

**Lewisham Community Groups and Schools
Funding Guide
2008**

Introduction: Fundraising in Lewisham

This guide has been produced to assist community clubs, faith groups and schools to locate and secure funding to develop numerous activities for residents of all ages. We hope you find it useful.

You can find an online version on Lewisham Council website within the Sport and Leisure page, which will be updated regularly. If you contact a funder and find that information in this guide needs updating, please contact Colin King on 02083146076

Another very useful local resource for Lewisham-based fundraisers is *Funder Finder*, a powerful on-line database of current funding opportunities which enables you to run detailed searches to find award-making bodies whose funding criteria match your project. *Funder Finder* is based at Voluntary Action Lewisham, 120 Rushey Green, SE6 4NJ, and is open to all. To book an appointment to use this resource, with one-to-one support from a member of staff, please call VAL on 020 8314 9411.

Please contact VAL if you have any other queries regarding developing your not-for-profit organisation. Contact details for VAL, and other local agencies who offer support, can be found in at the back of this guide.

How to use this guide

We know many of our readers are experienced fundraisers – your feedback on this guide would be much appreciated, to help us continue to improve it.

If you are new to fundraising, or would like to review your approach, we hope you will find the following advice useful.

Before you make an application:

1. Plan your project

Before you can start seeking funding, it is essential that you have a clear project outline. All funders will want to see clear evidence that your project:

- Responds directly to identified needs.
- Has been developed in consultation with potential service users.
In particular, if you propose to work with children and young people, show how you will create opportunities for them to participate in the planning and delivery of your project.
- Has been developed to meet goals/outcomes which you will be able to prove have been reached by the end of the project.
- Will be good value for money.
- Will be effective and sustainable.

Start by writing a brief outline of a paragraph or two, ensuring it shows how you will cover these points. Include a rough budget.

Doing this first will ensure that as you look through the details of the many funders in this guide, you are able to make strong choices about those most likely to support your project.

2. Find your ideal funders

It is crucial that your project and funder are the perfect match. As you read through this guide, pay close attention to details on each funder:

- what kind of organisations do they fund?
- What type of project will they support?
- Which types of cost will they cover (e.g. capital costs)?
- What are the application procedures – do they fit in with your timescale?
- Will they offer additional support (e.g. training, advice, capacity building)?

You should only consider contacting funders whose criteria match your project exactly.

Many funders (but not all) will only consider supporting projects which are new, rather than funding the continuation of existing projects. However, such funders may still show interest if you can show that you plan to develop an existing project in a new and innovative way. It's essential that you call them to check this kind of detail before making your application.

3. Contact them!

Always call a funder before you make an application. This is vital for two reasons:

- **Check you're up to date:** Funding streams come to an end ... and new opportunities open up, too. ALWAYS call to make sure you are applying for a fund that still exists, and that the criteria have not changed.
- **Make links and get advice:** Most funders prefer you to call an advice line or named individual to discuss your idea before you apply, as this means they get stronger applications. Before calling, make sure you have a clear project outline which meets their requirements, as well as some idea of your budget. You could ask specific questions about your project idea and find out if similar projects have been funded in the past. These conversations will give you a fresh perspective on your project outline, and may well give you ideas for improving it.

At this point, you should have a project outline, a rough budget, and a list of funding bodies (with named contacts) who you know will be interested in supporting your project. Now all you need to do is apply:

4. Making an application

- Read and follow the funder's instructions carefully.
- Ask for a specific sum of money, and ensure that your proposed budget shows exactly how it will be spent.
- If you are completing a form, make sure you have covered every section – incomplete application forms are one of the main reasons that grant applications are refused.
- If you are required to apply by letter, aim to write about two pages. Make sure that you include information on:
 - i. The need you have identified that your project will meet – who it will help, and how
 - ii. The outcomes of your project (make sure these are SMART: Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic and Time Based). Indicate how you will measure success in relation to each outcome, once the project is completed.
 - iii. Your budget
 - iv. Details of any existing funding or support you receive
 - v. Anything else the funder has asked you to mention/send.
- Don't overload your application with attachments that haven't been asked for. A funder who is seriously interested will ask if they require further information.

5. If you don't receive funding.

- Ask for feedback. Understanding where your application could have been stronger will improve your chances in the future.
- Remember that funders tend to receive far more applications for funding than they have funds available.

6. If your application is successful.

- Acknowledge the funding, thank the funder and make arrangements to meet any conditions which may be attached. This seems obvious, but many organisations fail to do so!
- Keep in regular touch with your funder, in any way they suggest. Building a strong relationship and demonstrating reliability greatly improves your chances of receiving further funding in the future.
- Let your funder know if there are any problems. They may be able to help you with connections to other funders, variations in the funding they offer you, or offer advice and support.

Good luck!

Section A – Funding.

1. Funding available locally through Lewisham Council departments.

The following Lewisham Council departments run various grants schemes. Please check current funding programmes and eligibility with relevant council departments:

- **Lewisham Arts Service** – runs a Small Grants scheme with regular funding deadlines. Other current grants schemes include the Collaboration Fund, which is open to any partnership of two or more organisations bidding for up to £5,000 (round closes in April each year) and the One Lewisham Fund, with up to £5,000 which celebrate diversity in Lewisham (next deadlines June 2008 and November 2008.) See <http://www.lewisham.gov.uk/LeisureAndCulture/ArtsService/Funding/> or call 0208 314 7730
- **Community Sector Unit** – provides funding, support in managing premises, community centres and offices, and assistance in getting started. See <http://www.lewisham.gov.uk/CommunityAndLiving/VolunteeringVoluntaryOrganisations/FundingSupportVoluntary> or call 020 8314 6579
- **Community Sector Unit One-Off Grant Aid**

What sort of things can you get funding for? For innovative projects and activities which tackle isolation, social exclusion and/or promote lifelong learning. Grants can be for a new project or to expand the existing activities of the organisation.

How much can you apply for?

A maximum of £2500 for individual groups and £6000 for projects where two or more groups are working together.

How long is the funding for?

One year.

How is it paid?

One-off after application has been approved

Are there any restrictions and conditions?

Your annual income should be less than £50,000. The projects must benefit residents within Lewisham. Funding will not be given for parties, festivals or outings unless they contribute to the overall purpose of the project.

How and when to apply

One round a year. You can apply from January/February.

- **Faith in Lewisham Fund – Community Sector Unit**

What sort of things can you get funding for?

The fund is for faith groups that are committed to community involvement and want to make a unique contribution in meeting community needs and regeneration. Projects should be innovative and include activities that tackle isolation, social exclusion and/or promote lifelong learning. Grants can be for a new project or to expand the existing activities of the group.

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- **Lewisham Youth Service**

- manages the Summer Programme: deadline for application is in March each year. This is likely to be rolled out to Easter and other holidays in the next few years, so watch this space.
- is leading on a new scheme called 'Broadening Horizons'. Lewisham's young people will all be issued with a 'Lewisham One Card', a swipecard which they can use to access a range of services. Participating organisations will be financially supported to provide free services to certain vulnerable groups, including looked after children, those with a disability and traveller children. This scheme should be up and running by April 2009.
- supports Lewisham Youth Opportunity Fund/Youth Capital Fund, which are managed by Lewisham's Young Commissioners, and is one stream through which the Mayor's London Youth Offer 2008-2010 will be distributed in Lewisham. Contact Mavalyn Bonsu on 02083149543 or write her at Oakbridge Centre, 5 Oakbridge Rd, Downham, Bromley BR1 5QW.

- **Positive Activities for Young People (PAYP)** This scheme is another funding stream benefiting from the London Youth Offer 2008-2010. To investigate becoming a provider of specifically targeted programmes for young people aged eight to nineteen years old identified as at risk of social exclusion, community crime or being a victim of crime as part of this scheme, call 020 829733

External awards for organisations

1. Abbey Charitable Trust

Who can apply? UK registered, excepted or exempt charities, in areas where there is an Abbey branch presence.

Size of grants offered: £500 to £4,000

Application deadline: No deadline

Funding criteria: Abbey funds under 3 main categories:

- Education and Training – This does not need to be formal training leading to a qualification, but must directly benefit disadvantaged people and make a lasting difference to the community.
- Financial Advice to Help People Manage Their Money
- Community Regeneration – This includes projects where different parts of the community work together to improve the local area. This would include

Abbey prefers to fund tangible items like equipment, workbooks, training materials, guides and other capital items. They will fund salaries and sessional worker fees, so long as this does not exceed 50% of the value of the donation and is appropriate for one off funding.

Exclusions: Donations which replace statutory funding, are for general running costs or major capital projects, support a single individual, benefit a single religious or a single ethnic group, are for commercial sponsorship or for fundraising events, conferences or advertising.

Further information: Go to <http://www.abbeynational.com> and search for 'charitable trust'. The 'how to apply' page has specific information on how to structure your letter. If, after reading their guidelines, you still have any questions please call the helpline on 0870 608 0104, Monday to Friday 10am-2pm, or e-mail the address below.

How to apply: Look at 'how to apply' on the website and follow the instructions carefully. You will need to write a covering letter on official headed notepaper, including a statement signed by both a Trustee and a member of staff that you are authorised to apply on behalf of that charity. Send it to the address below

Contact details:

Abbey Charitable Trust

P.O. Box 911

Milton Keynes

MK 9 1AD

Tel: 0870 608 0104

Email: communitypartnership@abbey.com

Web: Go to <http://www.abbeynational.com> and search for 'charitable trust'.

2. Arts Council England

Who can apply? Individuals and organisations, partnerships and collectives, regional and national organisations, organisations whose normal activity is not arts related, including voluntary and community groups, groups of organisations

Size of grants offered: Up to £100,000

Application deadline: No deadline.

Funding criteria: Time limited activities taking place in England, benefiting people or supporting artists and art organisations to carry out their work.

Exclusions: Individuals or organisations who share profits, students, organisations receiving regular support without lead officer's written agreement, organisations outside the EU.

Further information: See contact details below.

How to apply: See contact details below.

Contact details:

2 Pear Tree Court

London EC1R 0DS

Web: www.artscouncil.org.uk

Tel: 0845 300 6200

3. Awards For All

Who can apply? Voluntary and community groups, registered charities, schools

Size of grants offered: Between £300 and £10,000 to fund a specific project or activity

Application deadline: You can apply all year round, and will hear the decision within 8 weeks

Funding criteria: Awards for All aims to 1) extend access and participation, 2) increase skill and creativity and 3) improve local quality of life. These are broad aims and Awards for All supports a great variety of projects and activities. In London priority is given to applications that also achieve one or more of the following outcomes: 1) better understanding of different people, places and cultures in our local community, 2) increased involvement from people who face barriers to participation, 3) more use of outdoor community space, 4) improved skills for running small community groups, 5) healthier lifestyles for the whole community.

Further information: See Award for All England Guidance Notes, available at www.awardsforall.org.uk

How to apply: Complete the application form found at www.awardsforall.org.uk and send to the address below

Contact details:

Awards for All

Apex House

3 Embassy Drive

Edgbaston

Birmingham

B15 1TR

Tel: 0845 600 20 40

E-mail: Generalenquiries@awardsforall.org.uk

Web: www.awardsforall.org.uk

4. Barclays Social Responsibility Programme

Who can apply? Groups dealing with 16-25 age group.

Size of grants offered: Funding for 2008 is already committed.

Application deadline: No deadline.

Funding criteria: Projects supporting education, the environment, the arts, people with disabilities and social inclusion.

Further information: Barclays are investing in a Space for Sports programme.

How to apply: They are not inviting unsolicited applications. They are taking general enquires for possible future funding only.

Contact Details:

London and Southern Community Relations Team

Level 8

1 Churchill Place

London E14 5HP

Tel: 020 7166 6099/6603

Email: Lynda.dobranja@barclays.com

Web: barclays.co.uk/responsibility

5. B & Q One Planet Living Awards

Who can apply? Registered UK Charities, Schools or other recognised community groups e.g. Youth or Day Care Centres, Scouts, Guides etc.

Size of grants offered: £50 - £500 (at retail cost) of B & Q materials, e.g. pond liners, plants, compost, paints

Application deadline: No deadline, but funds are allocated to stores in February, so it is advisable to apply as soon after then as possible.

Funding criteria: Local community projects based on environment/energy saving, national habitats and wildlife, local culture and heritage. The final result should have long-lasting benefits for the community and there must be commitment from the applicants and from the local community to the project. As maintenance costs are not included in the grants, projects should be designed for easy care. Provision of access for disabled people must be considered.

Exclusions: The grant does not provide electrical / gas / petrol driven equipment

Further information: See www.diy.com/grants for more information and then contact your local store (contact details at www.diy.com.)

How to apply: To apply for a grant, applicants will need to contact the environmental champion, diversity champion or store manager at their local B & Q store. You can find your nearest store on www.diy.com. You will then need to submit a letter on headed paper to your local store.

Contact details:

www.diy.com/grants

6. BBC Children in Need

Who can apply? Not for profit organisations with a constitution or governing document, their own bank or building society account, at least two unrelated cheque signatories, a written child protection policy and adequate and appropriate insurance.

Size of grants offered: There are no fixed amounts, but grants seem to vary between about £2,000 and £200,000

Application deadline: There are two deadlines each year: November and March.

Funding criteria: Children in Need gives grants to organisations with disadvantaged children and young people who must be 18 years and under, living in the UK.

'Disadvantaged' includes children suffering from illness, distress, abuse, or neglect, children with a disability, behavioural or physiological impairment and children living in poverty or situations of deprivation.

A lot of stress is placed on the quality of the project plan, and on specifying and monitoring the improved outcomes the requested grant would bring to the disadvantaged children with whom you work.

Exclusions: Retrospective funding (for projects that have already started, or would have already started by the time the funding would be awarded.) Projects unable to start within 12 months. Deficit funding or repayment of loans. The promotion of religion.

Further information: See <http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/charity/grants> where you'll find information on how to plan your project and write your application on the website, including examples from application forms and how they could be improved. Be sure to read and follow this advice.

How to apply: See <http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/charity/grants> for more information and for the application form. You will also need to complete a project budget and salaries spreadsheet. You can submit the form online, but will need to print off two copies and had them signed by your internal and external referees.

Contact details:

BBC Children in Need

PO Box 1000

London W12 7WJ

Tel: 020 8576 7788

7. Big Lottery Fund: Family Learning Programme

Who can apply? Registered Charities, voluntary and community organisations, charitable or not-for-profit companies and social enterprises. Private sector organisations and statutory bodies including schools and children's centres can also apply, provided that there is a voluntary or community sector partner involved in the planning and development of the project.

Size of grants offered: £10,000-£500,000 for projects from 1 to 5 years duration. It is anticipated that the average grant will be between £100,000 and £150,000.

Application deadline: Outline proposals can be submitted until 29th August 2008. The deadline for full applications is 30 November 2008.

Funding criteria: Revenue expenditure, overheads. Capital expenditure of no more than 10% of the total grant, restricted to plant, equipment and transport necessary for delivering the project.

Projects should:

- Be enjoyable and practical learning activities for all the family, such as arts and crafts, sports, outdoor activities or drama.
- Be imaginative .
- Meet local needs and remove the practical barriers to learning, for example by providing childcare.
- Involve adults and children learning together (at least one parent or other adult carer and at least one child under the age of 16 (or 24 with a physical or mental disability.)

Priority will be given to projects that:

- that are not qualification based
- that help families who have not been involved in family learning before.
- That help those groups most in need, (see website for further details.)

Exclusions: Funding already committed before the decision is made.

Further information: Make sure you read the guidelines carefully as there is a lot of useful information about planning your project and writing your application.

How to apply: You can get an outline proposal form by calling the number below or downloading it and the comprehensive guidelines from the website.. Submit your completed outline proposal to the address below. You will hear within 10-15 working days whether you might get a grant. If so, you will be sent an application form. You must send this within 6 months. You will know the decision 4 months after you submit the form. All projects must then start within 6 months of the decision.

Contact details:

Outline Proposal

Apex House

3 Embassy Drive

Edgbaston

Birmingham

B15 1TR

Tel: 0845 4 10 20 30

Email: general.enquiries@biglotteryfund.org.uk

Web: www.biglotteryfund.org.uk and search for family learning

8. Calousete Gulbenkian Foundation

Who can apply? Not for profit organisations.

Size of grants offered: Up to £15,000

Application deadline: No deadline.

Funding Criteria: Projects should relate to the arts, education and social change.

Further Information: Includes environmental projects and out-of –school services and facilities.

How to Apply: There is no standard application form. It is advisable to obtain the leaflet which describes their current policies and priorities before submitting your application letter,

Contact Details:

Calousete Gulbenkian Foundation

UK Branch

98 Portland Place

London W1B 1ET

Email; info@gulbenkian.org.uk

Tel: 020 7636 5313

Web: www.gulbenkian.org.uk

9. The Church Urban Fund

Who can apply? Faith-based community groups particularly churches in deprived areas trying to reach out into the community. Invites applications from all faith groups.

Size of grants offered: Up to £10,000.

Application deadline: No deadline.

Funding Criteria: Currently inviting applications for a Health and Belief grants from small community groups with annual incomes less than £150,00, for tackling poverty related health inequalities in London. Other grants, main and mustard seed, available.

Further Information: For general information central office at

Central Office

Church Urban Fund

Church House

Great Smith Street

London SW1P 3AZ

How to Apply: Lewisham is covered by the Diocese of Southwark.

Contact the Local Diocesan Link Officer or download an application form from the website.

Contact Details: Steph Blackwell 020 7939 9415

Web: www.cuf.org.uk

10. The City Bridge Trust

Who can apply? Grants are almost always only given to registered charities.

Size of grants offered: There is no minimum amount. Applications over £25,000 will need to be accompanied by a detailed proposal. Large grants to small organisations are unlikely to be made.

Application deadline: No deadline. The Main Grants programme will be closed from October 2007 for review, and is due to reopen in June 2008. Decisions will be made within 4 months of application date.

Funding criteria: The main grant funding falls under the categories of Access for Disabled People, London's Environment, Children and Young People (aimed either at children and young people at risk or at encouraging responsible living), Older People in the Community and Strengthening the Voluntary and Community Sector. After 2008-09 the small grants programme (under £20,000 per year) may also be relevant for groups working with young people. Grants can be for running costs or for capital costs. Grants for running costs can be from 1 to 3 years. The Trust is prepared to consider covering core costs. The Trust expects your organisation to have some other revenue funding and a track record before making a grant. It is unlikely to be your single largest funder.

Exclusions: The trust does not currently fund under 5's work, play provisions, after school clubs, or general youth provision.

It will not offer retrospective funding.

Further information: www.bridgehousegrants.org.uk. The grants team will also be happy to discuss possible applications with you.

How to apply: Complete hard-copy or online application form. Unless using the online application form, applications must be posted to the address below.

Contact details:

The City of London Bridge Trust
City of London
PO Box 270
Guildhall
London
EC2P 2EJ

Tel: (main grants) 020 7332 3170; (small grants) 020 7332 3705

Email: citybridgetrust@cityoflondon.gov.uk

11. The Clore Duffield Foundation

Who can apply? For the main programme - registered charities; for Clore Performing Arts Awards – registered charities and limited companies; for the Clore Jewish Development Fund – registered charities, limited companies and schools.

Size of grants offered: Up to £1m for main programme. Up to £10k for performing arts and up to £20k for Jewish Development Fund.

Application deadline: No deadline for main programme. September 17 2008 for Performing Arts (Round 8).

Funding Criteria: Projects should relate to the arts, education and social change. Performing Arts Awards are aimed at initiatives providing for children and young people aged 0-18.

Further Information: The fund can match lottery funding, fund capital development

and provide project and revenue funding.

How to Apply: Initially, by letter of application no more than 2 sides of A4 paper.

Contact Details:

Clore Duffield Foundation

Studio 3

Chelsea Manor Studios

Flood Street

London SW3 5SR

Tel: 0207 351 6061

Fax: 0207 351 5308

Email: info@cloreduffield.org.uk

Web: www.cloreduffield.org.uk

12. The Clothworkers Foundation

Who can apply? Registered charities with an annual income of under £250,000 (small grants programme) or £10 million (main grants programme.)

Size of grants offered: £500 to £10,000 (small grants programme.) No fixed limit (main grants programme.)

Application deadline: None. For the small grants programme a decision should be made within 6 weeks. For the main grants programme a decision should be made within 6 months.

Funding criteria: Capital costs only. This includes building purchase renovation, equipment (including IT hardware), vehicles, publications (including web based), website development, and training costs or professional fees related to capital programmes.

Funding is available for groups working in one of the following programmes:

Encouragement of Young People, Social Inclusion, Elderly, Disability, Visual Impairment or Textiles.

Exclusions: Charities which have received grants cannot apply again within 5 years. Organisations or projects which promote a particular religion or where the money will be used for religious purposes.

Further information: Further information in the first instance should be obtained from the website. If you have read the guidelines on the website and still have questions please call the telephone number below.

How to apply: You will need to apply with the relevant application form (available from their website) and a 2-3 page project brief, a full project budget and the latest accounts as submitted to the Charity Commission. Applications should be sent by post to the address below.

Contact details:

Grants Manager

The Clothworkers' Foundation

Clothworkers' Hall

Dunster Court

Mincing Lane

London, EC3R 7AH

Tel:020 7623 7041

Web: <http://www.clothworkers.co.uk> then click on 'grant making'

13. Comic Relief

Who can apply? Constituted voluntary organisations, or registered charities.

Size of grants offered: Grants under £5,000 offered for projects addressing Mental Health, Older People or Disadvantaged Communities only. Larger grants available for all programme areas other than Disadvantaged Communities.

Application deadline: No deadline for grants under £5,000. For grants over £5,000 see www.comicrelief.com for more information.

Funding criteria: During 2005-2008 Comic Relief is focusing on 6 programme areas:

- 1) Young People
- 2) Older People
- 3) Mental Health
- 4) Refugees and Asylum Seekers
- 5) Domestic Violence
- 6) Disadvantaged Communities

For the Young People Funding Stream the application must be focused on 1 of the following: young people with mental health problems; young people with alcohol problems; young people abused through prostitution and trafficking.

The Disadvantaged Communities funding stream is only open to organisations with a turnover of less than £150,000 per year. It focuses on projects started by local residents to improve small geographical communities.

Further information: See www.comicrelief.com

How to apply: Download relevant application form from www.comicrelief.com and post to the address on the form.

Contact details:

Comic Relief UK
5th Floor
89 Albert Embankment
London
SE1 7TP
Tel: 020 7820 5555
E-mail: red@comicrelief.com
Web: www.comicrelief.com

14. Ernest Cook Trust

Who can apply? Registered charities and non profit-making organisations.

Size of grants offered: Small grants up to £4000 and large grants over £4000

Application deadline: Ongoing for small grants. 4th August 2008 or 31 January 2009 for large grants.

Funding Criteria: Projects educating young people about the environment and countryside.

Exclusions: Grants are not made to individuals or to agricultural colleges

Further Information: The Trust normally part-funds for one year only. Applicants must wait two years before re-applying.

How to Apply: There is no application form. Applicants should sent a covering letter to the Grants Administrator together with a description of their educational project (no

more than two sides of A4 paper), a simple budget and the annual report and accounts of their organisation.

Contact Details:

The Ernest Cook Trust

The Estate Office

Fairford Park

Fairford

Gloucestershire

GL7 4JH

Tel: 01285 712492

Email: grants@ernestcooktrust.org.uk

Web: www.ernestcooktrust.org.uk

15. Esmée Fairbairn Foundation

Who can apply? Registered charities and other not-for-profit groups with a suitable constitution.

Size of grants offered: Grants made so far this year range from c £2,000 to c£100,000. The average grant is about £53,000.

Application deadline: No deadline

Funding criteria: Esmée Fairbairn Foundation makes grants to organisations which aim to improve the quality of life for people and communities in the UK.

The majority of their funding will now be funded through the Main Fund which will be an open, non-prescriptive way of working thorough which they will listen to ideas. They expect to fund a wider range of work than before, although their core interests remain in the fields of culture, education, environment and social development. As part of their new funding approach they are also running a number of smaller, more focused fund strands. These will be in areas where they think a more direct intervention may have a greater impact. The first three will be : Biodiversity, Museum and Heritage Collections, and New Approaches to Learning. They plan to launch further strands later in 2008. They are interested in work which others may find hard to fund, perhaps because it breaks new ground, appears too risky, requires core funding, or needs a more unusual form of financial help such as a loan. Funding is offered for core and project costs. The Foundation looks to fund work of organisations that can show that they are 'doing things with people' rather than 'doing things to people' and which promote inclusion. They look for work that will bring about lasting change for people and communities facing disadvantage, and that can add value by, for example, leveraging additional funding or encouraging good volunteer involvement

Grants may be for one year or longer. Generally grants are not made for more than 3 years, although this may be possible, for example, to help a young organisation develop.

Exclusions: Groups that have applied less than 12 months previously.

The Foundation will not fund work that has already taken place. It is very unlikely to fund local organisations which are part of a wider network of others doing similar work, e.g. Age Concern, Mind, or to fund individual pre-schools, schools, out-of-school clubs, supplementary schools, colleges or youth clubs.

Further information: Main fund guidance is available at www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk/funding/main-fund.

How to apply: Read the guideline document carefully. Fill in the application cover sheet, write the proposal according to the instructions, and send with ALL the supplementary information requested to the address below.

The Foundation aims to make decisions on grants of £20,000 and under within two months of receiving your application. Decisions on grants over £20,000 will normally be made within five months.

Contact details:

Grant Applications

Esmée Fairbairn Foundation

11 Park Place

London SW1A 1LP

Tel: 020 7297 4700

Email: info@emeefairbairn.org.uk

Web: <http://www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk>

16. Fidelity UK Foundation

Who can apply? Charitable organisations

Size of grants offered: No fixed amount.

Application deadline: No deadline.

Funding Criteria: The aim of the foundation is to strengthen charitable organisations working in arts and culture, community development, education and health. Since sustainability is a priority successful projects often address capital improvements, technology upgrades, organisational development and planning initiatives.

Exclusions: Grants are not made to start up, sectarian or political organisations, private schools, or individuals. They are not made for projects involving sponsorships or benefit events, scholarships, corporate memberships, advertising and promotional projects, or exhibitions.

Further Information: The Foundation also operates a small grants programme; see website for details.

How to Apply: See website for details.

Contact Details:

Susan Platts-Martin,

The Fidelity UK Foundation,

Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Road,

Hildenborough, Kent, TN11 9DZ

Tel: 01732 777364

Web: <http://www.fidelityukfoundation.org>

17. Football Foundation

Who can apply? Voluntary and community organisations.

Size of grants offered: See website for details of different streams.

Application deadline: No deadline.

Funding Criteria: Applications for support with facilities, kit, provisions, equipment and other football items from a range of funding streams. The community fund supports projects using football and sport to contribute to educational attainment and closing the skills gap, tackling health inequalities and social exclusion, ensuring that supported projects increase participation and consider equality of access.

Further Information: See website.

How to Apply: See website.

Contact Details:

See website for a comprehensive list of useful contacts on different topic areas.

General enquiries: 0845 345 4555

Web: www.footballfoundation.org.uk

18. The Foundation for Sport and the Arts

Who can apply: Arts and Sports clubs , community organisations and registered charities

Size of grants offered: Up to £40,000

Application deadline: None

Funding criteria: The foundation supports sporting and artistic causes except for football and horseracing. They seek evidence of energetic fundraising and involvement of local people.

Further information: Please contact the Foundation or view their website.

How to apply: Online application available or contact the Secretary to the Trustees for a questionnaire and guidelines.

Contact details:

The Foundation for Sport and the Arts

Walton house

55 Charnock Road

Walton

Liverpool L67 1AA

Tel: 0151 259 5505

Email: info@thefsa.net

Web: www.thefsa.net

19. Four Acre Trust

Who can apply? Charities working in the areas of: respite care and holidays, school holiday activities, youth work and vocational guidance and mentoring.

Size of grants offered: £3,000 to £75,000

Application deadline: No deadline.

Funding Criteria: Grants can meet core costs or specific purposes.

Further Information: See website.

How to Apply: Application form available on website or by contacting the Trust.

Contact Details:

Four Acre Trust

P.O. Box 48

Wootton-under-Edge

Gloucestershire

GL 7WZ

Tel: 01453 844129

Email: info@fouracretrust.org.uk

Web: www.fouracretrust.org.uk

20. Future Builders England

Who can apply? Charities, social enterprises, community interest companies, voluntary groups, and community organisations delivering public services related to children and young people, community cohesion, crime, health, education and learning.

Size of grants offered: Minimum of £50,000 rising to £10 million for main grants, and smaller development grants.

Application deadline: No deadline.

Funding Criteria: The website has details of their criteria and application process

Further Information: See website.

How to Apply: See website.

Contact Details:

Future Builders England

3rd floor

3-5 Rathbone Place

London W1T 1HJ

Tel: 020 7927 6340

Web: www.futurebuilders-england.org.uk

21. Garfield Weston Foundation

Who can apply? UK registered charities and exempt charities such as churches, hospitals, educational establishments, museums and housing corporations.

Size of grants offered: The Garfield Weston Foundation is one of the largest grant making trusts in Europe, and does give a number of large grants. However, they also give a large number of smaller grants, for about £1,000 up, to youth and community projects.

Application deadline: No deadline. It normally takes between three and four months for an application to work its way through the system.

Funding criteria: The trustees have no specific priorities. Funding is allocated under the categories of Arts, Community, Education, Environment, Health, Religion, Welfare, Youth, and Other. Under 'youth' a number of uniformed and non-uniformed youth groups are supported for upgrades to premises, equipment, project work and revenue funding.

The trustees are inclined not to fund an individual salary, but will make a donation towards general running costs. The trustees consider the costs involved in delivering the work in relation to the number of beneficiaries. They prefer as full a reach as possible and may decide against supporting an organisation that deals with a very narrow service group. They particularly favour organisations that are fully inclusive.

Further information: Take some time to look around the website, and the annual report available on it. The 'Smaller Grants' section of the website provides some examples of groups that the foundation has supported with grants of between about £1,000 and £15,000

How to apply: Applications for funding should be made in writing and include a covering letter and a completed application form. (Application forms are available through the website.) They should also include the charity's registration number (if applicable), a copy of the most recent report and audited accounts, an outline description of the charity's activities, a synopsis of the project requiring funding, with details of who will benefit, a financial plan, and details of current and proposed fundraising.

Contact details:

The Administrator
Garfield Weston Foundation
Weston Centre
10 Grosvenor Street
London
W1K 4QY
Tel: 020 7399 6565
Web: <http://www.garfieldweston.org/>

22. Goldsmith's Company's Charities

Who can apply? London-based or national charities. Where charities are members, branches, or affiliates of an association, appeals are accepted from the governing body or head office of that association only.

Size of grants offered: The Goldsmith's Company Charity's policy is to give small grants. The average grant in 2004/05 was approximately £3,000. Grants are usually made for 1 year only. Where a grant is exceptionally made payable in stages over a period of more than one year (a recurring grant) each

Application deadline: Applications are considered monthly, except in August and September, and there is usually a 3 or 4 month delay between receipt of an appeal and a decision being made

Funding criteria: General. Contact the Charity Administrator for more information.

Exclusions: Medical research, animal welfare, memorials to individuals, overseas projects, individual housing associations, endowment schemes, charities with a turnover of more than £10 million. The Education Fund does not fund capital grants towards new buildings or playgrounds etc.

Applications from any organisation, whether successful or not, are not normally considered more frequently than once every three years.

Further information: More information can be found on the Goldsmith's Company website. Any enquiries should be addressed to the Charity Administrator at the address, telephone number or e-mail below.

How to apply: Application for a grant should be made by letter, no more than 2 A4 sides in length, highlighting the case for support. This should be accompanied by the application form (available from <http://www.thegoldsmiths.co.uk/charities/> - please read instructions for completion on website) and the Charity's most recent Annual Report and Audited Accounts

Contact details:

The Charity Administrator
The Goldsmiths' Company,
Goldsmiths' Hall,
Foster Lane,
London EC2V 6BN
Tel: 020 7606 7010
E-mail: charity@thegoldsmiths.co.uk
Web: <http://www.thegoldsmiths.co.uk/charities/>

23 The Grocers' Charity

Who can apply? UK Registered charities.

Size of grants offered: Contact the charity administrator for further information.

Application deadline: The Charity's financial year runs from August to July and applications are considered at 4 meetings held during that period.

November meeting: application received by beginning of September

January meeting: application received by beginning of November

April meeting: application received by beginning of February

June meeting: application received by beginning of May.

Funding criteria: The relief of poverty (including youth poverty), disability, medicine, the arts, heritage, the Church, the elderly. Emphasis is currently given to the first 2 categories.

Exclusions: Support is rarely given to churches and other ecclesiastical bodies, schools, hospices and research projects unless there is a specific close or long standing connection with the Grocer's Company.

Successful applicants will not be considered for further support

Further information: The charity can fund both capital and revenue projects. Informal telephone and e-mail enquiries are welcomed. Please see below for contacts.

How to apply: Application should be made in writing on the registered charity's headed notepaper and should include full details of the project or projects referred to in the application. It should be sent to the address below

Contact details:

Miss Anne Blanchard

Charity Administrator

The Grocer's Charity

Grocer's Hall

Princes Street

London

EC2R 8AD

Tel: 020 7606 3113

Email: anne@grocershall.co.uk

Web: <http://www.grocershall.co.uk/charity>

24. The Hedley Foundation

Who can apply? UK Registered Charities

Size of grants offered: Few grants exceed £5,000, and the average is £3,000. The Foundation makes a limited number of recurring grants for up to three years.

Application deadline: There are 6 Trustee meetings each year, and the deadline for submission to that meeting is 3 weeks before the meeting date. See

<http://www.hedleyfoundation.org.uk> for meeting dates.

Funding criteria: The main objective is young people – their education, recreation, support, training, health and welfare. About 70% of the Foundation's grants fall into this category. The rest are to provide specialist equipment and support for carers.

The Trustees aim to assist and encourage development and change. It follows that most grants will be of capital or one-off nature, but the Trustees sometimes agree to help fund the introduction of new and innovative projects with a series of up to 3 annual grants. Grants go to charities where they can make an impact.

Exclusions: Core revenue, salary or transport funding. Large or national appeals.

How to apply: The application form should be downloaded from the website, completed in typescript and posted to the address below. It should be accompanied by either your e-mail address or a self-addressed envelope.

Contact details:

Mrs Pauline Barker

Appeals Secretary

The Hedley Foundation

9 Dowgate Hill

London EC4R 2SU
Tel: 020 7489 8076
Web: <http://www.hedleyfoundation.org.uk>

25. Help A London Child (Capital Radio)

Who can apply? Community groups, Language and Literacy Projects, Playgrounds and Toy Libraries, Refuge / Homelessness Projects, Social / Leisure Groups for less advantaged young people, Special Needs and Health Projects, and Youth Projects focused on ages 11-18.

Size of grants offered: Groups can request a maximum of £3,000, but over 4 in 5 grants were for amounts under £2,000

Funding criteria: HALC aims to give opportunities to the Capital's children and young people who experience poverty and disadvantage; have/are experiencing abuse, neglect, homelessness, violence or crime; or who have an illness or disability.

Further information: For more information see the website, or contact the Allocations team on the phone number below.

How to apply: Application packs will be available on the website from April 2008, or send an A4 self-addressed envelope with 44p of stamps on it to the address below.

Contact details:

HALC 2007 Applications
Capital Radio
30 Leicester Square
London
WC2H 7LA.
Tel: 020 7054 8395/8396
Email: richard.horsnell@gcapmedia.com
Web: <http://www.capitalradio.co.uk/halc>

26. Henry Smith Charity

Who can apply? To apply for SMALL GRANTS your organisation must have an annual income of under £150,000 and have been registered with the charity commission for a minimum of 2 years. There do not appear to be restrictions (other than no individuals) for the other 2 programmes.

Size of grants offered: There are 3 types of grants offered. SPECIAL LIST grants are for £10,000 or more for one year only. GENERAL LIST grants are made for more than one year, and up to 3 years, for £10,000 or more per annum. SMALL GRANTS are one-off payments of £10,000 or less.

Application deadline: No deadline, but contact the charity for advice on when to submit an application to make a Trustees' meeting

Funding criteria: There are a number of different programme areas that are supported, of which the most relevant to groups working with children and young people are probably:

- Young People: projects that provide support to young people at risk, particularly those living in areas of considerable deprivation.
- Family Services: projects which provide support to families at risk.

- **Holidays for Children:** projects which provide holidays or outings for children from areas of considerable deprivation or children with a disability, aged 13 or under.

It is recommended, however, to spend some time looking at the various programmes and the work they fund to see if your group may qualify for another funding programme.

SPECIAL LIST GRANTS: One-off grants which relate to a specific project for which applicants have requested support. This could include purchase of a building or specialist equipment or one year's running costs.

GENERAL LIST GRANTS: These are usually for a specific item in the applicant's budget such as a salary, or towards the costs of a particular project. Grants can be used for core costs. For two or three years.

SMALL GRANTS: Can be for one-off capital items such as equipment purchase – these grants must be used within six months of being awarded. Grants can also be towards one year's running costs.

Exclusions: Schools. There are many activities, such as youth clubs or projects, that will only be supported in areas on considerable deprivation. Salary costs for new posts will not be supported under the SMALL GRANTS scheme.

Further information: There is a lot of information on funding criteria, exclusions, and how to apply available on the website. Please read this all carefully before applying to check that your project is eligible, and that your application contains all relevant information.

How to apply: For the SPECIAL LIST and the GENERAL LIST there is no application form. Applications should be no longer than 4 A4 sides and should incorporate a half page summary. For the SMALL GRANTS programme the application form should be downloaded from the website and completed in full. For ALL PROGRAMMES the relevant document should be sent to the address below, together with a detailed budget for the project and the most recent annual report or audited accounts.

Contact details:

Richard Hopgood, Director

The Henry Smith Charity

6th Floor

65 Leadenhall St

London EC3A 2AD

Tel: 020 7264 4970

Web: <http://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk>

27. Heritage Lottery Fund

Who can apply? Individuals or organisations.

Size of grants offered: from £3000 to over £50,000

Application deadline: Depends on the funding programme.

Funding criteria: The HLF offers a range of grant giving programmes, including Awards for All, Your Heritage, Heritage Grants, Repair Grants for Places of Worship, Townscape Heritage Initiative, Landscape Partnerships and Young Roots. Please see website for further details of funding criteria and deadlines for any of these programme.

How to apply: Online applications are available for Heritage Grants, Your Heritage and Young Roots. PDF forms for other grants.

Contact details:

Heritage Lottery Fund

London Office
7 Holbein Place
London SW1W 8NR
Tel: 020 7591 6000
Email: enquire@hlf.org.uk
Web: www.hlf.org.uk

28. It's Your Community Awards

Who can apply? Individuals or organisations proposing small local projects.

Size of grants offered: Up to £1000.

Application deadline: No deadline. Up to 60 projects benefit each month.

Funding criteria: Projects must benefit the community or build community spirit. Must produce a physical improvement or tangible result and demonstrate fresh bold thinking. For example, turning a derelict site into a community garden or building a new social club.

How to apply: See www.itsyourcommunity.co.uk for more information and an on-line application form.

Contact details:

Email: hello@itsyourcommunity.co.uk

Tel: 0800 902 0250

29. Jack Petchey Foundation: Project Grants

Who can apply? Organisations working with young people to enhance their confidence and improve their life chances. See www.jackpetcheyfoundation.org.uk for more information.

Size of grants offered: £100 - £50,000

Application deadline: no deadline. Organisations should hear within 6 weeks whether or not they have been successful.

Funding criteria: Projects must benefit young people within the age range of 11 – 25 years. The foundation will very rarely fund more than 50% of a project's costs and you should generally secure the other 50% before submitting your application. Project Grants cannot be awarded retrospectively.

Further information: See www.jackpetcheyfoundation.org.uk for further information including frequently asked questions.

How to apply: Complete and submit an application form (available on website) together with a detailed budget of the project or expense for which funding is being requested. A copy of the organisations audited accounts (if applicable) should also be included. Send your application to 'The Director' at the address below

Contact details:

The Director
Jack Petchey Foundation
13-14 Clements Court
Clements Lane
Ilford, Essex, IG1 2QY
Tel: 020 8252 8000

Email: mail@jackpetcheyfoundation.org.uk Web: www.jackpetcheyfoundation.org.uk

30. Jack Petchey Foundation: Achievement Awards / Leaders Awards

Who can apply? There are two categories of eligible organisations: 1) youth clubs, sports clubs or youth programmes (outside schools.) These must have at least 12 regular and active young people aged 11-25; 2) schools and colleges.

Size of grants offered: The achievement awards can be worth between £800 and £2,400 annually for youth clubs, sports clubs or youth programmes, and £3,600 to schools or colleges. The Leader Award can mean an extra £1,000 per year per organisation.

Application deadline: No deadline

Funding criteria: Schools and colleges select one young person a month to receive an achievement award, consisting of a framed certificate and a cheque for £300 payable to the school / college to be spent on a school or community project of the recipient's choice.

Youth clubs, sports clubs, or youth programmes: Depending on the size of the organisation, achievement awards will be awarded monthly or quarterly, with all organisations eligible for a Leader Award. The achievement awards will be worth £800 to £2,400 annually to the organisation

Participating organisations can also nominate once a year a 'leader' for a Leader Award. Awards are given to adults who have demonstrated, in an outstanding way, an ability to encourage and motivate young people aged 11-25 in London or Essex. It is encouraged that young people are involved in selecting the organisation's nominated 'leader'. Award winners will be invited to an Annual Presentation Ceremony, awarded a gilt medallion, and given a cheque for £1,000 to be spent on a community / school / club project of their choice.

Further information: See www.jackpetcheyfoundation.org.uk. Includes frequently asked questions.

How to apply: The application form is available on the website.

Contact details:

The Director

Jack Petchey Foundation

13-14 Clements Court

Clements Lane

Ilford, Essex, IG1 2QY

Tel: 020 8252 8000

Email: mail@jackpetcheyfoundation.org.uk

Web: www.jackpetcheyfoundation.org.uk

31. The John Laing Charitable Trust

Who can apply? Charitable organisations, or in exceptional circumstances, not-for-profit companies.

Size of grants offered: £250 to £25,000. Usually, charities receive one-off donations, but a small number are supported for an agreed period, often up to three years.

Application deadline: No deadline

Funding criteria: Recently the Trust has concentrated its support on charities which support the following main themes: education, community regeneration, disadvantaged young people and homelessness with a particular emphasis on day centres and their work with health-related aspects of homeless people.

Further information: The Trust welcomes phone calls at an early stage to avoid work for the charity and themselves through inappropriate applications.

How to apply: Apply in writing to the address below. There is no application form and applicants are asked to keep the initial request as brief as possible. A copy of the charity's latest accounts should be included.

Contact details:

Michael A. Hamilton
Trust Secretary
John Laing Charitable Trust
33 Bunns Lane
London
NW7 2DX
Tel: 020 8959 9013
Web: www.laing.com

32. Lloyds TSB Foundation

Who can apply? Registered charities with 12 months of reserves or less. If you work locally or in a region you must have an income of £1 million or less.

Size of grants offered: The grant will be appropriate to the size of the charity. It can be for one to three years.

Application deadline: No deadline

Funding criteria: The Community Open Programme focuses on supporting smaller underfunded charities that help people who are disadvantaged and live in England or Wales to play a fuller role in the community of their choice. The Community Priority Programme focuses on local priorities within this. For Greater London these are 'excluded young people', 'refugees, asylum seekers and migrants', 'mental health' and 'prisoners, ex-prisoners and their families.' Both programmes are prepared to fund full costs, including salaries. They will fund both existing and innovative new work.

Exclusions: Capital costs unless the capital forms part of a project focused on disadvantage. Sponsorship, marketing appeals, fundraising events or activities. Schools, colleges and universities.

If you receive a grant you will not be eligible to apply for more support from the Community Programme for another two years from receipt of the grant (or from receipt of final payment if it has been two- or three-year funding.) If your application is unsuccessful you must wait a year before reapplying.

Further information: More information is available at www.lloydstsbfoundations.org.uk. It is strongly advised that you contact the regional team on the telephone number below.

How to apply: Speak to your local grant-making team before you apply (contacts below.) You will then need to complete an application form (available from the website) and post it to the address below

Contact details:

Lloyds TSB Foundation: Kent & SE London Office
Grant Manager

Tel: 07872 031 792
Fax: 08704 111 224
Email: Kent&selondon@lloydstsbfoundations.org.uk

Lloyds TSB Foundation: Central Office
PO Box 46156
3rd Floor
4 St Dunstan's Hill
London
EC3R 8WQ
Tel: 0870 411 1223
Email: enquiries@lloydstsbfoundations.org.uk
Web: www.lloydstsbfoundations.org.uk

33. London Councils Funding

Who can apply? Not for profit organisations, including social enterprises that deliver services in more than one London Borough. Organisations must have a constitution or governing document, be financially solvent. Public or local authority bodies, including schools, may not apply.

Size of grants offered: £5,000 to £500,000

Application deadline: There are a number of deadlines throughout the year for specific funding schemes.

Funding criteria: Criteria vary depending on the funding programme. There will be a number of programmes running at any time that are of interest to groups working with children and young people. As at April 2008 there are no services open for application,

Further information: 59 priority services are funded through this scheme. See 'grants' on <http://www.londoncouncils.gov.uk> for further information. You can also subscribe for free to an e-mail alert service from the website to keep you up to date on current funding opportunities.

How to apply: Applications can be made online at <http://www.londoncouncils.gov.uk>

Contact details:

London Councils Grants Team
59^{1/2}, Southwark Street,
London SE1 0AL
Tel: 0207 934 9549
Email: funding@londoncouncils.gov.uk
Web: See 'grants' on <http://www.londoncouncils.gov.uk>

34. London Youth Trust

Who can apply? Registered clubs or agencies, although the awards are for individual youth leaders (or potential youth leaders) to undertake training.

Size of grants offered: There are 3 distinct categories of grant - BURSARIES of up to £500, SCHOLARSHIPS of up to £1,000 and FELLOWSHIPS of up to £2,000

Application deadline: Trustees' meetings take place at the beginning of March, June, September and December. Applications should reach the Trust by the 1st of the month preceding the Trustees' meeting.

Funding criteria: BURSARIES will enable a young person undertake an accredited leadership or citizenship award or qualification in order to enable him or her to 'put something back' into the club, organisation or local community. SCHOLARSHIPS will enable a potential adult leader to undertake an accredited leadership or instructional award or qualification in order to increase his or her effectiveness and for his or her own personal development. FELLOWSHIPS will enable an existing adult leader to undertake formal research or investigation into a youth work related area in order to increase his or her effectiveness of delivery or resource provision. Applicants for ALL of these schemes must be sponsored by a recognised organisation or agency.

How to apply: Both the person who the award is for, and an adult support worker who will support the training must complete the application form. This can be completed either online at the Trust's website, or downloaded from the website and emailed or posted to the address below. Be sure to fill in all boxes, or the form will not be considered. Any other documents relevant to the cost of the course should also be emailed or posted to the Trust

Contact details:

Bhavnita Borkhatria
Administrator
London Youth Trust
PO Box 49749
ASGBI
London
WC21 3WY
Tel: 020 7304 4780
Email: info@londonyouthtrust.org.uk
Web: <http://www.londonyouthtrust.org.uk>

35. The Mercers' Company

Who can apply? UK registered charities or charities that are exempt from registration.

Size of grants offered: Makes a large number of grants for under £10,000, and some grants as large as £250,000.

Application deadline: No deadline. Applications will be acknowledged within 7 working days. If you have not heard from the company within four weeks of this acknowledgement it is unlikely that your application will be successful.

Funding criteria: Grants fall into four categories: General Welfare (which includes youth and community welfare and the company's current focus on reducing offending), Education, Support for the Christian Faith and Heritage and Arts. In the General Welfare category the company is especially interested in work that will:

- Reduce hardship, disadvantage or isolation
- Support those with special needs, their carers and organisations that seek to relieve suffering
- Encourage the rehabilitation of ex-offenders
- Tackle the causes of poverty
- Tackle alcohol and drug addiction
- Work to reduce or overcome discrimination or isolation
- Look at working jointly with other organisations as much as possible

- Support vulnerable families and encourage good parenting

The company will not normally consider applications for running costs, but accepts that organisations should include a reasonable amount of management costs to cover their overheads when they apply for project funding.

The Education category is interpreted broadly, so may also be appropriate for many organisations working with children and young people and their families.

Exclusions: Activities that are the responsibility of the local, health or education body, or similar. Activities that have already taken place. Sponsorship or marketing appeals. Fundraising events. Running costs such as rent and service charges. Uniformed groups, unless there is a company connection.

Can only consider one application from an organisation within a three year period, whether or not that application is successful.

Further information:

How to apply: Submit an application online. You will be able to save a partially completed form and return to it later. Be sure to read the accompanying guidance notes before completing the online form. You MUST also post your most recent statutory report and accounts.

Contact details: (General Welfare category)

The Grants Officer (Charities)

The Mercers' Company

Mercers' Hall

Ironmonger Lane

London

EC2V 8HE

Tel: 020 7776 7204

Email: mimip@mercercs.co.uk

Web: <http://www.mercercs.co.uk>

36. The Nationwide Foundation: Small Grants Programme

Who can apply? Registered charities with an income under £500,000

Size of grants offered: One off donations of up to £5,000

Application deadline: No deadline.

Funding criteria: The themes supported are

- Domestic Violence – Particularly work which offers ways of preventing domestic violence occurring or preventing its reoccurrence.
- Prisoners' Families – Projects which provide support for families which have a member or members in prison.
- Young Offenders – Projects which are designed to provide young people who are, or have been, involved with the criminal justice system with rehabilitation programmes

You can re-apply for funding 12 months after receiving notice of the outcome of your application. This applies whether or not your application is successful.

How to apply: Application forms can be obtained from

<http://www.nationwidefoundation.org.uk>. Send your completed application form, together with the additional information listed in the online application guidelines, to the address below

Contact details:

The Nationwide Foundation
Nationwide House
Pipers Way
Swindon
SN38 2SN
Tel: 01793 655113
Email: enquiries@nationwidefoundation.org.uk
Web: <http://www.nationwidefoundation.org.uk>

37. New Cross Gate NDC

Who can apply? Local organisations that want to deliver projects that benefit the local community and improve the lives of those living and working in the area.

Application deadline: No deadline.

Funding criteria: A new fund will come on stream in 2008 to replace the Community Chest Fund.

Further information: Please contact the NDC from May 2008 to find out more.

Contact details:

New Cross Gate New Deal for Communities
137 New Cross Road
London SE14 5DJ
Tel: 020 8314 9894
Web: www.newcrossgatenc.org.uk

38. Paul Hamlyn Foundation

Who can apply? Formally constituted organisations, applying for work that is legally charitable. If you are not a registered charity your constitution must state that profits (surplus) cannot be distributed to the members and that if the organisation is closed down the assets would be transferred to another organisation established on a charitable basis. Local authorities may be eligible to apply for some schemes.

NOTE: The Foundation is particularly interested in people who live outside London.

Size of grants offered: There is no minimum or maximum grant size. The amount you request should be the amount you need, although the Foundation is unlikely to fund 100% costs. In 2005-06 the average grant was £19,300 and the average grant above £5,000 was £48,600. Most proposals will be funded for up to three years, although there may be opportunities for funding for up to six years in some cases.

Application deadline: No deadline

Funding criteria: The Foundation has 3 Open Grant schemes:

- **Arts:** The scheme funds innovative ways to encourage enjoyment, experience and involvement in the arts across all art forms. The Foundation is particularly interested in innovation targeted at young people, including initiatives involving families, carers and communities.
- **Education and Learning:** The scheme is interested in applications for innovation and change concerned with supplementary schooling or tackling school exclusion and truancy.
- **Social Justice:** The scheme funds the development, implementation and dissemination of new ideas to help the integration of marginalised young people

(up to age 30) in times of transition. Transitions may include leaving care or prison or settling into a new community, or changes to the community in which the young people live such as established communities in refugee dispersal areas. The scheme focuses on arts and learning activities. Activities funded under this scheme must enable marginalised young people to have their voices heard and to participate more fully in society. If possible they should also build strong relationships within their communities and with other communities and foster respect for, and understanding of, the differences between communities. Grants help to fund specific activities and may include running costs such as staff salaries and overheads such as stationery, rent, rates and utilities. The Foundation may also contribute towards the core costs of your organisation but will need to know how the funding would be spent and how you plan to develop the work of your organisation.

Exclusions: Funding for projects that have already started. General appeals. Proposals solely for buying property, equipment, or other capital items.

Further information: There is detailed information on all schemes on the website. Read carefully before applying.

How to apply: You will need to check your eligibility to apply using the online eligibility checker on the Foundation's website. If you pass this you will be able to make an outline application online. You will receive an automatic confirmation immediately. You will then hear within 4 weeks whether or not the Foundation would like to take your application to the next stage.

Contact details:

The Paul Hamlyn Foundation
18 Queen Anne's Gate
London SW1H 9AA
Tel: 020 7227 3500
Email: information@phf.org.uk
Web: <http://www.phf.org.uk>

39. The Pilgrim Trust

Who can apply? UK registered charities, charities exempt from registration and recognised public bodies.

Size of grants offered: For large projects the average grant is around £20,000. 10% of annual grant giving is reserved for grants of £5,000 or less.

Application deadline: No deadline. Applications will be considered by the next Trustees' meeting so long as they arrive at least 8 weeks before the meeting is held.

Funding criteria: 'Social welfare' currently amounts to 40% of the Trust's grant giving. Within this category the Trust funds:

- Projects that assist and support people involved in alcohol or drug misuse. Trustees have a special interest in the provision of specialist services for young people, for those from black or ethnic minority groups and for women with multiple needs. They would look favourably at new models of service provision for these groups.
- Projects in prisons and projects providing alternatives to custody. Trustees have a particular interest in projects that assist prisoners to acquire new skills or give support to their families.

Trustees wish to make sure that their grant makes a significant impact. You should therefore set out clearly the grant you require so that your project can proceed. Trustees are rarely, however, the sole funder of projects and you should therefore make every effort to raise funds from other sources..

How to apply: Complete the application form (available on website), complete, and send to the address below together with the relevant supporting information from the checklist at the end of the form. You **must** include details of your organisation's bank account, your **latest** audited accounts and annual report, a budget for the project and details of other sources of funding. **Your application will not be considered without your organisation's audited accounts.** Applications for grants of £5,000 should provide the names of two referees from organisations with whom they work.

Contact details:

The Pilgrim Trust
Clutha House
10 Storeys Gate
London SW1 3AY
Tel: 020 7222 4723

Email: georgina.nayler@thepilgrimtrust.org.uk

Web: <http://www.thepilgrimtrust.org.uk>

40. The Rank Foundation: General Appeals / Small Appeals Programme

Who can apply? Registered charities

Size of grants offered: The examples given in the General Appeals Programme (also called the Small Appeals Programme) vary from £250 to £3,000. There is no information given on any strict size limits however.

Application deadline: No deadline. The Directors meet quarterly.

Funding criteria: The Rank Foundation concentrates exclusively on:

- Encouraging and developing leadership amongst young people
- Supporting disadvantaged young people and those frail and lonely through old age or disability
- The promotion of Christian principles through film or other media

Exclusions: Salaries, general running costs, or major capital projects are very unlikely to be funded.

Further information: If you are unsure whether your application is eligible it is strongly advised that you contact Mrs Sheila Gent (see contact details) before submitting your application.

How to apply: There is no formal application form. Try to keep the application letter to one or two pages of A4 paper, which may be supported by background information. Please do not send videos, tapes or bulky reports; they will not be returned. The following information is required:

- Charity name and registration number.
- Brief details about the project and the sum to be raised - please ensure you include a clear aim or list of objectives.
- Details of the amount raised so far towards the target and if relevant, briefly mention how you intend to raise the rest.
- A copy of the last audited accounts and annual report.

Applications should be sent to Mrs Sheila Gent at the address below.

Contact details

Mrs Sheila Gent
Grants Administrator
PO Box 2862,
Whitnash,
Leamington Spa,
CV31 2YH
Tel: 01926 744550
Fax: 01926 744550
Email: sheila.gent@rankfoundation.com
Web: www.rankfoundation.com

41. Sir John Cass's Foundation

Who can apply? Voluntary and community groups.

Size of grants offered: Mainly £10,000 to £30,000. No minimum or maximum.

Application deadline: No deadline.

Funding criteria: The project must benefit children or young people under the age of 25 who are permanent residents of specific inner London boroughs (including Lewisham, see website for others) and are from disadvantaged backgrounds or areas of high deprivation.

How to apply: Read the Guidelines online and complete an Initial Enquiry Form.

Contact details:

The Grants Team
Sir John Cass Foundation
31 Jewry Street
London EC3N 2EY
Tel: 020 7480 5884
Email: contactus@sirjohncass.org
Web: www.sirjohncass.org

42. Skinners Company Lady Neville Charity

Who can apply? Registered charities or not-for-profit organisations based in the UK which employ less than the equivalent of four full-time paid staff.

Size of grants offered: £500 to £1000

Application deadline: Grant making committees are held in May and November each year. Applications need to be received 6 weeks prior to the meeting date, therefore mid-March and mid-September should be treated as deadlines. **Funding criteria:** The Charity supports organisations working in its priority fields (currently Disability, Local Heritage, Local Community or Performing and Visual Arts.) The Trustees are seeking to fund capital or non-recurring expenditure, such as equipment, an event, or a particular element of capital building works, where the grant can make a clear and significant contribution to the project.

Exclusions: Revenue requests (i.e. for staff salaries or for ongoing activities.)

Organisations working in similar areas as the Skinners' Company (i.e. education, vocational training, welfare grants for older or disabled people, sheltered and extra care housing.) Organisations which have received a grant in the last three years.

Further information: You are welcome to discuss a potential application with the Charities Administrator (see contact details.)

How to apply: Guidelines to Applicants and an Application Form can be downloaded from the website. The Application Form should be completed and posted to the address below, together with a copy of the latest audited accounts and annual report. Unsuccessful applications will not be acknowledged.

Contact details:

The Charities Administrator

The Lady Neville Charity

Skinner's Hall

8 Dowgate Hill

London EC4R 2SP

Tel: 020 7213 0562

Email: charitiesadmin@skidders.org.uk

<http://www.skiddershall.co.uk/charities/lady-neville-charity.htm>

43. Sport England Community Investment Fund

Who can apply? Voluntary and community organisations.

Application deadline: No deadline.

Funding criteria: Projects must increase the number of people involved in sport, as well as meeting priorities from Sport England's Regional Investment Strategies (see website to download strategy for Greater London).

How to apply: Stage one of the application can be completed online – see website for details.

Contact details:

3rd Floor Victoria House

Bloomsbury Square

London WC1B 4SE

Tel: 020 7273 1551

Email: info@sportengland.org

Web: www.sportengland.org

44. Sportsmatch

Who can apply? Not-profit organisations that are properly constituted (i.e. with a constitution or memorandum and articles of association or rules.) This can include schools, sports clubs, charities, governing bodies for sport etc. Projects must involve a sporting activity.

Size of grants offered: Sportsmatch does not offer grants. Instead, it matches sponsorship funding pound for pound of £1,000 (£500 for schools) to £50,000 for up to 3 years. Sponsorship funding can be in cash or in kind.

Application deadline: No deadline

Funding criteria: The money that the sponsor is putting in must be “new money” – i.e. money that the sponsor has not put in to grass roots sports before. (The sponsor must either have not supported community sport before or, if they have, the amount must be an increase on their previous sponsorship. The sponsorship funding must be

commercial sponsorship – i.e. based on a reward to the company (e.g. publicity) and not simply a donation.

The scheme or project that the sponsorship and Sportsmatch's grant is for must be new – i.e. not something that you have already done or run before. It must aim to increase participation – i.e. not be a project for your existing teams. The scheme or project must be at grass-roots level i.e. beginners, novices, those new to the sport or those looking to improve their basic skills. They should provide exit routes to the community e.g. links to sports clubs etc.

Priority areas are schools, young people, disability sport and community sport. There is now an increased emphasis on improving sporting opportunities for women and girls, ethnic minorities, and those in Sports Action Zones (areas of urban and rural deprivation.)

Exclusions: Projects that have already started.

Further information: The website describes the scheme and the conditions in greater detail. It also includes information on how to find sponsorship and how to build an ongoing relationship with your sponsor.

You can also chat to the scheme manager about an application for your scheme by phoning or emailing the office.

How to apply: Contact the office for an application form.

Contact details:

Sportsmatch

Third Floor

Victoria House

Bloomsbury Square

London

WC1B 4SE

Tel: 0207 273 1942

Email: info@sportsmatch.org.uk

Web: <http://www.sportsmatch.org.uk>

45. Sport Relief

Who can apply? small local community organisations.

Size of grants offered: between £1000 and £10,000.

Application deadline: Apply at any time, until 30th September 2008. You will get a decision within 12 weeks.

Funding criteria: Projects must either:

- a. Increase access to sport and exercise for people who face social exclusion and isolation
- b. Help people experience difficulties in their lives to regain confidence and self esteem through sport

Exclusions: Sports clubs.

Further information: See contact details, below.

How to apply: An application pack can be downloaded from the website, or contact Capital Community Foundation using the details below.

Contact details:

The Capital Community Foundation

357-359 Kennington Lane

London SE11 5QY
Tel: 020 7782 5117
Email: enquiries@capitalcf.org.uk
Web: <http://www.capitalcf.org.uk>

46. Tesco Charitable Trust

Who can apply? UK Registered Charities

Size of grants offered: One-off donations between £1,500 and £5,000.

Application deadline: You must write to Tesco before 31st January (same date every year) in order to receive an application form for Children's welfare and education funding

Funding criteria: The majority of the Trust's grants are focused towards local communities where Tesco has stores.

One of the Trust's two priorities is Children's welfare and education (including special needs schools.)

Exclusions: Individuals and charities funding individuals. Salaries. Conferences or seminars.

How to apply: Write to the Tesco Charity Trust with brief details of your project. If your request meets the criteria Tesco will write and tell you when you will be sent an application form (c. February for When you receive an application form you will be told when it needs to be returned by. If your request does not meet the criteria Tesco will write and tell you why. Decisions are committed by letter in June / July.

Contact details:

Tesco Charity Trust
Tesco House
Delamare Road
Cheshunt
Hertfordshire
EN8 9SL
Tel: 01992 646768
Web: www.tesco.com/everylittlehelps

47. The Toy Trust

Who can apply? Voluntary and community organisations

Application deadline: No deadline.

Funding criteria: Projects must help disabled and disadvantaged children and families and communities directly involved with children, based in the UK.

Exclusions: Requests to fund salaries or research projects; requests for advertising in souvenir brochures.

How to apply: Download application form from website.

Contact details:

Karen Baxter
The British Toy and Hobby Association
80 Camberwell Road
London SE5 0EG
Tel: 020 7701 7271

Email: queries@btha.co.uk
Web: www.btha.co.uk

48. The Tudor Trust

Who can apply? Smaller, under-resourced organisations with a turnover of under £1 million per year, which offer direct services to marginalised people and which involve the people they work with in planning. Groups do not have to be registered charities so long as they have charitable objectives.

Size of grants offered: There is no maximum or minimum grant amount. Usually make grants over one, two or three years, but may work alongside organisations for a longer period. Grants awarded last year range from c£1,000 to c£150,000, with an average (total grant for one to three years) in 2006/7 of £47,000.

Application deadline: No deadline.

Funding criteria: Tudor wants to fund smaller groups, led by people of vision, which are committed to growth, progress and development. They also look for groups which have high levels of user involvement, and a focus on self-help where this is appropriate; that provide direct services to marginalised people; that focus on building stronger communities by overcoming isolation and encouraging connection, inclusion and integration; and that address complex and multi-stranded problems in unusual or imaginative ways.

Tudor makes grants towards core funding (including salaries and running costs), project costs, development work, capital costs of buildings or equipment. Capital grants will only be made towards a building when the organisations using the building display some of the key characteristics that Tudor look for in the groups they fund.

Exclusions: Organisations working primarily with children under the age of five, in the field of physical or learning disability, or in the field of physical illness. Organisations focusing primarily on adult learning, skills training, or employment training. Scouts, guides or other uniformed groups. Larger charities (both local and national) enjoying widespread support. One-off holidays, residentials, trips, events etc. Arts and sports based projects unless there is a particularly strong focus on developing marginalised groups. Work that has already taken place.

Further information: There is a lot of information on the website. Please look at all sections of this. If you still have any questions, then call the number below. Tudor cannot give individual advice on your proposal but are happy to help if you have questions about the application process or need further guidance on issues like filling out the organisation details sheet.

Only 1 in 10 applications go through to the second stage

How to apply: There is a two stage application process. For the first stage, you should submit a letter on headed paper of no more than 1 side of A4; a completed organisation details sheet (downloaded from the website); no more than 2 sides of A4 detailing what difference you want to make, and how your organisation will achieve this, why you are the right people to do this work, the people you are working with and how you know there is a need for your work, and how you would use funding from Tudor; and a copy of your most recent accounts and annual report (if you have one.) These should be sent to the address below.

Contact details:

The Trustees

The Tudor Trust
7 Ladbroke Grove
London
W11 3BD
Tel: 020 7727 8522
Web: <http://www.tudortrust.org.uk>

49. Trust For London

Who can apply? Small, new and emerging voluntary organisations, which do not necessarily have to be registered charities. Groups must be run by volunteers or have paid staff that between them work no more than 35 hours a week.

Size of grants offered: Maximum £15,000 per year, although average grant will be approximately £8,000 in total. Grants will be made for 1, 2 or 3 years.

Application deadline: There are 3 closing dates for proposals to be submitted by:

- 7 February for June Grants Committee
- 30 May for October Grants Committee
- 25 October for February Grants Committee

If you are successful in securing funding the whole process will take about 4 months from the closing dates for applications. You should hear within 1 month of the closing date if your application has been shortlisted.

Funding criteria: From 2007 to 2011, Trust for London will fund areas of work that have one or more of the following aims:

- To challenge discrimination faced by disabled people
- To promote the inclusion and integration of recently established communities
- To strengthen mother-tongue and supplementary schools to provide creative educational opportunities
- To address new and emerging needs

Organisations must also have a high level of user involvement. New and imaginative ways of tackling issues, or work to tackle new and emerging issues is prioritised. Funding can be for project or core costs, and small grants can be made for capital items such as the purchase of equipment.

Further information: See the funding guidelines on www.trustforlondon.org.uk. Also look at the rest of the website for any other funding information. After this you can call the number below to discuss your proposal's likely chances.

How to apply: You will need to send a 2-4 page proposal and specified additional documents to the address below. If this is shortlisted, your organisation will be visited, after which, assuming your organisation meets the requirements, you will be asked to submit a final application which is considered by the Grants Committee.

Contact details:

Trust for London
6 Middle Street
London
EC1A 7PH
Tel: 020 7606 6145
E-mail: info@trustforlondon.org.uk
Web: www.trustforlondon.org.uk

50. UnLtd

Who can apply? Social entrepreneurs – individuals or groups of people with vision, drive, commitment and passion.

Size of grants offered: Level 1 - £500- £5,000; Level 2 - £10,000 - £20,000. The scheme offers a complete package of funding AND support.

Application deadline: There is no deadline for Level 1 applications; Level 2 applications are assessed in 2 cycles a year.

Funding criteria: Projects which aim to change the world for the better.

Further information: For more information, see website, below.

How to apply: See contact details below.

Contact:

UnLtd
123 Whitecross Street
Islington
London EC1 8JJ
Tel: 020 7566 1100
Email: info@unltd.org.uk
Web: www.unltd.org.uk

51. Variety Club of Great Britain Youth Organisation Grant Scheme

Who can apply? Youth clubs and organisations

Size of grants offered: No minimum of maximum. The average grant is between £800 and £1,000.

Application deadline: No deadline

Funding criteria: The club funds mainly items of equipment; however, on occasion applications for improvement of youth club premises, equipment and facilities will be considered.

The club is looking to fund applications which will benefit young people aged 8-18, have sustainability of more than 1 year, and demonstrate involvement from young people in raising funds.

Exclusions: Revenue costs i.e. running costs such as administration / salaries, hire costs, travel etc. Applications which mainly benefit youth workers such as office equipment.

Further information: See the website or call or e-mail the Appeals Co-ordinator for further information.

How to apply: Complete and sign the application and send to the address below.

Contact details:

Youth Organisations Coordinator
Variety Club House
93 Bayham Street
London
NW1 0AG

Appeals Coordinator
Tel: 020 7428 8100

Email: appeals@varietyclub.org.uk

52. Wates Foundation

The Wates Foundation has embarked on a major review of its foundation structure and the direction of its grant making. In consequence, they are not accepting any more applications for their large grants and small grants funds. Restrictions are likely to continue until late 2008. Please contact the Foundation nearer the time to see what new schemes they are putting in place.

Contact details:

The Director
The Wates Foundation
Wates House
Station Approach
Leatherhead
Surrey
KT22 7SW
Tel: 01372 861000
Email: director@watesfoundation.org.uk
Web: <http://www.watesfoundation.org.uk>

53. The Wellcome Trust

Who can apply? Individuals or organisations. Partnership projects welcomed.

Application deadline: No deadline.

Funding criteria: Arts Awards for projects engaging adult audiences and/or young people in bio-medical science and its social contexts.

How to apply: You need to submit articles of association, audited accounts for past two years, details of similar projects/grant funding received, confirmation that no funding has been or is scheduled to be received from any tobacco company.

Contact details:

The Wellcome Trust
Gibbs building
215 Euston Road
London NW1 2BE
Tel: 020 7611 8222
Email: arts@wellcome.ac.uk
Web: www.wellcome.ac.uk

54. Yapp Charity Trust

Who can apply? Registered charities that have been constituted and operating for at least 3 years. The total annual expenditure of the charity must be less than £60,000.

Size of grants offered: Single year grants are generally for up to £3,000 per year. Two- or three-year grants are for up to £3,000 per year. Most of their grants are for more than one year.

Application deadline: 30 September 2007 (for November meeting), 31 January 2008 (for March meeting), 28 May 2008 (for July meeting.) Summer activity projects are considered at the November and March meetings only.

Funding criteria: Grants are given to sustain existing work with:

- Children and young people aged 5-25
- People with disabilities or mental health problems
- People trying to overcome life-limiting problems of a social, rather than medical, origin such as addiction, relationship difficulties, abuse, a history of offending.

The Trustees give priority to charities tackling work that is unattractive to the general public or unpopular with other funders. They give particular priority to helping to improve the lives of marginalised, disadvantaged, or isolated peoples. They are especially interested in charities that can demonstrate effective use of volunteers. They are happy to fund core costs for charities whose work falls totally within their objectives.

Exclusions: New work, new paid posts, special activities or events. Capital-type expenditure, work with under-5s, childcare, holidays and holiday centres, core funding of general community organisations (such as community associations, community services and general advice services), community safety initiatives.

Further information: See <http://www.yappcharitabletrust.org.uk>. This includes information on recent grants awarded which should show the kind of groups that the foundation is interested in funding. Feel free to phone or email for advice on your application

How to apply: A simple application form and guidelines can be obtained from the address or email address below, in hardcopy or as an email attachment as preferred. Documents can be supplied in large print. Completed application forms should be returned by post

Contact details:

Margaret Thompson
Yapp Charitable Trust
47A Paris Road
Scholes
Holmfirth
HD9 1SY
Tel: 01484 683
Email: info@yappcharitabletrust.org.uk

55. Youth Music

Who can apply? Not-for-profit organisations over 1 year old.

Application deadline: No deadline.

Funding criteria: Youth Music distributes its funds in a variety of ways including: open programmes (1. Music for children aged 0-5; 2. Music making for 5-18 year olds, 3. Voice projects), partnership programmes, regional consortia and Youth music initiatives complementing the above. See website for more information. Projects should involve training and development and involve structured music making activities which are planned to advance children and young people's music skills.

How to apply: See website.

Contact details:

The National Foundation for Youth Music

One America Street

London SE1 0NE

Tel: 020 7902 1060

Email: info@youthmusic.org.uk

Web: www.youthmusic.org.uk

Section B

Grants Available to Young People for Projects

There are a number of grants available for a young person or a group of young people to access themselves in order to provide a service to young people. You might want to advertise these to young people you work with, and encourage them to design a project and apply for funding.

56. The Dickie Bird Foundation

Who can apply? Young individuals up to the age of 18.

Size of grants offered:

Application deadline: No deadline.

Funding Criteria: Applications to fund sports clothing, equipment and travel.

Further Information: See website.

How to Apply: Download Application Form from the website.

Contact Details:

Grants Officer

The Dickie Bird Foundation

47 Ripon Road, Earlsheaton

Dewsbury, West Yorkshire

WF12 7LG

01924 417391

dbfgrants@btinternet.com

www.thedickiebirdfoundation.org

57. GreenPrints Flagships

Who can apply? Young people aged 16-25. All projects that are successful at stage one will be assigned a Mentor who will provide practical support with the rest of the application and throughout the project.

Size of grants offered: Projects can apply for up to £10,000 to make physical improvements to a green space.

Application deadline: Decision boards are held every other month until December 2008. The final date for stage one application forms to be submitted is 24 October 2008. Projects must also be completed by June 2009 at the latest.

Funding criteria: Projects must be led by young people aged 16-25. They must focus on improving a public green space (such as a park, a beach, or a canal.) Flagships can last for up to 12 months. Projects should help the participants to learn lots of new skills. GreenPrints funding can be spent on anything involved in making physical improvements to a green space. This might include buying tools, materials, training or transport for volunteers etc. Funding might also be used to promote and celebrate the project or pay for more specialist support.

Further information:

How to apply: If you have an idea for a Flagship Project you should start by completing a stage one application form and submitting this to the e-mail or postal address below. This will help you to think through the idea in more detail and it will enable us to understand if your project is something we can support.

If your project is suitable we will put you in touch with a Mentor who will help you develop your idea into a stage two application. This application will be assessed and a funding decision will be made.

Contact details:

SITA Trust
The Barn
Brickmarsh Lane
Falfield
South Gloucestershire
GL12 8PT
Tel: 01454 262910
Email: greenprints@sita.co.uk
Web: www.sitatrust.org.uk/greenprints

58. Help Yourselves! (Save the Children)

Who can apply? Young people or grass routes community organisations wishing to involve young people.

Size of grants offered: £1000, £5,000 or £10,000 in 2008.

Application deadline: Please check the website for latest information on Round 2 applications.

Funding criteria: New round opened in April 2008.

Further information: Projects must focus on improving the life chances of children and young people. They will work in partnership with larger projects to develop a model for lasting change.

How to apply: Apply on line, or download an application form and post it.

Contact details:

Anne Carey
Save the children
5th Floor
Hawthorns House
Halford
Smethwick,
West Midlands
B66 1BB
Email: helpyourselves@savethechildren.org.uk
Web: www.helpyourselves.org.uk

59. The Prince's Trust

Who can apply? Young people aged 14-16, in school, but struggling; anyone aged 16-25, unemployed or working less than 16 hours a week.

Size of grants offered: Up to £1000 for 14- 16 year olds; up to £5000 for 16-25 year olds. Advice and support is part of the package

Application deadline: No deadline.

Funding criteria: Projects must be run and managed by people between the ages of 14 and 25, clearly benefit the local community, benefit the people running the project, and be new and developing projects.

Exclusions: Formal groups or organisations, expeditions or overseas travel, fundraising activities for charity, trips and outings, unless they have educational value

How to apply: Call the number below or go to website and fill in an online form.

Contact details:

Tel: 0800 842 842

Head Office

The Prince's Trust

18 Park Square East

London NW1 4LH

Web: www.princes-trust.org.uk

60. Vcashpoint

Who can apply? Young people aged 16-25 who want to set up a volunteering project in their community. (Not youth workers or organisations)

Size of grants offered: Up to £2,500

Application deadline: Round 4 closes on 18 July 2008.

Funding criteria: Vcashpoint aims to help young people to turn their ideas into reality. Projects must start within 6 months.

Further information: Consult their website for examples of projects supported in previous rounds.

How to apply: Apply on line.

Contact details:

Tel: 0800 089 9000

Email: vcashpointqueries@bss.org

Web: <http://www.wearev.com/vcashpoint/>

61. Winston Churchill Memorial Fund

Who can apply? British citizens

Application deadline: Applications open June 2008 but you can register interest before this online.

Funding criteria: Funding to cover a stay overseas of between 4 to 8 weeks to acquire knowledge which will make them more effective in their work, while enriching themselves, their communities and ultimately, the United Kingdom as a whole. In particular the Fund seeks to support individuals who could not otherwise afford such an opportunity.

Exclusions: The Fund will not give grants for attending courses or academic studies, nor student grants.

Further information: Contact the Trust for details of the 2009 categories.

How to apply: On line from 2 June 2008.

Contact details:

Winston Churchill Memorial trust

Queen Anne's Gate Terrace

London SW7 5PR

Tel: 020 7584 9315

Web: www.wcmt.org.uk

62. The Youth Opportunity Fund / The Youth Capital Fund

Who can apply? Young people in Lewisham attending a group or project. The young people need to come up with ideas, make suggestions and be involved in the application. Organisations and projects applying must be registered with the YSDS, or prepared to register with the YSDS

Size of grants offered: Each year the young people on the funding panel decide the maximum grant they are willing to fund. Last year the average grant was around #15,000.

Application deadline: The application deadline is generally in April. (Funding is guaranteed until April 2012.) Application forms and more information should be available in December.

Funding criteria: The YOUTH OPPORTUNITY FUND can be spent on running projects, temporary staffing, trips, residential visits or buying equipment for young people to use such as games.

The YOUTH CAPITAL FUND can be used to pay for refurbishments of buildings, extensions, or repairs.

Both grants must benefit the lives of young people in the borough of Barking and Dagenham.

Each year the young people that make up the panel name a number of different areas (e.g. Looked After Young People, Rape Support) that they are particularly interested in supporting. This information will be available in December each year.

Further information: Contact the Department for Children, Schools and Families at the numbers below for further information.

How to apply: Complete the application form (available from the number or address below from December each year. Part of the form will need to be completed by the project co-ordinator and part by the young people themselves. You will also need to submit your accounts, health and safety policy, equalities policy, relevant risk assessments and a copy of your up to date or audited accounts. This should all be sent to the address below. The applications will be assessed by a panel of young people.

Contact details:

Department for Children, Schools and Children

Youth Opportunity Fund/Youth Capital Fund

Sanctuary buildings

Great Smith Street

London SW1P 3BT

Tel: 0870 000 2288

Email: info@dcsf.gsi.gov.uk

Section C

Contacts

If you require further information on with applying for funding within this guide please contact:

Colin King

Areas Partnerships and Funding Manager
Lewisham Sport and Leisure Service
02083146076

Colin.king@lewisham.gov.uk

Kwame Osuwu - Boateng

Lewisham Community Sector Unit
C/o Lewisham Town Hall
Catford, SE6 4RU
Tel:0208 3149061

Caroline Hirst

Lewisham Children and Young People Directorate
02083143368

Caroline.hirst@lewisham.gov.uk

Kate English

Development Officer, Children and Young People
Voluntary Action Lewisham

kate@valewisham.org.uk