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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.

Dates for the next Funding and Development Surgeries are:

- **Wed 2 November**
- **Wed 16 November**

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



Lloyds TSB | Foundation for England and Wales

25 years dedicated to working with charities helping disadvantaged people across England and Wales

Lloyds TSB Foundation for England and Wales - We Fund Core Costs

This year, Lloyds TSB Foundation for England and Wales celebrates its 25th anniversary, and has £25m to give to charities that help disadvantaged people to play a fuller role in the community.

In the West Midlands, the Foundation have already funded a wide range of charitable causes, including debt advice services, support for the deaf and hearing impaired, citizen advice bureaus, Luncheon clubs for isolated & vulnerable older people, victims of domestic violence, community centres in areas of high deprivation and drug addiction support services. So far this year we have awarded £2.2M to charities in the West Midlands region, but we still have money available. Unlike many other grant makers, 70% of our funding goes towards core costs such as salaries, overheads, rent and project costs.

Lloyds TSB Foundation is keen to hear from registered charities in **Walsall** who can show how their work is making a difference to the lives of disadvantaged people, and helping them to play a fuller role in the community. If you are interested in learning more, have a look at the Foundation's website. The website includes details on how to register a query; you fill in a short eligibility questionnaire, and if your charity appears to be eligible, your details are passed to the Grant Manager for the West Midlands, Peter Cunnison. Peter will then ring you for a chat about your request for funding to see if it is something that the Foundation could potentially support.

The average grant size in the West Midlands will be around £30,000, but grants are made which are appropriate to the size and needs of the charity, so they could be less or more than this depending on your charity's circumstances. Charities must be targeting disadvantaged people, and must be able to show how their work makes a difference, so they will need to have appropriate monitoring systems in place.

If your charity is registered with the charity commission, is helping disadvantaged people and you have 12 months of reserves or less, then the Foundation wants to hear from you. Visit the website **www.lloydstsbfoundations.org.uk**, have a look at the funding guidelines and complete the eligibility questionnaire. It only takes ten minutes and it will tell you instantly if your charity would be eligible for funding.

Change Making Fund – Walsall

MAIN OBJECTIVE: early intervention and prevention to help vulnerable young people

These funds have come available through the early intervention and prevention grant and are targeted at vulnerable young people. These funds are available for both groups and individuals and can be spent on a wide range of activities and items for young people within the target group.

The intended project needs to help the vulnerable young person or people to make things better or easier for them. You will be asked to show how the money invested at this stage will act as a preventative measure. A preventative measure means an intervention that stops the young person being in need of more specialist services, stops their problems escalating or making their vulnerabilities worse.

The Change Making Fund can be used to support projects and initiatives with a wide range of different benefits and outcomes for the young people as long as the project is meeting two of the target groups and aims to fit in with one of the Every Child Matters Outcomes.

Priorities

- Projects which will engage vulnerable young people in activities or provide them with things that may further benefit their personal development.
- Projects that promote early intervention and prevention
- Individuals or groups who are in need of a small amount of funding to make a big impact.
- Projects which meet one or more of the Every Child Matters outcomes.
- Projects that meet at least two or more of the target groups.
- Project/Groups that have not received Change-Making funding before.

For further information contact: positiveactivitiesadmin@walsall.gov.uk

The Nationwide Foundation

The Foundation has a number of objectives which it supports through its small grants programme under the headings of Money Matters; Homes Matter and Families Matter.

Each has its own set of objectives with detailed information on the website. The programme offers grants of up to £5,000 to registered charities with incomes of under £500,000.

The application process has been made as easy as possible, and they operate a rolling programme for small grants and there are no deadlines.

Email: enquiries@nationwidefoundation.org.uk

Website: www.nationwidefoundation.org.uk/funding.asp

The True Colour Trust

The True Colour Trust provides grants to small, UK based organisations to carry out projects that provide help to disabled children, young carers and their families on a daily basis. The trust has a small grants programme open to applications at any time, that provides grants of up to £10,000, usually for one-off projects and delivery programmes for children, their siblings and families.

For more information visit the True Colours Trust website:
http://www.truecolourstrust.org.uk/small_grants.aspx

Co-operative Membership Community Fund

Thousands of clubs, community groups and self-help organisations are benefiting from The Co-operative Membership Community Fund. Elected members across the UK get together to make small grants to community groups and charities in their local area. Since 1997, the Co-operative Membership Community Fund members have raised and awarded over £8 million to community groups.

Who can apply? Community groups, self-help groups, voluntary groups and community charities (or local branches of national charities).

How much can I apply for? The scheme can provide funding of between £100 and £2,000. If you are applying for more than £500 you must enclose the latest copy of your group's accounts, or a three month record of its income and spending signed by your group's treasurer.

Eligibility To be eligible for funding, projects must be charitable, ie, benefit the wider community to be in line with our values and principles.

How to apply? The online application process is quick and easy. To apply go to:

www.co-operative.co.uk/communityfund

or

email at community.fund@co-operative.coop

Community Business Loan Fund (CBLF)

The Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) has launched the Community Business Loan Fund (CBLF) to help potential and existing social entrepreneurs who are unable to access finance through normal mainstream channels.

The £5 million Fund offers financial support for the purpose of starting or expanding a community-based business. RBS expects to support in the region of 1,000 businesses through the scheme.

Eligible businesses can apply for loans of between £30,000 and £500,000. Community Development Finance Institutions, which allocate funds to other firms, may apply for loans of between £200,000 and £1 million.

The loans can be tailored to the applicant's individual requirements and are offered on flexible terms.

Charities, social enterprises, co-operatives and community interest companies operating in the United Kingdom may apply. To be eligible for funding, the organisation must have clear social or environmental objectives and reinvest profits for a social purpose.

Applications may be submitted at any time.

<http://www.rbs.co.uk/business/banking/g3/community-business-loan-fund.ashx>

BIG LOTTERY

The Silver Dreams Fund

The Silver Dreams Fund is the first of the Big Lottery Fund's dedicated investments in older people in England, and is being delivered in association with the Daily Mail.

With an ageing population it is more important than ever to recognise the positive contribution older people make to society. Older people have a wealth of skills, knowledge and experience that can benefit others. We want to pioneer ways of working with older people that will allow them to play a much greater role in their communities. They should be able to influence the local services and facilities that will help them prepare for and manage major life-changes.

The Silver Dreams Fund challenge is to come up with a great idea for a project that will pioneer ways to help vulnerable older people deal more effectively with life-changing events.

Who should apply?

Only voluntary and community groups, registered charities, social enterprises and other not-for-profit organisations may apply to the Silver Dreams Fund.

Although statutory organisations such as local authorities or profit making companies, will not be funded the Big Lottery are keen to encourage voluntary and community groups to work with each other and with organisations from the private and statutory sectors.

Timeline and how to apply

If you have an idea for a project which will deliver the Silver Dreams Fund challenge and meet its themes, you should submit an expression of interest by midday 28 October 2011.

If we like your idea we'll write to you in November 2011 and invite you to submit an application. You'll need to send us your application form by 27 January 2011.

Towards the end of your project, a panel of experts will judge how well each project has met the challenge. Up to five projects will then be chosen to receive up to £1 million each to carry their ideas forward. We'll provide more details on this aspect of the programme if your application is awarded.

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

Creative England Launches New Fund

The Film Culture Fund is designed to help audiences throughout the English regions access a diverse range of film content, to enrich audiences' experience through education opportunities, and to integrate regional screen heritage resources into wider film.

Projects should address one or more of the following priorities:

Programming: Projects supported by Creative England should extend choice through locally relevant film programming engaging existing and new audiences.

Education: Film education projects supported by Creative England should interact with some element of film exhibition infrastructure and demonstrate the potential to contribute to long-term audience development. They should also be aligned with the objectives of the [UK Film Education Strategy: 21st Century Literacy](#)

Reaching under-served audiences: Projects supported by Creative England should improve access and inclusion by engaging with diverse audiences which are generally under-represented or under-served, delivering audience development through targeting of specific audience groups or communities with limited access to film. Projects should offer sustainability and legacy and demonstrate knowledge of target communities and specific barriers to be addressed.

Regional Screen Heritage: Projects involving Regional Screen Heritage should be focused on audience access to film/moving image archive, in any form but support can also address the acquisition, preservation, conservation and curation required to deliver that access. Projects should be delivered in accordance with the [Screen Heritage UK, the national archive strategy](#)

Grants of £2,000 to £50,000 are available.

The deadline for applications is noon on 28 November 2011.

Reclaim Our Streets

Emergency grants for not-for-profit, third sector voluntary and community groups.

Grants are available to relieve hardship caused directly or indirectly by the riots in August 2011.

The fund includes donations from Express Newspapers, OK! Magazine, new! Magazine and Star Magazine readers who wish to support independent businesses affected by the riots including those who have lost their businesses and homes.

Longer term, we aim to support community cohesion in damaged areas, by funding local charities and voluntary groups that are building stronger communities rather than allowing these events to lead to a breakdown in relations. This stream of funding will kick in once the need for individual hardship grants declines and depending on the amount raised.

Who can apply?

Not-for-profit, third sector, voluntary and community groups who are working with people directly affected by the riots to regenerate their area.

This is a rolling programme and we can accept applications at any time up until the closing date of Thursday 17th November no later than 1pm.

However, we do expect demand will be high for this funding programme and we would encourage you to get your completed application and supporting documentation into us as soon as possible.

If you are unsure as to your eligibility then please call us to check

If you would like to know more about this fund, please contact:

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