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Grassroots Grants scheme reopened

Applications will now be accepted until 16th April 2010

AIM: Whether it's helping local clubs get hold of new kit, coaching new volunteers or simply giving the village hall a fresh lick of paint, Grassroots Grants aim to make a real and immediate difference to the work of small and local community groups.

PRIORITIES: North Yorkshire priorities: Applications are welcome from all district and borough council areas across North Yorkshire but they are particularly looking for projects in Selby, Scarborough, Hambleton and Ryedale.

GRANT SIZE: £250 up to £5,000.

ELIGIBILITY: Grants are available to voluntary and community groups in York and North Yorkshire that have been active in the community for at least 12 months, with annual incomes below £30,000 and led by volunteers.

CONTACT: They are being delivered by Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust and York & North Yorkshire Community Foundation.

For groups in Craven, Harrogate, Richmondshire or Selby District Council areas contact the Grassroots Grants Officer at the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust. Tel: 015242 51002 or email: gillian.muir@ydmf.org OR for groups in Hambleton, Ryedale, Scarborough, York or Selby District Council areas contact York and North Yorkshire Community Foundation. www.ynycf.org.uk. Tel. 01759 377400 or email: office@ynyfc.org.uk.

RURAL ACCESS TO OPPORTUNITIES FUND

AIM: The Rural Access to Opportunities Fund is to provide investment to support interventions in rural areas, which have the potential to improve or maintain access to services by rural residents and businesses. Projects and activities funded through this programme will have a primary economic purpose and will deliver economic outputs and outcomes, set within the context of sustainable rural communities.

PRIORITIES: To provide:

- a. Access to essential goods and services; employment; advice and support; health support.
- b. Access to training which will help individuals and businesses develop.
- c. Access to communications, both land and web based.
- d. Access to support for the unemployed and those whose employment is 'at risk', including the self-employed.

NB. The focus will be on providing access to, rather than the service itself, unless there is a demonstrable market failure in providing the service. Every effort will be made to ensure that any activity funded through this project will not duplicate that already being undertaken by Business Link Yorkshire and the Area Tourism Partnerships; rather it will aim to be complementary.

ELIGIBILITY: The fund is open to application by Community Groups, Voluntary Groups, Rural Businesses, Social Enterprises, and to Local Authorities where the project does not cover core statutory work and involves more than just the individual authority

GRANT SIZE: £10,000 - £50,000 with a maximum project cost of £100,000 (except in exceptional circumstances). Project must have 50% match funding.

DEADLINE: The programme is rolling and regular decision making meetings are held throughout the year. It is expected that applications will take up to two months from submission to decision.

APPLICATION PROCESS: Application forms and guidelines can be downloaded at www.ruralyorkshire.org.uk. Please contact the Rural Support Officer before completing your application form.

CONTACT: To discuss your project idea please call the Rural Support Officer based at Rural Action Yorkshire, Jane Johnson on 0845 313 0270 ext 234 07540 691029 or by email jane.johnson@ruralyorkshire.org.uk

BIG LOTTERY FUND SMALL GRANTS EVALUATED

The Big Lottery Fund (BIG) recently commissioned the Policy Studies Institute to complete a large-scale study which explored the purpose, benefit and potential of small grants from the perspective of both funders and projects.

Key findings:

- ◆ A wide range of features in small grants programmes are important for applicants. These include the size of grant, the detail required for the application form, the focus of a programme and the speed of funding decisions.
- ◆ Small grants funding was perceived by some grant holders as a stepping-stone to develop the skills and experience necessary to apply for further grants.
- ◆ 58 per cent of BIG projects surveyed through the evaluation were first-time applicants. Applying for small grants was particularly challenging for organisations that did not have any previous experience of funding.
- ◆ Some organisations would like further support in making the transition from small grants programmes to applying for larger sums of money.
- ◆ 70 per cent of survey respondents found the monitoring process useful as it led to improvements within their projects and helped them to develop better management systems.
- ◆ 71 per cent of the grant holders surveyed agreed that their project had been very successful in their local

community, 60 per cent felt that individual lives had improved, 62 per cent offered more activities and 51 per cent had reached new beneficiaries.

- ◆ Despite the relatively small sums involved, small grants were cited as leading to a range of benefits: improvements in local facilities, an increase in community interaction and improvements in community cohesion, health and well-being.
- ◆ Small grants have helped organisations to improve the skills of staff and volunteers, increase their chances of sustainability, raise their profile in the local community, develop new partnerships and provided them with the opportunity to deliver more innovative solutions to local problems.

Suggestions for improving small grants programmes include

- ◆ simplifying the application process
- ◆ providing more support for organisations inexperienced at applying and managing grants
- ◆ making quicker decisions about funding
- ◆ providing better feedback about unsuccessful applications
- ◆ awarding longer term funding and funding staff costs.

You can download the evaluation summary from Website:

http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/small_grants_eval.pdf

BIG LOTTERY FUND REACHING COMMUNITIES UPDATE

At least £100 million a year is to be invested across England by the BIG Lottery Fund in a new improved version of its flagship Reaching Communities programme for each of the next five years.

The new funding which will be introduced this spring comes with two distinct improvements:

- ◆ First, applicants seeking smaller sums of money will enjoy a simpler application and assessment process.
- ◆ Second, a two-stage decision making process for larger bids will ensure that all applicants will learn sooner whether their project is in with a chance of receiving funding. For those invited to the second stage, the likelihood of success will be much higher, making work on completing a full application more worthwhile.
- ◆ Also in the pipeline for later in the year is a third element, a dedicated capital stream offering funding within the familiar Reaching Communities application process to respond to the high, unmet demand for funding for community buildings.

The dedicated capital element which will be available in the Autumn is likely to fund medium sized refurbishments, new builds or extensions to community centres, village halls or other community use buildings meeting local community needs and aspirations.

The changes are a response to the Fund's major public BIG Thinking consultation last year. In addition, the Big Lottery Fund is promising more informative feedback on all unsuccessful applications.

Over 75 percent of BIG Thinking's respondents said that it was better to give early decisions on applications, including rejecting those likely to be unsuccessful, based on a few key questions at the enquiry stage.

The main aim of Reaching Communities is to help bring real improvements to communities and to the lives of people most in need. Over 1,400 awards have been made which translates into £336 million Lottery good cause money for communities across England since the first award was announced in 2006.

Website: http://www2.biglotteryfund.org.uk/pr_100209_eng_rc_big_steps_to_make_flagship_funding_programme_even_better

Programme details on Website: http://www2.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_reaching_communities?fromsearch=-uk

CREATING BETTER FUTURES AWARDS

AIM: The Yorkshire Forward Creating Better Futures Awards highlights successful partnerships between the private sector and voluntary, community and faith organisations (VCF). The awards aim to demonstrate the true partnership working between the sectors and encourage the sharing and development of skills, knowledge and ability within the community economic development agenda, whilst promoting best practice.

Previous winners have demonstrated inspirational partnership working between the sectors and the awards recognised the dedication and passion of those involved in the projects.

PRIORITIES: There will be seven awards made to partnerships which have demonstrated; diversity, innovation, leadership, ambition – in short, all those qualities which make for a successful and dynamic partnership.

One of the seven awards will be made to a successful partnership between the VCF sector and an organisation in the public sector.

GRANT SIZE: Awards will be presented to both organisations, along with a £10,000 grant for the VCF organisation involved in the partnership. Receiving an award will ensure your efforts are recognised and increase your profile. It could even generate new opportunities, enhance relationships or lead to new

collaborations. Your success will be shared at the awards evening in July with further media coverage throughout the region following the event.

APPLICATION PROCESS: To enter the 2010 awards please download, complete and submit the application form from website below. Your entry can be submitted by either the business or the VCF organisation but it must be endorsed by the partner you are working with.

DEADLINE: Applications must be received no later than 12.00pm on Thursday 25th March 2010

CONTACT: Website: <http://www.yorkshire-forward.com/supporting-people/jobs-for-everyone/equality-and-diversity/creating-better-futures-awards-2010>



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NATIONWIDE FOUNDATION SMALL GRANTS

The Nationwide Foundation is a registered charity, set up and funded by the Nationwide Building Society. The Foundation makes grants to registered charities across the UK, including Northern Ireland, within criteria defined by the Board of Trustees.

The Nationwide Foundation has expanded its Small Grants Programme criteria for charities working with older people.

PRIORITIES: Small grants can now be applied for by charities working for the benefit of all older people to improve their housing needs or address financial exclusion. Expanding their criteria gives charities more opportunity to provide support to all older people. Their funding is used to tackle a wide range of financial and housing issues. In cold weather, many charities are helping older people stay warm in their homes and manage their energy bills. This is typical of work they may fund.

GRANT SIZE: up to £5,000

ELIGIBILITY: Grants are available to registered charities with incomes of under £500,000.

The Nationwide Foundation's Small Grants are also available to charities which work with survivors of domestic abuse, focusing their funding on finance and housing issues.

They urge charities which are eligible to apply for a grant. Their application process is very simple and they pride themselves on processing grants quickly.

The Nationwide Foundation's Small Grants Programme makes grants every two months.

CONTACT: Charities wishing to apply for funding from The Nationwide Foundation should visit Website: www.nationwidefoundation.org.uk

The Nationwide Foundation, Nationwide House, Pipers Way, Swindon SN38 2SN
Email:

enquiries@nationwidefoundation.org.uk

Tel: 01793 655113 Fax: 01793 652409



B&Q ONE PLANET LIVING AWARDS

AIM: The B&Q One Planet Living (OPL) Grant®* offers between £50 and £250 of B&Q materials to schools, community groups and charitable organisations for long-term sustainable projects.

PRIORITIES: Projects must support at least one of the following themes...

- ♦ Save energy - Projects which will help contribute to the health of the planet through the reduction of energy use or an active effort to limit their environmental footprint. Examples of activity might include installing energy saving light bulbs and other energy efficient products such as loft insulation in a community centre or local charity's headquarters.
- ♦ Conserve nature - Projects which will support, protect and celebrate the natural habitats in local communities including community gardens, meadows, wetlands, chalk rivers and forests. Examples of activity might include encouraging wildlife to a community garden, providing tools for a woodland management group or installing bird boxes to attracting declining species of birds.
- ♦ Grow your own - Projects which will grow produce and involve the local community. Examples of activity might include creating a community allotment or raised vegetable beds in a school.
- ♦ Support local culture and heritage - Projects which will support, enhance and celebrate valuable aspects of local culture and heritage including its roots

and traditions, local buildings, local building techniques, local produce and local arts and crafts. Examples of activity might include restoring an historic building or museum or refurbishing workshops used to teach various arts and crafts techniques.

ELIGIBILITY: Applications must be from a school, registered charitable organisation or other recognised community group, e.g. residents' association, youth centres, Scouts, Guides.

DEADLINE: Projects can apply for funding between 1 February 2010 and 30 September 2010 and successful projects must collect their materials no later than 31 October 2010.

CONTACT: Applicants need to contact the environmental champion or store manager at their local B&Q store to discuss project details.

Website: http://www.diy.com/diy/jsp/corporate/content/environment_ethics/ethics/community/grants.jsp

FUTUREBUILDERS FUND CLOSED

Futurebuilders Fund is currently closed to new applicants following huge demand for social finance.

The total amount of funding made available by the government has now been allocated.

Website: <http://www.futurebuilders-england.org.uk/>

Details of other funding for social enterprises managed by the Social Investment Business can be found on Website: <http://www.socialinvestmentbusiness.org/a> share of the Community Chest.

ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND REOPENING 1st MARCH

AIM: Arts Council England fund arts activities that engage people in England, or that help artists and arts organisations carry out their work.

In 2010 they will make some improvements to the Grants for the arts application process.

These will include:

- ♦ the ability to submit applications online increasing the number of projects that get a decision within six weeks assessment of applications
- ♦ monitoring of grants by a highly experienced and knowledgeable team bases in a Grants for the arts centre in Manchester

There will be no changes to their eligibility criteria or to their assessment criteria for Grants for the arts.

However, in order to ensure implementation is as efficient and seamless as possible they will not be accepting new applications to Grants for the arts from now until **Monday 1 March 2010**.

Website: <http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/grants-arts/>

NATIONAL CHURCHES TRUST

In 2010 the National Churches Trust is offering the opportunity to apply for the following grants:

Repair Grants: Grants of £10,000 and above for structural repair projects that will cost more than £50,000. A structural repair means essential work to safeguard the fabric of the building.

Community Grants: Grants from £2,500 to £25,000 for providing facilities that will benefit your place of worship and local community, e.g. accessible toilets, kitchens and meeting rooms. Grants will not exceed 50% of the project cost.

ELIGIBILITY: The building must be open for regular public worship. They do not currently have grants available for cathedrals, but any other Christian places of worship can apply if they meet the eligibility criteria:

It must be sited in England, Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man, Scotland or Wales; The congregation must belong to a denomination that is a member or associated member of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland; All projects must be overseen by an architect who is either ARB, RIBA or AABC accredited, or by a chartered surveyor who is RICS accredited.

CONTACT: Email:

grants@nationalchurchestrust.org Tel: 020 7600 6090. Download the application pack and guidance notes their Website:

<http://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/howgrant.html>

ARCHER TRUST

The Archer Trust is a UK Christian charitable grant-making trust.

GRANT SIZE: between £250 and £3,000.

ELIGIBILITY: If you meet the following criteria, they may be able to help you:

You are a small UK charity which, in one way or another, provides aid or support to a defined group of needy or deserving people, for instance those with physical or mental disabilities or the disadvantaged. You are competently run and can support your application with up-to-date accounts.

PRIORITIES: They prefer to support organisations working in areas of high unemployment and deprivation. They favour charities which make good use of volunteers. They support projects both in the UK and overseas, but for overseas projects only via UK charities which can ensure that funds are being well used.

EXCLUSIONS: They do not support: Individuals (including GAP applicants); Conservation, heritage and environmental projects; Conversions for disabled access; Charities supporting animals; Research.

They receive many applications; they cannot give grants to them all. Replies may take some time because the trustees only meet twice a year, normally in March and September.

CONTACT: Any correspondence should be addressed to the Secretary, The Archer Trust, Bourne House, Wadesmill, Ware, Herts, SG12 0TT.

Website: <http://www.archertrust.org.uk/>

CO-OPERATIVE COMMUNITY FUND

AIM: The Co-operative Community Fund is a grants scheme that helps local communities throughout the UK.

The way the scheme works is by committed members of The Co-operative Group who want to help improve the lives of others, donate part or all of their share of the profits. These members have already raised millions of pounds each year for all kinds of community projects.

GRANT SIZE: between £100 and £2,000

ELIGIBILITY: to apply for funding a group must be either: a community, self-help or voluntary group; a charity; or a local branch of a national charity.

To be successful a group must:

- ◆ carry out positive work in the community
- ◆ address a community issue
- ◆ provide a good long-term benefit to the community
- ◆ support co-operative values and principles
- ◆ ideally be innovative in its approach

CONTACT: If you have any other questions about the Community Fund Email:

community.fund@co-operative.coop or read their frequently asked questions on their website to find out more.

Read full criteria and apply online at Website: <http://www.co-operative.coop/membership/Community-Fund/>

Yorkshire Dales LEADER Programme

UPDATE

For any potential LEADER Applicants under **Creating Innovative Service Provision** activity, they are delighted to announce that the maximum amount of total costs that LEADER can fund to remains at 80%. Applications that have the remaining 20% as "cash" will be looked upon favourably.

Call for Projects 2010

The new call for projects 2010 has been published.

All applications seeking funds under 1. Creating Stronger Communities and 2. Encouraging economic growth and employment can be supported to up to 80% total project costs.

All applications seeking funds under 3. Capitalising on the Environment activity can now be supported to up to 60% total project costs.

A copy will be on their website as soon as possible.

WEBSITE:

www.yorkshiredalesleader.co.uk

To keep bang up to date, LEADER is on Twitter

<http://twitter.com/YDMTLEADER>

BIG CHALLENGE 2 TO OPEN IN APRIL

Big Challenge is expected to open again for applications from the end of April 2010.

BIG Challenge gives YOU the opportunity to tackle the BIG problems that face our communities.

There will be a new theme, which is yet to be announced, and a fund of £60,000 will be available.

Anybody aged 16-25 and living in the UK who has original ideas on the theme will be able to apply. Winners will receive funding to cover costs of their campaign and have access to support and mentoring.

Keep an eye on the Big Challenge website for more details as they become available. You can visit the Big Challenge website here.

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

SPORT ENGLAND SPORTS MATCH

Sport England's Sportsmatch programme makes awards to not-for-profit organisations running projects at a community level which meet one or both of Sport England's objectives of Grow or Sustain.

GRANT SIZE: They match eligible sponsorship pound for pound, up to a maximum value of £100,000.

ELIGIBILITY: They supports formally constituted not-for-profit organisations and statutory bodies. This might include sports clubs, voluntary organisations, local authorities, schools, universities or national governing bodies of sport.

Projects can involve revenue and/or capital expenditure. However the maximum capital grant which Sportsmatch can award is £25,000. They will not fund capital projects that involve construction, refurbishment or land improvement.

DEADLINE: They expect to have allocated Sportsmatch funding by October 2010 so advise you to submit your application no later than August 2010.

CONTACT: Applications must be submitted through the Investment Centre on their website. Tel: 08458 508 508. http://www.sportengland.org/funding/sportsmatch/already_applied.aspx

BRIT TRUST

AIM: The BRIT Awards donate all profits from the award ceremony, including money made from TV rights and merchandise, to deserving good causes. This makes it unique among music awards shows.

All money collected by the Trust is then awarded in the form of donations to a wide variety of charities that embody.

A great many grassroots community projects have received grants, including The Chicken Shed Theatre Company, LIPA, Heart'n'Soul, Drugscope and the Roundhouse Trust. The BRIT Trust is also committed to give its main financial support to two very special organisations, Nordoff-Robbins Music Therapy and The BRIT School

PRIORITIES: To encourage young people in the exploration and pursuit of educational, cultural or therapeutic benefits emanating from music.

To aid the Trustees in their decision as to where the remainder of funding should be attributed, it helps your application if your organisation/project is known to the UK Music Industry.

ELIGIBILITY: The BRIT Trust does not consider individual grants, scholarships or capital grants or grant donations outside the UK.

CONTACT: If you have a relevant project that you wish to put forward, please complete the form on Website: <http://www.brittrust.co.uk/main.php?section=funding&subsection=grantapp>

HERITAGE LOTTERY YOUNG ROOTS

AIM: Young Roots is a grant programme designed to engage young people aged 13-25 with their heritage. Young Roots projects stem directly from the interest and ideas of young people, who are supported by youth and heritage organisations to develop skills, build confidence, and connect with their local communities.

GRANT SIZE: £3,000 to £25,000

PRIORITIES: To receive a Young Roots grant, your project must relate to the varied heritage of the UK and:

- ♦ provide new opportunities for a wider range of young people aged 13 to 25 to learn about their own and others' heritage; allow young people to lead and take part in creative and engaging activities;
 - ♦ develop partnerships between youth organisations and heritage organisations; and create opportunities to celebrate young people's achievements in the project and share their learning with the wider community.
- Your project must also create new opportunities for young people to either: volunteer in heritage; or gain skills in identifying, recording, interpreting or caring for heritage.

DEADLINE: There are no deadlines. You will receive a decision within 10 weeks.

CONTACT: You should complete the pre-application enquiry form and full application online. To do this register and apply on Website: <http://www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/programmes/Pages/youngroots.aspx>. Tel: 020 7591 6042
Email: enquire@hlf.org.uk.

GET CONNECTED INVESTMENT

AIM: The Department of Health has established a capital fund to enable registered providers of social care in the independent sector to access digital technology more effectively.

Run by the Social Care Institute for Excellence, the Get Connected Investment Project is a capital grant scheme for the registered providers of adult social care in England supporting personalization in adult social care. It will enable you to improve access for your users, carers, visitors and staff to information and communications technology (ICT) so they can use the internet to communicate, learn and train and the new CAWD E-Learning Project.

The ICT can be used in many ways, for example to:

- ◆ Improve the skills and knowledge of your staff (e.g. by giving them access to e-learning). This funding may support you to participate in the CAWD E-Learning Project.
- ◆ Enable people who use your services to keep in touch with their communities (e.g. supporting residents of care homes to surf the internet, send emails)
- ◆ Keep your team up-to-date with the latest developments in policy and practice

Please take a look at the following website for more information which also includes a FAQ section:

<http://www.scie.org.uk/workforce/getconnected/cycle1.asp>

COMMA FUND

The final round of the COMMA Fund 2008-11 will open for applications from 1 March 2010.

AIM: COMMA is one of the grant programmes delivering funding from the Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund, delivered by Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE), which supports community projects in areas affected by quarrying.

Application forms and guidance will be available from the ACRE website from the launch date, however it is predicted that there will be no major changes from the guidance issued last year.

GRANT SIZE: Grants of £3,000 - £20,000 will be available.

ELIGIBILITY: Project must be within 10 kilometres of an aggregates extraction site, either current or disused, benefit the whole community and be completed by March 2011.

Community organisations, registered charities or a parish/town councils are eligible to apply.

DEADLINE: The deadline for applications is Friday 14 May 2010.

CONTACT: http://www.acre.org.uk/sustainabledevelopment_comma.html

FUNDS FOR HISTORIC BUILDINGS WEBSITE

The Funds for Historic Buildings website is a comprehensive guide to funding for anyone seeking to repair, restore or convert for a new use any historic building in the United Kingdom (excluding the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man) which is listed, scheduled or in a conservation area and of acknowledged historic merit.

It includes details of virtually all substantive funding sources which specialise in historic buildings, as well as many (including a variety of regeneration programmes) which provide funding for historic building projects within a wider remit.

This website allows you to search for a specific funding source, or for sources which are relevant to your project. It also gives useful advice on how to maximise your chances of success when making funding applications.

Direct access to the websites of the relevant bodies supporting this resource may be obtained by clicking on the appropriate logos below.

How it works

The website comprises a number of distinct sections, as follows:

The **Search section** (see right) accesses the detailed information on the funding sources which constitute the core of the database underlying this website.

The **Funding Advice section** contains helpful general information on seeking funding. Users are particularly recommended to read the note entitled "Fundraising from Individuals and Companies".

The **Other Advice section** provides information on organisations that primarily offer advice and assistance (but not funding) to those engaged in the repair or restoration of historic buildings.

The **Regeneration Funding section** provides further information about this increasingly important and potentially valuable source of funding.

The **Contacts section** provides contact information for a number of bodies likely to be of particular interest to those involved in the repair and restoration of historic buildings, together with dynamic links to their websites, where appropriate.

The **Stop Press section** alerts users to information which has been added to the site recently. It also includes other time-sensitive information such as funding programmes with imminent application deadlines.

Access to this website is free of charge to all users.

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

TREE COUNCIL

The Tree Council provides grants through two programmes, **Trees for Communities** and **Trees for Schools**.

Grants support community groups and schools to undertake tree-planting schemes during National Tree Week.

ELIGIBILITY: Projects must show that that children under the age of 16 will be actively engaged in the planting projects.

GRANT SIZE: Grants of £100 - £700 are available for up to 75% of the costs towards the planting. The remaining 25% will need to be secured by the school or organisation.

This year the Tree Council's National Tree Week will be 27 November - 5 December 2010.

DEADLINE: The deadline for applications is 31 March 2010.

For more information visit the Tree Council website here: <http://www.treecouncil.org.uk/?q=grants>

BIG LOTTERY ADVICE SESSION CRAVEN

DATE: Thursday 18th March 2010

10.30 - 12.30: Programme Overview, Focussing on Evidencing Need & Defining Outcomes

13.30 - 15.30: 1 to 1 session with Lottery Staff (only 6 sessions available)

Venue to be advised.

The Big Lottery Fund are keen to encourage more strong applications from community and voluntary groups in North Yorkshire, for new and existing projects between £10,000 - £500,000.

This event is aimed at any organisation interested in applying to the BIG Lottery Reaching Communities Fund.

The morning session will give an overview of the Reaching Communities programme and the process of applying, focussing particularly on evidencing need and defining your project outcomes. During the afternoon session you will have the opportunity to book a 30 minute session with a lottery officer to discuss your potential projects.

The advice is free but a small charge will be levied for refreshments.

For further details and to book your place contact:

Paula Vickers - Funding Advisor for Craven on 01535 630003 or email paula@sccaco.com

FUNDING CENTRAL

Funding Central is a free smart website for the whole voluntary and community sector, including social enterprise, providing access to thousands of funding and finance opportunities, plus a wealth of tools and resources supporting organisations to develop sustainable income strategies appropriate to their needs.

If you are completely or **relatively new to fundraising**, Funding Central provides a guided search enabling you to identify the most appropriate funding and finance opportunities that best suit you and the beneficiaries that you support.

As an **experienced fundraiser**, you can drill down through thousands of opportunities to identify the most appropriate funding or finance for your organisation using the advanced search.

As a **funder** you will have access to your own exclusive area - the Funder Zone. Here you can explore statistics on your funding programmes or contracts, including web visits and comments made and add your own helpful hints to support fund-seekers.

As an **infrastructure organisation** you can use Funding Central to access a wealth of support materials to enhance your work with other groups and identify funding and finance opportunities for your own needs.

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

FUNDING ADVICE

The York and North Yorkshire Funding Advice Network website is available to local voluntary and community organisations requiring information about funding.

The site contains:

- contact details of local funding advisors
- funding related news, including this downloadable monthly Funding Bulletin
- dates and venues for forthcoming funding training programme courses
- funding factsheets which give guidance on fundraising issues
- access to GRANTnet; a funding database which assists organisations identify funding sources available for specific projects
- supporting information and statistical data for inclusion in your funding applications
- links to other useful sources of information.

www.ynyfundingadvice.org.uk

Your Local Funding Adviser, based within local infrastructure organisations, is available to provide support to voluntary and community organisations. To find your local Funding Adviser's contact details go to the website above.

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