



East Midlands
Funding Forum



E-Bulletin – March 2019

Welcome to the East Midlands Funding Forum e-bulletin, for Fundraisers and Funders, bringing you highlights of the latest funding opportunities and funding related news.

As customary we have summarised a number of grant schemes, we also have included a reminder of our most newsworthy tweets, we are lucky to share a couple of events for April and take a look for what's in the 'And finally' section this month.

Don't forget that you can follow us on Twitter: [@EMFundingForum](https://twitter.com/EMFundingForum) for the very latest news.

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Grant Schemes

Notts Community Foundation – The Lindhurst Wind Farm Community Fund



This grant scheme has been set up to support community organisations and voluntary groups, including social enterprises, based in Rainworth, Blidworth and in the south Mansfield ward of Lindhurst. It has been made available by Lindhurst Wind Farm Ltd. and is operated by innogy Renewables UK Limited. The Nottinghamshire Community Foundation is co-ordinating the grant scheme.

Who is eligible for a grant?

Local community organisations and voluntary groups based in Rainworth, Blidworth and in the south Mansfield ward of Lindhurst that are undertaking environmental, educational, community and charitable activities.

What can a grant be used for?

A grant of up to £2,000 may be used to support a one-off activity, ongoing activities or for minor capital expenditure e.g.

- to purchase equipment
- to produce publicity material
- towards running a pilot project
- to assist with running costs
- minor capital works
- equipment or building alterations
- to contribute to the costs of an outing

Amount Available and Rounds

This is an annual grant with variable amounts each year. Groups can apply for amounts between £250 and £2,000

For more information please contact us on 01623 620202 or email enquiries@nottscf.org.uk.

Leicestershire County Council - SHIRE Community Grants



Leicestershire County Council's SHIRE Community Grants programme for 2019-20 will open for applications on 1st April 2019.

SHIRE Grants are available for charities, community organisations, social enterprises and Town/Parish Councils to deliver projects which improve the lives of vulnerable and disadvantaged people in Leicestershire.

We are holding our annual SHIRE Grants Launch Event on:

Monday 8th April 2019

5.00pm to 8.00pm

At County Hall, Glenfield, Leicester

The event will provide an opportunity to:

- Find out more about the SHIRE Community Grants Programme, including some of the achievements in 2018-19 and the Grant programme's objectives for 2019-20
- Hear from successful projects which have been supported through SHIRE Grant funding
- Meet and connect with other local community organisations and other relevant stakeholders

There will also be an opportunity to visit a marketplace of agencies who can help you to achieve your aims as a community organisation.

We will be providing a buffet and refreshments from 5.00pm, with the event to begin at 6.00pm, in Sparkenhoe Committee Room at County Hall.

If you are interested in attending this event, please go the following website to book a place:

<https://www.leicestershirecommunities.org.uk/grants/shire-grant-launch-event-2019.html>

Please note that space is limited, and will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis, so please ensure you book a place as early as possible.

For more information about the event, please contact noel.singh@leics.gov.uk, tel: (0116) 3057020, or andy.hayes@leics.gov.uk, tel: (0116) 3057269.

ROSA - Voices From The Frontline



Voices From The Frontline supports women's organisations to shine a light on their fight for gender equality in the UK.

The fourth round of the grants programme opens for applications on **Friday 8 March** and the **deadline for applications is Tuesday 14 May**.

Throughout history, every single advance for women's rights and gender equality – including property ownership, access to education, equal pay and reproductive rights – has only ever been achieved by bold, brave women becoming informed, getting organised, mobilising others and taking action to tackle injustice and inequality head-on.

This programme offers grants of **£500 to £5,000** to support charitable campaigning work across Rosa's four pillars (leadership and representation, safety, health and economic justice). We're looking for new voices to stand up and take action.

For further information please check their website: <http://www.rosauk.org/how-to-apply/voices-from-the-front-line/>

Key Changes to Coalfields Community Investment Programme



The Coalfields Regeneration Trust have, over past 2 years been meeting and consulting with member organisations across the English Coalfield regions to better understand the needs in coalfield communities. They have also reviewed several thousand funding enquiries to look for common issues and to ensure our revised Coalfields Community Investment Programme (CCIP) accurately reflects the real needs in coalfield communities.

The fundamental changes to the programme are as follows:

- The Health theme has been expanded to include Wellbeing and will encompass projects that address food poverty, debt advice, mental health issues, substance misuse, social isolation or projects increasing participation in physical activity.
- Eligibility: Previously funded organisations who mismanaged funds or did not submit monitoring by the agreed deadline will not be able to apply for funding for a further two years
- Costs: New budget headings:
 - a) Project Support Costs: ingredients for healthy eating/social isolation projects, food for food poverty projects, transport to address barriers to participation
 - b) Core Costs: Up to 50% of the total costs requested from the Trust
 - c) Operational Costs: Insurance, rent, broadband, telephone, mobile phone contract, utilities, payroll fees, software licenses, vehicle and equipment hire costs, stationery and Disclosure & Barring Service checks
 - d) Administration & Management: Staff costs that provide a core support role within an organisation
- Outcomes: one outcome in addition to Number of Beneficiaries
- Definitions: include children and more scope for claiming Skills Development

Further information and enquiry details are on the following page: <https://www.coalfields-regen.org.uk/funding>

Please read all the information and the guidance notes carefully before deciding whether to complete the Eligibility Survey.

acre - Village Hall Grant Scheme Launch Event

Robert Jenrick MP and Lord Gardiner of Kimble will launch a new fund for village halls.



£3m has been allocated to ACRE for distribution to village halls in England, the funding aims to prioritise older buildings; helping with updating or adaptations.

Who is the event aimed at?

The event is aimed at those who play a role looking after their Village Halls and will give more information on eligibility and criteria.

When and Where ?

The event is on **Friday April 5**, at Oxtun Village Hall, Nottinghamshire NG25 0SA. The Event will start at 10.45am and finish at 1pm

To register for the event please [click here](#)

Heritage Fund – Streamlined programmes



It's an exciting time at the newly rebranded National Lottery Heritage Fund (formerly the Heritage Lottery Fund). With a new name, aimed at bringing to the fore the opportunities that arise - thanks to National Lottery players, they have also streamlined the funding programmes.

The application process and level of detail and information required is more appropriate to the level of funds requested. The new programmes consist of small grants from £3k-£10k and medium range grants of £10k-£100k, which are assessed on an eight week rolling programme. An additional single stage mid-range award of £100k-£250k has a quarterly decision regime and we will still continue to award larger grants from £250k up to £5million and over. Please visit <https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/> for more information and follow [@HeritageFundEM](#) for the latest announcements



Twitter roundup [@EMFundingForum](#)

NPC @NPCthinks Mar 8 'A race to the bottom for who can do it cheaper doesn't have the most benefit for society.' Read the latest instalment of Snapshots of the sector to learn more about charities which subsidise public contracts with other forms of income <https://www.thinknpc.org/resource-hub/snapshots-of-the-sector-2019-contracts/> ... #SOTS2019

Small Charities Coalition @sccoalition Mar 11 Did you hear that the government is increasing the Small Donations Scheme limit from £20 to £30 from 6th April? This should make it easier for #SmallButVital charities to collect Gift Aid <http://bit.ly/2NNLGcq>

The National Lottery Community Fund @TNLComFund Mar 11 Got a spare 5 minutes on your lunch break? Nominate your favourite local projects for the #NL Awards and give them a chance to win a cash prize and appear on @BBCOne! Nominate here: <http://www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk/Awards>

Gary Beharrell @geebee0_0 Mar 13 Do you have a #funding question you'd like to ask, but would rather do it anonymously? Well here's your chance! Send in your questions here <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BNH3KQR> and @LBFEW will answer it in their next newsletter!

NPC @NPCthinks Mar 13 Does the mention of 'service user involvement' feel outdated to you? Read Snapshots of the sector 2019: Involvement for some candid thoughts from charity leaders on #involvement <https://www.thinknpc.org/resource-hub/snapshots-of-the-sector-2019-involvement/> ... #Sots2019

Events

Lincolnshire County Council – Join the Dots event 23rd May 2019

The Communities Team within Lincolnshire County Council has facilitated seven highly successful 'Join the Dots' (funding, networking, inspiring stories and project development with diverse

representation from the grass roots community sector through to funders and experienced organisations and council officers) events as part of our Community Collaboration Project. We have seen seven exciting collaborative community projects born from these events, developed off the back of coproduced workshops at each event. The ongoing support for collaborative projects ensures that the event networking doesn't simply result in exchanges of email addresses never to be seen again, lasting positive relationships have been cultivated and groups have been motivated to work together to develop shared goals.

As a legacy of the Join the Dots events, we are organising our Join the Dots: Inspired Communities event on the 23rd May 2019 where everyone who has already been involved and those who have not, can come along and join in with our collaboration revolution! We will have people who have worked on each of the collaborative projects to talk about their experiences and we will discuss how we can work together to ensure that our collective approach can continue. With workshops on a county-wide project, overcoming barriers and continuing collaboration, we hope to develop a report that will help to influence and galvanise our whole sector for the coming years.

DATE – 23rd May 2019

VENUE – Hemswell Cliff, Lancaster Green, Hemswell Cliff, Gainsborough DN21 5TQ

For further information: communitycollaboration@lincolnshire.gov.uk

VAL County VCS Funding Fair - 22nd May 2019

This year the VAL County VCSE Funding Fair is taking place in Melton Mowbray and all county-based Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise organisations are invited to come along and meet local and national funders who are actively investing in community groups in your area.

The Funding Fair will give you the opportunity to:

- Float your ideas past potential funders
- Learn about current funding programmes
- Find out how VAL can help you to succeed in your future bids

There are 12 confirmed funders: Arts Council England, Charity Bank, Heritage Lottery Fund, Leicestershire & Rutland Community Foundation, Melton Building Society Charitable Foundation, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, Samworth Sports Opportunity Fund, SHIRE Community Grants, Sport England, The Key Fund and The National Lottery Community Fund: Reaching Communities and Awards for All.

For further information and to book a place please go to the VAL website: <https://www.valonline.org.uk/county-vcse-funding-fair-2019>

And finally, ...

FREE TRAINING WEBINARS

TFL are one of the UK's leading experts in customer experience measurement and research. Founded in 1996, they have over 20 years of history and a proven track record of improving companies' customer satisfaction, loyalty and value.

We have stumbled across their free webinars, for the latest webinars and their other training, click here: <https://www.tlfresearch.com/webinars/>

Lloyds Bank Foundation – 5 years of Funder Plus, 5 Things We've Learned.

A new report launched on the 28th March 2019 by Lloyds Bank Foundation for England and Wales sets out five key things that they have learned about how best to provide capacity building support, following five years of delivering and evaluating their own Funder Plus programme.

The report, [*5 Years of Funder Plus, 5 Things We've Learned*](#) was launched at an event in London Docklands, bringing together other funders, infrastructure bodies and a range of providers of infrastructure support.

Drawing on independent evaluations from IVAR, Resonance and independent consultant Tony Chapman, the report outlines the importance of building trust with the charities being funded and supported. It emphasises that charities needed to feel empowered, giving them choice and control over the support packages they are offered, including the ability to say no. It also stresses the importance of providing support that is connected to the charity's mission, implementing it at the right time, and using good diagnostic processes to help identify a charity's underlying needs.

The report also highlights the importance of investing in leaders in the sector and embedding support for the long-term, based on their findings that any Funder Plus support should seek to build the capabilities of a charity to help themselves, not just plug short-term capacity issues.

We hope this information has been useful. We are working to improve the e-bulletin and welcome any feedback, please contact us via any of the methods below if you have anything to say.

Have a great month,

James and all at the EMFF

The East Midlands Funding Forum is a group of funders, investors and supporters of the voluntary, third and social sectors in the East Midlands. We decided to come together to improve the practice of funding and investment by sharing information, knowledge and good practice.



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