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CAVOS

funding update

Do you need help to find funding for your group?

CAVOS can provide a wide range of support to groups looking for help with funding. From helping you to develop your ideas to supporting your group throughout the life of its project, CAVOS aims to provide you with all of the tools you need to make your group a success.

If you are part of a community group or voluntary organisation in Sedgefield Borough, CAVOS can help you with your funding problems by offering the following:

- Trained Funding Advisors who can provide a range of support
- Funder Finder - to help you identify which funders will fund your ideas.
- Information guides on how to develop an idea into a project
- Funding training courses - see the Training Programme
- Information on Funders
- Information on how to apply for funding
- An easily accessible file of popular local funders, with guidelines and application forms readily available for you to take away.
- A resource library of funding books for you to browse
- Informed staff who can help you find the information you're looking for, and help you get on your feet with funding.

We are currently in the process of evaluating our Funding Advice Service to ensure that we are offering the best possible support. If your group has received funding support from CAVOS in the past then you may receive a phone call in the next few weeks. Please feel free at this time to tell us what your current support needs are.

CAVOS will be running a '**How to Get Your Hands on the Money**' training course on 25th January 2008 at Spennymoor Town Hall. This course is always very popular and places are filling up fast. Contact Michelle at CAVOS for more information
BOOKING ESSENTIAL

If you have any queries relating to this newsletter, or would like an article published in the next issue please contact us:

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Wakeham Trust (UK)

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The Wakeham Trust makes grants to groups of individuals and small voluntary and community groups in the UK who want to improve their communities. The Trust funds a wide range of activities, and is particularly interested in supporting the following:

- 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 (at any level; from primary schools to universities)

The Trust normally gives grants to projects where an initial **£75 to £750** can make a real difference to getting the project up and running. To be eligible, applicants need to be registered charities or have access to a registered charity that will be willing to accept funds on their behalf.

You can apply to the Trust either by writing a letter or completing the online application form (the Trust prefers online applications wherever possible). Applications can be made at any time. Full details about how to apply are available on the website

The Trust's contact details are:

The Wakeham Trust, Wakeham House, Rogate,
Petersfield, Hants GU31 5EJ
Tel: 01730 821748
Email: wakehamtrust@mac.com
www.wakehamtrust.org

Charity Commission — monthly prize draw for online service users

To encourage smaller charities to use its online services, the Charity Commission holds a random **£1,000 prize draw** each month. All smaller charities (those with an income of less than £250,000) who use the online services to submit their accounts, or to simply update their details with the Commission, are eligible to enter the draw.

The Commission has published information about its online services, including a list of previous prize draw winners, on its website at www.charitycommission.gov.uk/common/onlineservicesinfo.asp

County Durham Foundation

County Durham Foundation gives grants to local good causes that make a real difference to the quality of life of people in County Durham and Darlington.

They have over 80 different funds that you are able to apply to with one main application form for groups and a further application form for groups working with children and young people. They mix-and-match applications to the most appropriate fund behind the scenes, so you don't need to worry about which fund is right for you.

For more information on this local funder, go to their website:

www.countydurhamfoundation.co.uk

Comic Relief—next deadline for main grants

The next deadline for Main Grants from Comic Relief's Red Nose Day programme is 29th February 2008. Main Grants of £5,000 or more are made to registered charities and voluntary organisations of any size that work in the following priority areas:

- Young people— those with mental health problems, alcohol problems, those affected by domestic violence or abused through prostitution & trafficking
- Older people—promoting older people's advocacy and campaigning
- Mental Health—advocacy and campaigning
- Refugees & Asylum Seekers—supporting vulnerable women, building community links

More information about each of these priority areas, along with guidelines and application forms for Main Grants are available from: www.comicrelief.com

For further details contact the UK Grants Team on 020 78205555
Email : ukgrants@comicrelief.org.uk



Joseph Strong Frazer Trust

The Joseph Strong Frazer trust makes grants to support general charitable purposes in the following areas:

- Medical & other research
- Social welfare
- People with disabilities
- Children
- Hospitals
- Education
- Maritime
- Religion
- Wildlife

Applications should be made in writing to the trust (there is no application form) and letters should be as concise as possible.

Please include a stamped, addressed envelope if you would like an acknowledgement of your application. Trustees meet twice a year, usually in March and September.

Applications should be sent to:

The Joseph Strong
Frazer Trust

Ward Hadaway,
A Floor,
Scottish Provident
House, Milburn House,
Dean Street,
Newcastle Upon Tyne
NE1 1LE.

Tel: 0191 2328065
Fax: 0191 2221554

Inclusion North—Small Sparks (North East)

Inclusion North works in the North East to promote the inclusion of people who have learning disabilities, their families and carers in all areas of mainstream life. The Small Sparks programme offers small grants to groups to help them deliver community projects that make things better for people with a learning disability, benefit their local area and help the groups make better links with their wider community.

You must be able to show in your application that, as part of the project, people in your area will give at least 10 hours of time to other people in your area that they would not normally work with. This could be people from your Partnership Board, people that use a particular service, or another organisation such as the local allotment society or bus group.

There is a total fund of £2,500 with individual grants of up to £250 available.

Application forms (including guidelines) are available to download from www.inclusionnorth.org

Applications need to come either from a person with a learning disability or from someone who is supporting that person to apply. Angela Ellis, Inclusion North's Skills Broker, can provide help with completing the form if required.

The closing date for applications is 31st March 2008. Inclusion North will let you know the outcome of your application within four weeks of receiving it. If your application is successful, you must be able to begin your project within a month and complete it over the next 2 months.

For more information contact Angela Ellis:

Inclusion North, Unit 2, Technorth, 9 Harrogate Road, Leeds LS9 9EH
Tel: 07876145390 Email: angela.inclusion@btinternet.com

Community Investment Fund

The Community Investment Fund is open to schools and community groups and other organisations that have a written constitution / memorandum and articles of association.

Awarded through the nine regions of Sports England it provides funding from £10,000 upwards. The fund focuses investment into projects and programmes that help create an active nation through sport and active recreation.

They look for projects that seek to involve the whole community, particularly hard-to-reach groups, that match regional priorities laid out in their plans for sport and that recognise the wider benefits of sport and activity in terms of health, education and community. There are two application stages for this programme: initial enquiry and full application. The enquiry takes 10 working days then eight weeks for the full application.

For further details go to www.sportengland.org



Top tips and common mistakes when applying for a grant

Top tips:

- Check that you are eligible for the funding programme you're planning to apply to
- Check that your project is suitable for the funding programme you're applying to
- Check whether there is a deadline for applications
- Thoroughly read the application pack and guidance notes
- Consider speaking to the funder before you apply - this is especially important if you have concerns or if you don't understand any part of the application pack
- Enclose all required supporting documents with your application, such as your constitution, bank account details, annual accounts and make sure they all have the group name on them
- Ask an organisation such as CAVOS to read through your application and check that they understand the project before you send it
- Keep a copy of the application form so that you can answer questions about it when it is assessed

Common mistakes:

- Completing the application form without having read through the whole pack and making sure that you can provide all the required information
- Not taking a photocopy of your application for your own records
- Submitting additional paperwork that is not relevant to your application
- Submitting an unrealistic project budget. All costs should be researched before you apply
- Forgetting to make sure that someone from your group can be contacted during office hours
- Not providing all signatures requested in the application.

The main reason that applications are rejected is that funders are asked to fund items or activities that they do not cover.

Read the guidance notes carefully to check that what you are planning to do fits the programme.

