

Funding: Sources

The aim of this fact-sheet is to describe the types of funding available to voluntary and community groups, and how to go about finding the right funders for you.

1: Researching Funders

Firstly, think about going back to any past or existing funders. Did you spend the grant? Was the money used well? Did you get positive feedback from the funder about your achievements? If so, they may be happy to fund you again. Use contacts: ask management committee members, staff, volunteers or members if they have had any contact with funders, or know of similar groups or projects that have been funded.

Contact us! Ask Derbyshire Dales CVS any query about funding for your group or project. We can offer you support in both sourcing possible funders and in putting your application together from start to finish. We also have a number of resources covering Funding Sources at the CVS library. These include:

1. Sports Funding Guide, published by the Directory of Social Change, written by Nicola Eastwood
2. European Funding Guide, published by DSC, written by Peter Sluiter and Laurence Wattier
3. Schools Funding Guide, published by DSC written by Eastwood, Mounfield, Walker
4. Environmental Funding Guide, published by DSC, written by Susan Forrester and Dave Casson
5. Youth Funding Guide, published by DSC, written by Nicola Eastwood
6. Arts Funding Guide, published by DSC, written by Susan Forrester and David Lloyd
7. Promoting your Cause, published by DSC, written by Karen Gilchrist
8. The Charities Information Bureau, monthly Funding Newsletter

We write an Email Funding Bulletin with details of new funding opportunities or amendments to funding streams and we have access to a number of information technology resources to do with funding such as FunderFinder and www.trustfunding.org.uk To borrow resources or arrange to browse, or to arrange to come in and use our information technology resources please contact DDCVS. Tel 01629 812154

2: Targeting Funders

Your funding search will give you a list of funders that might be suitable. Read all the information you have about each funder, to see that you are eligible, and meet the funding criteria. Some funders will match your organisation or project quite closely but others won't. Target those whose criteria you closely meet first, and list potential funders in order of priority. Think how much time and effort you can put into applications, and limit your list to the number of funders you can deal with. It is better to work hard on a small number of bids, to find the right funders and to show each funder how well you meet their aims.

3: Types of Funders

There are 5 different types of funding available to voluntary organisations:

- 1: Charitable Trusts
- 2: The National Lottery

- 3: Company Giving
- 4: Statutory Grants
- 5: European Funding

Which you go for depends on your organisation, and what you want the money for. The following descriptions outline each type of funding, and will help you decide which kind is right for you.

Charitable Trusts or Foundations

Companies or individuals as a way of giving money to certain causes set up trusts and Foundations. Some target very specific causes, others give more generally, to all kinds of groups that deal with community or disadvantage. There are some local trusts, preferring to give in the Peak District or the Derbyshire Dales such as the Duke of Devonshire's Trust. Many more are national, giving around the country. Amounts can range from a couple of hundred pounds to tens of thousands, or more if you match their aims closely and can show a big impact. Applications to Trusts are often as simple as a 2-page letter or basic application form. More details might be requested for larger requests.

The National Lottery

The Lottery gives money to various causes, each of which then has its own pot of money to award and its own application procedure. 1 June 2004 saw the merger of the Community Fund and New Opportunities Fund – now called the Big Lottery Fund. The Big Lottery Fund will make up more than half of all lottery good cause funding. At November 2005 we are still waiting for more details on the new programmes but you can keep up to date by registering for email news. Email newprogrammes@biglotteryfund.org.uk

There's more information on the website www.biglotteryfund.org.uk or call the helpline on 0845 4 10 20 30.

The Young People's Fund (a Big Lottery Programme) is up and running and is interested in projects for young people where there is evidence to show that young people really want the activity or the support service being applied for. Again there is more information from the above website or helpline.

The National Lottery also has a small grants programme called Awards for All for grants up to £5000.

- **Awards for All** Tel 0115 934 9304 (general enquiry line) www.awardsforall.org.uk
Tel 0845 600 2040 for application pack

Arts Council England is also part Lottery money. They have various arts funding programmes, currently capital funding, stabilisation and recovery funding, and individuals, organizations and national touring funding.

Arts Council England General enquiries 0845 300 6200
Email enquiries@artscouncil.org.uk

Apply to the funder most appropriate to your organisation or project. Have a look at their priorities and what sort of projects they've funded before. To find out more or for guidance and application forms, call the numbers above or browse the websites given. If you would like to know more about 'charitable aims', or becoming a charity, or if you would like support in figuring out the most appropriate funder to apply to, please contact the Development Team at DDCVS.

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Company Donations

An alternative to grants is approaching a local company to ask for money or resources. The advantage of this approach is that you may get a very quick answer, as there may be no official application process. Additionally, you could develop a long-term relationship with the company. Businesses may be willing to enter into a sponsorship deal. This involves you offering a service, usually publicity for the company in your publications or at events, in return for money. It is more of a business deal than a donation, so you have to be able to deliver your side of the bargain. To find out more: Contact companies directly and ask for the Community Affairs or Marketing department, or a person who can deal with donations.

Statutory Grants

Statutory means that the grant comes from the Government or a local body such as the Council, Health Authority or Education Authority. Money is given to voluntary groups for work that the Government or local agencies have identified as necessary. Examples in the Derbyshire Dales are:

- North Derbyshire Voluntary Action's Small Grants for projects in the North Dales
- DDCVS manages a pot of funding for health-related work and activities in the South Derbyshire and Derbyshire Dales Primary Care Trust area.
- Peak District National Park Authority for Sustainable Development Fund
- Derbyshire Dales District Council for funding for conservation areas, historic buildings, village halls, community support.

Contact DDCVS for more details for the above grants.

European Funding

European grants can be large, but require time and effort due to the large amount of paperwork involved in applying for, monitoring and reporting on your project. The money can take a long time to arrive, and you often need to find match funding (grants will only cover part of your project costs, perhaps 45% and you need to find funding to match that which you get from Europe).

To find out more about European Funding generally get in touch with CEFET, which stands for Co-ordinating European Funding for the East Midlands Third Sector on 0115 911 0419 or have a look at their website www.cefet.org.uk

Leader + in the Peaks, Dales and Moorlands is another pot of European funding for Peak District projects, current focus on young people (aged 14 – 30 years) and women. Contact Cathie Clark at Derby and Derbyshire Economic Partnership. Tel 01629 816268

4: Further Help

Finding funding can be hard work – please contact Derbyshire Dales CVS with any query about funding for your group or project and we'll try and help. Good luck!

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