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Tees Valley Funding Opportunities

Banks Community Fund (Darlington)

Source: FINE
Type of funder: Company / charity
Open to: VCSE (charitable, educational, philanthropic or benevolent in purpose)
Funding: Capital. Normally up to £5,000; higher sometimes considered
Deadline: None

The Banks Community Fund supports local environmental and community improvement projects in the areas surrounding The Banks Group's operations. In Tees Valley this is the following areas of Darlington only:

- Sadberge
- Barmpton
- Bishopton
- Great Stainton
- Little Stainton
- North East Darlington

County Durham Community Foundation (CDCF) administers The Banks Community Fund on behalf of The Banks Group.

Grants are awarded to groups which are located within close proximity of a current or proposed Banks Group operation and whose projects aim to ensure an attractive and 'liveable' environment, and contribute to tackling global environmental challenges at a local level. Grants will assist with:

- protecting biodiversity
- energy-saving measures
- developing or improving outdoor spaces
- tackling global challenges at a local level
- ensuring the improvement and maintenance of sport and community facilities
- supporting improvements to facilities to overcome physical disabilities

Facilities must be open and accessible to the public, without restriction, at least 104 days of the year (approx. 3 evenings a week).

The Expression of Interest form can be downloaded from CDCF's website - **http://www.cdcf.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/grants-for-groups/banks-community-fund**; those successful at this stage will then be invited to submit a full application.

They strongly recommend that groups contact Clare Johnson, Grants Officer, to discuss their idea before submitting an Expression. Clare can be contacted on 0191 378 6342 / **clare@bankscommunityfund.org.uk**. For more information visit **www.bankscommunityfund.org.uk**

CDCF call for Darlington applications / Darlington Champions (Darlington)

Source: FINE
Type of funder: Charity
Open to: VCSE (not-for-profit)
Funding: Normally up to £2,500 - £3,000. For up to one year
Deadline: None

County Durham Community Foundation (CDCF) are encouraging more applications from Darlington groups. They administer several funds which they can draw upon to provide funding to groups. One example is Darlington Champions, which:

- helps people trying to raise themselves out of poverty
- provides opportunities for the disadvantaged
- champions people to excel in their chosen field

They support children, the elderly and homeless as well as community regeneration projects.

CDCF cannot fund the following:

- Projects outside County Durham and Darlington
- Groups that have more than one year's running costs held as free reserves
- Projects which should be funded by a statutory body
- Sponsored events
- National or regional charities with no independent office in County Durham or Darlington
- Improvements to land that is not open to the general public at convenient hours
- Projects promoting political activities
- Deficit or retrospective funding
- Faith groups promoting religious, non-community based activities

Groups should apply on the standard CDCF form (except for the Banks Community Fund – see relevant entry in this bulletin). CDCF also holds a number of funds that support **individuals**. In particular they have funds that support people with Cerebral Palsy and young people who are or have been in care.

For more information visit **http://www.cdcf.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant** or call 0191 378 6340.

Funding for individuals: John T Shuttleworth Ropner Memorial Endowment Fund (Tees Valley)

Source: Direct / FINE
Type of funder: Charity
Open to: Individuals; see text
Funding: Up to £1,000. One grant per family each financial year.
Deadline: None

This fund, administered by County Durham Community Foundation and open to individuals across the Tees valley area, provides grants to ill, elderly or disabled individuals and their carers in need of respite care (i.e. a holiday) or who need temporary support following hospitalisation, a bereavement or because of dependency treatment.

Applicants must live in one of the following areas: Stockton, Thornaby on Tees, Redcar, Middlesbrough, Hartlepool or Darlington.

Applicants must fit **at least one** of the following criteria

- Recently discharged from hospital
- Have a long-term illness
- Being treated for a dependency (drink/drugs/eating disorder etc)
- Carer for a disabled or sick person, and be under some physical or mental strain yourself, or
- Recently bereaved of a partner or dependent child

In addition, applicants must fit **all** the criteria below:

- Unable to fund the request themselves
- Have exhausted all statutory funding or support available
- Savings totalling less than £16,000

Funding can cover the following:

- Recuperative or respite care (i.e. a break for the person who is ill or disabled, or for their family, or for them all to go away together), including travel costs up to £100
- Short-term help for people discharged from hospital (e.g. home help, cleaning)
- Exceptional costs following bereavement of a partner/dependent child (e.g. extra childcare or home help)
- Travel and accommodation for individuals undergoing dependency treatment at a clinic or centre away from their place of residence, and for their families

The following will not be funded:

- Holidays which have already been booked or reserved (applicants must provide a quote for holidays / activities, but must **not** have paid for or booked / reserved anything otherwise their application will be considered retrospective and will not be considered)
- Medical equipment / treatment / nursing care
- Anything that is the responsibility of Social Services or the NHS to provide
- Holidays costing a substantial amount of money – for example, if an applicant can afford to pay £2,000 of a £3,000 holiday and request £1,000 from the Fund it is unlikely that they will be successful as they will be considered able to afford a lower cost holiday without the aid of the Fund

Priority will be given to first time applicants and those successful cannot reapply within twelve months of receiving an award. Applicants must provide a reference from a GP, Community Nurse or Social Worker who knows them and is happy to discuss your request. Applications should be made at least three months before the applicants wants to go on holiday.

For more information visit **http://www.cdcf.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/grants-for-individuals/stanhope-castle-charitable-trust** or contact Brenda Dye, Grants Manager, on 0191 378 6340 / **brenda@cdcf.co.uk**

Funding for individuals: Stanhope Castle Charitable Endowment Trust (Tees Valley)

Source: Direct / FINE
Type of funder: Charity
Open to: Individuals; see text
Funding: Up to £1,000 (see text), up to 3 years, one grant per financial year per individual
Deadline: None

This fund, administered by County Durham Community Foundation and open to individuals across the Tees valley area, is for young people (under 25) who either

- are / have been in the care of, looked after or under a Supervision Order to the local authority in the following areas for a minimum of six months:
    - County Durham, Darlington, Hartlepool, Redcar & Cleveland, Middlesbrough, Stockton, Gateshead, South Tyneside or Sunderland

or

- who come under Section 17(10) of the Children Act 1989 and live in the above areas

Grants are available to support educational and training activities including:

- educational or tuition (including university) fees
- study aids or equipment (up to £500)
- training courses
- bursaries to pay for young people to participate in their chosen field
- driving or motorbike lessons (maximum contribution £250) where the applicant can prove either an extensive interest in car or motorbike mechanics or have been offered employment for which a driving licence is needed (not including needing a car just for commuting)
- educational trips will be considered but not Operation Raleigh type support

Applicants should have explored and exhausted all available statutory sources of funding and provision before applying. Applications from a number of young people who wish to undertake activities together and can demonstrate why they should be considered as a group will also be considered. The application must be completed by the individual applying for the grant wherever possible. Applicants must also include a reference from a social worker or professional advisor.

For more information visit **http://www.cdcf.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/grants-for-individuals/stanhope-castle-charitable-trust** or contact Brenda Dye, Grants Manager, on 0191 378 6340 / **brenda@cdcf.co.uk**

Impetus Environmental Trust (Stockton-on-Tees, Middlesbrough, Redcar & Cleveland)

Source: Direct / FINE
Type of funder: Charity
Open to: VCS (Constituted)
Funding: Varies
Deadline: None specified

Impetus Environmental Trust has funding available and is calling for applications. The Trust is an environmental body distributing Landfill Communities Fund monies. They are seeking sport, environmental, public and communal projects within Stockton-on-Tees, Middlesbrough and Redcar & Cleveland who need funding to establish or improve projects.

Since 2006 the Trust has awarded around £3m to eligible projects including:

- Billingham - Multi Use Games Areas - £212,300
- Thornaby / Ingleby Barwick - Multi Use Games Areas - £135,000
- Friends of Hemlington Lane - Fishing platforms - £20,000

For more information contact Nicky Graves on 01642 673 313 (AM) / **impetus.trust@btconnect.com**

Prior Information Notice: User Led Abstinence Service (Middlesbrough)

Source: Supply2health / FINE
Buyer: North East Procurement Service / Safer Middlesbrough Partnership
Respond by: N/A (PIN application form)

Please note: this is a Prior information Notice and not a tendering opportunity at this stage; the buyer is not under obligation to commission for this service in the future.

North East Procurement Service, on behalf of the Safer Middlesbrough Partnership (SMP), propose to commission a user-led Abstinence Support Service. This service will be at the core of the Middlesbrough's recovery model and will offer services to both mainstream clients and also criminal justice clients who have been identified through, and meet the criteria of, the Drugs Intervention Programme. This service's core philosophy must be focused on promoting the abstinence element of the recovery process and the employment/involvement of ex-service users. Feedback from local service users is that, especially in relation to abstinence based services, these should be staffed and resourced by persons with experience of addiction and of using local providers.

The main objectives will be to:

- assist service users to remain healthy, until, with appropriate support, he or she can achieve abstinence and maintain recovery
- ensure that there are a range of internal and external (Mutual Aid) support processes within the local recovery community
- ensure the culture of abstinence is integrated into local recovery model and clients move towards abstinence based support when appropriate
- ensure that the service is managed by local ex-service users wherever appropriate and maximises local opportunity for employment of ex-service users through its own internal staffing policies
- ensure that full use is made of volunteering/peer mentoring opportunities to increase local client support and through this create training and development opportunities for ex service users

For more information and to respond visit
http://www.supply2health.nhs.uk/CPI/Lists/S2HNotificationsList/DispForm.aspx?ID=2

Santander Charity of the Year partnership (Teesside)

Source: UK Fundraising / FINE
Type of funder: Charity
Open to: Registered UK charity with national coverage
Funding: see text
Deadline: 30th June 2011; opens 1st May

Santander is looking for a national charity to become its Charity of the Year partner for 2012, and aims to raise £500,000 to fund a specific project. Santander is keen to receive proposals from national charities which have a **regional focus** in some or all of the following areas: Belfast, Bradford, Camden, Glasgow, Leicester, Liverpool, Milton Keynes, Sheffield and **Teesside**.

Charities should be able to provide innovative fundraising campaigns and volunteering opportunities for both branch and head office sites. Charities should give details of a project - or projects - that would be solely funded by Santander, together with a detailed fundraising calendar which the charity believes would appeal to a broad range of staff.

Six charities will be selected for presentations in August, after which four will be shortlisted for the staff vote in September. The winner will be announced in October. Proposals should be no more than three sides of A4. Applications should be emailed to **Community@santander.co.uk**. For more information visit **www.aboutsantander.co.uk/csr/communities/charity-of-the-year**

Stockton Borough Community Fund

Source: FINE
Type of funder: Charity
Open to: VCSE
Funding: Up to £500
Deadline: None; panel will meet monthly

This new fund administered by Tees Valley Community Foundation is now open for applications. The Foundation has entered into an agreement with Stockton Borough Council whereby dormant and ineffective charitable trusts previously held within the Council have been released to the Foundation under an initiative sanctioned by the Charity Commission. Small grants are available to support small community projects / activities for groups operating in Stockton-on-Tees (e.g. arts & crafts, educational trips, keep-fit classes, walking trips, etc)

For more information and to apply visit **http://www.teesvalleyfoundation.org/grants/stockton-borough-community-fund/** or contact the Foundation on 01642 260 860 / **info@teesvalleyfoundation.org**

Tender opportunity: Level 2 Intermediate Stop Smoking Support Service within County Durham and Darlington

Source: Supply2health / FINE
Buyer: North East Procurement Service / NHS County Durham & Darlington
Respond by: 1st July 2011 (expression of interest)

The North East Procurement Service on behalf of NHS County Durham and Darlington are seeking applications from interested providers to provide a programme of stop smoking support and treatment that includes

- identifying smokers and offer support
- deliver support by staff trained to NHS Centre for Smoking Cessation and Training (NHS CSCT) standards
- deliver support and enable access to appropriate pharmacotherapy
- collect mandatory data for each client seen
- offer weekly support for a least the first four weeks
- refer smokers on to level 3 service where appropriate
- achieve the minimum 4 week quitters

The Service is designed to support the Tobacco Action Plans of NHS County Durham and Darlington by providing appropriate and evidence based support for smokers who want to quit. Providers will deliver a service that achieves quitters that contribute to the PCTs Vital Signs 4-week quitters:

- minimum of 30 quitters per year
- quit rate between 35% - 70%
- achieve CO validation of 85%
- seek service user feedback (using standard questionnaire)
- contributing to reducing health inequalities by targeting priority groups

For more information and to respond visit **http://www.cdd.nhs.uk/north-east-procurement-service/any-qualified-provider-opportunities/smoking-cessation**

Tender Opportunity: Team Around Secondary School Support Team (Hartlepool)

Source: ProContract / FINE
Buyer: Hartlepool Borough Council
Respond by: 20th June 2011

This is an opportunity to provide a service responsive to the needs of identified young people aged 11-16 (or groups of) who have additional support needs that must be met if they are to progress in school and maintain their place in home, school and community.

The service will be expected to be able to provide assertive outreach and centre based provision as required. They will provide project-based and individual-based interventions identified and allocated by the Youth Offending Preventions Team and linked to the Team Around the Secondary School Programme, including an outreach element within the community directed by the Social Behaviour Unit.

Suitable providers may include small and medium sized enterprises, voluntary and community organisations and similar organisations. Prospective providers must demonstrate experience of, and commitment to, providing a high quality, cost effective service. It is anticipated that the service will commence on 1st October 2011 for a period of one year with the possibility of an extension for a further 6 months. The estimated cost will be £150,000 - £220,000 per annum.

For more information and to respond visit
https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/frm_opportunity?openForm&contract_id=CONTRACT-QTLE-8H5HFM&search_id=PLAN-SCHQTLE-8HEGTF&org_id=ORG-QTLE-75FCXQ&from=

Other Funding Opportunities

BBC Performing Arts Fund - Community Dance

Source: FINE
Type of funder: Charity
Open to: Not-for-profit. Performances must be open to public
Funding: £500 - £5,000. Anticipate around 100 grants to be made with average award substantially less than maximum allowed. Does not need to be sole funder
Deadline: 12th July 2011

The BBC Performing Arts Fund aims to support aspiring individuals and community groups who, for reasons of lack of existing support, personal background or circumstance, would not have been able to achieve their greatest potential. Through this new programme grants will allow groups to carry out training, attract new audiences, encourage new members and raise their profile in their communities. The Fund wants to encourage groups to take on more challenging projects through commissions and encouraging collaboration with professional artists and other local organisations. Ultimately, they want to encourage a wider audience for, and participation in, the UK community dance sector. Examples of projects that may be funded include the following:

- Send key members on a training course
- Run workshops with the intention of encouraging new members
- Engage experts to provide master classes
- Create a performance partnership with another group in the community
- Try out a new and ambitious way of performing
- Commissioning new work

Projects should

- demonstrate in their application that the group will develop their skills, raise their aspirations and help them gain new audiences, new members and a higher profile in their community
- begin from September 1st 2011 and be completed by the end of August 2012
- demonstrate new ways of performing, stretch the group, have innovative marketing ideas and/or undertake new community work

Projects will score more highly if they are able to show social benefit, such as bringing communities together, improving community cohesion, or working with other community groups. Funding will cover professional fees and costs associated with the project over and above normal expenditure. It will not pay for normal running costs, capital items or visits to other performances and competitions.

For more information visit
http://www.bbc.co.uk/performingartsfund/grants/communitydance or email **performingartsfund@bbc.co.uk**

Bodfach Trust (UK)

Source: FINE
Type of funder: Charity
Open to: VCSE
Funding: Generally up to £500
Deadline: 31st August 2011

The Bodfach Trust is a family trust based in Montgomeryshire, Mid-Wales. The Trust makes grants in the following areas:

- Affordable housing
- Care for the elderly
- Helping young people
- Preservation of old buildings
- Green spaces and public parks

Practical support is also provided to charities through advice and active involvement in the charities' activities. The Trust is particularly keen to act as a catalyst via matched funding and to support smaller organisations. For more information visit **http://www.bodfachtrust.org.uk/index.php** or contact 020 7976 5785 / **trust@bodfach.com**

Friends Provident Foundation – Financial Inclusion Programme (UK)

Source: SYFAB / FINE
Type of funder: Charity
Open to: Any legally independent organisation, work that is charitable and for public benefit
Funding: Normally no more than £200,000
Deadline: 5th August 2011

The Foundation funds work that will clearly make a strategic contribution to their goals; this means that they will not fund work that only delivers financial inclusion services to individuals or groups in local communities or only to defined communities of interest. They will fund work under the following outcomes:

- Universal banking access: identification of viable models for community-focused banking services, along with sustainable sources of capital and an appropriate regulatory framework. Examples include banking-related campaigns, the development of business plans/ feasibility studies for alternatives, think pieces and reflection
- Increasing savings: helping low-income groups to build savings, as a way to help combat poverty and develop future personal autonomy. Examples include research on savings, exploratory reviews of different models, think pieces, pilot approaches

- Clarification of the role of affordable credit in building greater financial inclusion: there are still questions about the role of credit in our society and these should be explored and clarified. Examples include further thinking on these themes, practical pilots of lending models that meet needs of low-income people, evaluations of lending practices and impact

For more information visit **http://www.friendsprovidentfoundation.org/** or contact on 0845 268 3388 / **foundation.enquiries@friendsprovident.co.uk**

Funding for disabled people's organisations (England)

Source: GrantsOnline / FINE
Type of funder: Government
Open to: User-led organisations (ULOs)
Funding: Not yet specified
Deadline: Not yet specified; opens July 2011

£3 million extra funding has been announced by the Department for Work and Pensions for disabled people's grassroots organisations to help better deliver services that disabled people really need.

ULOs will have the chance to bid for the extra funding for specific projects that will make a significant difference to their development and sustainability.

The fund will be discretionary and ULOs will have a say in how it will be administered and what the criteria for receiving a grant will be. The Minister for Disabled People, Maria Miller, is appealing for ambassadors in each region to promote disabled people's organisations and share their skills and experience to help local organisations to become even more successful. The Minister is also appealing for talented individuals from private businesses, voluntary organisations and other charities to support the scheme by sharing their skills and expertise in areas such as HR, business planning, financial management and IT.

For more information visit **http://www.dwp.gov.uk/newsroom/press-releases/2011/may-2011/dwp045-11.shtml**

Jeans for Genes (UK)

Source: Grants Online / FINE
Type of funder: Charity
Open to: See text
Funding amount: See text
Deadline: 30th September 2011 (opens 1st July)

Jeans for Genes raises funds for research into serious genetic disorders affecting thousands of children such as cystic fibrosis, haemophilia and sickle cell. Funds also provide laboratory equipment and facilities, as well as advice and support for families. As well as welcoming applications from registered UK charities working to support children and families affected by genetic disorders, they encourage applications from groups that aren't registered as a UK charity but whose submission is endorsed by a medical professional. Charities or support groups applying for grants of more than £5,000 will be invited to present to an independent panel in London later in the year.

Previous projects funded include Ataxia UK, who used funding from Jeans for Genes to fund the production of a booklet and film for teenagers, and a booklet for parents and carers of children with ataxia and Herefordshire Learning Disability Trust, which used its grant to fund 17 places at a summer holiday club to benefit children with genetic conditions plus a further 13 places for able-bodied children.

For more information visit
http://www.jeansforgenesgrantprogramme.org/applyforagrant or contact on **admin@jeansforgenesgrantprogramme.com** / 020 7199 3300

LankellyChase Foundation - Arts Programme (UK)

Source: FINE / Grants Online
Type of funder: Charity
Open to: Registered charities, industrial and provident societies, exempt charities and community interest companies or organisations applying for charitable status
Funding: Generally £10,000 - £15,000 a year; up to three years
Deadline: None; meet six times a year

The Foundation is inviting applications from arts based organisations through their Arts Programme. The two areas open to application are:
Unlocking Creativity - Arts and Severe Mental Ill Health

- Exploring the use of the arts in promoting the recovery of patients detained due to severe psychiatric illness
- More work is needed to establish the nature of the impact of the arts on psychiatric patients and to persuade some medical practitioners that this is more than an optional extra in their work with the severely mentally ill

- Applications are invited from arts based charities wishing to offer the best possible standard of arts activities to those who are in medium and high security psychiatric hospitals

Young People and the Arts

- Funds for organisations offering excellent art experiences to vulnerable 11 to 21 year olds - for example young carers, those excluded from school, those leaving care, those at risk of offending and young people struggling with addiction, mental illness and the limitations imposed by poverty
- Organisations carrying out this work should be arts based and must offer young people the best participatory experience possible aiming to move the participants from a negative to a positive world view

During the financial year ending 31st March 2009 the Foundation made 171 grants with a total value of £5,595,300.

Examples of grants made to North East organisations included:

- Hextol Foundation - £45,000
- Lawnmowers Independent Theatre Company, Gateshead - £45,000
- Cleveland Housing Advice Centre - £15,000
- West End Refugee Service, Newcastle - £30,000
- Gateshead Visible Ethnic Minorities Support Group - £15,300
- STAMP - £46,500

Application forms and guidance notes are available by contacting the Foundation, or can be downloaded from the website. Prospective applicants are welcome to telephone the Foundation if they have any enquiries before making their application.

For more information and to access application material visit **http://www.lankellychase.org.uk/programmes/2** or contact on 01235 820 044 / **enquiries@lankellychase.org.uk**

Lush Charity Pot (UK / International)

Source: FINE
Type of funder: Charity
Open to: See text
Funding: Up to £10,000, average £3,000
Deadline: None

Ethical beauty company Lush uses sales of its Charity Pot moisturiser to fund charities and other good causes, donating the full price paid by the customer (except VAT). In the last financial year they donated £340,000.

Lush like to look after those who look after others and are committed to supporting small, grassroots charities, non-violent direct action groups and other good causes working in the following areas:

- Environment
- Animal protection
- Human rights

Although these are the main areas, any group will be considered providing they:

- are not involved in any way with animal testing or any other practices harmful to animals
- are committed to non-violent action if a direct action group (protests and demonstrations, non-cooperation and other non-violent interventions)
- are environmentally responsible
- are respectful of human rights.

Most groups funded have annual incomes of less than £250,000 and most are substantially smaller than this and run predominantly by volunteers. Priority is given to less popular causes which are more difficult to raise funds for; with this in mind the following are not a priority:

- health charities
- social welfare
- religious causes
- children / young people
- military related causes
- disaster relief

They will not fund religious organisations or student expeditions, contribute to sponsored walks or other fundraising initiatives or sponsor events. Generally they don't fund films apart from exceptional cases.

They particularly look for projects that create long-term change; for example, they would always choose to fund a project that aims to stop cruelty to animals over one that rescues and re-homes them. They therefore strongly prioritise and give larger grants to projects which aim to change opinion and behaviour through raising awareness of issues, activism, education and campaigning. They also look for projects that promote and implement real, positive solutions to the world's problems. They are looking for initiatives that have the potential to benefit many rather than just a few individuals.

To request an application pack email **charitypot@lush.co.uk** with the subject "application form request" and give a brief description of the organisation and the project (just a couple of paragraphs). For more information visit **http://www.lush.co.uk/index.php?route=articles/mycms&project_id=10&tree_id=106-10091&load=our-charity-support/guidelines** or, if the answer is not within the Guidelines, email Sophie on **sophie.pritchard@lush.co.uk** or call 01202 667 830/ 0772 579 0474.

North East England Investment Centre

Source: FINE
Type of funder: Government
Open to: SMEs (including VCSE)
Funding: Varies
Deadline: See text

Please note: some of these funds are due to close soon and so applicants are encouraged to contact Business Link as soon as possible to discuss their options

The North East England Investment Centre (NEEIC) are encouraging more applications. NEEIC supports entrepreneurs and businesses by making impartial public sector investment decisions to promote business sustainability and growth across North East England. The Centre is part of Business Link and offers a range of investment support to help new and established firms looking to grow and diversify, for example:

- **Intensive Start-Up Support** - for new businesses which have been trading for up to six months. Aims to remove the barriers to starting up and improve survival rates of new businesses
- **Starting a High Growth Business** - helps new businesses with the potential to achieve an annual turnover of £500,000 within three years of trading. Available to businesses that have been trading for up to six months and for people thinking about starting a business within six months
- **Innovation, Advice and Guidance** - Supports existing businesses to identify opportunities, implement change and become more innovative, competitive and more profitable
- **The Flexible Skills Fund** - encourages Higher Level skills and training, defined as NVQ Level 4 or equivalents and above
- **Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE)** - targeted at farm based investments that:
    - improve the economic efficiency and profitability of the farm in relation to time saved or reduced production costs
    - promotes modernisation
    - supports and improves animal health and welfare
    - improves profitability through sustainable farming practices
- **Middlesbrough Over The Threshold** - to provide proactive and intensive support to businesses based in the Middlesbrough Working Neighbourhood Fund (WNF) ward post code areas to address the enterprise deficit by stimulating growth
- **Innovation Vouchers** - helps businesses to buy expertise from universities, colleges and selected private providers. Vouchers can be used to research and develop new products or services

Businesses should contact Business Link for an initial discussion. Contact 0845 600 9006 or email **updates@be-ne.co.uk**.
http://www.vonne.org.uk/news/news_article.php?offset=1&id=1519

ScottishPower Energy People Trust (UK)

Source: SYFAB / FINE
Type of funder: Charity
Open to: Charities / not-for-profit
Funding: Up to £100,000
Deadline: 19th July 2011

Organisations working to alleviate fuel poverty can apply to the Trust for funding in four areas - projects should meet one of these areas or a combination of them:

- Crisis funding - examples include helping women and children who need emergency accommodation or vulnerable young people setting up home
- Income maximisation - examples include carrying out benefits checks to help households not claiming all their entitlement, or helping people not eligible for government grants because they do not receive the qualifying benefit
- Energy efficiency measures and advice - examples include improving home energy efficiency through draught proofing, insulating and offering advice
- Research - examples include projects that aim to understand the link between fuel poverty and health

Priority is given to projects helping families with young children and young people. All projects, except those funded under research, should include energy efficiency advice and/or home energy efficiency measures and all projects must clearly be working with fuel poverty as the primary purpose (not just as an add on). For more information visit **www.energypeopletrust.com/content/default.asp** or contact on 0141 568 3492 / **SPEnergyPeopleTrust@ScottishPower.com**

Swim21 - British Gas Club Grant (UK)

Source: SYFAB / FINE
Type of funder: Partnership
Open to: swim21 accredited clubs (or working towards)
Funding: Up to £1,000
Deadline: 15th August 2011

Under the British Gas Club Grant eligible clubs can access funding for club development such as the training of Level 2/3 teachers and coaches, access to 50m pool training facilities and funding to pay for expert coaching help.

swim21 accredited clubs can apply for up to £1,000 for activities such as

- developing the club workforce
- 50m pool training
- marketing
- specialists
- increasing club membership by offering an alternative discipline

Those working towards accreditation can apply for up to £500 to assist them in the process, for example through facilitating a buddy system or provision of an online support package.

Applications must be aligned with the club's action plan and grants will be awarded based on submissions detailing how the club will develop.

For more information visit **http://www.swimming.org/asa/clubs-and-members/british-gas-club-grant-scheme/**

Truemark Trust (UK)

Source: Grantsnet / FINE
Type of funder: Charity
Open to: Small charitable organisations
Funding amount: Average is around £2,000
Deadline: None; reviewed quarterly

The Trust makes grants to charitable organisations for the relief of social distress and disadvantage.

Donations are mostly made to small local charities with preference for neighbourhood based community projects and for innovative work with less popular groups.

In the year ending April 2010, the Trust made 126 grants totalling £289,000 at an average grant size of £2,294. Examples of recipients include

- Keep Talking
- Lincolnshire Neurological Alliance
- Positive Action on Cancer
- Southwick & Monkwearmouth Community Transport
- Teesdale Disability Access Forum
- Volunteer Action
- National Federation of Spiritual Healers

For more information visit **http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/Showcharity/RegisterOfCharities/DocumentList.aspx?RegisteredCharityNumber=265855&SubsidiaryNumber=0&DocType=AccountList** or write to P.O. Box 2, Liss, Hampshire. GU33 6YP

Tees Valley Funding Information

Tees Valley Community Foundation news

Source: FINE

New trust
The Foundation have announced their acquisition of a £750,000 charitable trust. The Speck Walker Fund (formerley the Speck Walker Annuity Fund) was set up in 1903 and for many years awarded annuities to women who met the objects of the fund. Over recent years however the trustees of the charity had found it increasingly difficult to find applicants for the annuity payments due to the narrow scope of the charity's objects. Following discussions with the Charity Commission, the objects of the fund were widened and trusteeship and assets of the charity were passed to the Foundation. The fund now forms part of the Foundation's Endowment Fund and grants are being awarded from the fund on a regular basis.

Grants awarded 2010-11
Unaudited figures for the year ended 31st March 2011 show that grant awards totalling £776,546 were made to 408 groups and individuals. The top three grant giving funds, together with their grant giving activity, were:

- Grassroots Grants £293,811 - 102 awards
- Active at 60 £73,728 - 32 awards
- Endowment Funds - £355,340 - 223 awards

New donations
In March the Foundation announced a record year for new donations, having secured a record £2 million of local donations.

Educational Bursaries (Tees Valley)
The Foundation is reminding students from Tees Valley (and surrounding areas) starting university in autumn 2011 that the deadline for applying for an edicational bursary is 30th June. Up to £1,500 per annum per student is available over a 3 year course. Subjects include: Law; Science, Engineering, Mathematics; Business, Economics and Account.

http://www.teesvalleyfoundation.org/

Other Funding Information

Big Lottery Fund – revenue applications

Source: FINE

BIG is now expecting potential applicants to:

- consider the range of income sources available before submitting an application (e.g. loans, income generation, fundraising, reserves, collaboration etc). Match funding, however, is not a requirement
- look at what other work is being done in the area / neighbourhood and consider partnership / collaborative working; it is unlikely that BIG will invest in projects where significantly similar work already exists in the area or where they think a partnership approach would be more effective

http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/

Giving White Paper - funding for infrastructure

Source: FINE

For clarification on the £30 million funding for infrastructure announced in the Giving White Paper (see NYCU Issue # 11):

The funding appears to be a re-branding of the volunteering infrastructure / volunteering match funding announced previously in the Giving Green Paper and, like the Green Paper, is focused on giving both time and money.

From the White Paper:

"The *Giving Green Paper* announced over £80 million of funding over the next four years for volunteering infrastructure and a volunteering match fund. Since then, careful consideration has been given to how best this investment should be spent, especially given the funding environment that community groups, charities and social entrepreneurs are operating in. That is why we are investing both in improving the efficiency of existing infrastructure to support giving, and in new models that have the potential to radically change the ways in which people give. We want to help existing infrastructure to modernise. We will be providing £30 million for a local infrastructure fund that will establish integrated local support services for frontline civil society organisations in England; in order to build new social norms and scale up some of the best ideas for engaging people"

The Fund will be delivered by Big Lottery, who hope to launch the programme in July; it aims to modernise and improve the relevance of services and will be open to general and volunteering infrastructure organisations.
http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/resource-library/giving-white-paper

Youth Music

Source: Funding Insight / FINE

Youth Music has announced major changes to their funding programme due to the current economic climate:

- Their new funding model will be structured around modules rather than programmes, enabling more flexibility and responsiveness
- The majority of funds will be accessed via an open application process and will facilitate practice sharing and the development of a national community of providers
- The current Open Programme funding Stream will **close this month**
    - The current programme provides grants of £5,000 to £30,000 to support projects that provide music-making activities for children and young people
    - Eligible organisations have until the **27th June 2011** to apply
- Further details of the new funding model will be announced in July 2011, and the new model will launch by September (regional workshops will be held in September to provide advice and guidance)

http://www.youthmusic.org.uk/musicispower/Grants.html

Events and Training

eVOLution Darlington: Meet the Funders

When: 23rd June 2011, 11am – 3pm
Where: Darlington Fire Safety Centre (off Park Place) DL1 5LR
Cost: Free (plus lunch)

The eVOLution development team have arranged a 'Meet the Funders' event, which aims to provide an opportunity to drop in and meet representatives from various funding bodies. The event will operate as an open drop in where people can call in and have a chat with any of the funders.

Confirmed to attend include:

- BIG Lottery fund
- Heritage Lottery Fund
- Tees Valley Sport
- Arts Council
- Sherburn House Charity
- Entrust (loans)
- Funding Information North East

For more information, or to book a place please contact Vicky on 01325 266888 or e-mail **vicky.blakey@evolutiondarlington.com** For catering purposes, confirm attendance to Vicky by Friday 17th June, and notify of any dietary requirements.

Closing dates

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Jun 20	Tender Opportunity: Team Around Secondary School Support Team **https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/frm_opportunity?openForm&contract_id=CONTRACT-QTLE-8H5HFM&search_id=PLAN-SCHQTLE-8HEGTF&org_id=ORG-QTLE-75FCXQ&from=**
Jun 30	Santander Charity of the Year partnership **www.aboutsantander.co.uk/csr/communities/charity-of-the-year**
Jun 30	Educational Bursaries http://www.teesvalleyfoundation.org/
Jul 01	Tender opportunity: Level 2 Intermediate Stop Smoking Support Service within County Durham and Darlington **http://www.cdd.nhs.uk/north-east-procurement-service/any-qualified-provider-opportunities/smoking-cessation**
Jul 12	BBC Performing Arts Fund - Community Dance **http://www.bbc.co.uk/performingartsfund/grants/community dance**
Jul 19	ScottishPower Energy People Trust **www.energypeopletrust.com/content/default.asp**
Aug 5	Friends Provident Foundation – Financial Inclusion Programme **http://www.friendsprovidentfoundation.org/**
Aug 15	Swim21 - British Gas Club Grant **http://www.swimming.org/asa/clubs-and-members/british-gas-club-grant-scheme/**
Aug 31	Bodfach Trust **http://www.bodfachtrust.org.uk/index.php**
Sep 30	Jeans for Genes **http://www.jeansforgenesgrantprogramme.org/applyforagrant**