



East Midlands
Funding Forum



E-Bulletin – May 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.

In this edition we have a number of grants available, ranging from for supporting places of worship to those helping groups develop their systems and processes. We have also highlighted three Funding events, see below for more information.

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

What's in this month's bulletin?

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Grant Schemes

National Churches Trust – Cornerstone Grant Programme



The National Churches Trust is the national charity dedicated to supporting and promoting places of worship of historic, architectural and community value used by Christian denominations throughout the UK through advice, support and funding. The Cornerstone Grant Programme offers grants of between £10,000 and £50,000 towards the cost of major urgent structural repair projects costed at more than £100,000 including VAT. The Trust will also consider projects that

introduce kitchens and accessible toilets to enable increased community use, costed at more than £30,000 including VAT.

This grant is **open to applications**.

The closing date for applications is 1st July 2019 (*for a decision in November*).

Ashfield Community Fund –Nottinghamshire Community Foundation



The aim of the Ashfield Community Fund is to support people in Ashfield by making grants to groups who work to directly benefit the communities in the District.

This fund is suited to smaller and medium sized projects and is available for groups who deliver under any of the following themes and Council priorities:

- Communities and Environment
- Health and Wellbeing
- Homelessness
- Organisational Improvement
- Place and Economic Growth

Amounts Available and Rounds

The fund runs one round per year with grants from £500 to £1,000 per grant. There may be a second round depending on demand and available funds. All grants awarded are for the duration of one year.

Financial support cannot be given for direct employment of staff and/or building running costs. Applications for uniforms and sports kits will not be accepted.

Opening Date: 1st April 2019

Closing Date for Applications: 28th July 2019

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

For full fund criteria and guidance for applications [click here](#). Apply to the [Ashfield Community Fund](#)

Veterans Foundation Grant



The Veterans' Foundation was created to establish a new and nationwide (GB) source of funding to help charities and other organisations that support serving and former members of the British Armed Forces, and sometimes their dependants, who are in need.

You can apply for grants of any sum up to a maximum of £30K. Trustees will also consider a bid for a spread grant, i.e. £30K as £10K for each of the next three years.

All registered charities and other organisations that support the armed forces community (veterans, serving service people and immediate dependants), including Merchant Navy veterans who have served on operations, may apply.

The broad range of charities and organisations supported by the Veterans' Foundation is extensive and covers every aspect of social care including: homelessness, employability, poverty, disability, welfare issues, mental health, marriage guidance, care during old age and confidence building.

Please note that the trustees are likely to award more small grants than large grants.

The Grants Committee usually sits four times a year in July, October, January and April.

For further information see the [Veterans Foundation Grant guidance](#).

Kynan Eldridge Fund for Young People – Nottinghamshire Community Foundation



The aim of the Kynan Eldridge Fund is to provide one-off monetary grants to young people (under the age of 30) who are using music, both modern and classical, to help them overcome personal challenges and achieve their full potential.

The fund is open to individuals and community and voluntary groups supporting musical activity. Funding can be for:

- New equipment, start-up and new activity – for example therapy and hospital radio costs
- To support groups and individuals who are using music to benefit others
- Individuals who are resident in Mansfield and Hucknall areas only

Amount Available and Rounds

The fund runs an annual round in May each year.

Grants are available for amounts up to £500

Closing date for applications is 30th March 2020 at 12 noon.

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

To apply to the Kynan Eldridge Fund please [click here](#)

Small Steps Big Changes (SSBC) Ideas Fund – Nottinghamshire Community Foundation



Small Steps Big Changes (SSBC) is a £45m programme, supported by Big Lottery's 10 year 'A Better Start' funding programme designed to improve the lives of Nottingham's young children. The SSBC programme covers the areas of Aspley, Bulwell, Hyson Green & Arboretum and St Ann's and seeks to deliver successful child development outcomes and give every child the best start in life. Working with partners they offer activities for every 0-3-year-old child living within their four wards.

In partnership with Nottinghamshire Community Foundation they are now seeking applications to Round 4 of the Ideas Fund.

What is the SSBC Ideas Fund?

The Ideas Fund offers a great opportunity for local parents, local community groups and local organisations to pilot and test new ideas for service development and delivery and evaluate new initiatives designed to help us achieve our programme outcomes.

What can it be used for?

We are looking for innovative and creative proposals that will help us achieve our goals. We are open to new ideas and new approaches. The Fund should encourage local innovation and engagement in the design and delivery of activities that will help local children to:

1. Eat well and be healthy
2. Talk and communicate
3. Be confident, friendly and understand their emotions and behaviour.

The Fund can also be used to support our commitment to make sure parents and families have an equal voice in decision making for the SSBC programme.

How much is available?

The total fund is £50,000 per year with individual awards between £1,000 and £6,000. Closing date for applications is **16th June 2019**

Workshops

An ideas fund **information workshop is planned for 13th May** to help groups think creatively and for the SSBC team to provide feedback, support and guidance on ideas and applications for funding. There will be two workshops, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. For further details and to book onto a workshop please visit the Eventbrite bookings page for the [Morning Session](#) or the [Afternoon Session](#).

If you are successful, you will be required to attend a project design day on 16th July and will be assigned a named advisor from the SSBC team. Together you will work to agree how to record the impact of the planned activities so that we can understand and implement what makes a difference for local children.

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

Apply to the [Small Steps Big Changes Ideas Fund](#).



Lloyds Bank Foundation – Charity development funding available

If you're looking for help with a pilot programme or strengthening systems & processes, this is for you! Applications are open now for their ENABLE grants.

Through Enable grants Lloyds Bank Foundation fund opportunities for your charity to develop, or trial new approaches to service delivery, so you can become more effective in your work. You may want to improve your charity's capability in areas such as business development and planning, monitoring, leadership and governance and communications; an Enable grant could put your charity in a stronger position to deliver services and attract more volunteers, funding and support.

Grants of up to a total of £15,000 across one or two years.

Eligibility

Registered charities with income between £25,000 and £1 million, who work to support people aged 17+ who are facing one or more of their specified complex social problems.

Ready to apply - now what?

Please [confirm your eligibility](#) and [read the guidance notes](#) before beginning your application [here](#).

Lloyds Bank Foundation **accept Enable grant applications an ongoing basis**, and we'll inform you of the outcome within six months of receiving your application.

Power to Change – Community Business Fund



The fund is designed to support existing community businesses with grants to help them progress towards self-sufficiency. This could be through increasing trading income, securing an asset or significantly reducing revenue costs

The fund is now open for applications until **22 May 2019 at 12 noon**.

Who can apply?

The programme is for existing community business based in England. More information on application criteria can be found in the [guidance](#).

What can you apply for?

Grants of £50,000 – £300,000 are available to cover:

- Capital costs including building, vehicles, equipment of significant value, refurbishment costs.
- Project-specific revenue costs like staff costs, professional fees, volunteer costs

Where can I find out more?

You can register for a **free online [webinar](#) taking place April 25th 2019 from 2 – 3pm** to find out whether the Community Business Fund is right for you.

Grants available for Community Organisations to support unemployed people



Education & Skills
Funding Agency

Jointly funded by the SFA and the European Social Fund, Community Grants give small voluntary and community organisations with a turnover of less than £300,000 an opportunity to access funds to deliver projects that help engage and progress 'hard to reach' individuals towards the labour market. The grants will support participants' progression so that they are confident in their ability to move into employment.

Grants of between £5,000 and £20,000 are available for projects or initiatives that help people take steps towards a future career and reduce unemployment and inactivity, including:

- initial help with basic skills
- taster work experience including voluntary work
- training, advice and counselling
- confidence building
- job search assistance and other help necessary to secure employment
- first contact engagement activities

Eligible Learners must be:

- Unemployed
- Over 16
- Have the right to live and work in the UK
- Not engaged in any other government funded training scheme

Priority will be given to applications that demonstrate an ability to meet the LEP Priorities and target participants who are:

- Over 50
- With Learning Difficulties and Disabilities
- From Ethnic Minority Backgrounds
- Are women
- Unemployed for over 6 months
- Furthest removed from the labour market with significant barriers to employment

There will be three application rounds in 2019/20:

Round 1

15th April 2019 – 17th May 2019

Round 2

15th Nov 2019 – 15th Dec 2019

Round 3

15th June 2020 – 15th July 2020

Please contact Claire Penny, Futures for Business Consultant on 07709353071 or Rosemary Mansfield, Bid Specialist on 077501682416 if you have any questions about the application.



Twitter roundup [@EMFundingForum](#)

NPC @NPCthinks Apr 9e The top 300 foundations in the UK have combined assets of £65 billion and gave out £3.3 billion in grants in 2018. Do they understand their role in the systems that create social issues and should they be seeking to share or even give away their power? [https://www.thinknpc.org/blog/power-dynamics-in-grant-making/ ...](https://www.thinknpc.org/blog/power-dynamics-in-grant-making/)

Lloyds Bank Foundation @LBF EW Apr 10 What are the key challenges charities are facing right now - and how optimistic are they feeling? @cafonline surveyed 452 charity leaders to find out! Read their findings here: <https://www.cafonline.org/about-us/publications/2019-publications/charity-landscape-2019> . . .

The National Lottery Community Fund @TNLComFund Apr 11 Big News: we've awarded £1.5m #NationalLottery funding to @FunPalaces! The funding will help support people across the UK to create cultural events & activities in their local communities Find out more & put on your own event

National Lottery Heritage Fund East Midlands @HeritageFundEM Apr 15 What is your favourite ever #NationalLotteryHeritageFund project? Is it one you've worked on yourself? Nominate it for this year's special 25th Birthday NationalLottery Awards - award winners receive a £10k prize and BBC One appearance! <https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/news/national-lottery-awards-open-public-nominations> #NLAwards

NPC @NPCthinks Apr 15 Does your #charity collect lots of data that you don't use? Take the free self-assessment tool to review your existing #data and prioritise what you need to collect [https://www.inspiringimpact.org/self-assessments/data-diagnostic/ ...](https://www.inspiringimpact.org/self-assessments/data-diagnostic/)

Upcoming Events

1. Funding Event – Community Action Derby

Date: Thursday 30 May 10am to 12:30pm

University of Derby, Kedleston Road, Derby - [View Map](#)

In partnership with the University of Derby, for the third year running, Community Action Derby brings their annual Funding, Support and Enterprise Fair.

The event gives voluntary and community organisations the opportunity to find out about funding and get advice and support from local businesses not to mention a great opportunity to network!

There will be a great mix of funders, local businesses and statutory agencies on hand to offer advice, support and discounts on their services including:
Heritage Lottery Fund, Foundation Derbyshire, Prince's Trust, East Midlands Airport Community Fund, The Good Things Foundation, Big Lottery, Funding Support, Active Partners Trust, HealthWatch Derby, Funding Support Public Health, Charity Bank, Geldards Solicitors, HMRC and University of Derby Careers Team

The University of Derby will also be on hand to offer advice on careers and employability - why not come along and find out more?

There will also be funding information sessions throughout the morning to answer any queries and give advice on applying for funding.

No need to book just come along - everyone welcome!

For more information [email Liz Gumbley](mailto:liz.gumbley@derby.ac.uk)

2. Meet the Funders Event - Erewash

Date: Wednesday 5 June 2019 from 10.00am - 2.00pm

Erewash Voluntary Action, Granville Avenue, Long Eaton NG10 4HD

There will be a number of grant giving organisations in attendance who will be available for you to talk to, seek advice and ask questions.

This event is for: • Community, voluntary groups and organisations • Not for profit organisations • Charities • Social enterprises / community interest companies • Statutory services (not all grant organisations provide funding for statutory services)

No need to book - TURN UP ANYTIME

Teas and coffee will be provided

For further details contact Catriona Paterson - Development Worker, Erewash Voluntary Action, Granville Avenue, Long Eaton, NG10 4HD Tel 0115 9466740 or email:

catriona@erewashcvcs.org.uk

3. Voluntary and Community Groups Funding Fair - Towcester

Date: Wednesday 26th June 2019 from 10.00am to 3.00pm.

The Forum, Moat Lane, Towcester, NN12 6AD.

A major concern for many people running local voluntary or community groups is funding. Therefore, a local Funding Fair at The Forum in Towcester should be most welcome.

Presentations by many popular funders including those already confirmed - **Sport England, Tesco Bags of Help, South Northants Council and Daventry District Council.**

- Opportunities to network with successful community groups
- Free tea and coffee – and cafe on site
- Fully accessible venue with free adjacent car parking

For any enquiries please telephone 01327 358264. Registrations for this event during May.

And finally...

What a difference a day makes. You may have noticed that the E-Bulletin is a little later than normal (just the 1-day), and that we have gone straight in with the May edition. We made the decision just to tweak the edition titles so that the updates and news within each edition related more closely to the month they were going out.

So by delaying by a day we have gained a whole month, if only all work was that simple.

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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