



External Funding Monthly

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Welcome to External Funding Monthly, Dacorum Borough Council's e-newsletter offering information & advice on funding opportunities from outside sources including the European Union, National Lottery, UK Government, Trusts, Foundations & other grant giving bodies.

This newsletter is for all officers & members of Dacorum Borough Council, as well as partnerships, Town & Parish Councils and voluntary & community groups that work within the Borough. If you know of anyone else that would like to receive this e-newsletter please contact the External Funding Officer, Sue Butt, on tel. 01442 228789 or via e-mail at: externalfunding@dacorum.gov.uk.

Hi Everyone

Welcome to the September edition of External Funding Monthly. This is my last edition of this newsletter before I move on to my new job. It's been great working with you all over the years

'Focus' this month is on sustainable funding, what it means and how you can go about adopting a sustainable funding approach.

Kind regards

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Focus On 'Sustainable Funding'

What is meant by 'sustainable funding'?

'Sustainable funding' is not about getting one funder to continually support your organisation or securing a few wealthy donors. Sustainable funding is about understanding and establishing a suitable approach to ensure the continued viability of your organisation.

The NCVO guide to sustainable funding describes this as a 'rounded approach' that should include:

- Effective planning
- Diversifying an organisation's income where possible
- Building organisation's skills and capacity to ensure the best and most effective use of its resources
- Pursuing the most appropriate income opportunities that will support the kind of work/services the organisation does.

Why is it important?

All organisations, from small local community groups to registered charities and social enterprises, need money to be able to deliver their work. This could be to meet the needs of specific clients and services users or provide facilities or activities. However, in today's competitive funding environment where demand often exceeds available sources of funding, just providing a service needed by the community does not necessarily entitle your organisation to receive funding. Funders are increasingly looking to prioritise and establish what and who they wish to support through specific criteria.

It is therefore as a result of this uncertain funding environment that organisations need to understand and adopt a sustainable funding approach if they want to continue.

Where do I start?

NCVO, the National Council for Voluntary Organisations, set up the Sustainable Funding Project in 2000 to support organisations in understanding and adopting a sustainable funding approach. They have developed a whole range of useful tools and information that are freely available from their website at: www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/sfp or by calling the NCVO helpdesk on freephone 0800 2798 798.

A good place to start is by undertaking an analysis of your current sources of income and identifying how dependent you are on these sources. This in turn will then help to determine where you should explore other income options to reduce your dependency and thereby start to adopt a sustainable approach to funding.

The Sustainable Funding Project has developed an income spectrum to help you identify what sources of funding are available and an income breakdown analysis tool to assess where your organisation is currently at. These can be accessed at:

[The Income Spectrum](#)

[Analyse the breakdown of your income](#)

Useful resources

[Sustainable Funding Project e-bulletin](#) – subscribe for free [by clicking here](#)

[Introductory Guide to Sustainable Funding](#)

[Financial Management Pages](#) on NCVO's website

LATEST FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Quick guide to eligibility:

Local Authority	LA
Registered Charity	Ch
Social Enterprise	SE
Voluntary or Community Group	VC
Town or Parish Council	TP
Individuals	In

Reducing crime and creating a safer Dacorum

Grant Scheme for Prisoner Reoffending Reduction Opens for Applications **Ch** **SE**

A £1.3m fund has been opened up for organisations working to reduce prisoner reoffending rates. Up to six grants worth between £200,000 and £350,000 for up to four years will be given to charities and social enterprises with a proven track record in reducing rates of reoffending. The Impetus Trust, Esmee Fairbairn Foundation, Indigo Trust and the Henry Smith Charity have pulled together the initial £1.3m, but hope that other grantmakers and individuals will step up to provide further cash once the first round of funding is distributed. Over the next six months the Impetus Trust are seeking to identify the organisations to be supported by the Fund and make their initial investments. The Trust are looking for organisations within the criminal justice sector that tackle re-offending and that have ambitions to transform their impact. Selected organisations will receive a combined package of unrestricted funding and tailored capacity-building support from the Impetus Investment ! Team and network of consultants and advisers. **The closing date for applications is the 15th September 2009.**

Creating a cleaner and healthier environment

Energy Efficiency Home Improvement Grants **In**

Free or discounted energy efficiency measures are being offered to homeowners and private landlords throughout Dacorum as a result of the Herts and Essex Energy Partnership (HEEP) successfully securing government funding. Cavity Wall insulation at £99*, loft insulation at £99* and heating and renewable energy measures are all available (* subject to technical survey and qualifying criteria). For further details contact the freephone number 0800 980 6026 or visit the website at: <http://www.heepgrant.org/>

Delivering lifelong learning

Funding to Support Ways of Learning with Technology

NESTA Futurelab has announced that the next "Call for Idea" will open on the 1st September 2009. Under the Call for Ideas Nesta will provide support and funding of up to £25,000 to turn new ideas about ways of learning with technology into working prototypes. This year NESTA wants to support ideas that push the current boundaries of how technology is used for learning; and challenge assumptions about how teaching and learning happen. This call is open to anyone within the UK. This could include teachers or learners, IT developers, schools and universities as well as commercial companies, etc. Previously ideas supported include "ShoutBox" a cross-platform tool which allows young people to recognise, capture and showcase their informal out-of-school learning experiences. Young people generate

and collate different forms of content using their mobile phone and then share this online, tagging their learning with different categories such as sports, work, art, music etc. **Applications for this call for ideas need to be submitted by the 8th October 2009.**

Encouraging business and local employment

LSC Community Grants **Ch** **SE** **VC**

You may be interested to learn of the new Learning & Skills Council (LSC) community grants programme making awards up to £12k to third sector organisations offering help into employment. A total budget of £1m has been made available in the East of England. Applications are assessed quarterly and the next deadline is 12noon on Monday 12th October 2009.

http://grantsadmin.co.uk/eastengland_grants/

Meeting housing need

No new opportunities to report on this month.

Promoting culture, arts, leisure and tourism

Art in Empty Spaces **Ch** **SE** **VC** **LA**

Arts Council England is now accepting applications for Art in empty spaces. The £500,000 scheme aims to help artists turn vacant high street shops into artistic and vibrant places, which the whole community can enjoy. This programme is running in partnership with the Department for Communities and Local Government's (DCLG) scheme Looking After Our Town Centres which will invest £3 million to reinvigorate ailing town centres during the recession. The fund aims to help artists and arts organisations to carry out artistic activities in vacant premises made available to them through the DCLG scheme. Generally grants of £1,000 - £10,000 are available, however applications for grants above this amount can will considered. Grants are available for all eligible artistic activity Exclusions include fit-out, rent and other property costs, purchase of materials to clean and decorate premises, running costs, including insurance and utility bills, buying assets such as equipment, instrum! ents and vehicles. **There is no deadline for applications but this is a limited fund so it is advised to get applications in ASAP.**

Oppenheim-John Downes Memorial Trust **In**

The Oppenheim-John Downes Memorial Trust offers financial assistance to British artists, sculptors, writers, musicians and dancers. The awards may be made to deserving artists of any kind, whether writers, painters, sculptors, musicians, dancers, actors, craftsmen or artists of any comparable nature or description who are unable effectively to pursue their vocation by reason of their financial difficulties. As a general guide the maximum award would be £1,000 but, in exceptional circumstances, the Trustees may consider making a larger award. The awards are made in December of each year with **the closing date for applications being 15 October.**

www.oppenheimdownestrust.org

Architectural Heritage Fund **Ch**

The Architectural Heritage Fund (AHF), which is a registered charity that promotes the conservation and regeneration of historic buildings in the UK. Funding is available to voluntary organisations building preservation trusts to regenerate historic buildings

to create community and education facilities, workspace and homes. To be eligible to apply for funding through the AHF, organisations need to be a registered charity and the building(s) must be listed, scheduled as an ancient monument or in a Conservation Area (if in a Conservation Area, it must be of acknowledged historic or architectural importance). The project must also involve a change of ownership and/or a change of use. Previously funded projects include turning a run down historic buildings into community theatres, resource centres, community learning centres, workspaces, places to live and community meeting places, etc.

The next closing date for applications is the 22nd October 2009.

<http://www.ahfund.org.uk/index.html>

Encouraging community involvement

Faith in Action Funding Round Postponed Ch SE VC

The Community Development Foundation has announced that a second funding round for its Faith In Action Programme which was due to re-open in July 2009, has had to be postponed until later this year. Faiths in Action is a £4 million grants programme sponsored by Communities and Local Government and administered by the Community Development Foundation that is open to faith, inter faith, voluntary and community sector organisations at national, regional and local levels in England. The aim of the fund is to support the government's aspiration to help faith communities and others to promote understanding, dialogue and develop strong and sustainable partnerships. The Fund is particularly keen to support projects that focus on the inclusion and participation of women and young people and those which involve partnerships between one or more organisations. Faiths in Action supports delivery of the Government document, Face to Face and Side by Side. All applications must therefore directly relate to one or more of the fund's four priorities which are derived from this framework. These are; developing the confidence and skills to "bridge" and "link" ; supporting shared spaces for interaction and social action; developing structures and processes which support dialogue and social action; and improving opportunities for learning which build understanding..

<http://www.cdf.org.uk/web/guest/faiths-in-action>

Communitybuilders fund will open in September Ch SE VC

The Government's £70m Communitybuilders fund will open for applications on 07 September, the Adventure Capital Fund (ACF) has announced. The ACF, which manages the scheme on behalf of the Communities and Local Government Department and the Office of the Third Sector, has also announced the criteria that organisations must meet in order to be eligible for funding from the scheme. The Communitybuilders fund will provide loans and grants to help community-based organisations in England that boost interest in local democracy and improve community cohesion.

<http://www.communitybuildersfund.org.uk/>

Reaching Communities Programme Ch SE VC LA TP

The BIG Lottery Fund has announced that in response to the current economic crisis it is increasing the budget for its Reaching Communities programme in 2009 – 10 by £20 million to £80 million. Reaching Communities provides grants of between £10,000 and £500,000 to support projects that help people and communities who are most in need, and can really make a difference. This increase in funding is designed to act as a 'bridge' between BIG's current funding programmes and BIG's new Open Funding stream which will go live in 2010. Projects funded through Reaching Communities can be new or existing activities, or be the core work of an organisation. The type of projects supported in the past have included:

- A learning bus to reach hard to reach learners in Nottingham

- A Day Centre for older people from the local African and Caribbean community that gives them a chance to get together, share stories and enjoy a variety of activities
- A project that teaches young people in Hackney, Islington and the City of London to play a range of musical instruments.

The programme is open to registered charities, charitable or not for profit companies, statutory bodies, schools and social enterprises. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_reaching_communities.htm

Community Radio Fund Ch SE VC

Ofcom's Community Radio Fund's second round for application in 2009/10 **will open in October and close in November 2009 (dates tbc)**. Under the fund, Community Radio Stations can apply for funding to support their core running costs. These can include: Management; Administration, financial management & reporting costs; Fundraising to support the station; Community outreach work; Costs involved in using volunteers. There is no upper limit of grant that can be applied for however, the minimum grant is £5,000. Grants can only be made to community radio licensees which are broadcasting under a community radio licence (and not an RSL, for example). The average grant in the last round was of £15,564.

http://www.ofcom.org.uk/radio/ifi/rbl/commun_radio/Communityfund/

Meeting the needs of children and young people

UnLtd Sport Relief Awards In

UnLtd are working in partnership with Comic Relief to run UnLtd Sport Relief. Aimed at young people, the Awards provide awards of up to £10,000 to young people who want to use sport or the arts to address a social problem or conflict within their community. As well as cash, UnLtd also provide a support package for successful applicants including one to one support, practical training and the chance to network with other Award Winners. There are three categories of awards. Try it which is aimed at 11 - 21 year olds and provides grants of up to £1,000 to try out a new idea. Shape it which is aimed at 11 - 21 year olds and provides funding of up to £5,000 to develop an idea. Do it which is aimed at 18 - 21 year olds and provides funding of up to £10,000 to grow a project. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

The Peter Cruddas Foundation Ch

The Peter Cruddas Foundation is a grant making Foundation that aims to support charitable works that benefit disadvantaged and disengaged young people in the UK by ensuring that their funding reaches those most in need. The Foundations funding streams for 2009 are:

Pathways/support for young disadvantaged or disengaged young people into mainstream education, training or employment; crime diversion schemes

- Work experience/skills projects for young people
- Mentoring of young people in London
- General youth work in London.

To be eligible for funding an organisation must be:

- a registered charity or
- an organisation / individual supported by a UK charity.

There are no minimum or maximum grants and projects can be funded for more than one year. Applications can be made any time.

Lloyds TSB Foundation Launches New Young Offenders Programme Ch

The Lloyds TSB Foundation has announced that it is seeking applications for funding through its new £1 million Young Offenders Programme. Through this programme

grants will be available to charities which are improving the life choices and chances of young offenders in England and Wales. The Programme is open to registered charities with a proven track record of working with young offenders in areas including; accommodation; skills training; employment mentoring; drugs and alcohol; mental health; restorative justice; and family support and relationships. Grants of up to three years will be available for new and innovative work, as well as those extending a proven model of successful work or enabling the development of joined up projects. There is a two-stage application process and interested charities are now invited to complete an Expression of Interest form. **The application deadline is September 25th 2009.**

V's Match Fund Open to Applications Ch SE VC

Youth volunteering charity "V" has announced that they have £72 million available through their Match Fund to invest into diverse and high impact projects across England. Match Fund aims to encourage more investment in volunteering projects from businesses, charitable trusts and private individuals. The programme will match up to 100% of any new private investment involving young people aged 16-25. "V" is interested in supporting projects in six areas: Health and wellbeing, Environment, Supporting children and young people, Community cohesion, Poverty and Human rights. For one-year projects the minimum private contribution is £10,000, which will be match funded to the same amount by the programme. For two-year projects the minimum private contribution is £20,000. The maximum level of private funding "V" can match per year is £250,000. **The deadline for applications is the 2nd October 2009.**

<http://www.vinspired.com/v/funding/match-funding/overview>

Improving social care and health

Core funding and free training for health charities Ch

The IMPACT Awards are open to registered charities working in a health related field in the UK. There are up to 20 awards of core funding, ranging from £35,000 to £3,000, plus free training is offered to 15 organisations valued at £3,500. **Closing date for applications is 25 September 2009.**

www.kingsfund.org.uk/gskimpactawards

Meeting the needs of older people

No new opportunities to report on this month.

FORTHCOMING FUNDRAISING TRAINING COURSES

Thinking About Social Enterprise

If you've heard about social enterprise but you don't know whether it's a potential source of sustainable funding for your organisation, this day will help you decide. Social enterprise – trading with a social purpose - is not for everyone, so making an informed decision is essential. Combining presentation, discussion, small group work and a tour of a social enterprise, the day is designed to address three fundamental questions:

- What is 'social enterprise'?
- Is it for you?
- If it is - where do you go from here?

These one day introductory sessions are being delivered across the East of England with the nearest to Dacorum taking place in Luton on Wednesday 7th October 2009 between 10am-4pm. The session costs £25 which includes the full training session, lunch and handouts. Contact Chris Lee at Social Enterprise East of England (SEEE) for further details and a booking form. Tel. 0845 606 6296 or e-mail:

Chris.Lee@seee.co.uk.

Seminar for Voluntary Organisations – Incorporation

Many small charities consider incorporation, but are unsure what the benefits are, or how to go about it. If you are involved with any not-for-profit organisations which are concerned about whether they should incorporate and what options are available to them then this informative seminar will help. The session is taking place on Wednesday 16 September 2009 from 9.30-12.00 at the Myers Clark Chartered Accountants offices in Watford. Seminars are free to Myers Clark clients and other participants are asked to make a £20 donations. For further details e-mail: info@myersclark.co.uk or telephone 01923 224411.

USEFUL FUNDING RESOURCES

Search for funding opportunities at 'Grants 4: Dacorum' for FREE at <http://www.grants4.info/dacorum/>

Community Action Dacorum provides specialist funding advice to local voluntary and community groups including the management of the new Grassroots Grants Programme <http://www.dacorumcvs.org.uk>

Hertfordshire County Council's funding information portal. Useful toolkits, funding databases and local grant information. <http://www.hertsccl.gov.uk/hern>

An online guide for voluntary and community groups seeking grant aid applicable to Hertfordshire. <http://www.funding4herts.org.uk>

Funding Central is a free to access website offering access to information on available grants, loans and contracts. It also has a newsletter service that is tailored to your search criteria. www.fundingcentral.org.uk,

FREE downloadable software programmes from Funder Finder for voluntary and community organisations just starting out on grant applications. Including 'Apply Yourself' <http://www.funderfinder.org.uk/applyyou.php> and 'Budget Yourself' <http://www.funderfinder.org.uk/budgetyou.php>

ACCESSIBILITY

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