

Funding the East



A message to the voluntary and community sector

24 funders, £80 million, 1 message...

In early 2011 a group of funding organisations met for the first time in Cambridge to share their experiences and examine how they could work more closely together to maximise their investment across the East of England. This initial meeting was held in response to challenging economic conditions and funding cuts that threatened local voluntary and community sector development.

Those funders have continued to meet informally and the group has now grown to 24 organisations with a joint annual investment of more than £80million into the charitable sector here in the East.

The purpose of this short publication is to confirm that despite the current economic downturn we are still open for business and that funding is available for organisations and projects that make a real difference to our communities and the lives of local people. In fact many funders have actually increased the amount of money that they have available in recognition of the tough times that the sector is facing.

The funders listed on the following pages are of various sizes, with some operating on a national basis whilst others target specific counties or geographic areas. They include lottery distributors, foundations, financial institutions, charitable trusts, even government departments and offer a range of practical and financial support including both grant funding and loans.

Awards ranging from just a few hundred to hundreds of thousands of pounds are available to support groups, organisations and individuals that meet local need, provide new experiences and change lives.

Each organisation has its own criteria and range of support available, so if you find a funder that interests you check out the link for further information and help us to help you make a difference.

East of England Funders

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If you are a local funding organisation and would like more information about this group please contact jonathan.clark@biglotteryfund.org.uk



ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND

Arts Council England

Great art and culture inspires us, brings us together and teaches us about ourselves and the world around us. In short, it makes life better. Arts Council England champions, develops and invests in artistic and cultural experiences that enrich people's lives.

Arts Council England fund arts projects that engage people or that help artists and arts organisations carry out their work. They support a range of activities across the arts, museums and libraries - from theatre to digital art, reading to dance, music to literature, and crafts to collections.

More information: www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/apply-for-funding
Tel: 0845 300 6200



BBC Children in Need

BBC Children in Need funds not-for-profit organisations who work with disadvantaged children and young people 18 years and under living in the UK. The focus is firmly on children and young people experiencing disadvantage.

General grant programmes include small and main grants with funding awarded for between one and three years. In addition, the Emergency Essentials grants program (administered by Buttle UK) provides struggling families with items that meet children's most basic needs.

More information: www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey
Tel: 020 8576 7788



Bedfordshire & Luton Community Foundation

Bedfordshire & Luton Community Foundation manages the charitable giving and philanthropy of a range of local families and businesses. Some funding is also delivered on behalf of national charities and local/national government.

The Foundation manages several funds, each of which are targeted at a specific geography or issue. Awards are aimed at smaller community and voluntary groups to whom a sum of a few thousand pounds can make a real difference.

More information: www.blcf.org.uk/grants
Tel: 01234 834930



Big Lottery Fund

The Big Lottery Fund is the largest UK distributor of National Lottery money to good causes. BIG funds projects for health, education, environmental and charitable purposes and is focussed upon bringing real improvements to communities and lives of people most in need.

Funding is distributed through a range of open access, targeted and community based programmes with most of the awards going to voluntary and community sector organisations.

More information: www.biglotteryfund.org.uk
Tel: 01223 449000



Cambridgeshire Community Foundation

The objective of Cambridgeshire Community Foundation is to make a real difference to the well being and quality of life of people in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. This is done by matching those who want to give, to local charities and voluntary groups that are of interest to them.

Grants are awarded to community and voluntary organisations in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough. The five core grant programmes are Children, Young People and Families; Adults Facing Life Crisis; Community Development and Engagement; the Natural Environment and Health.

More information: www.cambscf.org.uk/grants.html Tel: 01223 410535



Charity Bank

Charity Bank is the only regulated bank in the UK that is also a registered general charity. It's also the only bank that uses its depositors' funds solely to provide financial support and guidance to organisations with a charitable purpose.

Charity Bank can provide charity loan funding from £50,000 up to £1 million (larger facilities may be arranged in partnership with other lenders). They invest in organisations that have a social purpose including community groups, registered charities and social enterprises.

More information: www.charitybank.org
Tel: 01732 774040

COMIC RELIEF

Comic Relief

Comic Relief is a major charity based in the UK which strives to create a just world free from poverty. The mission is to drive positive change through the power of entertainment.

Comic Relief will be launching a new strategy in Spring 2013 and will be open for applications in Summer 2013. Please check the website for the latest updates.

More information: www.comicrelief.com
Tel: 020 7820 2000



Esmée Fairbairn Foundation

The Esmée Fairbairn Foundation is one of the largest independent grant-makers and aims to improve the quality of life for people and communities throughout the UK both now and in the future. This is done by funding the charitable work of organisations with the ideas and ability to achieve positive change.

Grants are available towards a wide range of work within the arts, education and learning, the environment and social change. There is also a Food strand which supports the important role food plays in wellbeing and a Finance Fund which invests in organisations that deliver both a financial return and a social benefit.

More information: www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk Tel: 020 7812 3700



Essex Community Foundation

Essex Community Foundation is an independent charitable trust. Since 1996 it has invested nearly £20 million of grant funding to local voluntary and community organisations across Essex, Southend and Thurrock and has built an endowment fund of £20 million which will benefit future generations of Essex residents.

The Foundation manages about 90 different charitable funds covering a broad range of issues including older people, young people, rural issues, disadvantaged communities, carers and general running costs. The average grant is around £4,000 over one year, but higher value multi-year funding programmes are also available.

More information: www.essexcommunityfoundation.org.uk Tel: 01245 356018



Foundation East

Foundation East works on a not-for-profit basis providing loans of up to £50,000 to enterprises based in Eastern England, who have been unable to obtain funding from traditional sources. Every application is judged on its own merits and funds can also be provided which match grant capital.

Foundation East is also a delivery partner for the 'Start Up Loans for Young People' initiative, offering young entrepreneurs a loan for up to five years at 6% interest, together with free business mentoring and is at the heart of the Community Land Trust initiative providing a professional advice and project development service.

More Information: www.foundationeast.org
Tel: 01284 757777



The Harpur Trust

The Harpur Trust aims to inspire and support people in the Borough of Bedford to improve their lives. It does this through its grants programme, its work with schools (it owns four independent schools and sponsors one academy) and by providing sheltered accommodation for older people.

Grants are available to organisations operating projects in the Borough of Bedford and are split into two categories. The responsive programme covers the Trust's objects of education, relief of poverty or distress and recreation with a social welfare purpose. Themed programmes are for projects which focus on coping with difficult life Transitions, Resilience and Isolation. There are also a small number of grants made to individuals.

More information: www.harpurtrust.org.uk
Tel: 01234 369500



Heritage Lottery Fund

Using money raised from the National Lottery, HLF funds a wide variety of heritage-focused projects including wildlife, archives and community traditions. They are interested in hearing about projects from across the East of England that help people to enjoy and engage with, learn about and conserve their heritage.

A wide variety of funding programmes are available with the smallest awards starting at £3,000. Grants can support a broad range of heritage projects and there are also schemes which are targeted at specific types of heritage, such as urgent repairs for places of worship, and restoring public parks.

More information: www.hlf.org.uk
Tel: 01223 224870



Hertfordshire Community Foundation

Hertfordshire Community Foundation builds endowments and generates diverse funding streams to address need and deprivation throughout Hertfordshire to improve the quality of life for all. It is a catalyst for philanthropy, grant making and corporate responsibility across the private, public and voluntary sectors.

Grants are available to support projects that meet an identified need in the local community and the maximum amount any group can apply for from Foundation funds is £5,000. Priority is given to small, local groups rather than large, national charities or those with paid fundraisers.

More information: www.hertscf.org.uk
Tel: 01707 251351



Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation

The Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation helps to maintain and enhance the world's first Garden City for the enjoyment and benefit of everyone who works, lives and plays there, by funding not-for-profit organisations either based in Letchworth or delivering activities that meet the needs of the local community.

Applicants can apply for a small grant of up to £5,000 per year or a large grant, and funding can be awarded for between one and three years. Within the small grant programme they will also consider funding talented individuals providing they reside in Letchworth and there is a genuine need for funding.

More information: www.letchworth.com Tel: 01462 476037



Lloyds TSB Foundation

The Lloyds TSB Foundation for England and Wales supports and works in partnership with registered charities helping disadvantaged people to play a fuller role in the community. They work to a geographical funding formula to ensure grants are made across all areas.

The Community Programme focuses on core and project funding to registered charities with an income of less than £1 million and national charities with an income of less than £5 million. Applicant organisations must hold less than 12 months of reserves and grants are made appropriate to the size and needs of the charity.

More information: www.lloydstsbfoundations.org.uk
Tel: 0870 411 1223



Norfolk Community Foundation

Norfolk Community Foundation is a grant giving organisation that aims to create a culture of giving that will change people's lives. They provide a service to individuals, families and businesses who wish their charitable giving to have a lasting benefit to the local community and fund causes of special interest to them.

The Foundation supports charitable groups in the county whose work benefits local people and meets local needs with grants ranging from under £500 up to £100,000 for some funds. Some grants have particular requirements, but many are countywide and able to support a wide range of causes.

For more information: www.norfolkfoundation.com Tel: 01603 623958



Office for Civil Society

The Office for Civil Society, part of the Cabinet Office, works across government departments to translate the Big Society agenda into practical policies. It provides support to voluntary and community organisations and is responsible for delivering a number of key Big Society programmes.

OCS funded programmes in the region include: Community Organisers and Transforming Local Infrastructure (in partnership with delivery partners Locality and Big Lottery Fund), and Community First which is a locally managed programme based in 30 wards in the East of England with local Panels managing a small grants fund.

For more information contact: suzanne.lowe@cabinet-office.gsi.gov.uk



Prince's Trust

The Prince's Trust gives practical and financial support to the young people who need it most. They help develop key skills, confidence and motivation, enabling young people to move into work, education or training.

The Prince's Trust run programmes that encourage young people to take responsibility – helping them build the life they choose rather than the one they've ended up with. These currently include: The Enterprise Programme, The Team Programme, Get Intos, Development Awards and XL Clubs.

More information: www.princestrust.org.uk

Tel: 01438 730520



Santander Foundation

Santander Foundation provides one-off grants to organisations with charitable status for their work in the UK. There are two grants programmes, both focus on benefiting disadvantaged people and have no deadlines.

Central grants offer funding of up to £10,000 (for capital or revenue projects) to help disadvantaged people through either financial capability or education and training. The Community Plus programme offers grants of up to £5,000 and nominations can be made by visiting any branch of Santander. The only criteria are that it must be for a local charity or local project of a larger charity and of benefit to local disadvantaged people.

More information: www.santanderfoundation.org.uk Tel: 01908 343224



Sported

Sported is the leading sport for development charity helping to transform the lives of disadvantaged young people. This is achieved by supporting community and voluntary sports groups, which deliver sport for development. The aim is to help them grow and run to the best of their ability.

Sported offers a small grant of £2000 and then business support around a large project and large grant fund. The funding is from one source Sir Keith Mills.

More information: www.sported.org.uk

Tel: 07827 324871



Sport England

Sport England is committed to helping people and communities across the country create sporting habits for life. This means investing in organisations and projects that will get more people taking up and continuing to play sport and creating opportunities for people to excel at their chosen sport.

In addition to investment in key partners to deliver specific objectives, they have a variety of funding programmes open to a wide range of organisations. These include sports clubs, voluntary or community organisations, local authorities, schools, colleges and universities.

More information: www.sportengland.org/funding.aspx
Tel: 08458 508508



Stevenage Community Trust

Stevenage Community Trust raises funds through membership, donations and fundraising activities in order to provide grant support to individuals and families in need as well as local groups within Stevenage and the surrounding villages.

Grants for individuals and families in need are available through referral by a third party agency such as the Citizens Advice Bureau and Social Services. Community groups and clubs can apply directly using our simple grant application form. Most grants allocated range from £50 to £2,000.

More information: www.stevenagecommunitytrust.org
Tel: 01438 525390



Suffolk Foundation

The Suffolk Foundation is a community foundation operating across Suffolk. As an independent grant maker, the Foundation supports local charities and community groups who are tackling disadvantage and social need, thereby transforming local lives.

The Foundation manages over 50 charitable funds that address a wide range of issues however; the five core programmes are: Creating Thriving Communities; Improving Health and Wellbeing; Supporting Children and Young People; Providing Compassion in Crisis; Delivering Care and Help at Home. Dependent on the funding source, grants range from £200 to over £100,000.

More information: www.suffolkfoundation.org.uk
Tel: 01473 602602



WREN

WREN is a not-for-profit organisation which provides grants under the Landfill Communities Fund Scheme, on behalf of FCC Environment. Any constituted not-for-profit organisation (including Councils) may apply, for grants to improve or create play areas, village halls, recreation ground projects, nature reserves etc.

Geographical restrictions apply and projects must be within 10 miles of an active FCC Environment landfill site (see www.wren.org.uk/apply/distcalc). Funding of between £2,000 and £75,000 can be applied for. Prior discussion with WREN staff is encouraged and there are 4 publicised application deadlines per calendar year.

More information: www.wren.org.uk Tel: 01953 717165