

Funding Update

January 2012

This funding update assembles the [national funding opportunities](#) for the voluntary and community youth sector as highlighted in the NCVYS Strategic Information Service Bulletin during December.

It highlights funding with a focus on [workforce development](#), although readers should be aware that funds in the other sections may also support workforce development.

It includes information on [local grants](#), the majority of which was found at [Funding Central](#). To access further details about these grants you will need to register on the Funding Central website, which is free.

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National grants and awards

Youth Action

[Starbucks Youth Action](#) offers young people from 10 cities across the UK the chance to receive grants of up to £2000 to run a community change project in their local area. Applicants must be 16-24, living in one of the cities we run in and it must be a youth-led idea. Along with the funding, Starbucks can help out with projects by giving volunteers from their staff and help with refreshments. The process is to apply online, come to a training day run by UK Youth and then, if successful, come back to pitch to a panel of MPs, councillors, UK Youth staff and Starbucks staff.

European funding for youth

[The EU Youth in Action Programme](#) has set its priorities for 2012. These are: projects aimed at promoting young people's commitment towards a more inclusive growth; projects stimulating young people's spirit of initiative, creativity and entrepreneurship, employability, in particular through youth initiatives; projects promoting healthy behaviours; projects aimed at raising young people's awareness and mobilisation in tackling global environmental challenges and climate change. The next deadline for applications is 1 February 2012.

Raising the Participation Age projects

[The Department for Education](#) has announced that it is launching a new phase of locally-led delivery projects, running from April 2012-March 2013, to continue and strengthen preparations for Raising the Participation Age (RPA) in 2013. The Department is inviting expressions of interest (EOI) from existing project area local authorities, as well as from local authorities and partners that have not previously been involved in the projects. VCSE organisations wishing to submit a bid must do so in partnership with a local authority. The deadline for areas not currently involved in the projects to submit an expression of interest is Friday 27 January. As an indication of the scale of funding, in previous phases projects have received around £75,000.

Communities and low carbon

The Department of Energy and Climate Change are providing the [Local Energy Assessment Fund](#), which is available to communities in England and Wales who are playing an active role in the development of a low carbon society. There is on average £50,000 available for each successful bid. The deadline for the first round of applications is 12 noon on 22 Dec 2011, with the second round closing at noon on 20 January 2012.



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Male victims of domestic and/or sexual violence

The Home Office is making available £225,000 of funding over two years to organisations to support services focusing on male victims of domestic and sexual violence. Grants ranging from £2,000 to £10,000 are available. All applications must be submitted by 12pm on 17 January 2012.

Youth-led projects

The RSA Youth Award for Innovation is designed for young people who want to achieve something new for themselves and their communities. Applications are invited from groups of young people in London to develop youth-led projects which foster citizenship and self-awareness. This is the fifth year of Awards and each successful award is supported by mentors. Awards are aimed at young people aged 13-19 and are up to £2,000. The deadline for applications is 13 February 2012.

Youth heritage

Young Roots is a grant programme from the Heritage Lottery Fund designed to engage young people aged 13-25 with their heritage. Young Roots projects stem directly from the interest and ideas of young people, who are supported by youth and heritage organisations to develop skills, build confidence, and connect with their local communities. Programme budget is £3000 to £25,000. From April 2012 the upper limit for this programme will increase to £50,000. It will also support projects engaging a wider range of young people (from 11-25 years old) and the maximum length of a project will increase to two years.

Rights and Citizenship

The EU has published a call for proposals for Fundamental Rights and Citizenship "Action grants" for 2011-2012. This programme is aimed at protecting fundamental rights of citizens and is one of five schemes under the programme for Fundamental Rights and Justice. The deadline for submission of proposals is 13 March 2012.

Health inequalities

The Pfizer UK Foundation gives £1million each year to projects addressing health inequalities resulting from social, economic, cultural and demographic factors. Funding between £3,000 and £50,000 is available for projects which clearly tackle a defined health inequality and target a specific local area or marginalised community. There are three deadlines for in 2012 for applications, 18 January, 30 May, and 5 September.

Money management

The moneysavingexpert.com (MSE) Charity Fund provides grants to individuals and charities for ideas and projects that aim to improve knowledge of consumer, debt, or personal money management. During 2012 applications will be accepted in January, March and September.

Issues of global, social and environmental concern

The Oak Foundation provides funding for projects that address issues of global, social and environmental concern, particularly those that have a major impact on the lives of the disadvantaged. The minimum grant available is USD25,000. There is no specified maximum amount.

Young people

The Ernest Cook Trust gives grants to registered charities, schools and not-for-profit organisations wishing to encourage young people's interest either in the countryside and the environment or the arts (in the broadest sense) or aiming to raise levels of literacy and numeracy.

Emergency Essentials

BBC Children in Need's Emergency Essentials Programme will deliver the charity's welfare grants for individual families. The programme will be administered by Buttle UK across three years and will give emergency grants for essential items for struggling families living in extreme deprivation throughout the UK. It will help them meet basic needs, for example ensuring that a child has a bed to sleep in and a hot meal a day. Applications must come through statutory or voluntary agency able to assess the needs of the young person, and administer the grant.

Disabled young people

The CLA Charitable Trust helps to provide facilities for the disabled to take part in country sports and recreation and training in agriculture and horticulture. It also promotes education in the countryside for disadvantaged children and young people. The average grant is in the region of £2,500.

Work in areas of high unemployment and deprivation

The Archer Trust provides support to organisations working in areas of high unemployment and deprivation. Grants of between £250 and £3,000 are available to organisations which provide support or aid to a defined group of needy or deserving people, such as those with physical or mental disabilities, or those facing economic disadvantage. The trustees meet in March and September each year.

New music

The PRS for Music Foundation is offering grants to voluntary organisations working in any genre of new music. It will support commissioning of new (UK) work, music residencies, tours, programmes, community projects, and work involving new technologies. For first time applicants the maximum grant is £5000; those who have been funded previously can apply for up to £25,000. There are four deadlines in the year, the next is on 6 February 2012.

Heritage, education or health care and sports facilities

Peter Stormonth Darling Charitable Trust supports organisations focusing on heritage, education or health care and sports facilities. The applications process is ongoing and interested applicants may apply at any time. Grants typically range from £1,000 to £10,000.

Funding for workforce development

Football

The Football Foundation's Grow the Game scheme funds new football activity (at least two new teams over two years) that provides opportunities for new players, or training new volunteers (including coaching courses). Grants are for £5,000 over a maximum of three years. It is open for applications from 13 December 2011 to 6 March 2012.

IT capabilities

NetSolutions Wales provides grants of up to £10,000 to community organisations in the UK to support the development of their IT capabilities. Funding is available for developing a project, expanding an existing group or improving efficiency and communication.

Sector skills solutions

The Growth and Innovation Fund (GIF) helps employers develop their own innovative, sustainable skills solutions which have the potential to transform growth in their sector, region or supply chain. The second phase of the GIF has been launched to support employers to take collective action to find innovative and sustainable solutions to tackle skills gaps in their sector. The government will be accepting applications throughout the year, rather than having one annual round. The fund is open to employer groups, professional bodies, trade associations etc. The Government will be providing £34 million for 2012-13 and there is still £29 million available to bid for. With matched funding from businesses there will be around £60 million available this year. Comparable levels of investment are planned for the following two years. NCVYS's Workforce Development team is exploring this funding further.

Bursary for training

Charities Evaluation Services have recently been awarded a grant from Lankelly Chase to offer a bursary scheme for non-London organisations to attend a CES training course. The bursary can be used to attend either a one-day or two-day course.

Employment opportunities

The European Social Fund (ESF) was set up to improve employment opportunities in the European Union and to help raise standards of living. It aims to help people fulfil their potential by giving them better skills and better job prospects. Between 2007 and 2013 approximately £1.2 billion of ESF money is available for extending employment opportunities and approximately £670 million is available for developing a skilled and adaptable workforce. ESF funds are distributed through 'Co-financing Organisations' (CFOs). During late 2010 and early 2011, CFOs are launching tendering rounds for the second phase of the programme (2011 – 2013).

National grants and awards from December's Update that are still open

Sustainable living

Big Lottery Fund has launched a £10 million fund through the Communities Living Sustainability programme for community partnerships that aim to encourage people to adapt the way they live, work and engage with each other to gain financial, environmental and health gains. Ten communities across England will gain up to £1 million to improve their chances to live sustainably. Projects can apply for up to £10,000 to develop a project delivery plan. BIG will fund up to 30 projects at development stage and up to 10 projects at full application stage. Community partnerships are to submit an expression of interest by Tuesday 31 January 2012.

Communities

The Community First Neighbourhood Matched Fund is £30 million initiative that provides local communities with the means to address their own priorities. Communities will set up local panels in each eligible ward, and will decide upon projects for funding in their area.

Education and Learning, Arts and Social Justice

The Paul Hamlyn Foundation - Education and Learning 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. It supports projects addressing the following themes: supplementary education; developing speaking and listening for 11-19 year olds; preventing school truancy and exclusion.

The Foundation's Arts Programme aims to support the development of new ideas to increase people's enjoyment, appreciation and involvement in the arts in the UK. There is an emphasis on inter-generational initiatives where young people (up to 25 years old) are one of the groups involved.

The Foundation's Social Justice Programme aims to integrate marginalised individuals and communities in the UK through arts, education and learning-based approaches. It aims to support younger people up to the age of 30, who are at a time of transition either because of their circumstances (leaving care or prison, or settling into a new community, for example), or facing changes in their cultural environment.

Information on the Sainsbury Family Charitable Trusts

Funding Central has provided a list of the general areas of focus of the 18 grant making trusts within the Sainsbury Family Charitable Trusts. Collectively, the Trusts support a wide range of interests, both in the UK and overseas.

Creative approaches

The Gannett Foundation Fund provides grants between £5,000 and £10,000 to support registered charities in areas in which Newsquest publications are circulated. The Gannett Foundation supports projects which take a creative approach to fundamental issues such as education and neighbourhood improvements, economic development, youth development, local problem solving, assistance to disadvantaged or disabled people, environmental conservation and cultural enrichment.

Various programmes

The LankellyChase Foundation supports charitable projects under the following programmes: The Arts; Breaking Cycles of Abuse; Custody and Community; Free and Quiet Minds; and Local People Local Places. Grants are generally in the region of £10,000 to £15,000 a year for up to three years. In exceptional cases consideration will be given to larger grants. From April 2012, the Foundation will concentrate exclusively on bringing about change to improve the quality of life of people who face severe and multiple disadvantage. Most of the programmes are open to applications until 30 March 2012.

Small grants

Biffaward are offering funding under their Small Grants scheme to those that want to make a difference to their community. Groups can apply for grants between £250 and £5,000 as long as their project costs no more than £10,000 in total. You must also find a third party contributor(s) to provide 5% of the grant you are applying for.

Social entrepreneurs

UnLtd Millennium Awards support young social entrepreneurs in England who have ambition, drive, determination and a vision to bring about social change. Level 1 awards of between £500 and £5,000 are for individuals who need help getting their project off the ground. Applications for Level 1 Awards may be made at any time.

Charity Awards

Civil Society Magazine's Charity Awards 2012 are now open for entries. The Charity Awards celebrate the dramatic effects that charities have on a wide spectrum of social needs. For the 13th year, winners of The Charity Awards have an opportunity to grab headlines, unlock new sources of income and win a place on either the Leadership Trust's Leadership in Management or its Leading with Impact programmes. One of the categories is children and youth.

Peace, human welfare and sustainability

The Ford Foundation supports projects which further the Foundation's goal to create political, economic and social systems that promote peace, human welfare and the sustainability of the environment on which life depends.

Vulnerable people

The Yorkshire Building Society Charitable Foundation provides grants of up to £2,000 for projects that support vulnerable people or those suffering hardship.

Campaigning

The Joseph Rowntree Reform Trust funds political campaigns in the UK to promote democratic reform, civil liberties and social justice.

Arts & Culture, Community Development, Education and Health

Fidelity UK fund charities where they feel they can add lasting, measurable value. They seek to support strategic initiatives that enable charitable organisations to reach new levels of achievement. Grants are intended to strengthen charities and encourage the highest standards of management and long-term sustainability. Charitable investments are mainly focussed on Arts & Culture, Community Development, Education and Health.

Education

The Allchurches Trust provides grants ranging from £100 to £5,000 to organisations engaged in the advancement, promotion and furtherance of education, religion or any other charitable purposes.

Education, sport, the arts and regeneration

Egg banking is sponsoring the new Developing Local Talent Fund which focuses on education, sport, the arts and regeneration. The Fund supports projects located within 25 miles of one of Egg's sites based in Derby, Dudley or London.

Learning

The Comino Foundation provides support to projects that train young people in England to learn for themselves, thus, improving confidence, self-reliance, acceptance of responsibility and achievement. The Foundation invites proposals for financial support at any time. They prefer to fund projects that are introduced to the Foundation by their Trustees or Development Fellow.

Supporting and advancing young people

The Wessex Youth Trust provides funding for projects that provide opportunities to help support and advance young people. There are two annual deadlines: 1 May and 1 November. There are no restrictions to the amount requested. Between 20 and 30 grants are awarded each year with the average grant being between £2,500 and £5,000.

Range of projects

The Garfield Weston Foundation supports a wide range of organisations with grants of varying sizes. Recent funding has supported projects in the following categories: Arts, Community, Education, Welfare, Medical, Religion, Youth and Environment.

Local environment

St Modwen Environment Trust provides support to communities in areas where St Modwen Properties plc operates. Grants are offered to not-for-profit groups seeking to improve their local environment, with

a primary focus on environmental schemes, historic buildings and public amenities. There are small project grants of up to £10,000 and large project grants between £10,000 and £50,000.

Community engagement and leadership

The American Express Philanthropic Programme provides support for not-for-profit organisations in three areas: Historic Preservation & Conservation; Leadership; Community Service & Engagement.

Education, environment and regeneration

BAA Communities Trust aims to create opportunities for young people, protect the environment, promote active local communities and break down barriers to employment in communities closest to the BAA airports of Heathrow, Stansted, Southampton, Aberdeen, Edinburgh and Glasgow. Grants vary, up to a maximum of £50,000 for projects developed in a partnership between local airport community teams and their local communities. The main Trust meets quarterly to consider grant applications. The Trust also funds national and international charities which deliver projects in or involving people from the communities local to BAA's airports.

Disadvantage

The Oak Trust makes grants of £250 - £4000 to organisations which support people who are disadvantaged (in the widest sense), as well as medical and environmental charities. The next deadline for applications is 28 March 2012.

Near Neighbours

The Near Neighbours fund aims to encourage stronger civil society in areas that are multi-religious and multi-ethnic by creating association, friendship and neighbourliness in specific Parishes in Leicester, Bradford, Burnley, Oldham, Birmingham and London. It intends to bring together people of different faiths and of no faiths to transform local communities for the better. Grants of between £250 and £5,000 are available. Applications may be submitted at any time until the programme ends in March 2014.

Health and well-being

The People's Health Trust Small Grants Programme provides grants to enable small community and voluntary organisations and groups in England, Scotland and Wales to support an improvement in health and well-being in their local communities. Grants of between £5,000 and £10,000 are available. The total cost of the project must be no more than £25,000.

Residential courses for young people

Venture Trust provides practical help and support for young people in Britain aged 16-30 years in the form of residential courses that give them a chance to make changes in their lives, try new experiences, learn new skills and meet new people. Courses take place at Applecross, on the north west coast of Scotland.

Sports

The Lottery Sports Fund provides support for UK sports projects that increase participation in sport, tackle social exclusion, support major performers, adapt, convert or increase accessibility to existing sports facilities and enable young people to maintain their involvement in sport. Sport England has various programmes including Small Grants, Sportsmatch, Iconic Facilities Fund and Protecting Playing Fields

Parks

The Heritage Lottery Fund Parks for People fund offers grants for projects that regenerate public parks of national, regional or local heritage value. There is a programme budget from £250,000 to £5million. The next deadline for applications is 28 February.

Poetry and literature

The Clore Duffield Foundation has launched a new £1 million programme to fund poetry and literature initiatives for children and young people across the UK. The programme is due to run from 2011 to 2015 with two funding rounds a year. Grants of between £1,000 and £10,000 are available to support participatory learning projects and programmes focused on literature, poetry and creative writing for under 19s. The third round is now open and the deadline for applications is the 30 March 2012.

Young artists

Sky Arts Ignition: Futures Fund - round two is open for applications. The fund, an association between Sky Arts and IdeasTap, is offering five young artists a grant of £30,000 each, to enable them to fund

their work for a year. In addition to the cash support, successful applicants will get a mentor from Sky. The fund is open to individual artists working in the following fields: visual art; theatre; performance art; film; music; dance or literature. The deadline for applications is 5:00 pm, 24 February 2012.

Music

Youth Music have launched a new funding model - The Youth Music Programme - which comprises a new grants programme and a knowledge sharing website - the Youth Music Network. Funding from the Youth Music Programme will support organisations aiming to make a real difference, helping children and young people with least opportunities develop and progress in and through music making.

Musical instruments

Take It Away provides interest-free loans for children and young people up to the age of 25 years to buy musical instruments at participating stores in England. Loans ranging from £100 to £2,000 are available at any of the participating retail outlets. Applicants will need to pay at least 10% of the loan amount at the point of sale. The rest is then paid back over nine months in equal instalments (interest free).

Irish youth

The Irish Youth Foundation UK funds projects that work to improve the lives of young Irish people aged 0-25 living in the UK. The deadline for applications is 16 January 2012.

Individuals on a low income

The Skinners' Benevolent Trust provides grants to individuals in England living on a very low income who have been cut off from society. Grants are provided for essential household items that cannot be paid for by statutory funds.

Charity employees

The Charity Employees Benevolent Fund awards grants to assist and relieve UK residents in need who are or have been in paid employment with a UK charity (or any other charitable body; either an exempt charity or recognised as a charity by HMRC) and their widows, widowers, partners and dependent children.

Bursaries for science study

The Ogden Trust offers educational bursaries and grant programmes to maximise the opportunities available to young people in all parts of the UK's educational system and is now focused on science, particularly physics.

Equipment for children and young people with disabilities

The Children Today Charitable Trust awards grants for a wide range of equipment for children and young people with disabilities. Eligible equipment includes: powered, manual and sports wheelchairs; specially adapted tricycles, bicycles, buggies, and walking aids; and specially designed sensory equipment ie Fibre Optic Sprays.

Social enterprise loans

The Social Enterprise Loan Fund (TSELF) provides loans to charities and social enterprises that are unable to secure sufficient funding from mainstream sources. It aims to help organisations that have a social impact, especially those working in disadvantaged communities.

Venture philanthropy

The Impetus Trust - Venture Philanthropy Fund package is for ambitious, innovative charities and social enterprises to help transform their performance over a defined period of time so they can help many more people gain education, jobs and skills. The fund provides capacity building funding (usually between £200,000 and £500,000 in total) as well as hands-on support from the Impetus investment team and specialist support.

Local grants and awards

Where available the deadlines are in brackets. Click on the locality for further details.

[Leeds Metropolitan District](#) (21 May 2012)

The Caird Bardon Community Programme (£5,000 - £60,000) supports projects which comply with the requirements of the Landfill Communities Fund and provide local community benefit and enjoyment.

[Knowsley](#) (9 February 2012)

Procurement opportunity to provide youth crime prevention services for vulnerable children, young people and their families.

[Salford](#) (31 January 2012)

Little Pot of Health funding (up to £3,000) is available to organisations in Salford improving health and wellbeing locally.

[Leicestershire](#)

County Council Grants are provided through various strands to support individuals, groups and organisations operating throughout Leicestershire in both the private sector and for community and voluntary groups, designed to aid local service provision and to improve inward investment.

[Diss](#) (1 June 2012)

The Council's Grant Aid Scheme provides financial assistance through the award of grants and reduced rate hire.

[Kirklees](#) (31 January 2012)

Procurement opportunity to work with Kirklees Council's Community Partnerships team to build capacity in local community centres and bring a more universal service to local residents.

[Derbyshire](#) (10 February 2012)

Procurement opportunity (contract value £940,000) for provision to meet the needs of young people aged 14-16 at Key Stage 4 who have been permanently excluded, or who are at risk of exclusion, from mainstream school.

[Devon](#) (6 April 2012)

The Sir Francis Chichester Trust offers free places on Outward Bound courses (predominantly three week 'Classic' courses, but some for one week) to young people who live in Devon.

[Newham](#)

Go For It Grants (up to £1000) are available to groups of residents and voluntary organisations working in Newham, for a broad range of project activities.

[Waltham Forest](#) (17 January 2012)

Procurement opportunity to provide positive activities for young people.

[Hackney](#) (30 January 2012)

Procurement opportunity to put in place positive activities for young people (aged 8 to 19). Lot 1 (contract value £1,477,831) is about learning opportunities for young people and will support activities such as after school clubs, accredited learning and outreach. The provision should be inclusive of disabled young people up to the age of 24. Lot 2 (contract value £110,000) is for community based reparation for approximately 60 children a year.

[Sutton](#) (27 January 2012)

Procurement opportunity (contract value £20,000 per year) to provide a service to improve the emotional health of vulnerable children and young people affected by a significant loss.

Local grants and awards from December's Update that are still open

Cumbria

Cumbria Community Foundation grants for people with disabilities, children, young people, elderly people, homelessness and community action are available to charitable and community self help groups in Cumbria.

North East

Stanhope Castle School Charitable Trust provides grants (up to £1,000 per person) to young people who are, or have previously been in care, looked after or under a Supervision Order to the local authority, to undertake educational or training activities in the North East of England..

Tees Valley

The Tees Valley Community Foundation supports community and voluntary activities that help those individuals in greatest need within areas of deprivation and poverty within Tees Valley.

North and West Yorkshire

Sir George Martin Trust supports a variety of charitable causes

Lancashire (5 March 2012)

The Whitemoss Community Fund (£5,000 to £20,000) provides grants for community and environmental projects in the Skelmersdale area of Lancashire which deliver improvements to public amenities, including projects that support nature conservation objectives.

Humberside

High Sheriff & Humberside Police Tribunal Trust provides grants and advice for community safety projects and initiatives within the area served by Humberside Police when financial support is not available from other sources. The Trust offers funding for schemes which address local concerns about the fear of crime, safety, security and crime reduction, particularly over the long term.

West Lancashire (5 March 2011)

The Whitemoss Community Fund provides grants (£5,000 - £20,000) to community and environmental project located in the West Lancashire Borough Council area and that are within five miles of the Whitemoss landfill site in Skelmersdale.

West Lancashire

Community Support Services funds are available for initiatives which promote community cohesion and address issues affecting children, the elderly, the disadvantaged as well as other educational, recreational, sporting and cultural projects.

Merseyside

Community Foundation for Merseyside provides a range of funds (up to £12,000) for projects which benefit the communities of Merseyside. Areas supported include education and learning, sport, the environment, children and young people, health, neighbourhood renewal, disadvantaged communities, community safety and working towards employment.

Stockport (19 January 2012)

Procurement opportunity to provide range of respite services for young people with disabilities and their families in Stockport.

Peak District

The three-year Live & Work Programme (up to £1,000) aims to help businesses in the Peak District create new jobs and safeguard existing ones, and enable communities to carry out projects to benefit local residents.

Lincoln

Leeke Church Schools & Educational Foundation provides assistance to young people resident in the city of Lincoln aged 16-24 towards the costs associated with training for a profession, trade, vocation or for study at educational establishments. Preference is given to those with special learning difficulties and those having an active connection with the church.

North Kesteven

Fund NK (up to £1,000) provides grants to assist a wide range of new or extended community projects and partnership schemes.

Nottinghamshire

The EnviroGrant Scheme (up to £1,000) is designed to help not-for-profit organisations in Nottinghamshire improve their local environment and/or community.

Nottinghamshire

Nottinghamshire Community Foundation provides grants to voluntary and community groups within Nottinghamshire for a wide range of community-based projects including: coalfields regeneration; children and young people; deprived communities; sport; and community empowerment. This page includes details of many of the schemes.

Rushton, Northamptonshire

The Mick George Community Fund provides grants (£3,000 or more) to fund community projects.

Northamptonshire

Northamptonshire Community Foundation provides grants to voluntary and community groups within Northamptonshire for a wide range of community-based projects including: children and young people; deprived communities; education and training; environmental sustainability; healthy lifestyles; safer communities and sport.. This page includes details of many of the schemes.

Northampton (16 January 2012)

The Partnership Fund (£2,000 - £5,000) is designed to bring partnership between Northampton Borough Council and the Northampton Voluntary and Community Sector to life, for the betterment of local communities.

Staffordshire

Village Hall Capital Grant Scheme (up to £30,000) for management committees of village halls and community centres throughout Staffordshire, to fund capital projects that improve existing facilities, or new build projects which meet needs identified by the community.

Leicestershire (9 January 2012)

Engagement and Representation Services for Rural Communities is a procurement opportunity (contract value £75,000) to enhance and develop networks representing rural communities in Leicestershire.

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Mobility, Rehabilitation and Life Skills Services is a procurement opportunity (contract value £48,000) to provide orientation, mobility, rehabilitation and life skills services to visually impaired children and young people in Leicestershire.

West Midlands

The Centro Transport Regeneration Fund (fund value £200,000) reflects current national transport policy and aims to ensure public transport responds to the wider environmental, social, physical and economic needs of the West Midlands. It will help to assist projects address the unmet transport needs of groups and communities, particularly when accessing key services such as employment, health and education.

Coventry

The Coventry Building Society Foundation (£500 to £3,000) charities in the region covered by the Coventry Building Society's branch network that are aimed at improving the quality of life and the opportunity among those who are disadvantaged or deprived, the consequence of which may lead to social exclusion.

West Midlands

Barrow Cadbury Trust's Poverty and Inclusion Programme Small Change Fund (£500 - £3,000) aims to find solutions to poverty, inequality and social exclusion in Birmingham or the Black Country (Dudley, Sandwell, Walsall and Wolverhampton).

Sutton Coldfield

Sutton Coldfield Municipal Charities provides support for needy individuals and organisations that provide benefits for children and adults coping with the impact of disadvantage, sickness, old age or disability.

Midlands

Alan Edward Higgs Charity provides support (average grant size £3,000) for local bodies and associations that can show any grant received from the charity would be used to benefit persons resident within a 25-mile radius of the centre of Coventry.

Buckingham and Gawcott

Buckingham and Gawcott Charitable Trust supports projects of a charitable nature that provide direct benefit to local people.

Hertfordshire

The Locality Budget Scheme provides each of Hertfordshire County Council's 77 elected members with a £10,000 Locality Budget to spend on worthwhile projects in their community that promote social, economic or environmental wellbeing.

Hertfordshire

Herts in Trust provides financial support (up to £5,000) for projects in Hertfordshire which improve the quality of life for everyone who lives and works in the county, primarily through tackling crime and the fear of crime.

St Edmundsbury

Rural Initiatives Grants Scheme (£250 to £10,000) to assist with delivering important capital projects in rural areas of the borough.

Eastern Region

Saffron Community Foundation (up to £2,000) for individuals and groups in Cambridgeshire, Lincolnshire, Norfolk and Suffolk for community projects aimed at improving quality of life and wellbeing.

Bristol and the West of England

Quartet Community Foundations manage and distribute funding on behalf of individuals, companies, charitable trusts and statutory agencies to meet the needs of local people. This page includes details of many of the schemes.

South Somerset

South Somerset District Council Grants (up to £1,000) supports projects which meet a need in the areas of arts, community transport, sports and recreation, community enterprises, youth initiatives and facilities, group development and start-up, community buildings and facilities, and wildlife and countryside activities.

Cornwall

Cornwall Councillor Community Grant Scheme provides grants (£50 to £1,000) to local voluntary and community groups for projects and activities that benefit local communities in Cornwall.

Hampshire & Isle of Wight

The Hampshire and Isle of Wight Community Foundation offers various grant schemes (£100 to £10,000) to non-profit-making organisations that are working to make a difference to local communities.

Surrey

High Sheriff Youth Awards (up to £1,000) support schemes in Surrey where young people can show that they aim to help reduce or prevent crime, and make their communities stronger and safer.

London

The Capital Community Foundation administers a number of funding schemes for groups in areas of London. This page includes details of many of the schemes.

London

The Woolnoth Society Charitable Trust provides meaningful financial support to a selected group of charitable organisations throughout Greater London that work with the underprivileged and needy.

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