

Berks East Funding Project



Funding Newsletter

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A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

We wish you all a Happy New Year and we look forward to working with you this year. We would love to hear how you have got on with any grant applications that you have made. It is always good to get feedback and it is always particularly good to hear about successful grant applications. Here is some good news from Jo Baker at the Children's Information Centre, Children's Opportunity Group:



"The Children's Opportunities Group (COG) is pleased to announce that it has been awarded a 2 year grant from the Lloyds TSB Foundation for England and Wales. This grant will be split between COG in Bracknell Forest and COG in Reading. COG in Bracknell Forest recently put out an urgent plea to the people and businesses in the community to help to fund its work so the timing of this grant is fantastic and it means the COG project in Bracknell Forest can continue until the end of the year. "

Building a Baseline of Information Survey:

Historically, seeking to supply services to larger organisations and companies has often proved to be rather frustrating. Sometimes the problem is the process, sometimes the goods and services being offered are not what the buying organisation wishes to acquire, sometimes the paperwork seems – or is - daunting, sometimes the contract seems to be appropriate but too large to manage – there is a long list of past difficulties.

These issues are being reviewed and addressed by both Social Enterprise Berkshire CIC and Berks East Funding Project. This survey is part of a process to maximise the potential for local third sector organisations to identify best who they might sell their goods and services to and to develop the third sector's participation in the local economy. Social Enterprise Berkshire CIC is leading the third sector element of the Procurement and Sustainable Supply (PASS) project funded by SEEDA and the European Regional Development Fund and Berks East Funding Project is a Lottery Funded Project working in across Bracknell-Forest, Slough, Windsor and Maidenhead.

Your response will help create a baseline of information that should benefit all of us in the sector. This survey is not really intended for smaller, unincorporated voluntary organisations that would be unlikely to seek contracts for goods and services in this way.

This is the link to complete the brief survey:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/28YQFP9>



We look forward
to
seeing you at one
of
'Find
out
About
Funding
Workshops'
Full details of
dates for 2010

Please do take a moment to complete the survey. Thank you!



The East Berkshire Funding Project team

Funding Advisors

Ray Emmans is the Funding Advisor for the Slough, Windsor & Maidenhead areas. He works four days a week. Ray will be based at the Slough CVS most Tuesdays and at Windsor & Maidenhead Voluntary Action on Wednesdays/Thursdays/Fridays

Ray will be available for funding advice and help on application form completion. Ray can be contacted at Slough on 01753 578243 or at Windsor on 01753 622433 or wmvafunding@hotmail.com



Ray Emmans
Funding Advisor



Carole Allen

Carole Allen is the Funding Advisor for the Bracknell Forest area. Carole is based at the Bracknell Forest Voluntary Action offices at Amber House, Bracknell for three days a week. Generally this will be Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Carole is available for funding advice and help on application form completion. Contact her on 01344 383523 or by email to carole.allen@bfva.org

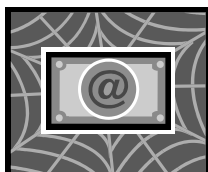
Procurement

Dave Furze is the Procurement Implementation Officer for the project. He is based at the Slough CVS offices at Church Street, Slough and will be available generally on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Dave is developing support for commissioning and procurement workshops and working towards matching voluntary and community organisations with commissioning opportunities and potential partners.

Dave can be contacted on 07803 897135 or by email to dave@sloughcvs.org.uk.



Dave Furze—Procurement
Implementation Officer



Further funding information is available on our websites:

Bracknell Forest Voluntary Action	www.bfva.org
Slough Council for Voluntary Services	www.sloughcvs.org.uk
Windsor & Maidenhead Voluntary Action	www.wmva.org

New model constitution launched for charities under £5000

A new, simplified constitution for very small charities has been launched by the Charity Commission in partnership with umbrella bodies across the sector. The new constitution is designed to provide a concise, practical framework for charities with an income of under £5,000. It uses clear, direct language that is easy to understand, is only 700 words long and covers all the requirements for a very small charity which does not own land or employ staff. The Charity Commission has teamed up with nine umbrella organisations to take a fresh approach to writing a new constitution specifically for small charities. Combining the Commission's extensive experience of charity law with the partners' in-depth knowledge of community development ensures it will be a practical and helpful document for people who want to set up a very small charity. Andrew Hind, Chief Executive of the Charity Commission, said; "The Commission recognises the critical importance of the work undertaken by very small charities in communities throughout England and Wales. They form a vital part of the charity sector and we want to do everything we can to provide them with relevant and accessible guidance and support.

"This initiative also demonstrates the value the Commission places on working in partnership with sector bodies. Our shared aim is that the energy and commitment that is the hallmark of small charities is matched by effective governance, appropriate to the size of the organisations concerned. We hope that this new document will make life easier for everyone acting as a trustee in a very small charity."

Charities with an income of less than £5,000 do not need to register with the Commission, but are still subject to charity law. If the income of the charity grows larger than £5,000, the charity will need to register with the Commission and will need a more comprehensive governing document.

To find out more and see the small charities model constitution go to: www.charitycommission.gov.uk

Funding Opportunities

The Allen Lane Foundation



The Allen Lane Foundation is a grant-making trust set up in 1966 by the late Sir Allen Lane, founder of Penguin Books, to support general charitable causes. The Foundation has no connection now with the publishing company, but five of the Trustees are members of the founder's family. It awarded grants totalling just over £816,000 in the financial year ending March 2009. The Foundation is a member of the Association of Charitable Foundations. The foundation prefer to help small to medium sized charities.

For details contact: The Allen Lane Foundation, 90 The Mount, York, YO24 1AR

Tel: 01904 613223 Email: info@allenlane.org.uk Website: www.allenlane.org.uk

Youth Opportunities and Youth Capital Fund:

Funding is available to support young people aged 13-19 and/or those 20-24 with learning difficulties in projects. The project needs to fit one of the Every Child Matters Themes: *Be healthy, Stay safe, enjoy life and/or learn skills, contribute to society and achieve economic wellbeing*

In **Windsor & Maidenhead** the next deadline is February 2010, please contact 01628 685856 or visit the RBWM website for more information. www.rbwm.gov.uk

In **Bracknell Forest** the next deadline is 26th February 2010 contact details at Bracknell Forest Council are Darren Berry 01344 464726 or darren.berry@bracknell-forest.gov.uk or Alison Wise on 01344 464731 or email alison.wise@bracknell-forest.gov.uk

Berkshire Community Foundation:

Grassroots Grants Funding has almost been allocated for the year ending 31st March 2010, more funding will be available from April 2010. So if you are a small organisation or group that has been in existence for over a year and an annual income of under £30,000 please contact BCF to discuss your application. Ask to speak to Rachel Hughes. Grants of up to £5000 are available. The next deadline for **Berkshire Give a Child Grants** is 15th January 2010, the fund is particularly helpful for groups running activities for young people up to the age of 18 who need new equipment for play/activities or towards premises improvements. Up to £2000 can be applied for. Go to the BCF website www.berkshirecf.org for more details on both of these grant streams or contact rachel.hughes@berkshirecf.org or call 0118 930 3021.



Business Objects Grants:

The company based in Maidenhead part of the SAP Group award grants to groups and organisations every year who are involved in extra curriculum activities for children.

The teaching has to be in English, Maths or Sciences, up to £5000 per application is available. Staff from Business Objects visit applicant organisations to undertake assessments. Expressions of interest are made through the Berkshire Community Foundation: email rachel.hughes@berkshirecf.org or call 0118 930 3021..

Lloyds TSB Foundation:

Supporting small and medium charities The Lloyds TSB Foundation funds local, regional and national charities working to tackle disadvantage across England and Wales. Details can be found on their website: www.lloydstsbfoundations.org.uk



Michael Shanly Charitable Trust:

The trust has wide criteria but has a preference to supporting groups in Berkshire and Buckinghamshire the elderly and children. There is no application form a letter is acceptable to: Alan Davis, Michael Shanly Charitable Trust, Sorbon, 24-26 Aylesbury End, Beaconsfield HP9 1LW.

Awards for All England:

This is a simple small grants scheme making awards of between £300 and £10,000. The Awards for All programme aims to help improve local communities and the lives of people most in need. The application form is short and simple. The completed form can be emailed to them. You will find out if you are successful within six weeks. Full details are on their website: www.awardsforall.org.uk

Berkshire Community Grants:

Of interest to organisations dealing with: Learning, Training, Employability and Employment. Grants are available for charitable, voluntary and community organisations who are supporting the most disadvantaged individuals not in employment. £163,832 will be available in Round 4 across Berkshire, Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes. Application forms, the funding Criteria, and Guidelines are available on the Community Grants website - www.actionforall.org.uk/communitygrants **The closing date for Round 4 is 3 February 2009 at noon.**

For organisations based in Berkshire if you would like advice on your application please contact: Shelly Hambrecht - Tel 01635 523861 Email shelly.hambrecht@cawb.org.uk

NEWS FLASH !!



New Grants Scheme Announced from Children in Need

Small grants of **up to £10,000** are available to Third Sector Organisations supporting children and young people.

The new scheme marks the first time Children in Need have run a UK-wide small grants programme and is aimed predominantly at organisations which have not previously considered applying.

The programme is open to any third sector organisation working with children and young people under the age of 18.

There will be four funding rounds with deadlines on:

15 January 2010 15 April 2010 15 July 2010 15 October 2010

It is expected the total funding for both the small and large grants schemes will be in excess of £38 million in 2010 and will be administered through seven regional bases.

The director of grants and policy at Children in Need, Sheila Jane Malley, explained the programme would seek to fund well-organised projects which can demonstrate commitment and enthusiasm:

“The first thing we look at is benefit for children and young people. Is the organisation clear about what improvements it wants to bring about, and is it clear about how it can do it?”

For more information: http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/grants/general_grants.shtml

COMING SOON!

2010 Dates ‘Find out About Funding Workshops’

Thursday	21 January 2010	Windsor Resource Centre
Thursday	18 March 2010	Slough CVS offices, Church Street, Slough
Thursday	20 May 2010	Easthampstead Baptist Church, Bracknell
Tuesday	20 July 2010	Town Hall, St Ives Road, Maidenhead
Tuesday	16 November 2010	Slough CVS offices, Church Street, Slough



East Berkshire Funding Fair

Plans are underway for the East Berkshire Funding Fair on Wednesday 29th September 2010—details will follow about this soon.

A few snapshots from the East Berkshire Funding Fair held on 30 September 2009 at Windsor Racecourse showing delegates enjoying the day.



The shift from Grants to Contracts

by Dave Furze, Procurement Implementation Officer



The reform of public services over the last decade has seen a steady trend to shift from grant funding to commissioning (“buying in”) of services. Government wants to ensure that the voluntary and community sector, VCS, is at the heart of these reforms because it believes there will be benefits all round – to service users, communities and taxpayers. Many organisations have found themselves however, competing for funding in a tendering process that they may have been receiving for many years in the form of grants. Some areas of the country are more advanced than others.

As the shift to commissioned services and contracts takes place, it is important that you are aware of what is going on and up to date with this new way of working, so you can make informed choices.

My role in the Berks East Funding Project is about *building bridges to increase significantly the number of successful commissioned contracts awarded to the Voluntary and Community Sector*. This involves encouraging public sector commissioners and third sector providers to engage with each other and seek an open, transparent and mutually beneficial relationship throughout the commissioning process. The three themes we are emphasizing are: “Intelligent Commissioning: Intelligent Bidding: Intelligent Monitoring”.

Definitions: Commissioning and procurement are two terms that you may have come across. They are sometimes used interchangeably when in fact they mean slightly different things. The word “Commissioning” has its roots in the ship building industry but is used in a number of other contexts. In this context, commissioning is described as:

“...the cycle of assessing the needs of people in an area, designing and then securing an appropriate service”.

Procurement, on the other hand, is:

“...one step within the commissioning cycle that involves the actual purchasing of goods or services under legally binding contracts”.

Commissioning is not just about competitive tendering; non-competitive forms of external funding may be more appropriate in some circumstances – including grant funding.

For simplicity, we are divide the commissioning process into four phases: Analyzing, Planning, Sourcing, and Monitoring and Reviewing – more about these in the future.

How Can We Help?

We are particularly keen to know your experience of tendering and with statutory sector contracts in recent years or your aspirations to be involved in this in the future. In addition, to know what you feel your training needs are around commissioning, tendering, procurement and quality standards.

If you feel this applies to you or your organisation then please call me, Dave Furze, on: 07803 897135 or email dave@sloughcvs.org.uk. If you want to find out more for yourselves look at: www.ncvo-vol.org.uk, www.navca.org.uk and www.thecompact.org.uk



Berks East Funding Project

Find out about Funding Workshop

Thursday 21st January 2010

10.00 am till 12.30pm

Voluntary & Community Resource Centre, Alma Road, Windsor SL4 3HD

We do hope you will be able to attend the East Berkshire Funding Project's workshop "Find out about Funding" This will be on Thursday 21st January 2010 at the Resource Centre in Windsor. Registration will be from 9.45 am and a sandwich lunch will be available at 12.30

At this workshop you will be able to meet the team and find out more about grants and funding opportunities.

These are some of the things that will be included in the workshop:

- ◆ Information about local funders
- ◆ Information from Big Lottery and Lloyds TSB Foundation
- ◆ Information about Procurement
- ◆ Information about Open4Communities website
- ◆ Monitoring and evaluation
- ◆ Time for questions and answers

If you are able to attend please complete and return the slip below as soon as possible. We look forward to seeing you on the 21st January 2010.

**Berkshire East Find Out About Funding Workshop Thursday 21st January
At the Resource Centre, Windsor**

I/We will be attending (Please delete as applicable)

Name(s)

Organisation

Tel/E-mail

Please state any dietary requirements

**Please reply to Ray Emmans, WMVA, 67 St Leonards Road, Windsor
SL4 3BX Telephone 01753 622433
or E-mail wmvafunding@hotmail.com by Monday 18th January 2010**