



OTHER AVENUES OF FUNDING, SUPPORT & ADVICE

This document lists possible sources of funding you may wish to investigate. It is not exhaustive, and you are advised to check with each organisation or funding body for the most up to date information and application deadlines.

Details of capacity building organisations funded by Liverpool City Council are also included, who will be able to help you with a range of issues including drawing up a fundraising strategy and governance.

To help you search for a particular keyword press Ctrl + F and enter your keyword e.g. 'music' into the search window.

Radio Merseyside Charitable Trust

The Radio Merseyside Charitable Trust awards grants and donations to organisations and associations that establish a clear need within the BBC Radio Merseyside broadcasting area.

www.bbc.co.uk/liverpool/content/articles/2006/07/21/radiomerseyside_rmct_feature.shtml

The Showcase of Fundraising Innovation and Inspiration - sofii.org

A new website has been set up to provide fundraisers everywhere with a comprehensive, easily accessible archive of the best fundraising creativity from around the world. All the information on www.sofii.org has been compiled to inform, guide and help fundraisers when preparing their own fundraising strategies, campaigns and promotions.

V

V is an independent charity championing youth volunteering in England who are investing in an expansion in the number of available opportunities – short-term, part-time and full-time – and in a new national framework for volunteering to increase the quality, quantity and diversity of volunteering opportunities for young people.

www.wearev.com Tel: 020 7960 7000

Nationwide Foundation

The Nationwide Foundation which works towards a just and caring society by enabling people to take part in building better futures in their communities is currently accepting applications for funding under its Small Grants Programme. Under the programme grants of up to £5,000 are available to registered charities with a yearly income of less than £500,000. The Small Grants Programme is part of Nationwide Foundation's Supporting Families programme and has the following aims; to promote the well-being of young men, women and children whose lives have been affected by domestic violence and to reduce the prevalence of domestic violence through increased service provision, education and awareness raising; to improve the quality of life of families with a member or members in prison, through the provision of services responsive to their needs; and to provide young people who are or have been involved with the criminal justice system with a rehabilitation programme designed to obtain the skills, confidence and personal support networks to enable them to lead fulfilled and successful lives. There is no application closing date for the Small Grants Programme. www.nationwidefoundation.org.uk

4 Innovation for the Public (4iP) Fund

Channel 4 has formed the 4 Innovation for the Public (4iP) fund to stimulate public service digital media (beyond television) across the UK. The 4iP Fund aims to deliver publicly valuable content and services on digital media platforms with significant impact and in sustainable ways, supporting new and emergent digital media companies in the UK. What does this mean? – The fund is there to support develop great ideas for websites, games and mobile services which help people improve their lives. www.4ip.org.uk

Community Foundation Merseyside

The Community Foundation for Merseyside works alongside major funders, individual donors and the business community to support local improvement projects inspired by local people. They have a link on this site for community arts grants on their home page under creative cash. They have a new 'Foundation Grants' leaflet and Project 'Good Ideas' leaflet downloadable from their website. www.cfmerseyside.org.uk Tel: 0151 966 4604

The VOLANT Charitable Trust

The Trust has two broad areas of funding:

- Research into the causes, treatment and possible cures of Multiple Sclerosis.
The Trust is currently committed to funding several long-term research projects of this type and is not considering further applications for funding in this area at the present time.
- Charities and projects, whether national or community-based, at home or abroad, that alleviate social deprivation, with a particular emphasis on women's and children's issues.

www.volanttrust.com

Cemex Community Fund

The CEMEX Community Fund is a grant-giving fund established by CEMEX under the Landfill Tax Credit Scheme. Its aim is to support sustainable local community and environmental projects within 3 miles of a CEMEX operation. Each year Cemex makes available grants of between £1,000 and £15,000 to support a small number of projects in England, Scotland and Wales. Support is available for projects which provide and maintain public parks and amenities when the work protects the social, built and/or natural environment; and repair, or restore buildings or structures which are of religious, historical or architectural interest.

Organisations wishing to apply, need to be enrolled as an Environmental Body with Entrust, the Regulator of the Landfill Community Fund. The deadline for applications is the 30th April 2009 for Stage 1 Expression of Interest forms. www.rmccf.org.uk

Positive Destinations

Positive Destinations is a UK wide £2 million grants programme that will be awarded to innovative and effective projects that have the potential to deliver positive outcomes to some of the most vulnerable children and young people in the UK. The programme will take place over three years and is aiming to award three large grants of around £500,000 each and three smaller grants which will have the remaining £500,000 divided between them. This programme is additional to BBC Children in Need's normal grants programme. www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey. Applications will be via an online application form only and will be selected according to Positive Destinations criteria.

The Foundation for Sport and the Arts

The Foundation for Sport and the Arts was established in 1991. We channel money originally donated by Littlewoods and other football pools companies to a wide range of sporting and artistic causes. Since 1991 we have awarded grants worth over £350 million. www.thefsa.net Tel: 0151 259 5505 Email: contact@thefsa.net

The Merseyside Funding Information Portal

A regularly updated online resource, that will give you all you need to know about funding your charitable or community work, whether you are an individual, community group, voluntary organisation, registered charity or social enterprise. www.mfip.org.uk

Arts Council England

www.artscouncil.org.uk Tel: 0845 300 6200/Textphone: 020 7973 6564

Paul Hamlyn Foundation

The Paul Hamlyn Foundation is an independent grant making body, funding organisations whose charitable activities help people to realise their potential and have a better quality of life. www.phf.org.uk Tel: 0207 227 3500

Clore Duffield Foundation

The Clore Performing Arts Awards fund performing arts education initiatives aimed at children and young people (aged 0 to 18) across the UK. The Awards will fund education programmes that cover every aspect of the performing arts including opera, dance, music, musical theatre, the spoken word and theatre.
www.cloreduffield.org.uk Tel: 0207 351 6061

Young Roots

Young Roots offers grants of between £3,000 and £25,000 for projects that involve 13 to 25 year-olds in finding out about their heritage, developing skills, building confidence and promoting community involvement. To receive a Young Roots grant a project must relate to the varied heritage of the UK and:

- Provide new opportunities for a wider range of young people aged 13 to 25 to learn about their own and other's

heritage;

- Allow young people to lead and take part in creative and engaging activities;
- Develop partnerships between youth organisations and heritage organisations; and
- Create opportunities to celebrate young people's achievements in the project and share their learning with the wider community.

To be eligible a project must also create either:

- Opportunities for young people to volunteer in heritage; or
- New opportunities for young people to gain skills in identifying, recording, interpreting or caring for heritage.

Young Roots is a rolling programme and there are no deadlines for applications.

www.hlf.org.uk/English/HowToApply/OurGrantGivingProgrammes/YoungRoots

It's Your Community

The Conservation Foundation and O2 have come together to operate this award scheme to help people improve their local environment. "Its Your Community" will provide awards of up to £1,000 to local organisations and individuals to support environmental projects such as turning derelict land into an amenity park or wildlife area, tree planting, creating a wildlife pond, renovating neglected river and canal footpaths, providing water butts and recycling facilities in village halls, etc. The fund is open to local amenity groups, parish and village councils, schools, youth clubs, heritage groups, environmental and conservation groups, and individuals who can show that their project will benefit their local environment. Applications can be made at any time.

www.itsyourcommunity.co.uk Tel: 0800 902 0250

Grassroots Grants

Grassroots Grants will run from 2008-2011 is divided into two parts: an £80 million small grants fund for community organisations; and a £50 million endowments programme to enable local funders to generate additional donations on a matched basis and invest them in endowments, thereby building their capacity to provide long-term funding for frontline community organisations. Local community groups in the Liverpool area should apply directly to their local funder: Liverpool Charity and Voluntary Services. www.lcvs.org.uk Tel: 0151 236 7728

Biffaward Small Grants Program

Biffaward, one of the largest landfill communities fund scheme has announced that they are now accepting applications through their small grants programme, for projects that enable communities to improve local amenities and to conserve wildlife. Grants are of between £250 and £5,000, but projects must not cost more than £10,000 in total. To be eligible projects must be site-based within ten miles of a Biffa operation and 10 miles of an active landfill. Biffaward seeks to support access and improvements to amenities such as furnishing community buildings; cycle paths; recreational facilities; playground equipment; park improvements; access improvements to nature reserves. They will not fund equipment or running costs. Some projects that have benefited from Biffawards small grants in the past are: Evigton village green, on the outskirts of Leicester; and Avon Wildlife Trust to make improvements to Willsbridge Valley Local Nature Reserve in Bristol. Applications can be submitted at any time.

www.biffaward.org/about/soverview

Changing Spaces: Community Spaces

The Community Spaces programme is run by Groundwork UK as part of the Big Lottery Fund's Changing Spaces programme. The programme funds community groups who want to improve local green spaces such as play areas, community gardens, parks, wildlife areas and village greens, kick-about areas and pathway improvements. All legally constituted community groups (e.g. Friends Groups, Tenants and Residents' Associations) can apply. Grants range from £10,000 to £450,000, with two grant bands: A small and medium grants programme for grants between £10,000 and £49,999 and a Flagship and large grants programme for grants between £50,000 and £450,000.

www.community-spaces.org.uk

Hilton in The Community Foundation

Organisations that work with young people have the opportunity to apply for grants of up to £50,000 per year through the Hilton Foundation. During 2006, the Foundation made grants totalling over £1.3m to numerous organisations including registered charities and schools for activities and projects that meet one of the Foundation's three chosen areas of focus:

- Young People – Education
- Young People – Health
- Disaster Relief and International Fund.

The next closing date for applications is the 5th May 2009. www.hilton-foundation.org.uk

Yapp Charitable Trust

The Yapp Charitable Trust makes small grants, for running costs and salaries, to small registered charities in England and Wales to help sustain their existing work. Eligible areas of work include: Elderly people, Children and Young People (5-25), People with disabilities or mental health problems, People trying to overcome life-limiting problems of a social, rather than medical, origin – such as addiction, relationship difficulties, abuse, a history of offending, Education and learning (with particular focus on people who are educationally disadvantaged, whether children or adults). www.yappcharitabletrust.org.uk

John Ellerman Foundation

www.ellerman.org.uk/pages/aboutustext.htm

Children, Young People and Families Grants Programme

A national programme funding work to improve outcomes for children, young people and families in England. Open to voluntary, charitable and not-for-profit organisations doing work of national significance that supports government initiatives such as Every Child Matters. www.everychildmatters.gov.uk/strategy/voluntaryandcommunity/cypfgrant/

The Elephant Trust

The Elephant Trust was created in 1975 by Roland Penrose and Lee Miller with a view to develop and improve the knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the fine arts in the United Kingdom. The Trust was set up to make it possible for artists and those presenting their work to undertake and complete projects when frustrated by lack of funds. It is committed to helping artists and institutions that depart from the routine and signal new, distinct and imaginative sets of possibilities. Given the Trust's modest resources, grants have usually been limited to £2,000 but larger grants may be considered. Funding priority is given to artists and to small organisations and galleries. www.elephanttrust.org.uk or email ruth@elephanttrust.org.uk

Wakeham Trust

We provide grants to help people rebuild their communities. We are particularly interested in neighbourhood projects, community arts projects, projects involving community service by young people, or projects set up by those who are socially excluded. We also support innovative projects to promote excellence in teaching (at any level, from primary schools to universities), though we never support individuals. We favour small projects - often, but not always, start-ups. We try to break the vicious circle whereby you have to be established to get funding from major charities, but you have to get funding to get established. www.wakehamtrust.org

The Baring Foundation

Have specific grants programmes concerned with strengthening the voluntary sector, the arts and international development. The Arts programme deadline has passed and will be opening again in September 2009. www.baringfoundation.org.uk Tel: 0207 767 1348

The Adventure Capital Fund

The Adventure Capital Fund is an ambitious new style of funder for community enterprise. Our pioneering work is already transforming neighbourhoods across the country, and we intend to do much more in the future www.adventurecapitalfund.org.uk Tel: 020 7488 3455

European Cultural Foundation www.eurocult.org

Culture Programme Announces 2009 Application Deadlines

The European Commission has announced the latest call for proposals under its Culture programme (2007 – 13). The Culture programme is a €400 million programme which aims to support projects that enhance the cultural area shared by Europeans with a view to encouraging the emergence of European citizenship. Funding is available through a number of different strands including:

- Funding for multiannual co-operation projects to support trans-national cultural links by encouraging a minimum of six cultural operators from at least six eligible countries to cooperate and work across sectors to develop joint cultural activities

- Co-operation measures to support actions shared by at least three cultural operators, working across sectors, from at least three eligible countries
- Special measures which supports high-profile actions of substantial scale and scope.

They should make an impact on European citizens and help to promote a sense of European identity. These actions are supposed to raise awareness and appreciation among citizens of the richness of Europe's cultural diversity and to contribute to intercultural dialogue. http://ec.europa.eu/culture/calls-for-proposals/call98_en.htm

Henry Smith Charity

The Henry Smith Charity was founded in 1628 with the objects of 'relieving and where possible releasing people from need and suffering'. Its programme areas include: Hospitals and Medical Care, Hospices and Palliative Care; Medical Research; Disability; Elderly; Young People at risk; Drugs and Alcohol; Community Service; Family Services; and - the Homeless. It will only consider funding arts or educational projects that are specifically for the rehabilitation and/or training of the disabled, prisoners or young people at risk. It has a number of grants programmes for over and under £10,000 depending on the size of the organisation. There are no specific deadlines, but the Trustees meet four times a year to consider grant applications. www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk Tel: 020 7264 4970

Liverpool Ventures

Liverpool Seed fund is a £27m fund which invests in early stage businesses with intellectual property. Liverpool Ventures is a specialist service working with Merseyside based small businesses (SME), enterprises, individuals, entrepreneurs, preparing to apply for enterprise funding (seed funding/venture capital) from The Liverpool Seed Fund. www.liverpoolventures.com Tel: 0151 236 0500

Culture Campus

www.culturecampus.co.uk

North West Vision

North West Vision is the Film, TV and digital media development agency for England's Northwest. It works behind the scenes, support, funding and promoting film, TV and digital production in the Northwest. www.northwestvision.co.uk

Take the Initiative - Finance for Films

About Films, a production, sales, distribution, consultancy and acquisitions company, committed to producing, co-producing, distributing, and acquiring high quality feature films has announced the launch of their 2008 Producers scheme "Take the Initiative". About Films has £100,000 on offer to independent producers seeking finance for their feature film or documentary. "Take the initiative" not only provides funding for producers but they are also given the opportunity to work alongside the Sales and Consultancy division's of About Films to create the perfect marketing and deliverables packages for their film, which will be represented globally. About Films are looking for films & documentaries that:

Are fresh, original and dynamic;
Have a twist that make the audience think;
Have a unique selling point;
Have Scripts that have been fully developed.

www.aboutfilms.com/initiative.html

UK Film Council

Provides funding for film production and training www.ukfilmcouncil.org.uk/funding

BBC Film Network

www.bbc.co.uk/dna/filmnetwork/relatedlinksfunding

Production Company Vision Awards

A new funding initiative designed to help creative producers with a vision for the future of UK film, to develop projects that will broaden the quality, range and ambition of films and talents being developed in the UK. Part of the UK Film Council's Development Fund, the Vision Awards will offer up to ten production companies up to £150,000 over two years, to enable them to nurture talent and to generate, source, research and develop feature film projects.

www.ukfilmcouncil.org.uk/vision

First Light Movies

First Light Movies is a funding organisation that distributes £1.1 million of Lottery money every year to enable groups of five to 18-year-olds in the UK to make short digital films. Since launching in 2001, they have helped over 12,000 young people make more than 800 short films. Grants of between £5,000 and £25,000 are awarded to organisations working with young people, whether they are schools, youth groups, and local government or youth offending teams. First Light Movies is keen to encourage more organisations to apply for funding.

www.firstlightmovies.com

Google Grants

The Google Grants UK beta programme supports organisations sharing Google's philosophy of community service to help the world in areas such as science and technology, education, global public health, the environment, youth advocacy, and the arts. Designed for registered charities, Google Grants provides free advertising on Google AdWords, to charities seeking to inform and engage their constituents online. Google Grants has given free AdWords advertising to hundreds of charitable groups whose missions range from animal welfare to literacy, from supporting homeless children to promoting HIV education. As a result of this free advertising many charities have experienced an increase in the recruitment of volunteers and sponsorship. Applications can be made at any time.

For more information, visit: <http://www.google.com/grants/>

BBC Performing Arts Fund

The BBC Performing Arts Fund helps aspiring music-makers and performers looking for a way to get ahead. The BBC Performing Arts Fund is a registered charity, number 1101276. The charity (formerly Fame Academy Bursary Trust) was set up in 2003 within the BBC. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/performingartsfund>

The Hedley Foundation

The Hedley Foundation awards grants to registered charities in the UK. Its main objective is to support projects concerned with the education, training and health and welfare of young people in the UK. It also funds projects providing support for carers of disabled people and the terminally ill, and provides funding for the purchase of specialist medical equipment.

The average grant awarded is £3,000. Grants are awarded on a one-off basis and may only be used to cover project costs rather than core, revenue, salary or transport costs. The next Trustees' meeting will be held on 25 March 2009. Deadline: 4 March 2009 www.hedleyfoundation.org.uk.

Allen Lane Foundation

The Allen Lane Foundation makes grants to not for profit organisations that work towards improving the lives of and integrating groups of people who are unpopular in UK society today. This includes work that improves the lives of asylum seekers and refugees; gay, lesbian, bi-sexual or transgender people; offenders and ex-offenders; from black and minority ethnic communities and migrant workers; people experiencing mental health problems; etc. The Foundation will make grants towards start-up, core or project costs. The grants range from one off grants of between £500 and £15,000 or grants of between £500 and £5,000 per year for up to three years. Applications can be made at any time. <http://www.allenlane.org.uk/priorities.htm>

Steel Charitable Trust

Registered charities active in the areas of Health & Medical Research; Social Services; and the Environment and Culture can apply for grants of between £1,000 and £25,000 through the Steel Charitable Trust. Although 30% of all grants are made to organisations in the Luton and Bedfordshire areas the Trust can support other areas. It has an annual grants budget of around £1m and grants normally range from between £1,000 to £25,000. There are no set deadlines for applications with allocations being made at regular intervals during the year. All bids should be made through the Trust's online application form. <http://www.steelcharitabletrust.org.uk/>

Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust

Within the UK, the Trust makes grants to both organisations and individuals for activities that:

- Relate to peace and conflict resolution
- Promote racial justice, including empowering black and minority ethnic people to engage in decision making and policy development
- Develop an appropriate relationship between people and the institutions that affect them, including the promotion of accountability, openness, responsiveness and a respect for human rights across the public and private sectors
- Quaker concerns which helps to deepen the spiritual life of the Society of Friends or that develops Quaker responses to problems of our time.

The Trust tends to fund work that is on a national level and there are no maximum grant limits although the Trust does stress that costings need to be realistic. The next deadline for applications is 6th April for the Ireland programme and the 27th April 2009 for all other programmes. www.jrct.org.uk Tel: 01904 627810

The Links Foundation

The Links Foundation funds projects across England, Scotland and Wales. It funds new or existing projects and can help meet costs such as salary, rent and stationery as well as capital costs. It does not, however, fund individuals or core costs. Its aim is to benefit communities by providing, or assisting in the provision of, facilities or services necessary to improve their conditions of life. It will therefore support projects which meet the following criteria: Advancing people's education, Reducing significant disadvantage, Assisting those in conditions of poverty, need or distress, Providing for recreational or other leisure time occupation.
www.linksfoundation.org Tel: 01642 236 486

The Big Lottery Fund

Big Lottery has launched their Community Buildings Programme. The programme will pay for creating and improving facilities that offer a wide range of services and activities to a broad range of local people. Grants £50,000 - £500,000. www.biglotteryfund.org.uk Tel: 0845 4 102030

Lottery Funding

Lottery Funding is a joint website run by all Lottery funders in the UK. This site allows you to search information on current funding programmes across the UK.
www.lotteryfunding.org.uk/uk.htm Tel: 0845 275 0000

Neighbourhood Initiatives Foundation

Giving Local People a Voice - a Modern and practical approach to community engagement
For almost two decades The Neighbourhood Initiatives Foundation has worked with residents throughout the UK, helping them to play an active part in the regeneration of their neighbourhoods and the development of their communities. Through the use of interactive, hands on tools and techniques, such as "Planning for Real@", and by supporting them individually and collectively as they learned new skills and developed their own assets and strengths, NIF has shown that people can make a real difference. www.nif.co.uk

Youth in Action - New Call for Proposals

Youth in Action is the EU's Programme in the field of youth and will be implemented from the 1st January 2007 until the 31st December 2013 with a total budget of 885 million Euros. Under the programme public and other not-for-profit organisations active in the field of youth services for funding under a number of operational actions. These include Action 1 to promote youth exchanges, youth initiatives, youth democracy projects and pilot projects for youth networks. Action 2 to give young people between the ages of 18 and 30 the opportunity to take part in voluntary activities abroad. Action 3.1 to promote exchanges and cooperation in the field of youth and non-formal education with other regions of the world. Action 4.3 to promote cooperation and partnerships, training and exchange of good practice in the development of youth organisations, civil society and those involved in youth work. Action 5.1 to support European cooperation in the youth field by encouraging structured dialogue between policymakers and young people. It supports cooperation, seminars and structured dialogue between young people, those active in youth work and youth organisations and those responsible for youth policy. http://ec.europa.eu/youth/via/index_en.html#guide

European Youth Foundation Grants

The European Youth Foundation is an independent, international, non-governmental organisation dedicated to the positive development of children and young people. The Foundation makes grants to international not-for-profit youth organisations and networks for activities such as international youth meetings, specialised publications, exhibitions and the production of audio-visual materials, the development of websites or the production of CD-ROMs. Previously funded activities include a promotional booklet and educational handbook for intercultural amateur art based activities. For more information, visit: www.eyf.coe.int/fej/index.jsp

Equitable Charitable Trust

The Equitable Charitable Trust is an educational grant making charity. Its focus is on the promotion and support of education for children and young people under the age of 25, and more specifically for young disabled people and/or young people from disadvantaged backgrounds. The Trust gives away about £1 million in grants each year. Its grant making operations are administered by Henry Smith Charity.

The Trustees seek to identify and support good projects that address needs not adequately met at present, including those with potential to be introduced to large numbers of schools. The size of grants made is typically between

£2,500 and £30,000, with most being for sums of between £10,000 and £30,000. Support can be given over a period of one, two or three years. Grants can be made for project (revenue) costs, capital expenditure, equipment and/or salary costs for a post. www.equitablecharitabletrust.org.uk Tel: 020 7264 4995

Esmee Fairburn Foundation

Independent grantmaking organisation in four areas in four areas of interest: arts and heritage, education, environment and social change. www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk Tel: 0207 297 4700

The Ibrahim Foundation

It's a private grant making body the Foundation offers grants to organisations that aim to improve the quality of life for people and communities in the UK. The Ibrahim Foundation likes to consider work that others may find hard to fund. They offer grants of between £500 and £10,000 and in some cases up to £50,000. They do not have areas of focus in grant making, but they are particularly interested in the following areas: community building; the environment; strengthening not for profit organisations; and supporting families. www.ibrahimfoundation.com

Department for Culture Media and Sport

www.culture.gov.uk

Comic Relief

Comic Relief operates a number of grant schemes through its Red Nose Days funding programme. Grants are available through six programme areas. These are; Young people; Older People; Mental Health; Refugees & Asylum Seekers; Domestic Violence; and Disadvantaged Communities. The grants programme is open to registered charities and constituted community and voluntary groups and grants are made for between one and three years. Although there is no maximum grant size Comic Relief are likely to make grants of between £15,000 and £40,000 per year. www.comicrelief.com/apply-for-a-grant/uk

Future Builders

Futurebuilders England is a government-backed fund offering investment and support to third sector organisations to develop their capacity to deliver public services. Futurebuilders provide sustained, flexible and individual support to organisations delivering public services, ensuring that they have the right financial, managerial and governance structures to take on investment loans and compete for public service contracts.

A range of products are offered by Futurebuilders:

- Full Investment Fund – loans which are often offered with additional grant funding and professional support
- Tender Fund – loans which are smaller, over a shorter period of time and interest free
- Small Organisation Tender Fund – in the form of grants
- Consortia Fund – investments which are a combination of loan finance and professional support

The website includes a searchable database of investments to allow potential applicants to discover which of the products is right for their situation, in addition to application information.

www.futurebuilders-england.org.uk/about-us/about-us/aboutus/

Impetus Trust Grants Scheme

Charities that work with and want to improve the lives of disadvantaged people have the opportunity to apply for funding through the Impetus Trust. The Trust provides funding, capacity building and hands-on management support to small to medium-sized charities that are at a critical stage in their development. The support, which is usually available between three and five years, aims to ensure that charities are in a position to increase their impact upon the lives of disadvantaged people. To be eligible for support charities must work with a substantial number of disadvantaged people; have a desire to maximise their impact; have an income between £250,000- £10million pa; be operational for at least three years; have their HQ and a significant portion of their management in England and Wales. The investment package which Impetus offers is flexible but is most likely to be between £150,000- £300,000. Applications can be made at any time. www.impetus.org.uk

Heritage Lottery Fund

The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) enables communities to celebrate, look after and learn more about our diverse heritage. From museums and historic buildings to parks and nature reserves to celebrating traditions, customs and history, the HLF has awarded over £3.3 billion to projects that open up our nation's heritage for everyone to enjoy.

www.hlf.org.uk Tel: 020 7591 6000 / E-mail: enquire@hlf.org.uk

English Heritage

English Heritage has a number of grant schemes designed to help with the protection and promotion of the Historic Environment. www.english-heritage.org.uk/server/show/nav.1117

Funds for Historic Buildings

A comprehensive guide to funding for anyone seeking to repair, restore or convert for a new use any historic building in the United Kingdom (excluding the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man) which is listed, scheduled or in a conservation area and of acknowledged historic merit. It includes details of virtually all substantive funding sources which specialise in historic buildings, as well as many (including a variety of regeneration programmes) which provide funding for historic building projects within a wider remit. www.ffhb.org.uk

Sport England

www.sportengland.org Funding helpline: 08458 508 508

Merseyside Sports Partnership

Merseyside Sports Partnership is well placed to link sponsorship opportunities for businesses to funding available for sports people/organisations. Please search through the available information and visit the contacts page for direct links with the relevant associations who will be able to assist you further.

Liverpool John Moores University, IM Marsh Campus, Barkhill Rd, Aigburth, Liverpool, L17 6BD

Tel: 0151 231 5239 Email: admin@merseysidesport.com

www.merseysidesport.com/fundingsponsor/funding.asp

Active Living Fund

Grants of up to £1,000 are available through the Kelloggs Active Living Fund for projects that remove the “barriers” which stop people being active. The fund is open to charities and other voluntary and community organisations as well as Schools for activities that directly lead to people taking part in sustained physical activity. In particular, the Fund is looking to support projects that implement innovative ways of getting non-active individuals active; existing projects or activities that adapt or expand so that they are available to new groups of people or new geographical areas; and existing projects or activities that need new or replacement equipment, or existing projects that require replacement funding. www.kelloggs.co.uk/company/corporateresponsibility/activelivingfund

UnLtd Sport Relief Awards

UnLtd, the charity that supports social entrepreneurs provides grants of between £250 and £5,000 to young people to bring community cohesion and understanding through sport and being active. The Funding which is provided through the UnLtd Sport Relief Awards is open to 11-21 year olds, who are prepared to go the extra mile and use their passion for sport to bring respect and understanding to their communities by setting up their own projects.

Applications can be submitted at any time. www.unltd.org.uk/template.php?ID=110&PageName=sportrelief

Community Spaces

Community Spaces is a £50 million open grants programme that is managed by Groundwork UK as an Award Partner to the Big Lottery Fund. It helps community groups create or improve green and open spaces so that the quality of life in neighborhoods' across England is enhanced. www.community-spaces.org.uk

Sita Trust - Funding for Community Facilities

The SITA Trust which is a funding organisation that supports community and environmental improvement projects around waste treatment and landfill sites owned by the waste management company SITA UK has announced that the next application deadlines under its enhancing communities programme are the 31st March for its Large Grants programme and the 5th February for its Small Grants programme. Under its Large Grant programme grants of between £10,001 and £50,000 are available to not-for-profit organisations including community groups, parish councils, charities, local authorities and voluntary organisations to fund physical improvements to community, sport or historic buildings/structures within 3 miles of a Sita site. The Small Grants Scheme provides fast-track access to funding for community improvement applications of up to £10,000 within 10 miles of a Sita site.

www.sitatrust.org.uk/apply/community

Green Energy Trust

Local community groups and not for profit organisations and charities within the UK can apply for grants for the installation of renewable technologies. The funding which is available through the Green Energy Trust will provide grants of up to 25,000 (but most projects receive around £10,000) for up to half the cost of the chosen renewable

technology. The maximum amount would only be awarded to exceptional projects that tick all the boxes and demonstrate real value for money. Projects also need to have a really strong community benefit and wider educational element. The Trust considers all kinds of renewable technologies, including:

Small-scale hydro
Wind power
Biomass
Landfill gas
Solar energy
Ground source heat pumps

Applications involving other technologies may also qualify for support. Grant requests must be to support the capital and installation costs of a renewable energy project. The Trust meets three times a year to consider applications – usually during the first week of September and December then April 2009. Applications should be submitted as soon as possible. Applications will be screened for eligibility and completeness as long as they are received seven weeks prior to the Trustees' meetings, with the final deadline being four weeks before the meeting. For more information, visit: www.scottishpowergreentrust.co.uk

Greenprints

Through the GreenPrints programme grants of up to £10,000 as well as practical support and advice are available to enable young people to make a real difference to the communities in which they live. The funding is open to not for profit organisations for projects designed and delivered by groups of volunteers aged 16 to 25. One of the most unusual elements of this programme is the individual, dedicated mentor-support that will be provided by the BTCV and The Wildlife Trusts to assist with the practical delivery of every single project that is supported.

www.sitatrust.org.uk/greenprints Tel: 01454 262910

Waste Recycling Environmental Limited (WREN)

Provides grants under the Landfill Communities Fund, has announced the 4th funding round of its Small Grant Scheme. The scheme, which is open to community and voluntary groups, has been designed for projects with a total cost of under £50,000 and grants can be awarded of between £2,000 and £15,000. Typical projects might include: Village halls or community centres; Skates parks and play areas; Footpaths or towpaths; Cycleways or museums.

www.wren.org.uk/how-to-apply/small-grants

Awards for All

Awards grants of between £300 and £10,000 for people to take part in art, sport, heritage and community activities, and projects that promote education, the environment and health in the local community. You can apply up until 31 March 2009. www.awardsforall.org.uk Tel: 0845 600 20 40 Email: general.enquiries@awardsforall.org.uk

Batty Charitable Trust

Charities, in particular smaller charities can apply for funding through the Batty Charitable Trust (BCT). Grants of between £1,000 and £10,000 are available to support community and grass roots projects. Grants are usually awarded for a one-year period. www.battycharitabletrust.org.uk Examples of the type of projects supported include amongst many others:

- Projects that support vulnerable and disadvantaged children
- Musical instruments and other types of equipment
- The running costs of shelters
- Refurbishment of community facilities
- Projects supporting people with disabilities etc.

Trusthouse Charitable Foundation Grants Programme

Charities and not for profit organisations that are active in the fields of Health Care and Disability; Community Support and the Arts and Education are able to apply for one off funding through the Trusthouse Charitable Foundation. Applications will only be considered from not-for-profit organisations. The Trustees will also consider applications from charities based in the UK that undertake health care, health education and community projects; and projects supporting charitable work in developing countries. Applications can be made at any time.

www.trusthousecharitablefoundation.org.uk Tel: 020 7264 4990

The Joanies Trust

Registered charities working with young people aged 11 to 25 are eligible to apply for grants through the Joanies Trust. Each year, the Trust makes approximately 30 grants with an average value of £1,000 to support projects that offer intensive support to young people as well as those that promote preventative work, and especially those that are designed to lead to individual development through integration, work opportunities or accreditation. In particular the Trust is looking to support projects that show innovation and imagination as well as evidence of close consultation with young people in developing their project. www.joaniestrust.org.uk

The ASDA Foundation Trust

The ASDA Foundation trust was set up in 1988 to support local good causes chosen by employees and is funded by profits from the mid-week national lottery. The Foundation can support charities within the UK, as well as people and projects that require financial assistance, including everything from local charities and playgroups to football teams as long as they have the support of local ASDA colleagues. Potential applicants should contact their local Store or Depot in the first instance. www.about-asda.co.uk/communities/asda-foundation.asp#foundation

The Crafts Council

The Crafts Council, which is the national development agency for contemporary crafts in the UK, has announced that it is seeking applications for funding through its Development Award scheme. The scheme is open to designer-makers who are about to set up their business in England, or who are within three years of doing so. The award is for a year and offers a maintenance grant of £2,500; equipment grants up to £5,000; a residential course in business training, aimed at small creative practices; 1,000 promotional postcards; and inclusion on the Crafts Council's Photostore online database. Annual deadlines for the Award are: 1st March, 1st June, 1st September, and 1st December. www.craftscouncil.org.uk/learning-and-support/for-makers/developing-makers

The Alexandra Reinhardt Memorial Award 2008

Paintings in Hospitals (PiH), a registered charity dedicated to improving the healthcare environment through the provision of original works of art, offers, with the support of the Max Reinhardt Charitable Trust, this annual award to visual artists working in any medium. www.paintingsinhospitals.org.uk

Lloyd TSB Foundations

Every year the Lloyds TSB Foundation funds thousands of charities working to tackle disadvantage across England and Wales. Our focus is 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 communities of their choice. Our strong local presence enables us to respond directly and promptly to local needs. www.lloydstsbfoundations.org.uk

HBOS Foundation - Community Action Programme

Through its Community Action programme, the HBOS Foundation makes grants of up to £10,000 to support a diverse range of local activities. The programme, which is available in those communities where the HBOS BANK operates, is open to registered charities and has two key themes; Money advice and financial literacy and developing and improving local communities. Applications can be made at any time. www.hbosfoundation.org/index-community.html

The Jerwood Charitable Foundation

www.jerwoodcharitablefoundation.org

Wolfson Foundation Schools Programme

Schools that are looking for grants to fund building work, IT and other equipment (mainly for the teaching of science and technology) can apply for funding to the Wolfson Foundation's Schools Programme. The types of schools eligible to apply include; Independent schools, Foundations (in place for 5 years); Voluntary Aided schools; and Sixth Form Colleges (in place for 5 years). State schools are ineligible to apply. The main aim of the schools' programme is to support schools with a proven record of excellence. In addition, schools with a clear record of continuing improvement may also be considered. The Foundation is one of the UK's largest grant making trusts and distributes approximately £35 million for capital projects to registered charities in the UK (or organisations with charitable status) active in the areas of Science and Technology, Education, Arts and Humanities, and Health and Welfare. Grants will usually only be made when matching funding has already been raised or pledged.

In 2008, the Foundation made grants in excess of £1.5 million through the Schools programme. The level of funding ranges from £20,000 to £50,000 per school. Applications to the Foundation can be made at any time and schools interested in applying should write to the Foundation to find out if their project is eligible. For more information, visit: www.wolfson.org.uk/flash/grants_schools.htm

The Peter De Haan Charitable Trust Grants Programme

The Peter De Haan Charitable Trust supports charitable organisations that aim to improve the quality of life for people and communities in the UK. This year the charity expects to make grants of between £2 million and £3 million. The funding available is delivered through three programme areas; social welfare; the environment; and the arts. Grants can be for project-based applications or to subsidise core costs and can be available for up to three years. Applications are considered on a continuing basis throughout the year. However major grants are awarded at the trustee meeting held quarterly in March, June, September and December. www.pdhct.org.uk

The John Ellerman Foundation

It is a general grant-making trust distributing over £4 million each year. The Foundation aims to support a broad cross-section of national charities doing work in the following 5 categories (please see the detailed guidelines for each category): Health and Disability, Social Welfare, Arts, Conservation, Overseas. www.ellerman.org.uk

The Foyle Foundation

The Foyle Foundation is an independent grantmaking trust that distributes grants to UK charities whose core work is in the areas of Learning, the Arts and Health. www.foylefoundation.org.uk

Commonwealth Foundation

www.commonwealthfoundation.com/about/grantseekers

Musicians Benevolent Fund

The MBF actively seeks to encourage the next generation of professional musicians. They run a number of award schemes that provide financial support to highly talented young musicians, usually in their final stages of study. Awards are made following audition, towards study fees, maintenance and instrument purchase up to a maximum of £5,000. The MBF makes awards to individuals for full-time postgraduate study in opera and musical theatre, and to instrumentalists including accompanists and répétiteurs, and to outstanding instrumentalists of school age. The MBF also provides funding to organisations that provide specialist training and performance opportunities to those at the outset of their professional music careers. www.mbf.org.uk.

Music Grants for Older People

The registered charity, Concertina makes grants to charitable bodies which provide musical entertainment and related activities for the elderly. The charity is particular keen to support smaller organisations which might otherwise find it difficult to gain funding. Since its inception in 2004, it has made grants to a wide range of charitable organisations nationwide in England and Wales. These include funds to many care homes for the elderly to provide musical entertainment for their residents. The next application deadline is the 30th April 2009 www.concertinamusic.org.uk

PRS Foundation Grants Programme

The PRS Foundation for New Music (PRSF), which is the UK's largest independent funder for new music of any genre, provides a range of grants to stimulate and support the creation and performance of new music in the UK. This includes grants to support music festivals, new music, unsigned bands and promoters, etc. The Foundation also provides a range of bursaries to individuals. For more information on the types of grants available and the application deadlines, please click on the "more" link. www.prsfoundation.co.uk/funding

Making Music Grants

Making Music, which represents and supports over 2,350 voluntary music groups throughout the UK, including choirs, orchestras, and music promoters, administers devolved funding programmes in certain areas across the UK to make project funds, training grants and guarantees against loss available to groups in membership and other voluntary music groups. For more info visit: www.makingmusic.org.uk

The Wellcome Trust

The Wellcome Trust is inviting organisations and individuals to apply for funding through its Arts Awards. The Arts Awards support projects that engage the public with biomedical science through the arts including dance, drama, performance arts, visual arts, music, film, craft, photography, creative writing or digital media. www.wellcome.ac.uk

Government Funding

www.governmentfunding.org.uk This site is an online portal to grants for the voluntary and community sector from the following funders:

[Cabinet Office](#)

[Department for Communities and Local Government](#)

[Department for Education and Skills](#)

[Department of Health](#)

[Home Office](#)

[Government Offices for the Regions](#)

Home Office Community Fund

The Home Office Community Fund aims to support voluntary and community organisations who can demonstrate successful approaches to tackling the issues of guns, gangs or knives among those particularly at risk of involvement in serious violence. The Community Fund is open to organisations with activities located in the Tackling Knives Action Programme (TKAP) police force areas. These are:

From a total fund value of £4.5 million, a maximum of £10,000 per year is available to apply for up to three years. The Home Office will prioritise projects that are engaging young people involved (or at risk of being involved) in gun/knife crime and gang activity. http://grantsadmin.co.uk/homeoffice_communityfund
Email: info@grantsadmin.co.uk Tel: 0845 603 1869.

Community Radio Fund

Under the fund, Community Radio Stations will be invited to apply for funding to support their core running costs. This has different deadlines throughout the year. Grants can only be made to community radio licensees that are broadcasting under a community radio licence (and not an RSL, for example).

www.ofcom.org.uk/radio/ifi/rbl/commun_radio/Communityfund

Community Kitty

UK Villages Community Kitty provides grants of between £50-£500 to a range of community based projects. In the past, the fund has awarded grants for projects ranging from a knitting circle, to a playgroup needing toys, sports equipment for cubs, and support for several village halls and playing field committees - as well as a number of Heritage projects. www.communitykitty.co.uk

AN – leading UK agency for supporting artists practice

www.a-n.co.uk

Mailout – national magazine featuring and celebrating all aspects of participatory community arts

www.e-mailout.org

Funderfinder

Search site for grants www.funderfinder.org.uk

Charitable Trusts on Merseyside

This website gives details of all trusts and grant-making bodies, which are based on Merseyside and/or make grants in the region www.merseytrusts.org.uk

The Bar Association free legal advice site

www.barprobono.org.uk

Free media support

www.mediatrust.org

Capacity Building Organisations

If you need help in accessing these websites, or if you require more detailed fundraising assistance, the following organisations are funded by Liverpool City Council to provide one to one help with grant applications for voluntary and community groups

Citywide

Liverpool Council for Voluntary Service
14 Castle Street
Liverpool L2 0NJ

Tel: 0151 236 7728

Liverpool Network for Change
50-54 Mount Pleasant
Liverpool L3 5SD

Tel: 0151 702 6964/6962

COMTECHSA (Specialising in Community Building)
60 Duke Street
Liverpool L1 5AA

Tel: 0151 707 4300

Merseyside Coalition for Inclusive Living (Specialising in work with people with learning difficulties)
Lime Court Centre
Upper Baker Street
Liverpool L6 1NB

Tel: 0151 260 4001

Merseyside Disability Federation (Specialising in work with disability groups)
Greenbank College
Greenbank Lane
Liverpool L17 1AG

Tel: 0151 291 9570

Local areas

Garston & District Community Council
2 Speke Road
Liverpool L19 2PA

Tel: 0151 427 5307

Fazakerley Community Federation
Formosa Drive
Fazakerley Liverpool
L10 7LQ

Tel: 0151 523 1073

West Everton Community Council
33 Everton Brow
Everton Liverpool L3 8PU

Tel: 0151 282 0303

Breckfield & North Everton Neighbourhood Council
Breckfield Road North
Breckfield
Liverpool L5 4QT

Tel: 0151 288 8400

Vauxhall Neighbourhood Council
1-3 St Augustine Street
Liverpool L5 8XD

Tel: 0151 482 2000

Creative Choices

Creative Choices is for everyone UK wide who wants to work in the creative and cultural industries; or those wanting to move up. Creative Choices offers the tools to help individuals get on with their development; networks to help them get on with one another; and the knowledge to develop their skills and fuel their desire to succeed.

Register at www.creative-choices.co.uk