview

The pre-qualifying questionnaire will be issued after the information seminar and the Ministry of Justice aim to award grants to successful parties in October 2009.

For further information visit:
www.vonne.org.uk/policy/policy_article.php?id=563

Alternatively contact:
womenspolicyteam@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk

The Vardy Foundation

The Vardy Foundation is the charitable trust of Sir Peter Vardy and his family. The Foundation was established in 1987 and since then has awarded grants and made donations to hundreds of worthy causes and organisations and thousands of individuals involved in many varied projects both at home and abroad.

The Vardy Foundation supports a wide variety of social and community and youth projects. The trust makes grants to organisations with charitable purposes, particularly those involved with Christianity.

Applicants are invited to write letter direct to the Foundation explaining what their organisation does and how much they are seeking from the foundation. Sir Peter Vardy and his trustees consider applications on a rolling programme and a decision is normally made in 4—6 weeks. For more information contact:

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The Tudor Trust

The Tudor Trust aims to support work which addresses the social, emotional and financial needs of people at the margins of society, and is particularly interested in helping smaller, under-resourced organisations which offer direct services and which involve the people they work with in their planning. New funding guidelines have recently been announced by the Trust for 2009 to 2011. Although the Trust will still make grants across their established funding areas (youth, older people, community, relationships, housing, mental health, substance misuse, learning, financial security and criminal justice) they are also open to hearing about work in areas they have not funded before. The new funding guidelines do not focus on specific themes or programmes, instead they support a wide range of people and organisations working to achieve lasting change in their communities. The Trust is interested in how organisations tackle the needs of people at the margins of society and the root causes of need. They aim to encourage growth, progression and development, and not just keep things as they are.

The Tudor Trust prefers to focus on smaller groups and is more likely to fund those with an annual turnover of less than £1 million. The characteristics the Trust look for when making grants include:

- Organisations which are embedded in and have developed out of their community, whether the local area or a 'community of interest'
- Organisations providing direct services to marginalised people
- Organisations working across sectors and boundaries (whether actual or perceived)
- A focus on building stronger communities by overcoming isolation and fragmentation and encouraging inclusion, connection and integration

There is no maximum or minimum grant amount and grants are usually made over one, two or three years. Grants can be used for core funding (including salaries and running costs), development funding, project funding or capital funding for buildings or equipment.

The Trust receives many more applications than they will ever be able to fund, so have introduced a two-stage application process to reduce the time, effort and resources organisations spend on their first approach to them. The first-stage proposal is intended to help the Trust understand what sort of organisation is applying and why they are doing the work they are doing. A first stage proposal must include:

- An introductory letter, of no more than one side of A4, on the organisation's letterhead
- A completed organisation details sheet which can be downloaded from the website
- A copy of the most recent annual accounts, and annual report if one is produced

The Trust aims to let applicants know if they are being invited to submit a second stage application within a month. Unsuccessful applicants must wait at least 12 months after the date of the refusal letter to re-apply.

Applicants who go through to the second stage will be contacted by a member of the Grants Team to discuss the next steps. Although the chances of success are significantly higher at this stage, being invited to develop a second-stage application does not guarantee that a grant will be made.

For further information visit www.tudortrust.org.uk or contact:

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