

## **Funding Tips**

Community Archives and Heritage Group 13<sup>th</sup> April 2013











#### Aims

- ❖ To celebrate the culture and heritage of London's diverse communities
- ❖ To provide independent historical and social research and evaluation
- ❖ To record, document and preserve the peoples history of east London
- ❖ To promote civic pride through active participation and involvement in community affairs



- Established in 1993 as the Stratford City Challenge Community History Project
- Became a company limited by guarantee and registered charity in 1998
- ❖ East London People's Archive established in 1999 with HLF funding
- Projects have included:
  - West Ham at War education pack
  - Black Angels from the Empire booklet
  - Aberfeldy Youth Project
  - North Woolwich publication and work with local school
  - "My Roots Our Heritage" video project
  - Somali Stories cd rom produced in collaboration with Manor School
  - Our Brick Lane Video and Education Pack
  - Teenage Parents blog 'Don't Hush Discuss'



- ❖ Worked with over 200 community groups
- Employed 20 staff
- ❖ 8 local Trustees/Directors
- Supported 200 volunteers
- Involved over 15,000 individuals
- ❖ East London Peoples Archive holds over 1700 oral histories and thousands of photographs preserved for public benefit
- Produced 16 publications, 30 Video documentaries, over 80 exhibitions, education and training resources



- Funding from a range of sources including:
- Heritage Lottery Fund
- Awards for All
- Local Authorities
- Corporate sector
- Tudor Trust
- SRB
- Sure start
- MLA
- Big Lottery
- Connections
- NRF



#### Eastside has achieved this by:

- Clear Community Vision
- Collaboration and Partnership
- Local Knowledge
- Heritage and Education focus
- \* A focus on Community Cohesion



Trendsetters, 2005



- Think about your organisation
- **❖** Are you ready to make an application?

Look at the set up of your organisation. Have you got an up-to-date constitution (set of rules) - is it dated and signed as adopted?

**❖** Are you registered as a charity?

This is a requirement for some, but not all, funders.

- How many active members do you have?
- Do they need training of any kind?



#### **Funding Where?**

- Local Authorities
- ❖Council for Voluntary Sevice's CVS
- ❖Big Lottery
- ❖Awards for All
- ❖HLF (The Heritage Lottery Fund)
- ❖Arts Council G4A (ACE)
- Funder Finder (Funding Central)



- ❖Be clear about your application
- ❖It must meet the funder's criteria
- ❖Some funders prefer potential applicants to contact them to discuss ideas before an application is submitted if the funder(s) you want to apply to offer this facility take advantage of it. It can save you a lot of time an
- ❖But do remember to submit any enclosures the funder has requested, such as annual accounts, constitution etc.



- give a concise description of your organisation, its background, membership and achievements to date
- ❖demonstrate clearly the needs which you are trying to meet
- ❖explain why it is important that these needs are met
- ❖show what your solution is to address these needs
- demonstrate that your organisation has, or can obtain, the necessary skills and expertise to deal with these needs
- ❖Use SMART objectives



Use SMART objectives

- Specific
- Measurable
- Attainable
- \*Relevant
- Timely



#### A specific goal will usually answer the five "W" questions:

What: What do I want to accomplish?

Why: Specific reasons, purpose or benefits of accomplishing

the goal.

Who: Who is involved?

Where: Identify a location.

Which: Identify requirements and constraints.

#### A measurable goal will usually answer questions such as:

How much?

How many?

How will I know when it is accomplished



#### A relevant goal can answer yes to these questions:

Does this seem worthwhile?

Is this the right time?

Does this match our other efforts/needs?

Are you the right person?

Is this acceptable for correction?

# A time-bound goal will usually answer the question: When?

What can I do six months from now?

What can I do six weeks from now?

What can I do today



- explain what plans you have to raise the funding you need
- state how much you hope to raise from each funder
- \*explain how you hope to fund the project in future years (if applicable)
- sive a contact number that you can be easily contacted at.
- \*ask someone, preferably unconnected with your organisation, to read over your completed application form before you submit it.



Questions?

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