

Information sheet

Finding grants to support your projects

This information sheet is intended to help you finding alternative funding for your projects. It will provide details of some funding websites to register with and also details of some key funders in the arts, culture and heritage sectors.

The Heritage Funding Directory

Managed by **The Heritage Alliance**, the Directory is a free, easy to use guide to potential sources of support, financial and otherwise, for anyone seeking to undertake projects related to the heritage of the UK. This Directory covers wider categories of heritage include historic landscapes, parks and gardens, churchyards and cemeteries, industrial heritage, archives, historic churches, museums, archaeology, environmental, heritage skills and conservation.

www.theheritagealliance.org.uk/fundingdirectory/main/fundinghome.php

Funding Central

Funding Central lists thousands of funding and finance opportunities for voluntary organisations. There's also a wealth of tools and guides supporting you to develop a sustainable income strategy. Register for free on Funding Central and:

- View funding and finance listings in full
- Save your searches to your profile for next time
- Receive the weekly newsletter of funding updates and deadline alerts tailored to your needs.

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

Arts Council

The Arts Council invest in art and culture for a lasting return. They are looking for organisations, artists, events, initiatives and others to apply for funding and help them achieve their mission of great art and culture for everyone.

www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/funding-finder

Big Lottery Awards for All

Awards for All give grants of between £300 and £10,000 for schools, and voluntary/community organisations in the UK running projects that enable people to take part in art, sport, heritage or community activities, or promote education, the environment or health in the local community.

www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/funding/Awards-For-All

Heritage Lottery Fund

The body which distributes a share of the income from the National Lottery to projects aimed at preserving and making accessible the nation's heritage. There are several funding streams that you could possibly apply to. www.hlf.org.uk

Councils for Voluntary Services (CVS) and local authorities

Search for your local CVS office as they offer funding advice and support to community and voluntary groups. Similarly local authorities often have funds on offer or email newsletters you can sign up to get details of local funding opportunities offered by the council and other stakeholders.

Community Foundations

There are 48 community foundations across the UK that provide funding responding to the needs of their local area and UKCF is their umbrella organisation. Find your local community foundation by visiting their website and searching. Once you find your local foundation on the UKCF website you can search their website for funding opportunities in your area.

<http://ukcommunityfoundations.org/>

The Institute of Fundraising also has a wealth of information on how to fundraise.

www.institute-of-fundraising.org.uk