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Real Help for Communities

Modernisation Fund Grants Programme

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£1000 BURSARIES AVAILABLE FOR ORGANISATIONAL SUPPORT DURING THE RECESSION

Cheshire Community Action are managing a new recession support package for organisations in Cheshire, Warrington and Greater Manchester which will provide targeted **bursaries up to £1,000** to medium sized third sector organisations who provide services to those **worst hit by the recession**.

The bursaries are targeted at organisations **with a turnover of between £150,000 and £750,000**. Organisations completely or mainly involved in the following 3 themes are eligible to apply for the bursaries.

- **Information, advice and guidance** (housing, financial, debt and legal advice and support)
- **Employment and employability** (training and support related to finding employment).
- **Health and wellbeing** (mental health, relationship breakdown, counselling, domestic violence & substance abuse)

If your organisation is not eligible to apply for a bursary, it can still undertake a free organisational self-assessment exercise. This exercise helps determine an organisation's strengths and weaknesses in eight key areas including governance, finance and people and creates a priority list helping organisations plan and identify where support is needed. See http://www.knowhownonprofit.org/tools-for-success/self_assessment.

The £1,000 bursary will help organisations by paying for a minimum of 2 days initial advice on how they can become more resilient and look at the options for working more closely with others to increase their impact.

Organisations who successfully receive the initial bursary, become eligible to apply for phase 2 grants of up to £10,000 to help pay specialist costs (e.g. accountancy, solicitor) relating to moving towards formal collaboration or merger.

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