

Investigating funding avenues

**Community Archives Heritage Group
Conference
16th April 2013**



Overview

- Examples of funders including:
 - Big Society / Community Initiatives Fund
 - Essex Community Foundation
- Investigating funding avenues and developing bids
- A brief word on GrantNet
- Other support available

Example 1 – Essex Big Society / Community Initiatives Fund

- Has now become the Community Initiatives Fund
 - <https://www.essex.gov.uk/Health-Social-Care/Community-services/Pages/Community-Initiatives-Fund.aspx>
1. create, procure or develop new community assets
 2. enhance existing community assets
 3. enhance or develop initiatives that strengthen a community

Community Initiatives Fund

- **CIF** (subject to a maximum application of £15,000 for any one project)
- Deadline 30-08-2013

- **CIF Response** (subject to a maximum application of £10,000 for any one project).
- Deadline 31-01-2014

- Contact details:
- tel 01245 437887
- email CIF@essex.gov.uk.

Example 2 – Essex Community Foundation

- <http://www.essexcommunityfoundation.org.uk/>
 - 01245 356018
1. General Grants Round
 2. Comic Relief
 3. Thriving Third Sector Fund
 4. High Sheriff's Award
 5. Marion Ruth Coutauld Educational Fund

Example 3 – Lottery (various strands)

- <http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/funding>

Investigating funding avenues

- Project idea
- Partnership and mix of partners
- Appetite to bid?
- Capacity to deliver
- Seek / identify suitable funding streams
- Consider alignment & fit.

Developing bids - considerations

How will you identify it?

Research / Media / Organisation

How will you evidence it?

Consultation / Statistics / Partnership & Focus groups

Aim

How will you address the need?



Match your aim and outcomes to:

- Programmes objectives / outcome
- Organisational goals / targets
- Local, regional and national strategic fit

Outcomes

What are the overall results of the project?

Specific

Measurable

Achievable

Realistic

Time bound

Outcomes:

- **Hard** – Facts and figures, finite measurable outcomes for a service.

Eg: Unemployed people from the estate will access the course

- **Soft** – Subjective and therefore more difficult to measure and record. They focus on the experience and emotions.

Eg: Service users confidence will be increased



GRANTnet - Introduction

GRANTnet is a straightforward FREE-to-use service that can help you to identify suitable funding.

The resource searches across EU and UK sources including Government departments, local authorities, charitable trusts and corporate sponsors.

It is presented in the format of an online, step-by-step questionnaire that provides the enquirer with information on over 4,000 grants and other incentives.

[ECC GRANTnet portal](http://www.essex.gov.uk/Activities/Arts%20Services/Pages/Arts-Funding.aspx) (link near the bottom of the page <http://www.essex.gov.uk/Activities/Arts%20Services/Pages/Arts-Funding.aspx>). You will be required to [sign up using an email address](#) and you will then to get access to up-to-date funding information using this online database

Recent news items

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NIHR School for Public Health Research (NIHR SPHR) Competition Launched

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There are two ways in which to search on GRANTnet. Click on **Business** if you are a small to medium-sized enterprise or **Community** if you are a charity, school, voluntary organisation, social enterprise etc.

Business

GRANTnet Business Search. Use this search if you are a small to medium-sized profit-making company.



Community

GRANTnet Community Search. Use this search if you are a charity, school, voluntary organisation, social enterprise etc.



Useful Documents



Ten Steps to Writing a Constitution



Writing a Successful Business Plan



A Beginner's Guide to Regeneration Terms



A Beginner's Guide to Successfully Securing Grant Funding



Beat the Budget Blues - How to Write a Winning Financial Plan!



Writing a Fundraising Strategy

Three Step Search Process

Step 1: About your organisation

What does your organisation do?

Step 2: What project do you require help with?

Step 3: How much (approximately) do you need to spend on the project?

What type of assistance are you looking for?

E.g. Funding, Awards or Advice & Information

The Search Results Page

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GRANTnet Results **Extra Reading**

The following results have been compiled from the GRANTnet database.
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All England Netball Association - Youth Trust *UGAG10*
A grant to support the development of sport for young people in England.
[read more](#)

ASDA Foundation *UGW030*
The ASDA Foundation assists charities, people and projects within the UK that require financial assistance. The Foundation can only support a limited number of requests that have the direct support and involvement from ASDA colleagues.
[read more](#)

Awards For All (England) *UG5320*
Funding for projects in England which aim to help improve local communities and the lives of people most in need.
[read more](#)

Useful Community Documents

- Ten Steps to Writing a Constitution
- A Beginner's Guide to Regeneration Terms
- Writing a Fundraising Strategy

On the Results page, a brief synopsis of each scheme is provided.

You can read about individual schemes in more detail by clicking 'read more'. Clicking 'next' navigates you through the total number of pages containing your results.

Councils for Voluntary Services (CVSs)

There are some additional resources that you may find useful: [Voluntary Sector Funding page](#) on the ECC website

You may also be able to get support from your local CVS organisation that helps voluntary and community groups in the area:

[Chelmsford CVS](#)

[CVS Tendring](#)

[Maldon CVS](#)

[Castle Point AVSSAVS](#)

[Southend](#)

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