



Funding Bulletin February 2008

This newsletter was compiled by T3SC with information from NAVCA, Fit4Funding and direct from funders themselves. It showcases just a few of the hundreds of funding opportunities T3SC have information on. Our Support and Development Team can also offer assistance with putting together a quality funding bid; please get in touch to see how we can work with you to help you achieve your aims.

Equality and Human Rights Commission

Priorities/details: A grants programme worth up to £10 million aimed at funding grass roots organisations across all areas of equality was today launched by the Equality and Human Rights Commission.

Who for? The Commission's funding scheme has developed three areas for priority funding. Applicants from organisations working to promote good relations, highlight equality and human rights and case work will be encouraged. Examples include reducing the impact of hate crime, working with the media to promote greater awareness of equality or human rights issues and providing legal advice to victims of discrimination.

Grant amount: Organisations will be funded for a 12 month period commencing from 1 April, 2008. Awards can be awarded up to £120,000 per application.

Application process: Application pack

Deadlines: 5pm, February 4, 2008

Further information: Email: grants@equalityhumanrights.com Website: <http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/aboutus/grants/pages/grantsandfunding.aspx>

Co-operative Foundation – Community Support Programme

Priorities/details: The Co-operative Foundation is keen to support community and voluntary sector activity through grants to local groups and organisations across its trading area including Tameside. This programme is aimed at grass roots groups who want to make a difference in their own communities.

Who for? It is particularly interested in locally led and run groups which can demonstrate evidence of co-operative values and principles: self-help, equality, democracy, concern for the community.

Grant amount: Grants between the values of £500 and £30,000. One-year projects - for either part or total funding.

Application process: Application form – can be downloaded from website.

Deadlines: The closing dates for submission of applications to the Foundation office in 2008 is Friday 7 March 2008

Further information: Tel: Foundation office on 0161 246 3044. Website: <http://www.co-operative.co.uk/en/foundation/communitysupportprogramme/>

Red Nose Day UK programmes 2005-08

Priorities/details: There are seven programme areas: Young People; around issues of alcohol, mental health and those being sexually exploited or trafficked; Older People; Mental Health; Refugees and Asylum Seekers; Domestic Violence. They make two types of grants in their open programmes. Main Grants and Small Grants. Available in the following three programmes only: Disadvantaged Communities; Older people; Mental health.

Who for? Groups and organisations throughout the UK - These are usually registered charities but they also fund some constituted groups with a written set of rules with charitable objectives.

Grant amount: Main Grants - Grants over £5000, Small Grants - Grants up to £5000. They can give grants for running costs and capital costs, depending on the programme you are applying to. There is no maximum grant size and the amount you ask for should be the amount you need. Some large grants, and a range of smaller grants of between £15,000 and £30,000 each year. They also have a fast-track application process for small grants up to £5000. If you want to apply for more than £100,000 in total, please phone them before you apply.

Application process: Application form available on the website

Deadlines: For grants over £5000 the next deadline is 29 February 2008. For grants under £5000 there is no deadline.

Further information: Tel: 0207 820 5555, Email: red@comicrelief.org.uk
Website: www.comicrelief.com

UK Grants



BIG Research programme - UKwide

Priorities/details: The Big Lottery Fund will provide up to £25 million in the UK over 2007-2009 to fund social and medical research grants in the UK. The aim of the Research Programme will be to influence local and national policy and practice by funding the Third Sector to produce and disseminate evidence based knowledge. In the longer term the programme, through producing sound evidence, will aim to help develop better services and interventions for beneficiaries. Integral to meeting the aim of the programme will be the following five outcomes: Improved understanding of issues relating to the Big Lottery Fund's UK themes and country outcomes; Improved Third Sector participation and knowledge in developing, doing and using research; Improved dissemination of Third Sector led research; Increased participation of beneficiaries and users in a range of research roles; Improved partnerships between the Third Sector and the research community.

Who for? Help is available to organisations that wish to do research, so that they have the skills and expertise to lead an application.

Grant amount: £25 million

Application process: Application form available through the website

Deadlines: Thursday 28 February - Deadline for submission of round one Research grant applications.

Pre-application seminars have been organised by Momenta. If you are new to research and want some advice Third Sector First can help through their seminars. For more information about these events visit their calendar page

Further information: Tel: 0845 0711068, Email:

researchprogramme@aeat.co.uk Websites:

<http://www.bigresearchprogramme.org.uk/content.php?key=home> &

http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_research_programme?regioncode=-uk&progStatus=open&country=%20UK&status=theProg&chan=funding&title=Research%20programme

Allen Lane Foundation

Priorities/details: The Foundation wishes to fund work which: will make a lasting difference to people's lives rather than simply alleviating the symptoms or current problems; is aimed at reducing isolation, stigma and discrimination; and encourages or enables unpopular groups to share in the life of the whole community. The Foundation will make grants for start-up, core or project costs. It is only available for organisations with an income of less than £250k a year.

Who for? Asylum-seekers and refugees; gay, lesbian, bi-sexual or transgender people; gypsies and travellers; offenders and ex-offenders; older people; people from black and minority ethnic communities and migrant workers; people experiencing mental health problems; people experiencing violence or abuse.

Grant amount: £500 up to £15,000

Application process: via application form

Deadlines: Applications will be processed continually.

Further information: Website: www.allenlane.org.uk, Tel: 01904 613223

Email: info@allenlane.org.uk



Sport England

Priorities/details: Sport England is committed to creating an active nation through sport. They aim to sustain and increase participation in sport and active recreation.

Community Investment Fund (CIF) - Sport England's community – or regional – funding stream is called the Community Investment Fund, or CIF. This is the National Lottery funding available through and managed by the regional offices of Sport England.

Application process: CIF - Funding is awarded through an open application process. Online application form

Deadlines: Ongoing

Further information: All documentation can be downloaded from website.

Website: http://www.sportengland.org/index/get_funding.htm,

Helpline Tel: 0845 8508 508 Fax: 020 7383 5740 Email:

info@sportengland.org, Local office: Sport England North West, Astley House, Quay Street, Manchester M3 4AE



Tesco Charity Trust

Priorities/details: The Tesco Charity Trust Community Awards benefit local organisations whose core work supports children's education and welfare, children and adults with disabilities, and elderly people. They aim to give around £600,000 each year through the Community Awards scheme.

Who for? Applications are considered in two rounds: Organisations supporting children's welfare and children's educational projects, including special needs schools; Organisations supporting elderly people and people with disabilities.

Grant amount: Awards are one-off donations and range between £1,000 and £5,000.

Application process: The first step is to write to the Tesco Charity Trust with brief details of your project. (You can write to the Tesco Charity Trust at any time). If you fit the criteria they will write to let you know when they will be sending an application form to you. If your request does not fit criteria they will write to you and explain why.

Deadlines: Children's welfare and education (including special needs schools) 31 January each year;
Elderly and disabilities 30 June each year

Further information: Look at the guidelines on their website for exclusions and further information. Website:

<http://www.tescocorporate.com/charitiesandfundraising.htm>

Tel: 01992 646768

Scurrah Wainwright Charity

Priorities/details: The SWC funds projects in England, primarily in Yorkshire and the North of England. It looks for innovative work in the field of social reform, with a preference for 'root-cause' rather than palliative projects. It favours causes that are less mainstream, and less likely to be funded by other charities. It will fund core costs and repeat-fund as well as making one-off grants.

Who for? The Charity doesn't fund: Individuals; Animal welfare; Buildings; Medical research; Charities supporting individual medical conditions eg MS; Substitution for Government funding eg in education and health; Charities who send unsolicited round-robin letters.

Grant amount: Between £200 and £5000 p.a.

Application process: Contact Kerry McQuade by letter or email

Deadlines: Applications must be submitted by 1 February, 1 June or 1 October respectively.

Further information: Contact Kerry McQuade, Administrator, 16 Blenheim Street, Hebden Bridge, West Yorkshire HX7 8BU Email:

admin@wainwrighttrusts.org.uk

Website: <http://www.wainwrighttrusts.org.uk>

CEMEX Community Fund

Priorities/details: CEMEX Community Fund are a grant-giving fund established in 2004 to support environmental and community projects close to CEMEX's operations.

Who for? Project sites must usually be within 10 miles of an CEMEX operation; Applications should request a grant of no more than £15,000; Projects must have sustainable long-term management arrangements; Projects should demonstrate good community involvement/partnership approach; Preference is given to projects which are within three miles of an CEMEX quarry or landfill; Have 0% administration costs; Demonstrate that sustainability has been taken into consideration (e.g. use of sustainable resources, ecological design); Address social inclusion and accessibility; Not require part funding; Not continue beyond three years. They will not consider: Projects that have already applied for funding but have been unsuccessful; Retrospective funding; Purchase of land; Project extensions.

Grant amount: Annually they support around ten projects each worth around £15,000 through the Landfill Tax Credit Scheme

Application process: Two-stage process. Stage one provides the Fund with an overview of the project. Those selected at this stage will be invited to submit a full application. Only applications where both the organisation and project meet our criteria will be considered.

Deadlines: Stage one Expression of Interest deadline: 14 April 2008

Further information: Email: cemexcf@yahoo.co.uk, Website: <http://www.cemexcf.org.uk/>

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Wellcome Trust - Arts Awards

Priorities/details: The Wellcome Trust believes the arts are an effective way of stimulating debate and engaging people with biomedical science. The scheme aims to: stimulate interest, excitement and debate about biomedical science through the arts; examine the social, cultural, and ethical impact of biomedical science; support formal and informal learning; encourage new ways of thinking; encourage high quality interdisciplinary practice and collaborative partnerships in arts, science and/or education practice.

Who for? All art forms are covered by the programme: dance, drama, performance arts, visual arts, music, film, craft, photography, creative writing or digital media. Projects which engage adult audiences and/or young people. The scheme is open to a wide range of people including, artists, scientists, curators, filmmakers, writers, producers, directors, academics, science communicators, teachers, arts workers and education officers. Organisations may include: arts venues; museums and other cultural attractions; arts agencies; production companies; broadcast media; schools; local education authorities; universities and colleges; youth clubs; community groups; research institutes; the NHS; science centres.

Grant amount: Up to and including £30, 000

Application process: Applications must be made using the Wellcome Trust application form. Please refer to the application guidelines, evaluation

guidelines and Grant Conditions prior to completing the form, all downloadable form their website.

Deadlines: For small to medium-sized projects (up to and including £30 000) forthcoming deadlines are 15 February, 2 May and 18 July 2008. Decisions will be made approximately three months after the deadline. For large projects (over £30 000) the deadline was 11 January 2008.

Further information: Tel: 020 7611 7222, Email: arts@wellcome.ac.uk
Website: <http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/node2580.html>

UKVillages Community Kitty

Priorities/details: The UKVillages Community Kitty is a fund from which a number of grants from between £50 - £300 are allocated to community projects. These grants will be awarded twice a year.

Who for? To apply for a grant from the Community Kitty your group, society or club must be registered on UKVillages and the funds must go towards a clearly identifiable project.

Grant amount: Between £50 - £300

Application process: Application – can be found on the website

Deadlines: There are two rounds of the Community Kitty annually with deadlines on 10 April 2008 and 10 October 2008

Further information: Website: www.CommunityKitty.co.uk,
Tel: 08456 343 243, Website: www.ukvillages.co.uk

Everybody Counts Awards

Priorities/details: Charities across the UK can now enter the contest for cash awards made annually by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales (ICAEW). Applications are invited for the Everybody Counts Awards, which offer prizes of £2,000 to chartered accountants for the charity or community project with which they work. Awards are made in four categories: younger member, member in business, member in practice and retired member. The winners are selected on the basis of the time, level of involvement and commitment they have devoted to the charity or project as well as the difference their work has made. The awards recognise the contribution chartered accountants make to their local communities.

Who for? Chartered accountants who work with a charity or community group

Grant amount: £2,000

Application process: Application – can apply on line or have an application pack sent.

Deadlines: 28 March 2008

Further information: Website: www.icaew.co.uk/everybodycounts, or contact Jade Peters Tel: 020 7920 8692

GREEN SPACES

Heritage Lottery Fund - Parks for People

Priorities/details: Three-year joint initiative between Heritage Lottery Fund and the Big Lottery Fund (BIG) helps with the restoration and regeneration of public parks and gardens, including squares, walks and promenades in England.

Who for? Although they expect most applications through this programme to be led by local authorities, they welcome application from other not-for-profit organisations that own public parks.

You can apply if: You will also have to show them that: your community values the park as part of their heritage; the parks meets local social, economic and environmental needs; and the park actively involves local people. You will need to raise at least 25% of your project costs from other sources, either as cash or non-cash contributions (this is your partnership funding). At least 5% of this partnership funding must be cash from your own resources.

Grant amount: £250,000 to £5million (project planning grants of up to £50k are available).

Application process: Two-stage application process.

Deadlines: Closing dates are 31 March

Further information: E-mail: enquire@hlf.org.uk, Website:

<http://www.hlf.org.uk/English/HowToApply/OurGrantGivingProgrammes/Parks+for+People/>

UK Waterways Grants Programme 2008

Priorities/details: Small Grants Scheme: Waterway wildlife conservation projects, especially ponds linked to canals. Community based projects to improve facilities on canals and inland waterways

Grant amount: grant will not usually exceed £1,000

Application process: Complete the online form OR Download the UK Small Grants Scheme application form

Deadlines: 1 February 2008

Further information: Website:

<http://www.thewaterwaystrust.org.uk/grants/index.shtml>

E-mail: jenny.rogers@thewaterwaystrust.org.uk

Telephone 0151 355 5017



UnLtd Big Green Challenge

Priorities/details: NESTA believe that encouraging people to work together will help find new ways - better ways - to tackle BIG problems, like reducing CO2 emissions. That's why they've developed a unique and exciting competition – with a £1 million prize fund - the Big Green Challenge from NESTA. This prize is about encouraging change and innovation. We're challenging you to reduce your CO2 emissions in your community - which can be local, regional or more widely dispersed - by 60%.

Who for? All of us can help to reduce CO2 emissions in our community, but the £1 million prize fund is designed to encourage and reward people working together to develop new approaches to saving energy. So, the competition is only open to organisations or groups of people. These will need to be formally constituted as 'not-for-profit', although newly formed groups can apply for this status later.

Grant amount: £1 million prize fund

Application process: Application form

Deadlines: 29 February 2008 to enter the first stage of applications

Further information: Email: admin@biggreenchallenge.org.uk

Website: <http://www.biggreenchallenge.org.uk/>

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Forest Education Initiative (FEI) The FEI Partnership Fund

Priorities/details: Forest Education Initiative (FEI) aims to increase the understanding and appreciation, particularly among young people, of the environmental, social, and economic potential of trees, woodlands and forests and of the link between the tree and everyday wood products.

The real work of FEI is achieved by local groups, known as 'cluster groups'. FEI encourages and supports the formation of voluntary cluster groups at local and regional levels. The FEI Partnership Fund is specifically to support the work of FEI

clusters. It can provide match funding for specific activities, which enhance the overall objectives of FEI. These are to help develop, among young people, a greater understanding of trees, woodlands, forest management, forest products and wood as a sustainable resource.

Who for? Only established FEI clusters can apply.

Grant amount: minimum amount is £201, maximum £5,000

Application process: via application form downloadable from the website

Deadlines: 1 February, 1 June and 1 October.

Further information: Website:

http://www.foresteducation.org/local_groups.php?page=4%20FEI

Partnership Fund Manager, Rachel Lucas

Email: rachel.lucas@field-studies-council.org

Tel: 07768 036542



Grants offered for children's charities

Priorities/details: Children's charities are being invited to bid for three grants of £500,000 by BBC Children in Need and venture philanthropy organisation the Hunter Foundation.

The three-year grants programme, called Positive Destinations, aims to fund innovative and effective projects to boost the future chances of vulnerable young people.

Who for? Projects can either offer a holistic response or target key life stages such as pre-school, the transition from primary to secondary school, or the 14-16 age range.

Grant amount: Three grants of £500,000

Application process: Application

Deadlines: 30 March 2008

Further information: Email: pudsey@bbc.co.uk, with Positive Destinations in the subject line. Full details will be available from 1 February on the charity's Website: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/>

Futurelab

Priorities/details: The Futurelab Ideas Incubator is open from 21 January to 29 February 2008 and they are seeking new ideas to support learning outside school. Every day, young people are involved in developing skills, competencies and knowledge outside school - whether learning from parents or siblings, from friends or online communities, whether through formal activities such as clubs or community groups, or through informal activities, such as hobbies and personal passions. The challenges they are setting in this Ideas Incubator are: How could they support young people to recognise what they are achieving in informal settings? What tools and practices could they develop to support young people to reflect upon and develop their out-of-school learning? How can they support educators to recognise, build upon and support children's informal learning interests? What tools and practices could enable young people to showcase their informal learning to their families, friends, employers or educators?



Who for? Young people

Deadline: 29 February 2008

Further information: Website: www.futurelab.org.uk/ideas

Harvest Trust

Priorities/details: Harvest Trust is a national UK charity which organises simple seaside holidays for disadvantaged children. The holidays take place between April and October each. The holidays are based at the Trust's own Holiday Centre near Cardigan Bay in West Wales. There can be many reasons why a child might need a Harvest Trust holiday. The most common needs are low family income, poor environment and traumatic lives. Some children need a break from neglect, violence or caring for a sick parent. Harvest Trust specialises in simple, 'no pressure' holidays which particularly benefit withdrawn children with low self esteem who need space and encouragement to build confidence.

Who for? It is especially for groups of eight to eleven year olds



who really need a week away. The holidays are arranged in partnership with schools, youth and community groups

Application process: via application form

Deadlines: 31 January 2008

Further information: Tel: 01559 371190 Email: office@harvesttrust.com

Website: <http://www.hartrust.vispa.com/whatisharvesttru.html>

BIG Young People's Fund 2: National Grants - England

Priorities/details: Their focus is on changing the lives of young people by putting them in the lead; They will only fund projects that involve young people from start to finish; Grants will be available for up to five years; All projects must have beneficiaries from two or more of the nine England regions; Only voluntary and community sector organisations may apply.

Who for? Projects of national significance that involve young people in developing, running and reviewing policies and services and help deliver the five 'Every Child Matters' outcomes.

Grant amount: The minimum grant is £200,000 and maximum £5 million. They expect to fund approximately 20 projects.

Application process: Applications – you may want to attend a briefing session. The closest one to Tameside is: 29 January

Young People's Fund 2 National Grant Briefings: Birmingham

Big Lottery Fund, Birmingham Operational Centre, Apex House

Deadlines: 4 April 2008

Further information: Website: www.participationworks.org.uk

BIG advice line Tel: 0845 410 2030, Website:

http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_ypf2_national_grants.htm?regioncode=uk&status=theProg



vcashpoint Rounds two, three and four are now open for applications

Priorities/details: vcashpoint is a funding initiative for young people, which grants up to £2,500 for projects taking place in England. The project must benefit a chosen community and create a positive impact. Your community may be where you live, where you spend most of your time, a group you identify with or a group you would like to help. Your project must also inspire other young people to volunteer. Your project could be to improve your local environment, to organise a sporting, cultural, arts event for a group of people - young people, older people or other groups in your community who may have problems accessing opportunities. The project must be completed within six months of the project's start date. All projects for all three rounds must be completed within 31 March 2009.



Who for? The programme is open to young people aged 16 to 25 who live in England. The people organising, planning and/or carrying out the project must be aged 16-25 years old.

Grant amount: The total cost of the project cannot exceed £2,500. There is no minimum amount, but you must be able to prove you can deliver your project for the amount of money you ask for.

Application process: Application from website

Deadlines: Round two - Deadline for applications: 1 February 2008 Project MUST start: 11 April - 11 July 2008

Round three - Deadline for applications: 25 April 2008 Project MUST start: 4 July - 3 October 2008

Round four - Deadline for applications: 18 July 2008 Project MUST start: 26 September - 26 December 2008

Further information: Website: www.vinspired.com/vcashpoint

KPMG Foundation

Priorities/details: The focus of the KPMG Foundation is on education and social projects for the disadvantaged and underprivileged with particular emphasis on unlocking the potential of children and young people, up to 30 years of age, who for primarily social reasons have not fulfilled their educational potential.

Who for? The trustees fund projects which are focused on one of four groups of disadvantage:

- Young offenders or young people at risk of offending
- Young people who have been in care
- Young people who have dyslexia/literacy difficulties
- Young refugees

Projects must be a minimum of one year and a maximum of three years.

Grant amount: £5,000 to £50,000 per annum.

Application process: Application form via website

Deadlines: Finalised applications must be submitted to the KPMG Foundation by Friday 1st February 2008 for consideration by the Trustees on Wednesday 23 April 2008.

Further information: email your name and address details to kpmgfoundation@kpmg.co.uk and a formal application and information pack will be sent to you. A soft copy of the application form is available from www.kpmg.co.uk/about/foundation/index

FUNDING FOR HOMELESS CHARITIES



Spark

Priorities/details: Spark is an innovative project developed by Communities and Local Government, The TREES Group, Big Issue Invest (part of The Big Issue group) and Eastside Consulting to build and inspire social enterprise to prevent homelessness. Its aim is to provide finance and coaching to support the

growth of social enterprise in the homelessness sector. Social enterprise offers an alternative to dependency on grants and donations, which offer little

long term security for their organisations or for the homeless people they serve.

Who for? It will: scale-up existing social enterprises; support the creation of new enterprises within existing organisations; and share skills, resources and experience between the public, corporate and third sectors. Organisations preventing or tackling homelessness.

Grant amount: Spark has a prize fund of £500,000 provided by Communities and Local Government to invest in organisations preventing or tackling homelessness. Successful applicants can also win mentoring, an enterprise 'makeover' and potential investment of up to £500,000 from Big Issue Invest.

Application process: Application form

Deadlines: Applications close 18 February 2008.

Further information: 21 January- 1 February consultants are available to talk through your application on the phone. Website: www.sparkchallenge.org

Email: info@sparkchallenge.org

Government funding for homelessness

Priorities/details: Councils will receive at least £150 million over three years to help them prevent and tackle homelessness in their areas and will receive almost £50 million in homelessness grants next year - a £3 million increase on last year and a rise of 6 per cent. This funding will help councils step up their work to prevent and tackle homelessness.

Who for? While this funding is channelled to Local Government your local council may well use funding for local grants or commissioning of services.

Grant amount: £52,000 a year for Tameside

Further information: Website: <http://www.communities.gov.uk/corporate/>

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

net:gain

Priorities/details: net:gain is a highly subsidised development programme to help leaders of Voluntary and Community Organisations (VCOs) in England tackle planning for communications, technology and performance - whatever their existing expertise, organisation size, or area of work. It is funded by Capacitybuilders under ChangeUp, and is tailored and delivered by local net:gain centres. It offers an inclusive, easy to use planning framework, that helps fit technology needs to overall strategy. Devised by the sector, for the sector with support available locally and for a full year, the flexible planning method can contribute to: Trustee Away Days; Stakeholder or staff meetings; Strategic planning sessions; Planning for future funding.

Who for? For VCOs. If you are a Chief Executive, Trustee or senior manager working in the Voluntary and Community Sector, then the net:gain programme is designed for you. It is a flexible professional development programme to equip you and your staff to make better ICT decisions.

Costs: £40 for a year's membership. Charities can claim discounts on equipment and software, from the Charity Technology Trust and ICT Hub's products and services.

Application process: Enrol online

Deadlines: register for the programme by 30 March 2008 to qualify

Further information: Website: <http://www.net-gain.org.uk>,

Tel: 024 768 53054



Cranfield Open Programme Scholarships

Priorities/details: To enrich management practice and leadership. Cranfield offers assistance to high potential individuals, within certain economic sectors, to attend a selection of our open programmes. Programmes included in the scheme: The Business Leaders Programme; The Cranfield General Management Programme; The Advanced Development Programme; Developing General Management Potential; The Director as Strategic Leader; Developing Deliverable Strategies; High Performance Leadership.

Who for? Not for profit organisations e.g. Voluntary Organisations; Community Groups; Charities; Education sector (primary and secondary).

Grant amount: Awards will be made at 50% of the tuition fee. One award may be made per organisation per year.

Application process: Candidates should write a short case for consideration supported by a referee from within their organisation. Call or email Jane Roberts to discuss your requirements in more detail.

Further information: Tel: 01234 754351, Email: jane.roberts@cranfield.ac.uk
Website: <http://www.som.cranfield.ac.uk/som/index.asp>

NEWS AND FUTURE FUNDS

Department Of Health funding changes

Priorities/details: The Department of Health is reviewing all funding and investment to third sector organisations. This includes primary grant funding streams: Section 64 General Scheme of Grants and Opportunities for Volunteering, and other funding through contracts.

Who for? Third Sector Organisations and other interested stakeholders are invited to respond to the consultation document, which aims to develop a strategic framework for the Department of Health's investment in the Third Sector.

Application process/ Deadlines: The Consultation closes on 20 March 2008 and workshops will take place throughout the country:

North West, 12 February 2008 at Gujerat Centre, Preston; 13 February 2008 at Gateway Centre, Warrington;

Further information: Email: gemma.sisson@regionalforum.org.uk Website: http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Aboutus/Deliveringhealthandsocialcare/Workingwithstakeholders/DH_081175

News from Europa

Priorities/details: The European Commission has designated 2010 as the European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion. The €17 million

campaign aims to reaffirm the EU's commitment to making a decisive impact on the eradication of poverty by 2010. The fight against poverty and social exclusion is one of the EU's central objectives.

Grant amount: € 17 million campaign

Further information: Website:

http://ec.europa.eu/employment_social/emplweb/news/news_en.cfm?id=326

Working Neighbourhoods Fund

Priorities/details: This Working Neighbourhoods Fund is a new dedicated fund for local councils and communities to develop more concentrated, concerted, community-led approaches to getting people in the most deprived areas of England back to work. It replaces the existing Neighbourhood Renewal Fund and incorporates the Department of Work and Pensions Deprived Areas Fund (DAF) to create a single local fund.

Who for? 66 local and 21 transitional authorities will receive a share of a new £1.5bn fund as part of the Government's drive to turn around long term unemployment in our most disadvantaged communities. Allocations are based in part on the most comprehensive mapping of prosperity and deprivation across England using the new Indices of Multiple Deprivation 2007.

Grant amount: The total Working Neighbourhoods Fund of £1.5bn will be allocated over the next three years with more than £450m in 2008/2009, and £500m in 2009/2010 and 2010/2011. At least £50m will be available as a reward fund which will go to areas that have made good progress over the first two years on tackling worklessness and improving enterprise levels.

Application process/ Deadlines: We will keep you updated on what is happening in Tameside

Further information: Website:

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/news/corporate/576590>

www.communities.gov.uk/documents/localgovernment/xls/576317

If you are looking for funding and can't find exactly what you are looking for here we have the FunderFinder database at T3SC which you are free to use. Or you could use our Resource Room to fill in your application form, have a cup of tea, use the excellent resources and get some support.

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