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Funding News

Welcome to Walsall Voluntary Action's Funding News Bulletin – it will be dropping into your inbox every fortnight. If you are aware of anyone who may not be on our email list please forward this on to them.

Walsall Voluntary Action holds fortnightly **Funding and Development Surgeries** to assist groups identify possible sources of funding and offering advice and support completing funding applications.

Each group will be allocated a 45 minute slot to look at issues and queries and agree a plan of action.

- **Wed 14 December**

To book an appointment please contact Amina on 01922 619840 or email reception@walsallva.org.uk

Big Lottery Launches £10 Million Sustainable Living Fund (England)

Communities Living Sustainably will fund partnerships that bring together the public, private, voluntary and community sectors to build up to 10 sustainable and resilient communities to help deal with the potential impact of climate change. These communities will provide inspiration and share their learning with other communities across England. We are particularly interested in supporting the most vulnerable groups and communities who are more likely to be affected by climate change.

Proposals from partnerships must meet **all** of the following outcomes:

1. Communities are better prepared for environmental challenges and longer term environmental change and understand the improvements they can make to live more sustainably.
2. Vulnerable people affected by the impacts of climate change are able to make greener choices to help improve their quality of life.
3. Communities maximise the use of their assets and resources to create new economic opportunities and live more sustainably.
4. Communities have a greater understanding of and more opportunities to use natural resources more efficiently.

The programme will invest in up to 10 communities by providing:

- access to expert support and advice to help each community to develop their skills, knowledge and abilities and build on best practice among communities
- up to £10,000 to develop a project delivery plan that details the environmental, economic and social challenges affecting the community and how they can be addressed
- grants of between £500,000 and £1 million for up to five years for a range of activities and initiatives within a local community.

For this programme:

- A community is defined as people who live and work in a geographical location with a population of more than 10,000.
- Living in a sustainable way means living in a way that meets the social, environmental and economic needs of the community now and without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs

http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_communities_living_sustainably.htm?regioncode=-uk

European Social Fund (ESF) Community Grants

What are 'Community Grants'?

The European Social Fund (ESF) is aiming to extend employment opportunities for all, but recognises that some workless people are a long way from the job market, and are not ready for mainstream education and training programmes.

Grassroots organisations are good at reaching such people, and can help reduce unemployment and inactivity, amongst very disadvantaged populations. 'Community Grants' will help local groups do just that, by providing up to £12,000 for projects run by organisations with **an annual turnover of less than £150,000**.

Community Grants are available to community and voluntary organisations (Including Social Enterprises and Community Interest Companies providing they are not for profit organisations with social aims) that provide services to help people to improve their chances of obtaining work. Grants are awarded by Black Country Consortium Ltd. Funding is provided by the European Social Fund (ESF) via the Skills Funding Agency.

Participants

All participants must be unemployed (doing less than 8 hours a week paid work) or economically inactive (those out of work but not seeking work e.g. carers) and aged between 18 and 65, and have a right to work in the UK. Please speak us if your project is aimed at 16-18 year olds.

What type of project will be funded?

Projects helping people move closer to the accessing mainstream provision and domestic employment and skills provision. The programme will support a range of activities that may include: help with basic skills, taster work experience including voluntary work, train advice and guidance, job search assistance, confidence building and personal development and supporting individuals to overcome barriers to learning and/or employment. This project will fund revenue not capital purchase.

How to apply

You must submit an application form to Black Country Consortium. To receive an information pack and application for you can either:

- Ring: 01384 471160 (ask for Toni Hickman)
- Email: Toni_hickman@blackcountryconsortium.co.uk
- Download from <http://www.the-blackcountry.com> (click on link)

Applications open 1st December 2011. The deadline for applications is Thursday 19th January 2012 at 5.00pm.

Support to apply

You are also strongly advised to attend the 'how to apply' workshop that we are running or to attend a "Community Grants Clinic" that we are running with Voluntary Sector partners. The Clinic will provide you with the opportunity to have a pre-booked 1 to 1 session. **You must book your place by contacting us by email or phone, as above.**

How to Apply Workshop

7th December 2011 1.30 – 3.30 p.m. at the Deckhouse, Waterfront West, Dudley Road, **Brierley Hill**, DY5 1LW

Community Grants Clinics (Please book a time slot for 1 – 2 – 1 support by contacting us by email or phone as above).

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12th December 2011 1 – 2- 1 support time slots are available from 9 a.m. to 4 pm at Jerome Chambers, 16A Bridge Street, Walsall, West Midlands WS1 1HP

Government Announces New Fund to Support Advice Services

The Government has announced a new £16.8 million fund to help not-for-profit free advice services in England. The Advice Services Fund will provide immediate support to debt, welfare benefits, employment and housing advice services.

The fund will open for applications by the end of November and will be managed by the BIG Fund. It will be for not-for-profit advice providers in England.

Applicants must provide advice in at least one of the following priority areas:

- Debt
- Welfare benefits
- Employment and housing
- Be able to evidence public funding cuts of at least 10% for the specified advice service areas from central and local government sources in 2011/12.

Priority will be given to organisations with higher levels of reductions in funds. How applicants plan to use their grants, their plans for the future (including ways to improve efficiency) and how the quality of their advice services help meet local needs, will also be taken into account.

The Advice Services Fund will provide grants of £40,000 to £70,000 to be spent on service delivery

http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_advice_services_fund.htm?regioncode=-uk

Sport England - The Sustainable Investment in Communities Facilities Fund

Sport England has announced that they are accepting applications through its new Sustainable Investment in Communities Fund. The fund is open to organisations, including applicants from sports clubs, voluntary or community organisations, local authorities, and education establishments, such as schools, colleges and universities. Sustainable Investment in Communities Facilities Fund will invest £10m a year of Lottery and Exchequer money into innovative projects capable of transforming the places where we play or take part in sport.

The Fund is aiming to invest in projects that demonstrate:

- Impact and the contribution to grow, sustain and excel
- Sustainability
- Ability to deliver.

Priority will be given to proposals that draw in funding from other sources. Priority will be given to projects with a collaborative or consortia approach which can demonstrate the potential to grow and sustain participation in community sport. The funding is for the development of the capital infrastructure, this can include:

- Contributions to the costs of new build
- Modernisation
- Major fixed equipment where it is an integral part of a project.

There will be a two-stage application process. The closing dates are 30 June and 31 December each year.

http://www.sportengland.org/funding/sustainable_facilities.aspx

The Paul Hamlyn Foundation

The Open Grant Scheme supports innovative ways of increasing people's learning. It funds the development, implementation and dissemination of new ideas to increase learning by people of all ages in the UK. There is no minimum or maximum grant size and applicants should request the amount they need.

The Foundation normally expects the amount requested to be a substantial part of the amount required to fund a distinct activity or a substantial part of the work of the applicant organisation. The length of grant depends on the activity proposed and its intended outcomes and impact. The Foundation is keen to allow applicants sufficient time to deliver substantial work and, therefore, tends to fund work for up to three years.

This programme funds the development, implementation and dissemination of new ideas that have the potential to make a significant contribution to young people's learning and achievement.

The scheme provides funding in support of projects addressing the following themes:

- Supplementary education.
- Developing speaking and listening for 11-19 year olds.
- Add to the learning - preventing school truancy and exclusion.

Applications may be made at any time. Local authorities and public bodies are eligible to apply.

For further information on how to obtain this grant locally, please contact the following:

Grants Officer, Paul Hamlyn Foundation, 18 Queen Anne's Gate, London, SW1 9AA Tel: 020 7227 3500

Email: information@phf.org.uk

<http://www.phf.org.uk/>

Wilkinson's Helping Hands

Helping Hands is a new community initiative where each local Wilkinson's store has been given a budget to distribute to projects and schemes within the stores local community. To apply for a donation from the Helping Hands Fund you need to visit your local store and pick up an application form. These forms can be found on your stores red community boards or if you cannot find them, ask for assistance at the customer service desk.

<http://corporate.wilkinsonplus.com/story.asp?id=19>

Owen Highway Trust

Main priorities are support for organisations running children's projects, the arts and education with preference for organisations based in the West Midlands with grants available up to £5000

Contact: R. Baggott 0121 526 3131

Address: Rubery Owen Holdings Ltd, PO Box 10, Booth St, Darlaston, Wednesbury, West Midlands, WS10 8JD

The Kelly Family Charitable Trust Grants Programme

The Kelly Family Charitable Trust is open to applications from registered charities whose activities involve all or most family members in initiatives that support and encourage the family to work as a cohesive unit in tackling problems that face one or more of its members. The fund also welcomes applications from sports and health-related charities whose activities comply

with the above criteria. The Fund offers revenue and capital grants. Grants are of between £1,000 and £5,000, but higher grants may be considered.
The next closing date is the 1st March 2012

<http://www.kfct.org.uk/index.html>

LandAid - Funding for Projects that Support Disadvantaged Young People

LandAid, the property industry's charity which supports projects that help disadvantaged young people has announced that its grants programme is currently open for applications.

Grants of between £5,000 and £25,000 are available through two funding streams. The Training, Education and Support Fund aimed at disadvantaged young people aged 16-25 and the Capital Projects Fund which supports the refurbishment, conversion, extension or new build of facilities for young and disadvantaged people.

The closing date for applications is 5 pm on the 31st January 2012

<http://www.landaid.org/grants/>



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