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# CAVOS

## funding update

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### **"Everything You Need to Know About Funding"**

Wednesday 15th October @  
Spennymoor Town Hall

9.30—1pm, lunch, 2pm  
onwards (optional 1-on-1)

This one day course covers everything in easy to understand terms, with funding advisors on hand to answer your questions

For beginners and those wanting to improve their applications.

There will be an opportunity on the afternoon to book a short, 1-on-1 session with a funding advisor to discuss your funding support needs.

**There will also be an advisor from County Durham Foundation present to discuss the new Grassroots Grants fund and offer advice and support with applications.** (1-on-1 support session can be booked)

**Training charges apply although places are 'buy one get one free' to VCS groups in the Borough**

**Contact CAVOS  
to book**

### **CAVOS Development Team Funding Advice & Support Service**

For the next 4 years the CAVOS Development Team will be working to deliver a wide range of support services to the Voluntary and Community Sector in a way that is empowering to our users and that will help community groups to be sustainable in the long term.

One of these vital services is the provision of effective funding advice and support. We understand that funding is such a complicated area to navigate so our Team can work with your group to support you to get the most from the process and to make the whole thing as painless as possible!

Laura and Michelle from the Development Team can help your group with all of its funding needs. From self-fundraising ideas to developing business plans, they can support your group to achieve its funding goals.

To discuss your needs in more detail or to find out more about the service that the Development Team offer, contact Laura or Michelle on **01388 811115** or email **enquiries@cavos.org.uk**

**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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## **Grassroots Grants—County Durham Foundation**

### ⇒ **Grants between £250 - £5,000**

- ⇒ Organisations can apply for either a on-off payment or a grant spread over a three year period.
- ⇒ Funding can be used for either capital or revenue purposes
- ⇒ Capital costs are defined as being for any single asset that costs more than £1,000 and that has a life of more than one year.

### **The purpose of this grant is to support small informal voluntary and community groups and organisations. Groups must:**

- ⇒ Be a not-for-profit, third sector voluntary or community group, active in their local community for not less than 12 months prior to December 2007
- ⇒ have evidenced income of less than £20,000 per annum, taken as an average turnover for the last three financial years (or over the life of the group if it is less than three years old), and net of any grants received through the Grassroots Grants programme
- ⇒ Be volunteer led (i.e. With largely volunteer based input)
- ⇒ Be connected with and/or meeting the needs of the local community
- ⇒ Have a governing document that has a minimum of; the name, aim/purpose, objects, a dissolution clause for the organisation, a list of Trustee/Committee members and Trustee Committee member signatures
- ⇒ Groups and organisations do not have to be registered charities

### **Examples of what can be funding include:**

- ⇒ Purchase of equipment, like a computer, oven, furniture
- ⇒ Costs of putting on local event or workshop
- ⇒ Staff costs to enable the employment of individuals
- ⇒ Contribution to rent costs (related to activities/service delivery)
- ⇒ The cost of attending a conference or event
- ⇒ Training for volunteers
- ⇒ Additional activities to expand an existing funded project
- ⇒ Activities that support community activity
- ⇒ Activities that meet an identified need in the local community
- ⇒ Funding to support an organisation to achieve a quality or other standard relevant to their activities

### **The outcomes expected for the programme are:**

- ⇒ Improved access to funding for grassroots organisations
- ⇒ More funding invested in the organisations
- ⇒ Greater capacity to respond to local issues
- ⇒ Stronger organisational capacities
- ⇒ Stronger communities through increased local impact

**For more information on this fund, or to apply, contact Laura or Michelle at CAVOS on 01388 811115.**



### Neighbourhood Learning in Deprived Communities (NLDC)

The County Durham Learning and Skills Council (LSC) with Durham County Council ) operates the Neighbourhood Learning in Deprived Communities (NLDC) Fund.

The purpose of the fund is to support local voluntary and community sector organisations to develop their capacity to deliver learning opportunities for residents of disadvantaged neighbourhoods. The fund helps organisations especially those from the voluntary and community sector which provide learning opportunities to contribute to adult learning by developing local programmes in line with the LSC 'Skills for Jobs' strategy.

The local management of the NLDC fund is undertaken by Claire Todd the Sedgefield Borough Learning Coordinator. Further details about the NLDC fund can be obtained from the Sedgefield Borough Learning Coordinator on 01325 316 558 or via email [claire.todd@bacoll.ac.uk](mailto:claire.todd@bacoll.ac.uk)

### Social Enterprise Loan Fund

The Local Investment Fund, which has created £2m of private investment and £7m of loans for social enterprises over the past 14 years, has been re-branded, changing its name to the Social Enterprise Loan Fund.

To find out more visit [www.tself.org.uk](http://www.tself.org.uk)

**020 7680 1028**

### Women's Sector Capacity Building Fund

NE Women's Sector Network has a limited number of grants of up to £250 available for support to:

- attend network meetings,
- seminars and events;
- attend a training course or learning programme;
- engage in mentoring with another women's group,
- organisation or project;
- carry out a piece of action research;
- or an exchange visit with another women's group, organisation or project.

To obtain a simple application form email

[sue@suerobson.co.uk](mailto:sue@suerobson.co.uk)

### Cooperative Dividend & Community Fund

Millions of pounds have already been raised for all kinds of community projects by committed Co-operative Group Dividend cardholders who want to help improve the lives of others.

And with over one million cardholders contributing to the scheme, it's easy to see how it can make a real difference in our local communities.

Every Co-operative Group Dividend cardholder has the option to donate the 'odd pence' from their twice-yearly Dividend payments into the scheme. If you have a Dividend card and would like to donate your 'odd pence' to local community groups, ring the Dividend helpline on **0845 090 1456**

### Applying to the Community Fund

Although awards can range from £100 to £5,000, please be aware that due to the high number of quality applications, the average award size is between £100 and £500.

They will fund:

- Community, self-help and voluntary groups.
- Community charities (or local branches of national charities).

Your project must:

- Benefit a local community in which at least one of the Co-operative Group businesses trades
- Have a charitable purpose - you do not need to be a registered charity
- Be in line with Co-operative values & principles

To find out more about this fund and how to apply, visit the website at

**[www.co-operative.com/  
communityfind](http://www.co-operative.com/communityfind)**



## The community empowerment white paper

### Communities in control: real people, real power

Communities in control sets out how the government plans to pass power into the hands of local people. It aims to 'generate vibrant local democracy in every part of the country, and to give real control over local decisions and services to a wider pool of active citizens'.

#### The highlights are:

##### Communitybuilders fund:

This £70 million mixed capital and revenue fund is to help multi-purpose community organisations to:

- ⇒ become financially sustainable (and independent)
- ⇒ provide places for people to meet and services within their neighbourhood
- ⇒ provide the means for people to influence local government

A national partner selected through a competitive tendering process will deliver the programme. Funding is expected to begin in spring 2009.

##### Duty to promote democracy

Local authorities will have a new duty to promote democratic involvement. This will include:

- ⇒ improving dialogue between councillors and local people
- ⇒ empowering young people, through young mayors, the UK Youth Parliament, mock elections and school councils
- ⇒ explaining to communities how to be a councillor or take up other civic roles
- ⇒ involving staff or former councillors in promoting the role of the council and councillor to community and voluntary groups
- ⇒ encouraging more people to vote

Community Matters are lobbying to ensure this duty also includes promoting participative democracy as commonly practised by community groups.

##### Extending 'duty to involve'

This measure, which comes into effect in April 2009 is about extending the duty to involve people in decision-making, beyond local authorities to include police authorities, health bodies etc.

##### Supporting local events

Communities will be supported in developing local events such as litter picks, painting community centres, street parties and fairs in local parks.



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