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FUNDING NEWS – May 2018

UDC Community Project Grants

Grants from a minimum of £100 up to a maximum of £3,500 are available to properly-constituted voluntary organisations or similar bodies in the Uttlesford district, such as village hall committees, community shops, town and parish councils, community associations, play and recreation clubs and groups.

Grants will be considered for expenditure incurred in the provision of any of the following:

- Development of land for recreational purposes, including environmental improvements
- Buildings or facilities that are available for community use such as village halls, community centres or public conveniences
- Car parks and access roads to car parks directly associated with a community use building
- Children's play areas, including equipment and safety surfacing
- Improvement, refurbishment or extension to any of the facilities outlined above
- Essential equipment that contributes significantly to the aims and objectives of the project
- Training or a one-off staffing cost that contributes significantly to the development of the project or increases benefit to the community (wages and salaries cannot be paid)

Closing date is 14th June 2018

[Guidance Notes](#)

[Click here for Application Form](#)

Police & Crime Commissioner Community Safety Development Fund (Essex)

The next closing date for applications to the Community Safety Development Fund for Essex is the 30th June 2018. Grants of up to £20,000 are available to support and encourage local voluntary and community safety groups to develop and deliver effective and/or innovative approaches to prevent and tackle crime and anti-social behaviour in the county. These approaches must deliver against the priority areas set out in the Police and Crime Plan. Total funding available is £300,000 and will be awarded over two funding rounds. Projects with match funding in place will improve their chances of a successful bid.

[Click here for more information](#)

Fund #iwill

#iwill is a UK-wide campaign that aims to make social action part of life for as many 10 to 20 year-olds as possible by the year 2020.

Grants of £1,000 - £5,000 are available from the Fund for Essex projects that have up to one year's duration of working with young people aged 10 to 20 years old, or 25 for disabled young people.

The #iwill Fund looks to support activities that create opportunities for young people to develop their character, build skills and their capacity to significantly contribute to their community.

The #iwill Fund has specific criteria which can be found by following the link

[Click here for more information](#)

Partnerships – Big Lottery Fund

Through partnerships funding, Big Lottery aim to make grants available over £10,000 for organisations who share responsibility and influence with others, who have a shared set of goals and values, and achieve their mission by starting with the bigger picture rather than just what their organisation can do on its own.

Grants are awarded for up to five years and we can fund project activities, operating costs, organisational development and capital costs. The three funding priorities are:

- bring people together and build strong relationships in and across communities
- improve the places and spaces that matter to communities
- enable more people to fulfil their potential by working to address issues at the earliest possible stage.

<https://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/partnerships-england>

Reaching Communities England – Big Lottery Fund

The Reaching Communities programme aims to make positive change in communities. Big Lottery particularly want to hear about ideas that support:

- Lasting and sustainable changes to places and spaces
- Communities to develop happier and stronger relationships with each other
- Taking action to focus on the root causes of social problems to tackle them at the earliest possible stage

Through Reaching Communities funding you can apply for between £10,000 and £500,000. Successful grant can fund some or all of the costs associated with delivering a project, including staff salaries, training, volunteer expenses, management costs, equipment, premises costs, monitoring and evaluation and overheads. The programme can also fund up to £100,000 for small scale capital work, such as refurbishment, the purchase of vehicles, land or buildings. Big Lottery encourage applicants to contact them before applying for additional advice and support before you submit your application.

The programme is re-opened for applications on 2 April 2018.

<https://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/reaching-communities-england>

Rural Community Fund - Calor

Calor is offering rural off grid communities the chance to gain funding for projects that will improve local life. Projects supported could be anything from redecorating your community centre or village hall; to new equipment for youth clubs, sports teams or scout groups. Grants of up to £5,000 are available for projects that will provide an on-going service for local communities. Rural communities with projects off the mains gas grid can submit a project for funding. The projects that receive the most votes on the Fund website will be shortlisted then reviewed by a panel of judges, who will select the winning projects for funding.

The Fund is open for applications until 21 May 2018.

<https://www.calor.co.uk/communityfund>

Prince's Countryside Fund

The Prince's Countryside Fund provides grants of up to £50,000 for innovative projects that will provide a lasting legacy to the individuals and communities they seek to benefit.

The Fund seeks applications to support activity that results in a long-term positive impact on rural communities by helping the people that live and work in the countryside. The grant programme currently aims to tackle the following key rural issues:

- To improve the prospects of viability for family farm businesses
- To sustain rural communities and drive economic vibrancy
- To support aid delivery in emergency and building resilience

The Fund will be open for grant applications from April 30th to June 14th 2018.

<http://www.princescountrysidefund.org.uk/grant-giving-programme/grant-programme>

Grants of up to £300,000 for Community Businesses

Power to Change Trust's £10 million Community Business Fund will re-open for applications on 24th April 2018. Grants of between £50,000 and £300,000 will be available to existing community businesses in England looking to progress towards self-sufficiency. Previous grants have been awarded to a wide range of businesses including Community hubs.

The Community Business Fund only awards grants to incorporated organisations who are:

- Locally rooted
- Accountable to the community
- Trading for the benefit of the local community
- Delivering broad community impact.

Grants can be awarded towards: Capital costs including building, vehicles, equipment of significant value, refurbishment costs. Project-specific revenue costs like staff costs, professional fees, volunteer costs.

The closing date for applications will be the 22nd May 2018.

<https://www.powertochange.org.uk/funding/grants/community-business-fund/>

Reaching Communities Programme Re-opens for Applications

The Big Lottery Fund has announced that its Reaching Communities Programme has re-opened for applications. Reaching Communities provide grants of over £10,000 to help improve local communities and the lives of people most in need, including hard to reach communities.

During this financial £190 million will be available for projects that address one or more of the following outcomes:

- Bring people together and build strong relationships in and across communities;
- Improve the places and spaces that matter to communities;
- Enable more people to fulfil their potential by working to address issues at the earliest possible stage.

<https://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/reaching-communities-england#section-4>

Community Centres & Village Halls grants – Trusthouse Charitable Foundation

Trusthouse is interested in applications for capital projects at community centres in the most deprived urban areas and village halls in remote and economically deprived rural areas.

The Foundation wants to support community centres and village halls which are at the heart of small, deprived communities. They expect that you will be providing a range of activities for all ages and abilities which help to promote community cohesion and address local problems of isolation, poverty, lack of local facilities, transport and other issues of relevance to your area.

They interpret 'community centres' in the broad sense, so you might be a church, sports facility or other building which offers a range of activities throughout the week which all the community can access.

The Foundation will consider applications for new buildings; upgrading, renovating or extending buildings; improving or creating outside space (but not car parks). You will need to have secured a minimum of 50% of the costs of the project before you start an application.

<http://trusthousecharitablefoundation.org.uk/grants/community-centres-and-village-halls/>

Weston Anniversary Fund – Garfield Weston Foundation

To celebrate the Foundation's anniversary and the vital role of volunteers and community

charities, an additional grants scheme opened to applications from 5 January and will close on 30 June 2018.

One off grants are available to support Capital projects to provide new or improve existing community facilities that will benefit local communities across the UK. The Fund is open to UK registered charities, CIOs, places of worship and state schools only with a total income under £3million.

Grants can range from £30,000 – £150,000 with total project costs not exceeding £300,000.

Decisions on applications will not be made until October 2018.

<https://anniversary.garfieldweston.org/weston-anniversary-fund/>

BlueSpark Foundation grants

Schools, colleges and community groups in England can apply for grants to Blue Spark Foundation for a wide range of projects. The Foundation value academic, vocational, artistic and sporting endeavour in equal measure but are particularly keen to support projects which will help enhance the self-confidence, team working skills and future employability of children and young people.

Many grants will be under £2,000, most will be under £5,000 and only in a few cases will grants exceed £10,000.

Projects which could be supported include drama, music, sport, art and design, debating, public speaking, academic education, vocational training, community projects, enterprise projects and educational excursions. This list is illustrative and not exclusive as to the types of project that the Foundation support.

<http://bluesparkfoundation.org.uk/>

Core Strength Local Communities Grants – Comic Relief

The Core Strength Local Communities Grants programme provides funding for essential core running costs for grassroots organisations that are often the first and sometimes only point of support for individuals and communities trying to make a difference in their lives. The initiative will sit under the Comic Relief programme of Building Stronger Communities – supporting groups who work to make their communities more connected, empowered and productive.

Grants between £1,000 and £10,000 for up to 12 months are available to small local community organisations with an annual income of up to £100,000.

Application windows will open at different times across the UK.

<http://www.ukcommunityfoundations.org/our-programmes/comic-relief>

Changemaker - Santander

Changemaker is a fund to help social enterprises, small charities and community groups to deliver projects in the UK that create innovative solutions to improve communities.

Santander has £400,000 to support Changemakers who turn to the Crowd to make great ideas happen.

The Changemaker Fund has been created to support projects that help disadvantaged people to have confidence in the future by building skills and knowledge or innovative ideas that help communities prosper.

If you have a project which the Crowd support Santander provide the final 50% to help you reach your target, up to £25,000.

<http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/funds/changemaker>

Discovery grants – Santander Foundation

The aim of The Discovery Project is to help disadvantaged people have the confidence to make the most of their future.

The Santander Foundation provides grants to support knowledge, skills and innovation to give disadvantaged people the confidence to discover and create a new world of opportunities.

Discovery Grants of up to £5,000 are available to UK Registered Charities, Community Interest Companies and Credit Unions to fund small, local projects helping disadvantaged people.

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

If you would like help with any of the above funding programmes or advice on any aspect of funding or group development please contact

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