

Funders' Directory

Funding Fair 26th September 2017
Felton Village Hall

BIG LOTTERY FUND

Big Lottery has three funding priorities and your project idea should meet at least one of these:

- 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

NATIONAL LOTTERY AWARDS FOR ALL is the small grants scheme funding local community-based projects in the UK. Grants of between £300 and £10,000 are available.

REACHING COMMUNITIES is the large grant scheme providing grants from £10,000 to £500,000. Projects can last for up to 5 years. Projects do not have to meet the above funding priorities but they are more likely to support projects that do.

A key focus for each programme is that people are in the lead. Big Lottery believe that the best way to improve communities is through harnessing and supporting the ideas, skills and energy of the people who live in them. Their 'People in the Lead' approach focusses on ensuring people are able to drive change in their community right from the start, and remain in the driving seat from design through to delivery. By doing this, Big Lottery funding can help ensure that people and places are better prepared to make the most of their potential, and overcome the range of challenges they may face in the future.

To find out more about the BIG Lottery and all the funding programmes, please visit their website at www.biglotteryfund.org.uk

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (Tyne & Wear and Northumberland)

The Community Foundation provides grants and other support to groups and individuals in the Tyne and Wear and Northumberland areas.

The majority of support is in the form of grants to groups. Many groups who receive grants are small and volunteer-led, but they also fund larger organisations seeking small grants to support particular activities or developments. The work you ask them to support must be legally charitable.

Groups that apply must have a governing document (constitution, rules, memorandum and articles of association etc.) unless they fall into the categories of church, school or a Parochial Church Council.

There are two application channels for groups:

General Community Foundation grants. There is a general application form and no set deadlines. Once they have all the information needed, they will try to match your application to one or more of their donor funds. If no suitable fund is currently available, your application will be rejected but you can normally apply again at a later date. If your application is matched to a fund, they will assess it and it will be considered for support. You will get a decision within three months from the date your completed application is received.

Current calls for applications. There are usually specific criteria and deadlines. Some funding is available to apply for at any time. You will get a decision within three months of any specified closing date. If your application in response to a call for applications is not successful, it may be considered for a general Community Foundation grant alongside others.

The average grant size is around £4,500.

For further information, how to apply for a grant, and to find out more about the Community Foundation, please visit www.communityfoundation.org.uk

COALFIELDS REGENERATION TRUST

The Coalfields Community Investment Programme (England) Funding Support element is a £500,000 fund created to support activities that tackle some of the key challenges that still remain in coalfield communities. The fund is open to projects that deliver in the top 30% most deprived coalfield communities and that will make a positive difference in addressing the following themes:

- Skills: Growing the skills of people in order to increase their opportunities.
- Employment: Developing pathways to increase the number of people in work.
- Health: Supporting projects that increase participation in activities/services that improve the health and wellbeing of people in former coalfield communities.

Applications can be submitted for up to £10,000 (with a maximum of £2,000 on capital items).

Funding is only available in eligible wards as follows:

Alnwick, Amble, Cowpen, Croft, Isabella, Kitty Brewster, Newsham, Plessey, Druridge Bay, Lynemouth, Morpeth Stobhill, Pegswood, Bedlington, East Bedlington, West Choppington, College, Haydon, Hirst, Newbiggin Central & East, Seaton with Newbiggin, West Sleekburn and Ashington Central.

Organisations in these wards are also eligible to join The Coalfields Community Investment Programme - Practical Help offer which provides a range of free benefits and services for members. More info on the practical help offer can be found [here](#).

Details on the grants available can be found [here](#).

GREGGS FOUNDATION

North East Core Fund

The major grants programme makes grants to organisations to support core running costs. Grants of up to £15,000 per year for up to three years are available.

The programme tends to support organisations that work in the most disadvantaged neighbourhoods in the North East of England, or organisations that support otherwise disadvantaged people, particularly those that support the following priority groups:

- People with Disabilities
- Homeless people
- Voluntary Carers
- Older and isolated people

Local Community Project Fund

Local Community Projects Funding is offered to organisations supporting people in need. Any not for profit organisation can apply, however, larger organisations with a turnover in excess of £300,000 are unlikely to be successful. Max grant £2000.

All projects must support a community of interest, ie people who are:

- Disabled or suffering chronic illness
- Living in poverty
- Voluntary carers
- Homeless
- Isolated older people
- Other demonstrable significant need

Environmental Grants

The environmental grants programme aims to improve peoples' lives by improving the environment. Grants are for a maximum of £2000

More details at <https://www.greggsfoundation.org.uk/grants>

HADRIAN TRUST

Grants are made to charities and groups working for the benefit of the people and the environment of Tyne and Wear and Northumberland. Grants may be for a specific project or part of a project, purchase of equipment or as a contribution to running costs. Grants generally range from £500 - £5,000. There is no application form and full details on how to apply are on the Hadrian Trust website.

www.hadriantrust.co.uk

Pauline Dodgson: enquiries@hadriantrust.co.uk

JOICEY TRUST

The Joicey Trust provides support to registered charities to carry out charitable projects within Northumberland and Tyne and Wear. It aims to fund projects involving social welfare or community support.

Maximum grant is £ 10,000 - most grants awarded are under £2,000. Recurrent grants are sometimes considered. Applications may be made any time. The Trust supports both capital and revenue projects and also discrete projects as well as running costs.

The Trust meets in January and June or July. www.thejoiceytrust.org.uk

SIR JAMES KNOTT TRUST

The primary objective of The Sir James Knott Trust is to help improve the conditions of people living and working in the North East of England. Grants are normally made to registered charities specifically operating in or for the benefit of local people.

The Trustees meet three times a year to consider applications, usually in the spring, summer and autumn. The average size of grant is £3,000.

There is no formal application form, applicants should write in with their request following the detailed guidance on their website.

For further information please visit their website at: www.knott-trust.co.uk

LEADER PROGRAMME

LEADER is an area-based approach that ensures development is appropriate for that area. LEADER views local people as the main asset of rural areas and empowers them to decide what is best suited to their own environment, culture, working traditions and skills. The overall goal for LEADER is to improve the quality of life in rural areas.

There are 3 LEADER areas in Northumberland – Coast & Lowland; Uplands and North Pennine Dales. Each LEADER project must support one of the following:

1. Increasing farm productivity
2. Micro and small enterprises and diversification
3. Rural Tourism
4. Provision of rural services
5. Cultural and heritage activity
6. Increasing forestry productivity

For more information visit

<http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Default.aspx?page=17889>

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL: COMMUNITY CHEST

The aim of the Community Chest fund is to support voluntary and community groups and organisations to deliver activities which contribute to achieving the Council's ambition for Northumberland, which is to maintain and create sustainable communities.

The Community Chest fund will support one off initiatives, including those that will help support the development of sustainable long term projects, that are seen as valuable to the area, and that are not able to secure mainstream funding from the Council or other sources by giving one-off grants of up to £5,000 for local projects with potential for higher amounts for countywide projects.

More information available at <http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Business/Grants/Grants-Funding.aspx#communitychestscheme>

NORTHUMBERLAND NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

Northumberland National Park Authority looks after the landscape, heritage and culture of the protected area, helping to keep it a special place for people to live in and enjoy. They do this by making sure that local communities and businesses can access grants, support and advice across a range of sources. Complementing this we also have a small grants fund that is open to applications from communities, businesses and groups who have a project that will be taking place within the park and also meets our funding criteria. Please ask for more details or see our website.

More information at <http://www.northumberlandnationalpark.org.uk/about/rural-development/>