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funding update

Area Action Partnership Funding Opportunities

4 Together Partnership

The 4 Together Partnership covers the communities of Ferryhill; Chilton; Windlestone; Cornforth; Mainsforth and Bishop Middleham.

The first funding opportunity is for a minimum of £5,000 and projects must support the priorities of the AAP re Environment, Young People and Community Aspiration. For a Declaration of Interest Form please contact Helen Pinkney or Paula Nixon on 01388 816166 or email Helen.Pinkney@durham.gov.uk or Paula.Nixon@durham.gov.uk

The 4 Together Partnership will also be running a Small Grants Fund for Voluntary and Community Sector groups and organisations. This funding is for smaller pots of funding up to a maximum of £2,000. The only criteria is that your group must operate in the 4 Together area, be constituted with a bank account and that you will promote the AAP and become a member of the AAP Forum. The application process will be in place shortly. Contact CAVOS for an application pack.

East Durham Rural Corridor

The East Durham Rural Corridor Area Action Partnership covers the communities of: Sedgefield; all Trimdons; Fishburn; Bowburn; Kelloe; Coxhoe; Quarrington Hill & Deaf Hill

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Great Aycliffe & Middridge Partnership

All local voluntary and community groups working within the Great Aycliffe & Middridge Partnership (GAMP) area can access this small grants fund and can apply for up to £2,000 to fund a wide variety of projects. One of the key priorities of GAMP is 'Support to the Voluntary and Community Sector' and this fund has been set up in response to this. This fund is accepting applications now, contact CAVOS for an application pack.

These AAPs are working in partnership with CAVOS to administer this funding

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People's Postcode Trust

This fund is open to voluntary sector projects lasting up to 3 months (between Jan – Mar 2011)

Grants of between £500 and £10,000 are available (£2,000 if not a registered charity)

The Trust set up by the People's Postcode Lottery, re-opened for applications on 11th October 2010. Any funding should make a real difference to small organisations and community groups operating in the areas of:

- ⇒ Poverty prevention
- ⇒ Advancement of health
- ⇒ Community development
- ⇒ Public sports
- ⇒ Human rights
- ⇒ Environmental protection

For more information visit www.postcodetrust.org.uk, ring 0131 555 7287 or email info@postcodetrust.org.uk

Wakeham Trust

The Wakeham Trust funds registered charities with grants of between £75 and £750.

Grants are available for charities wanting to improve their communities, normally where the grant will make a real difference to getting a project up and running. The Trust is particularly interested in supporting:

- ⇒ Neighbourhood projects
- ⇒ Community arts projects
- ⇒ Projects involving community service by young people
- ⇒ Projects set up by those who are socially excluded
- ⇒ Innovative projects to promote excellence in teaching

The Trust does not favour any particular areas of activity but most of the projects supported share some or all of the following characteristics:

- ⇒ Something new for a particular area
- ⇒ Small projects
- ⇒ Does not employ staff
- ⇒ Not well established
- ⇒ Has the potential to become self-supporting
- ⇒ Outward looking and helps a lot of people

Applications can be made online or submitted as a letter. For more information visit www.wakehamtrust.org, ring 01730 821748 or email wakehamtrust@mac.com

Groundwork Community Spaces

Community Spaces is open to community groups to apply for small (£10,000 - £25,000) and medium (£25,001 - £49,999) grants. Applications must be submitted by **Friday 7th January 2011 at 12 noon**. Applications received after this time will not be considered.

Community Spaces is a £57.5 million open grants programme that helps community groups in England create or improve green, open spaces to enhance people's quality of life. Projects that have secured funding from Community Spaces include woodlands, parks and play areas, community gardens, nature trails and outdoor gyms.

All applications will need to go through a two-stage application process:

Stage 1 - Stage 1 application packs for small and medium grants are available via the website or by phoning the Advice Line on 0845 3 671 671. Once an application has been submitted, the applicant will receive a decision within 10 weeks.

Stage 2 - If groups are successful at stage 1 they will be allocated a Facilitator who will provide a more detailed stage 2 application form. Facilitators will be able to provide expert and specialist advice to every project; they will also be able to provide support to applicants to complete the stage 2 application form. Once complete stage 2 applications are received, they will be assessed and groups will receive a decision within 12 weeks.

Applications can be submitted at anytime and decisions will be made on regular basis. For application forms, guidance notes and further information visit the Community Spaces website: www.community-spaces.org.uk or email any queries to info@community-spaces.org.uk



Gift Aid

What is it?

Gift Aid is a way for charities or Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) to increase the value of cash donations from UK taxpayers by claiming back the basic 20% tax rate paid by the donor.

Why get it?

- ⇒ It can increase the value of donations by quarter at no extra cost to the donor.
- ⇒ Gift Aid is worth nearly £1 billion a year to charities and their donors.
- ⇒ If a donor is a higher rate taxpayer, they can also benefit from tax relief

How does it work?

A charity or CASC can claim back basic rate tax from HMRC on:

- ⇒ Gift Aid donations
- ⇒ Tax deducted from other income such as bank or building society interest
- ⇒ Tax deducted from income arising on gifts left to the charity in a will.

The amount of tax that can be reclaimed can be worked out by dividing the amount donated by four. This means that for every £1 donated, an extra 25p can be claimed.

In addition, until 5 April 2011 HMRC will automatically pay a further 3p for every £1 donated as transitional relief.

This means that for every £1 donated, the charity or CASC can receive 28p, so the total value of the donation is £1.28.

What can I claim Gift Aid on?

- ⇒ donations from individuals, sole traders or partnerships,
- ⇒ cash (sterling or any foreign currency)
- ⇒ cheque (only count as received once cleared)
- ⇒ Direct Debit
- ⇒ credit or debit card
- ⇒ postal order
- ⇒ standing order or telegraphic transfer

To find out more about Gift Aid and how you can reclaim it contact Donna at CAVOS on: 01388 811115 or email donna@cavos.org.uk

Big Lottery Fund update

The amount of money the Big Lottery Fund allocates to the voluntary and community sector will increase by more than 20% to £630m a year after it stops funding the 2012 Olympic Games, according to the culture minister John Penrose.

Penrose said that £520m was awarded to VCS organisations by BIG in 2009/10, but he projected that £630m would be given to the sector in 2013/14.

The increase is expected despite the fact that the share of lottery 'good cause' money distributed will be reduced from 50% to 40%.

For more info visit: www.biglotteryfund.org.uk

Healthier Durham Fund

Administered by County Durham Community Foundation, awards of up to £2,000 are available. Groups must demonstrate that the money will be used for projects that aim to: improve physical or mental health and wellbeing, address health inequalities or support users and carers with long term conditions.

To apply, complete a general Expression of Interest Form via the County Durham Community Foundation website.

For further information ring 0191 378 6343 or visit www.cdcf.org.uk

European Social Fund - What is it?

The European Social Fund (ESF) is one of 2 European Union (EU) 'Structural Funds' designed to reduce regional economic inequality across the EU. ESF aims to reduce differences in success and living standards promoting economic and social cohesion.

The England ESF Programme identifies the overall priorities for skills and employment across England and details the ESF allocations to each region. These are based on the number of people *not* in work and who do *not* have good qualifications.

£120m of ESF is available to the North East during the period 2010-13.

Government Office North East has overall responsibility for the management of the ESF Programme in the region. However ESF resources are managed and administered by three co-financing organisations (CFOs): The Skills Funding Agency; Department of Work and Pensions; The National Offender Management Service. Each CFO procures activity following a competitive tendering process by issuing invitations to tender for specific activities.

The North East ESF Programme comprises 2 main strands or 'priorities', each providing funding for different types of activities.

Priority 1: Extending Employment Opportunities (£79m)

Aim: To increase employment; reduce unemployment/economic inactivity; and reduce the number of young people **not in education, employment or training (NEET)**.

Target Groups: People who are unemployed or inactive; women; people with disabilities or health conditions; lone parents; people aged over 50; ex-offenders; and people from ethnic minorities.

*Particular emphasis is placed on young people who are 'NEET', with £18m of ESF funding targeted on this group in the period 2010 to 2013.

Community Grants - Small grants of up to £12,000 are available for voluntary and community organisations to build their capacity to provide employability support to unemployed and inactive individuals.

Priority 2: Developing a Skilled and Adaptable Workforce (£41m)

Aim: To develop the skills of those who are in work (including those who have gained work having received support under Priority 1 of the ESF programme).

Target Groups: Employees with the greatest need for support in order to pursue their first qualification at level 2 or above e.g. people on low incomes; those with low level English spoken and/or written skills; those for whom English is not their first language; and those with learning difficulties.

For more information about the fund or for a Priorities factsheet, contact CAVOS (01388 811115)

(Source: VONNE North East ESF Programme)

