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Welcome to the 2006 – 2007 Funding Guide produced by the Rural Community Council (Leicestershire & Rutland).

In addition to hints and tips on applying for funding, you can find details of over 150 funders that may enable you to carry out your projects. This document is to be used only as a guide and we encourage you to contact funders direct, either by phone or email if you are unsure about anything. Most funders have web sites which will give the latest information, important deadlines, criteria and often, downloadable application forms and guidelines. If you do not have access to the internet, please ring the number given and ask for an application form to be posted to you.

Entries are listed in alphabetical order so that you can find them easily if you know the name. They are also listed by the main themes they cover but visiting the website will often reveal a whole range of projects which will be eligible.

The list has been compiled in good faith with information taken from web sites, documentation and through discussions with many funders. It is, as far as possible, correct but some of the entries experience high demands and funding can run out, or deadlines may change, so it is always a good idea to contact the trusts or charities involved before submitting your application.

The first section looks at ways of applying for funding to Trusts and grant making bodies, which have different processes. There is also a section on some of the regulations that need to be observed for general fundraising. The back of the guide lists some useful contacts and other sources of funding which you can investigate via the internet or by contacting your local Council, CVS/Voluntary Action and, of course, the Rural Community Council.

We hope you find it useful and wish you luck with your applications.

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Big Lottery (Awards for All)
Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation
Ernest Cook Trust
Esmee Fairbairn Foundation
Foyle Foundation
Paul Hamlyn Foundation
Pilgrim Trust
Trusthouse Charitable Foundation

Business Funding And Support

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Arts & Business East Midlands
Leicester & County Co-operative Development Agency
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Business Funding And Support (Rural)

Leicestershire Competitive Market Towns Initiative Grants
Leicestershire Rural Micro Business Development Grant
Leicestershire rural Visitor Grant Scheme
Leicestershire Rural Retail & P.O Development Schemes
New Life for Redundant Buildings Initiative
Welland Tourism Grant Scheme

Community Buildings

Architectural Heritage Fund
Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation
Biffa Awards
Big Lottery
FLAG
Charles Hayward Foundation
Coalfields Regeneration Trust
New Life for Redundant Buildings Grant
Shire Village Hall Grants

Community Projects

Baring Foundation
Barrow Cadbury Trust
Biffa Awards
Big Lottery (Awards for All)
Bridging The Gap

Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation
Carnegie Trust
Catalyst Programme
Church Urban Fund
Churches Together in England
Coalfields Regeneration Trust
Community Champions
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Melton Mowbray Building Society Charitable Foundation
Nationwide Foundation
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Trusthouse Charitable Trust
UK Villages Community Kitty Awards
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Community Services

Leicestershire Rural Retail & Post Office
Development Schemes

Disability

Big Lottery
Camelot Community Support Foundation
Henry Smith (Kensington Estate) Charity
Lankelly Foundation
Percy Bilton Charity
Shire Small Grants Scheme
Tesco Charity Trust
Trusthouse Charitable Foundation

Economic

Leicestershire Rural Retail and Post Office
Development Schemes
Rural Business Support Grants

Education

Abbey National Charitable Trust
Biffa Awards
Bowland Charitable Trust
Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation

Chetwode Foundation
Ernest Cook Trust
Esmee Fairbairn Foundation
Foyle Foundation
Harry James Riddlestone Charity
J Reginald Corah Foundation Fund
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Paul Hamlyn Foundation
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Tudor Trust
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Environment/Environmental

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Refugees

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Sport and Leisure

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Tudor Trust

4 MAKING APPLICATIONS - SOME KEY POINTS

It is essential that you plan carefully before putting pen to paper – you will be far more successful if your project is well planned and your application instills confidence in your ability to deliver the “goods”

The basis of all applications is for you to explain:

- 1) Who are you – what is your purpose
- 2) What do you want to do?
- 3) Why do you want to do it – is there a need – who will it benefit
- 4) How and when will you deliver it?
- 5) What will it cost – what resources will you need (including people)
- 6) How will you monitor and evaluate it
- 7) How will you sustain the project?

Before you begin to make any application, you and the rest of your group must know the answers to all of the above. If you don't you may have problems in actually managing the project.

With all of this information, you now need to decide who you will apply to:

- Use packs such as this one
- Contact your local CVS who often has up to day funding information
- Speak to people doing similar projects
- Contact your local council – they often have a number of grants available to voluntary groups and organisations
- Find out the criteria. Read the guidelines carefully. Most funders have their own websites – use them
- Ring the funders and 'run' you idea by them

Once you have decided on the fund you will apply for:

- Read all of the questions first – very simple but so many applicants say everything in the first question then realise that half of it needs to be in the next section!
- Make a copy of the application to practice on Gather together all of the items they ask for, often:
 - a) A copy of your accounts
 - b) A bank statement – usually needs to be original
 - c) Your constitution
- Find a suitable referee (if required) who knows the project well – they are often contacted
- Make sure your form is up to date

A word on costings:

- Do not fall into the trap of thinking that the less you apply for, the more chance you will have
- Costings need to be realistic. Assessors will be aware of the true costs needed to make a project work. They will not fund something that is likely to fail through insufficient costing
- Some funders require 'match funding'. Obviously this can be made up of the funds you already have, funds you are applying for or your 'in kind' work. You can include the real cost of volunteers time on an hourly basis or the real hourly cost of experts within your committee. If someone donates a room for your planning or for delivery of the project - include what the cost would have been
- Include the costs of stationery, postage, phone calls, photocopying and all those small items that add up to quite large amounts
- Ensure that your budget is comprehensive, adds up and is realistic

Having completed the form:

- Get someone else to read it. Does it make sense, have you explained it clearly? When you have worked on the development of an exciting new project for so long, it is easy to miss out some of the basic details on the application. REMEMBER, assessors usually do not know you or your project and have only the information in front of them on which to base a decision.
- Make sure it is complete. When you are waiting for bits of information from your committee, it can be easy to leave a gap and then forget to fill it in. Make sure it is all signed.
- Make a copy before you send it - it may get lost or you could forget what you said you would do
- Be aware of the deadline and get it in on time
- Make a note of when you should hear a result by

Some funders and trusts ask for a letter of application rather than a form. In this case:

- For the purpose of a letter write no more than two sides of A4 (typed)
- Address your application to the correct person and use their job title
- Be clear and concise
- Tell them your status e.g. Voluntary group, registered charity and the 7 points that make up the basis of applications (see previous page)
- Give the contact details of two referees
- Add additional information such as a leaflet etc but only a small amount
- Costings should be on a separate sheet

Some of these points are very basic but funders such as Awards for All have to return 40% of the applications due to some of the problems listed here.

Applying for funding is not like buying a lottery ticket. Funders need to reach their targets. The money they manage has to reach the people it was intended for. Funders cannot do this without YOU.

As long as you meet the criteria, are able to do what you say and convey this in your application – you should be successful. If you are not, ask for feedback, take it all on board and apply again if it is feasible and allowed.

5 GENERAL FUNDRAISING – abiding by the regulations

Raffles, Prize Draws, Tin Rattling, Car Washes, Fun Days

Many charitable groups rely heavily on this type of fundraising. In reality, it doesn't bring in as much money as applying to charities and grant-giving bodies but it often serves another purpose. It brings together people with a common aim or interest, makes people feel 'part of your aim' and most certainly raises awareness of your cause. There are many, many ways of fundraising in this way but it is important that you carry out your activities legally or your hard work will go to waste. Below are a number of things you should think about when planning your fundraising events.

Method Regulations

Selling Food at a fundraising event	A somewhat 'grey area' but a general rule that if you are a voluntary group or organisation you do not have to comply with regulations but if there is illness caused by a hygiene or storage problem then officers will show an interest and you may be prosecuted for being negligent. Ensure that you follow the basic rules for hygiene.
Event Insurance (Public Liability)	You would be foolish not to take out public liability insurance for your event. This is not a legal requirement but you could be sued by a member of the public or an exhibiting business should an incident occur. Is it worth this for the sake of approx £50? There are few event insurance companies but two who specialise in such events are Ansva* and Events Insurance Services* (both have websites).
Companion Dog Show	If you are holding pedigree classes, you must obtain a licence costing £10 from the Kennel Club. The will also require your event to be insured.
Road Signs	Signs placed on the roadside e.g. a council-owned will probably need temporary planning permission.

Street Collections	<p>You are required to apply, in writing to the administration or licensing department of the district council covering the area in which the collection is to be held at least one month before the event. They will also issue guidelines on street collections.</p> <p>New regulations are being formulated.</p> <p>You do not need a licence to collect on private property (with permission of course). On public land, as a rule of thumb, you will be able to collect if an entry fee is charged.</p>
Selling Alcohol	<p>You must obtain a Liquor Licence. Non-profit making organisations can obtain an Occasional Permission for use at an unlicensed venue. You should apply at least one month before the event to the local magistrate's court. Contact licensing office at your local council for advice.</p>

Public Entertainment Inside Events	<p>Many church halls, pubs or community centres hold their own licence. Churches don't need them. Events in a barn or temporary marquee will require a temporary entertainments licence. You must consider noise nuisance and be able to guarantee several fire exits. Apply at least 3 months in advance</p>
Public Entertainment Outside Events	<p>If music is not the main attraction then authorities will not be particularly interested. If it is the main attraction, then you will certainly require one following the guidelines above. If your crowd is expected to be a few hundred, then you should seek advice in case of previous complaints of noise at that venue.</p>
VAT	<p>One-off fundraising efforts are usually exempt from VAT. However, if you choose to run your enterprise as a shop, even if you open for a as little as once a month or urn you events as part of a series, you will have to register with your local VAT office as soon as you ammonal turnover reaches the £55,000 threshold.</p>
Employers' Liability Insurance	<p>Even if you are not employing people, you can also insure for Employers' Liability. This would then cover volunteers, your self or the committee.</p>
All Risks	<p>This will cover you for any accident (except for the inevitable exemptions in the policy) but you can be covered for cancellation due to a number of things including non-showing up of the star act and cancellation due to adverse weather conditions making it dangerous for the event to go ahead.</p>

Informing the Police	If your event is likely to attract over 100 cars, it is courteous to inform the police, particularly if you do not have sufficient parking space for this number of cars. If your event is larger or likely to cause traffic congestion, then you must inform the police for assistance in planning for any likely 'incidents' and allow them information should an event happen where they may need to assist. This must be done 3 months in advance, in writing, and they will most likely request a site meeting with you before the day.
Using Council Land	This must be booked up to a year in advance (usually) and you will be likely to be subject to many constraints including bye-laws to keep footpaths open and limitations imposed on selling food. You will be required to sign a contract.
Local Authorities	Wherever they are held, it is always a good idea to inform your local authority of events you have planned. This can lead to having your event publicised in local tourist guides and they may be able to loan or lend you equipment. They may also have small grants to help you put on your event.
Tombolas	No special requirements so long as it is a one off event and you have spent no more than £250 on your prizes. Alcohol can be offered as prizes without a licence but whether you can open it and drink it is another 'grey area'.

Raffles (Small Lottery)	The draw must take place on the premises and there must be no element of private gain. Money spent on purchasing prizes must not exceed £250 although the value can exceed this if they were donated for example. The raffle must not be the main attraction of the event.
Private Lottery	Where a lottery is confined to members of a club or society and the net profit is spent on prizes or to further the work of the society. The lottery can only be advertised on the society's premises and tickets must not be sent out in the post. There is no limit on the size of the prize or the cost of tickets as long as they are all the same. No licence required.

Society Lottery	Where tickets are sold over a period of time e.g. a prize draw. You need to go through the process of registration with the local authority. Once you have registered you will need to renew it annually at around half the cost. This is only cost effective if you run a number of lotteries. The maximum price of tickets is £2 (2003). Every ticket must look the same and show the cost, the name and address of the society, the date of the draw and the name and address of the promoter and charity reg. no if registered along with local authority details. Only allowed to sell tickets to over 16s.
Games of skill	Things such as 'guess the weight' or 'spot the ball' require no licences.

*The RCC does not endorse or recommend the use of these companies but offer them as an example

WHATEVER YOUR EVENT, CONTACT YOUR LOCAL AUTHORITY IF YOU ARE UNSURE

6 REGISTERING AS A CHARITY

A question often asked is 'should I register as a charity – would I get more funding?' In most cases, you are eligible for more of the larger funding streams but if you are just starting out, most of the smaller, start up grants, are aimed at the newly formed groups who are not yet registered. If you are carrying out very small-scale voluntary fundraising work for charitable purposes then you are operating within the law and have 'charitable purpose'. Charity Law is complicated and it cannot be done justice in just a small section of this guide. An hour appointment with a specialist charity lawyer would be an hour well spent or you should consult the Charities Commission which has a useful introductory publication 'Registering as a Charity' document CC21. The Commission also produces a 'Registration Information Pack'. Both of these can be obtained from the website www.charity-commission.gov.uk or from their helpline, 0870 333 0123, open from 8.30am to 6.00pm Monday to Friday.

7 THE FUNDERS

ABBHEY NATIONAL CHARITABLE TRUST

The Trust supports projects in local communities, particularly where the Abbey has a significant presence through a community partnership. There are currently none in Leicestershire and Rutland but they do consider other areas. Funding is provided for work which supports disadvantaged people via education and training, local regeneration and financial advice. Applications will only be accepted from organisations with charitable status and the Trust prefers to fund a complete project. No specific guidance is given about the amount available to apply for and there are no closing dates.

Amounts: £250 - £2,500

Contact: Alan Eagle, Charitable Trust Manager
Abbey National Charitable Trust
PO Box 911
Milton Keynes
MK9 1AD

Help Line: 0870 608 0104

Email: communitypartnership@abbey.com

Web: www.abbeynational.com

Process: Application by letter only

AGE CONCERN

Age Concern England Grant Programmes are open to organizations and groups working with and for older people.

Bright Ideas Programme

A one-off grant of up to £2000 to smaller voluntary organizations towards the direct costs of new or expanding projects benefiting older people.

Allocation: monthly

Barclays Programme (currently supported by Barclays)

A one-off grant of up to "150 to clubs to help with the provision of equipment and/or facilities in order to promote the welfare of older people.

Allocation: monthly.

Opportunities for Volunteering

The Opportunities for Volunteering Scheme (funded by the Department of Health) provides grants to establish and develop projects which expand opportunities for people to undertake voluntary work of benefit to older people, in the fields of health/social care.

Amount: Maximum £20,000 per year for a maximum of 3 years.

Allocation: annually.
Contact: The Grants Unit
Age Concern England
Astral House
1268 London Road
London
SW16 4ER
Tel: 020 8765 7738
Fax: 020 8679 9154
E-mail: grants.unit@ace.org.uk

ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE FUND

A registered charity founded to promote the conservation of historic buildings in the UK by providing advice, information and financial assistance in the form of grants and low interest working capital loans for projects undertaken for the benefit of the community by building preservation trusts and other charities. Only organisations with charitable status are eligible to apply.

Options Appraisal Grants:

Up to 75% of the cost of an initial options appraisal of a project likely to qualify for an AHF loan. The maximum grant is normally £5,000.

Refundable Project Development Grant:

Once the feasibility of a project has been established, the AHF can offer a refundable grant, usually of up to £15,000, for specific professional work to help charities develop the project. The grant is refundable and is converted into the first installment of a loan.

Low Interest Loan:

Available as working capital to allow charities to purchase and/or finance the cost of the capital works. Interest is charged from 4%.

Project Organiser Grants:

To pay for the time of a suitably qualified project organiser to develop and co-ordinate a viable project and take it towards completion. The amount will not normally exceed 75% of the project organiser's total cost. The maximum grant is £215,000 and is usually offered for a period of more than one year.

Contact: The Architectural Heritage Fund
Alhambra House
27-31 Charing Cross Road
London
WC2H 0AU
Tel: 020 7925 0199
Fax: 020 7930 0295
Email: ahf@ahfund.org.uk
Web: www.ahfund.org.uk

ARTS COUNCIL OF ENGLAND

As the Arts Council of England distributes monies from Government and the Big Lottery, it is inevitable that changes will occur in this funding stream. Their website, however, states that the new Grants for the arts will be broadly the same as the existing programme.

Grants are made under five aims:

- To change people's lives through the opportunity to take part in or experience high quality arts activities
- To increase opportunities for cultural diversity in the arts. By 'cultural diversity', they mean the full range and diversity of the culture of this country. In some cases our focus will be on race and ethnic background, and in others on disability, for example
- To support excellence, new ideas and activity to help build long-term stability in arts organisations
- To invest in the creative talent of individuals
- To increase resources for the arts

The Arts Council administers the following funding schemes:

- Arts Capital Programme
- National Touring Programme
- Recovery Programme
- Stabilisation Programme

Funding can be awarded for projects and events, capital items, development and training, educational activities and organisational development.

Funding is not given for feature films, second-hand equipment, profit making bodies or where there is no public benefit.

Amounts: Individuals £200 - £30,000

Groups £200 - £100,000 (rarely over £30,000)

Contact: Arts Council

St Nicholas Court

25-27 Castle Gate

Nottingham, SW1P 3NQ

Tel: 0115 950 2467 (EM)

0845 300 6100 (national)

E-mail: enquiries@artscouncil.org.uk

Web: www.artscouncil.org.uk

Deadlines: Continuous application.

Up to £5,000 a decision will take 6 weeks. Otherwise 12 weeks

BARING FOUNDATION

Charities and voluntary organisations are eligible to apply. This fund is about to change as it merges with the Arts Programme. At present there are grants available for up to £30,000 through open invitation or up to £75,000 for project over 3 years but again, these are by invitation only. The new merge will see funding of £20,000 to £100,000 being available for projects lasting up to 5 years. Please see website for up to day details.

The Foundation recommends that applicants should read the guidelines of each programme carefully.

Amount: £30,000 - £100.00

Contact: The Baring Foundation
60 London Wall
London
EC2M 5TQ

E-mail: baring.foundation@uk.ing.com

Web: www.baringfoundation.org.uk

Deadline: Not known at present

Process: Applications forms are downloadable from the website

BARROW CADBURY TRUST

The Barrow Cadbury Trust has launched its new portfolio. The BCT fund grass root, user led projects, usually operating at a national level. The Trust focuses on projects that are likely to have a high impact on social change at a policy or practice level. Visionary projects, which may even be considered risky or radical, are welcomed. Applicants need to be registered charities or companies limited by guarantee. Areas of interest:

- Inclusive communities
- Early Intervention
- Global Exchange

Amount: £25,000 - £50,000

Contact: The Barrow Cadbury Trust
25-31 Tavistock Place
London

Tel: 020 7391 9220

Fax: 0207 3941 9229

Web: www.bctrust.org.uk

Deadline: Continuous application process

Process: Expression of interest by letter first

BBC CHILDREN IN NEED

BBC Children in Need distributed over £32 million last year to benefit children under the age of 18. Their disadvantages may include:

- Any kind of disability
- Behavioral or psychological problems
- living in poverty or situations of deprivation
- suffering illness, distress, abuse or neglect

Not-for-profit constituted organisations are eligible to apply. Applications for salary or revenue grants are welcomed from self-help groups, voluntary organisations and registered charities, these grants are for up to 3 years. Grants for one year are available for many different projects, including seasonal projects, after school clubs, holidays within the UK and outings, equipment and welfare funds.

Projects must be about changing the lives of children for the better and should be for children. Where possible it should take account of children's views and involve them in decision-making.

New guidelines will be published on the website in September.

Amount: No limit

Contact: BBC Children in Need

PO Box 76

London

W3 6FS

Tel: 020 8576 7788

Email: pudsey@bbc.co.uk

Web: www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey

Deadline: 30th November and 30th March each year. NB: Summer project applications must apply for the 30th November deadline.

Process: On-line application available

BERNARD SUNLEY CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

By letter of application enclosing business plan and latest accounts, grants are available to village halls and community projects for a wide variety of charitable purposes particularly focusing on the young and disadvantaged, whilst help with capital costs to provide access and facilities for disabled people are sometimes considered. The charity receives ten times the number of applications that can be satisfied, grants are available for registered charities only and not individuals.

Grants: Majority of the grants are for £5,000 or under

Contact: The Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation
Mr. John Rimington
20 Berkeley Square
London
W1J 6LH
Tel: 0207 408 2198

BIFFA AWARD

There are three levels of grant available to voluntary and community groups and organisations:

Small Grants:	for projects that enable communities to improve local amenities and to conserve wildlife and habitats
Main Grants:	for amenity projects that provide and improve community facilities to act as mechanisms for recreation, sporting achievement, lifelong learning and community involvement and projects that increase or maintain biodiversity
Flagship Scheme:	for larger projects that support regionally or nationally significant voluntary sector led regeneration or biodiversity projects to make a significant impact on the quality of life of the region

Amounts: Small Grant: £250 - £5,000
Main Grant £5001 - £50,000
Flagship Scheme: £150,000 - £500,000

There will be changes taking place from 14 October for all of the above programmes. Please see website for details.

Contact: 0870 036 1000
Email: grants@rswt.org
Web: www.biffaward.org
Deadline: Rolling programme
Process: Downloadable guidance notes and application form on website

BIG LOTTERY FUND

Since its launch on 1st June 2005, the Big Lottery has undertaken a national consultation process, the result of which has meant massive changes in its funded programmes. Unfortunately, details remain unavailable for the new programmes and it can only be advised that you monitor the website and press for up to date details. All but two of the old programmes are now closed. Results of applications received in May for previous programmes will be announced in December 2005.

The website states: 'We are likely to run a range of different types of funding programmes. Some of these will be 'open' grant programmes, where a wide range of organisations can apply by completing an application form. Other programmes are likely to concentrate on strategic partnership working across different sectors, funding for infrastructure and development, or opportunities for voluntary sector involvement in the delivery of community services.

We will continue to fund for charities and the voluntary sector and health, education and the environment, but will also take on the Millennium Commission's ability to fund large-scale regenerative projects. We will be a fund for community transformation, from smaller grants at local level through to big capital projects, intended to regenerate and revitalise communities'.

When announced, programmes will include: Voluntary and Community Centre Infrastructure, Children's Play, Environmental Programmes, Wellbeing Programmes and International Grants.

New and existing programmes currently running are:

AWARDS FOR ALL

Aimed at local communities, grants are available in a simple and straightforward way. Projects are funded that that enable people to take part in art, sport, heritage and community activities, as well as projects that promote education, the environment and health in the local community.

Amount: £500 and £10,000

Contact: Awards for All
Ground Floor St Nicholas Court
25 - 27 Castle Gate
Nottingham
NG1 7AR

Tel: 0115 934 9304
Fax: 0115 934 9355
Textphone: 0115 934 9360
Email: east.midlands@awardsforall.org.uk

Deadline: You can apply at any time. You will be told if you are successful or not within 8 weeks
Process: Downloadable latest application pack on the website

YOUNG PEOPLES FUND – GRANTS TO ORGANISATIONS

For projects working with young people aged 11 – 18 (or up to 25 for disadvantaged young people who find the transition to independent adult life difficult). They must provide activities, not just a service. You must meet two or more of the Young People's Fund outcomes. They are:

- **Being healthy:** enjoying good physical and mental health and living a healthy lifestyle
- **Staying safe:** being protected from harm and neglect and growing up able to look after themselves
- **Enjoying and achieving:** getting the most out of life and developing skills for adulthood
- **Making a positive contribution:** to the community and to society and not offending and behaving antisocially
- **Economic well being:** overcoming socio-economic disadvantages to achieve their full potential in life

Amount: £5,000 - £150,000 with an average of £75,000
(No more than £30,000 on capital costs)
Tel: 0845 410 20 30
Web: www.biglotteryfund.org.uk
Process: Contact above number for a pre-application form

YOUNG PEOPLES FUND – GRANTS TO NATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

Through the National grants programme, we want to make grants to national charities for projects that will make a significant difference to young people in England, demonstrating innovative ways of meeting the five outcomes (see above).

We are inviting proposals for projects that achieve one or more of the Young People's Fund outcomes. We are particularly keen to see proposals for projects that address the 'being healthy' and 'staying safe' outcomes. This is because we expect that these outcomes may not be so well represented in other strands of the Young Peoples Fund.

National grants are being delivered in two rounds. Round one closed for applications in December 2004. Fourteen applications were progressed to submit a full grant application.

As with Round one, a two-stage application process will be implemented for Round 2. It is expected that Round 2 will be open for applications in

late September/Early October 2005. We explain both stages of the application process below and give you an idea of key dates in the p About 'National grants' The deadline for stage 2 applications will be sometime during the Autumn of 2006.

Amount: Approx 1 million and up to £5 million for exceptional projects.
£30,000 available at start for project development costs
Expected to give 17m in first round and 10m in second
Tel: 0845 410 20 30
Web: www.biglotteryfund.org.uk
Process: First stage application form and full guidelines on website
Briefing events for potential applicants in November 2005

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FUND – GRANTS TO INDIVIDUALS

The Big Boost

If you're aged 11-25, and have an idea that will benefit your community, this fund can help get your project off the ground. Awards will be available to help individuals and small groups of young people run a project in their area. The Big Lottery wants to ensure that a wide range of young people, including those from disadvantaged communities, aged between this age range, apply for money to transform their ideas into projects. The programme will fund and support more than 12,000 young people over a period of 30 months, aged between 11 - 25 years old. This fund will be launched on 19th September 2005.

Amount: £250 - £5,000
Contact: 08454 10 20 30
Web: thebigboost.org.uk
Process: Ring the above number to discuss your idea and if it fits, they will send you an application form. Full details on the website.

THE PEOPLE'S MILLIONS

ITV and the Big Lottery Fund have teamed up to create this fund, which is also a type of competition. In 2005 there will be 50 grants of £50,000 across the ITV regions made to community-based projects, with more grants to follow in 2006-2007.

The Big Lottery Fund will assess and shortlist projects; these will then be voted on by ITV viewers from 31 October to 4 November 2005. The winners will be announced on ITV on Monday, 7 November 2005.

For information and to request an application pack visit:
www.peoplesmillions.org.uk

LIVING LANDMARKS

A new UK wide programme which encourages communities to work together to improve their quality of life and environment through funding major capital projects. Living Landmarks should capture the imagination of communities, and inspire them to transform, revitalise and regenerate the places where they live. There will be a small number of grants for amounts between £10 million and £25 million and a single grant of between £25 million and £50 million which will be awarded in partnership with the People's Millions programme and ITV (see above).

Contact: 0845 0 10 11 12

Web: www.biglotteryfund.org.uk

Deadline: Not available at present, please see website for details and application process

BRIDGING THE GAPS GRANT

This grant is funded by the Coalfields Regeneration Trust and administered by the Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland Community Foundation. Applications are invited from new or existing, small community or voluntary groups working in or benefiting people living in the designated coalfield wards within Leicestershire. Up to 100% funding can be made available.

- **Supporting Communities** - to support communities to play an active part in regeneration and includes both capital and revenue elements.
- **Learning Communities** - to ensure that Coalfields communities have the best possible learning facilities and resources.
- **Enterprising Communities** - to increase the range and diversity of the social economy by encouraging social enterprise and support organisations to generate income.
- **Supporting people into work** - to build on government employment schemes by supporting new, forward looking and locally designed approaches that get people into work.

Amount: £500 - £10,000

Contact: Nicola Dalby
Leicestershire, Leicester & Rutland Community Foundation
Beaumont Enterprise Centre
72 Boston Road
Leicester
LE4 1HB

Tel: 0116 234 1942

Email: nicola@llrcommunityfoundation.org.uk

Deadline: Continuous application process

Process: Downloadable application available

BOWLAND CHARITABLE TRUST

The Trust is interested in funding projects, particularly leisure and education projects, associated with young people. The majority of donations are made within the north-west of England.

Amount: Not Specified
Contact: Mrs C Fahy
Promothean House
Lower Phillips Road
Whitebirk Estate
Blackburn
BB1 5TH
Tel: 01254 676 921
Deadline: Continuous application process

CALOUSTE GULBENKIAN FOUNDATION

The work of the Foundation's UK Branch is divided into Arts, Education and Social Welfare. Preference is given to original developments, and to projects that are either strategic or seminal. Applicants should be registered charities or otherwise tax-exempt.

The themes are as follows:

Arts

The arts programme is mainly for professional arts organisations or artists working in groups. The programme applies to new art in any form.

Education

Helping schools, helping parents projects which provide educational opportunities for "hard to reach" parents with particular regard to parenting skills, and which offer support to all parents at significant stages in their child's development.

Out of School Services Projects which redress the educational and social disadvantages of children in deprived neighbourhoods in an innovative way.

Social Welfare

Grants will be strongly focused on capacity building in local groups and neighbourhoods and exploring new forms of area management and service delivery, in particular: new strategies for neighborhood and area regeneration; housing management; neighbourhood services and employment; research by recognized organisations which contributes to exploration and knowledge of new policy options to reduce social exclusion; sustainable solutions to local environmental issues.

Amount: Up to £15,000 (most are for less than £5,000)

Contact: Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, UK Branch
98 Portland Place
London
W1B 1ET
Tel: 020 7636 5313
Fax: 020 7637 3421
Email: info@gulbenkian.org.uk
Web: www.gulbenkian.org.uk
Deadline: Applications considered first week in March, July and November. Proposals must be submitted at least 10 weeks before these dates. Organisations should be registered charities.
Process: In writing

CAMELOT FOUNDATION

All grants are currently suspended, pending the release of new guidelines, until the end of October, beginning of November. New grants will be introduced and running. Please continue to monitor the website for up to date information.

Contact: The Camelot Foundation
University House
11-13 Lower Grosvenor Place
London
SW1W OEX
Tel: 020 7828 6085
Fax: 020 7828 6087
Email: info@camelotfoundation.org.uk
Web: www.camelotfoundation.org.uk

CATALYST PROGRAMME

This funding source is undergoing changes. Funding available for community groups and unemployed individuals to run activities that benefit the community in Charnwood, Leicestershire. Available for running costs only.

Amount: Up to £6,000 for projects lasting up to 6 months
Contact: Linda Hawthorne
Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Community Foundation
The Beaumont Enterprise Centre
Leicester
LE4 1HB
Tel: 0116 2293008 or 0115 9110466
Email: Linda@cefet.org.uk
Web: www.catalystfund.org.uk
Deadline: Check website for details
Process: Ring above number for stage one application form

Note: this fund is not available at the time of going to press since the management of the fund is changing.

CHARLES HAYWARD FOUNDATION

Predominantly, capital cost of buildings, extensions, adaptations, equipment, and furnishings. Project funding is occasionally granted for start-up or development activities where they are not yet part of the on-going revenue requirement of the project.

UK based registered national and regional charities, smaller local charities, churches and religious organisations, partnerships, community organisations, and mutual welfare societies which are responsible for their own management, finances and fund-raising are all eligible to apply. Support will be given to organisations undertaking projects, which include:

- Art, Preservation and the Environment
- Community facilities
- Older People
- Medical Research
- Early Intervention
- Hospices
- Medical Research
- Youth at Risk
- Criminal Justice
- Overseas
- People with Disabilities

The Foundation advises you to read the guidelines. Please send a SAE or download them from the website, before applying. There are specific guidelines and specific information is required, this is all explained.

Amount: £1,000 - £20,000 typically

Contact: The Charles Hayward Foundation
Hayward House
45 Harrington Gardens
London
SW7 4JU

Tel: 0207 370 7067

Web: www.charleshaywardfoundation.org.uk

Deadline: Ongoing although trustees meet only four times per year

Process: By letter

CHETWODE FOUNDATION

Grants for education, churches and general projects in Leicestershire and Nottinghamshire. Registered charities only need apply.

Contact: Mr. J. G. Ellis, Secretary

The Chetwode Foundation
C/o Sam worth Brothers Ltd
Chetwode House, 1 Samworth Way
Melton Mowbray
Leicestershire
LE13 1GA
Tel: 01664 414500
Deadline: Not known
Process: Applications in writing

CHURCH URBAN FUND

The fund is an independent charity funded by private donations and the Church of England. It gives support by financial and other means to support church action to enable deprived and marginalized communities to help themselves. Funding is awarded to projects that tackle poverty and marginalisation in the urban areas of England. The fund aims to benefit people who are societal, culturally, spiritually, environmentally and financially disadvantaged. The grant is not restricted on the basis of religious beliefs. It also supports projects that make better use of church buildings for community purposes. Applicants must have some link with a church, but may include other faith groups or community groups.

Contact: Amanda Ford
Tel: 0116 235 2667
Web: www.cus.org.uk
Deadline: Panel meets March, June, September and December

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ENGLAND

Supporting projects managed entirely or primarily by churches, local 'Churches together' Groups or other Christian organisations.
Priorities:

- Support and healthcare advice for young people
- Support for carers
- Counselling centres
- Development of self-help groups
- Transport of clients or volunteers
- Training of volunteers and/or volunteer organisers
- Development of neighbourhood work
- Resource centres for voluntary action
- Action/research into local needs and how volunteers can help

Amount: £20,000 maximum
Contact: Carole Golden
Churches Together in England

27 Tavistock Square
London
WC1H 9HH
Tel: 020 7529 8133
Fax: 020 7529 8134
Email: carole.golden@cte.org.uk
Web: www.churches-together.org.uk
Deadline: Closing date for projects 31st October each year.

COALFIELD REGENERATION TRUST

Projects based in the coalfield areas which fit into the following themes may apply for funding providing you are a voluntary community group or statutory organization:

- Supporting communities
- Learning communities
- Enterprising communities
- Supporting people into work

Amount: 10,000 – 300,000
Contact: The Coalfields Regeneration Trust
PO Box 97
Rotherham
South Yorks
S63 7WX
Tel: 0800 064 8560
Web: www.coalfields-regen.org.uk
Deadline: Unspecified but there is a 23 week turnaround

COMIC RELIEF

Comic Relief was set up in 1985 to tackle poverty and promote social justice across the UK and some of the poorest countries in the world. The UK grant programmes are:

- Younger People
- Older People
- Mental Health
- Refugees and Asylum Seekers
- Domestic Violence
- Disadvantaged Communities

It is essential that you read through the Grants guidelines 2005-08 before you apply for a grant.

This fund is currently open for applications. Please check web site

for application deadline dates.

Sport Relief is now available through your local Community Foundation – Sport Relief is listed elsewhere in this guide

Amount: £5,000 and over

Contact: UK Grants Team
Comic Relief
5th Floor
89 Albert Embankment
London
SE1 7TP

Tel: 020 7820 5555

Web: www.comicrelief.com

Process: Online application or by sending A4 SAE with 85p postage

COMMONWEALTH YOUTH EXCHANGE VISITS

‘Giving young people the opportunity to go global’. Part of the challenge of a Commonwealth youth exchange may involve building a school, learning a traditional dance or working on a health project. Exchange goals take two years to complete and are open to local organisations such as youth clubs, community or youth organisation or school.

To receive a starter pack including application and guidelines, contact:

Contact: CYEC
7 Lions Yard
Tremadoc Road
London
SW4 7NQ

Tel: 020 7498 6151

Fax: 020 7622 4365

Email: mail@cyec.org.uk

Web: www.cyec.org.uk

Deadline: 29th September 2006 or 27th October 2006 for Grants Committee meetings in October and November for work after 5th April 2006.

Process: Ring for application form or write enclosing A4 SAE and 4 x 1st class stamps

COMMUNITY ACTION FUND FOR YOUTH

Known as CAFFY it helps young people in Blaby District to help themselves in providing facilities and activities.

Grant: Maximum £1,200

Contact: J T Roper
Administrator

52 West Street
Blaby
Leicestershire
LE8 4GY
Tel: 0116 277 3965
Deadline: Continuous application process

COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS

A fund aimed at individuals who have shown leadership and are already active in their own community.

The fund will support the development of skills through formal and informal training, and access to information, wider networks and learning opportunities. They will be expected to drive forward community projects and pass on expertise to others in their community and other communities.

The Foundation runs the Community Champions programme in Leicestershire. Awards are paid in retrospect but you may contact the LLRC if this will prove difficult for you.

Amount: £2,000.00
Contact: Nicola Dalby
The Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland Community
Foundation
The Beaumont Enterprise Centre
72 Boston Road
Beaumont Leys
Leicester
LE4 1HB
Tel: 0116 229 3088
Fax: 0166 235 1844
Email: nicola@llrcommunityfoundation.org.uk

COMMUNITY LOAN FUND FOR THE EAST MIDLANDS

This is a partnership organisation for the East Midlands, providing loan finance to 'not-for-profit' organisations that are economically viable but are unable to access mainstream loan finance.

Amount: Between £15,000 and £100,000
Contact: Tony Glover
129 Church Road
Quarndon
Derbyshire
DE22 5JA
Tel: 01332 553 209
Email: tony.glover@lif.org.uk

Web: www.lif.org.uk
Deadline: Not specified
Process: Downloadable application form available

COMMUNITY ROOTS

Funding for the rural areas of Blaby District, Charnwood, etc. To support new community projects which encourage:

- Social improvements
- Environmental improvements
- Social enterprise
- Rural services

Amount: Up to £2,000 (50% match funding is required)
Contact: Lynda Baugh
RCC (Leicestershire & Rutland)
133 Loughborough Road
Leicester
LE4 5LQ
Tel: 0116 268 9710
Web: www.ruralcc.org.uk
Email: lbaugh@ruralcc.org.uk
Deadline: Continuous application process

COMPLETE WASTERS

Complete Wasters is a non-profit making voluntary group. Our aim is to re-use or recycle redundant office equipment, which we make available to community organisations and charities at low cost.

Groups can visit the shop at The Green Place, 6 Cossington Road, Sileby, Leicestershire, LE12 7RS. There is a range of computer systems, printers, peripherals and other office equipment available, with computer systems starting from as little as £40.

Contact: Deborah or Darren
Tel: 01509 815 181
Email: deborah@completewasters.co.uk
Web: www.completewasters.co.uk
Process: Ring or visit the online shop

CONNEXIONS

The new programme for small grants for the voluntary and community sector for 2007 will be announced in October 2006. See website.

Contact: David Smith
2nd Floor
6 Millstone Lane
Leicester
LE1 5JN
Web: www.connexions-leics.org
Tel: 0116 261 5900

For other grants contact Area Co-ordinators:

Charnwood:	Claire Eastman:	01509 214002
N W Leicestershire:	Barbara Beyst:	01530 812231
Hinckley & Bosworth:	Sue Tombs:	01455 632719
Melton Mowbray:	Una Meenan:	01664 569966
Market Harborough:	Julia Bayne:	01858 462309
Oadby/Wigston/Blaby:	Julia Bayne:	0116 287 7033

CONSERVATION FOUNDATION

To apply for this funding you need to access the website or contact the numbers below to become a member. Concentrating on environmental projects, this organisation gives Parish Pump Priming Awards to start up new projects.

Amount: Up to £1,000
Contact: The Conservation Foundation
1 Kensington Gore
London
SW7 2AR
Tel: 020 7591 3111
Web: www.conservationfoundation.co.uk

CRIMEBEAT

Grants for projects organised by young people which empower them, with appropriate support, to foster community safety and encourage them to be responsible members of their communities by tackling issues such as vandalism, car crime, drug dealing, bullying, racism or harassment and many others.

Amount: Up to £500 - £1,000
(Grants available over £1,000 if they fit in with local strategies)
Contact: Leicestershire & Rutland Crimebeat
Warning Zone
No 1 The Hallcroft
Syston
Leicestershire
LE7 1LD
Tel: 0116 260 4181

Email: mail@crimebeat.org.uk

Web: www.crimebeat.org.uk

Deadline: Continuous application process
Process: Send off for an Information Pack.
Online applications also available.

DICKIE BIRD FOUNDATION

The vision of the foundation is to assist financially disadvantaged young people under 18 years of age to participate, to the best of their ability, in the sport of their choice irrespective of their social circumstances, culture or ethnicity and to ensure that, in doing so, they improve their chances both inside and outside sport.

Guidelines, grant application contact details and a downloadable application form are available on the Foundation's website. Means testing applies.

Amount: Unknown

Contact: The Dickie Bird Foundation

Jefferson House

Orchard Lane

Guiseley

Leeds

LS20 9HZ

Tel: 01943 873482

Email: info@thedickiebirdfoundation.org

Web: www.thedickiebirdfoundation.org

EAST MIDLANDS REGIONAL ARTS BOARD

On April 1st the regional arts boards joined with the Arts Council to form a single development organisation for the arts. See the entry for the Arts Council.

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION FUND

The Government's Environmental Action Fund (EAF) is administered by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA). From 2005-2008 the EAF aims to help voluntary groups in England promote the Government's Sustainable Development Strategy by offering grants for core activities that:

- Promote **understanding and awareness** of sustainable development;
- Find ways of making sustainable living attractive to consumers and sustainable behaviour attractive to producers
- Take forward species and habitat **biodiversity**

Groups must find eligible 50% funding and ensure that the projects have a work plan agreed with DEFRA

Amount: £25,000-250,000 for 3 years of funding

Contact: EAF team, Defra
6/G9 Ashdown House
123 Victoria Street
London
SW1E 6DE

Tel: 020 7082 8680

Fax: 020 7082 8698

Web: www.defra.gov.uk

Process: Applications and guidelines are downloadable from website

ERNEST COOK TRUST

The Ernest Cook Trust is an **educational trust**, it awards grants to registered charities or not for profit organisations, for educational work. The Trustees are particularly interested in applications that provide opportunities for young people that may encourage them to gain qualifications to further their employment prospects.

- Conservation and the rural environment
- The arts, crafts and architecture
- The encouragement, through education of young people
- Research devoted to those main areas of work

Capital costs and individuals are not funded.

Applicants are asked to focus their request on a specific **educational** need, on a maximum of four sides of A4 paper.

Amount: £100 - £3,000 for small grants
£3,000 - £10,000 usual

Contact: The Grants Administrator
The Ernest Cook Trust
Fairford
Gloucestershire
GL7 4JH

Tel: 01285 713 273

Fax: 01285 711 692

Email: grants@ernestcooktrust.org.uk

Web: www.ernestcooktrust.org.uk

Deadline: Applications in by 31 Jan 2007 for 4 April and 31 Aug 2007 for November; no deadline for small grants.

Additional meetings are held every three months to consider requests under £3,000.

Process: Applications in writing. All guidelines on website

ESMEE FAIRBAIRN FOUNDATION

The Foundation aims to improve the quality of life, particularly for people and communities that face disadvantage. Grants will be made in the following four sectors:

- Social Development
- Environment
- Education
- Arts & Heritage

Registered charities or groups with charitable purposes are eligible to apply. Potential applicants are advised to read the guidelines before making an application.

Amount: No maximum award – Projects 1 – 3 years

Contact: The Secretary
Esmee Fairbairn Foundation
11 Park Place
London
SW1A 1LP

Tel: 020 7297 4700

Fax: 020 7297 4701

Web: www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk

Email: info@esmeefairbairn.org.uk

Deadline: Continuous application process but panel meets 4 x year on unpublished dates. If you are making an application for more than £100,000 it is advised that you telephone the Foundation to discuss your proposal before you put together the application.

Process: Written proposal document and cover sheet from website

Other Programme Contacts:

Arts & Heritage – 020 7297 4719

Education – 020 7297 4722

Environment – 020 7292 4722

Social Change – Enterprise & Independence – 020 7297 4727

EVERARD FOUNDATION

Funds general charitable purposes and registered charities in the East Midlands with a particular emphasis on Leicestershire. Grants available are unknown. Requests must be submitted for consideration.

Grant: Unknown

Contact: R.A.S. Everard, Trustee
The Everard Foundation
Castle Acres
Narborough
Leicestershire
LE19 1BY

Tel: 0116 201 4100
Deadline: Apply at any time in writing

FLAG – Forward with Leicestershire Aggregate Grants

FLAG is designed to offer communities and private landowners the opportunity to plan and implement a range of projects that will compensate local communities for the environmental impacts of aggregate extraction (sand and gravel and crushed rock). FLAG operates until March 2007, and is funded via Defra's Aggregate Levy Sustainability Fund.

Community Environmental Improvement Grant

These are for Parish/Town and District Councils, community groups, charities and schools. Typical schemes could include provision of play equipment, improving access to the countryside, site interpretation, creation of wildlife areas and biodiversity improvements.

Community Building Improvement Grants

These are for Parish/Town Councils, community groups, charities and religious organisations wishing to carry out external improvement works to the fabric of community buildings or related environmental improvements.

The application site must be in the administrative County of Leicestershire only.

Amount: up to 90% of costs up to a maximum of £50,000

Contact: Kate Nightingale
FLAG Administrator
Community Services Department
Leicestershire County Council
County Hall
Glenfield
Leicestershire
LE3 8TE

Tel: 0116 265 7971

Fax: 0116 265 7965

Email: knightingale@leics.gov.uk

Due to finish in March 2007 but may possibly continue.

FOOTBALL FOUNDATION

The Football Foundation is a unique partnership funded by the F.A. Premier League, the F.A. and the Government. The Foundation is the UK's largest sports charity. The Foundation is playing a key role in revitalizing grass routes sports, investing in our parks, schools and playing fields and harnessing the power of the game within our communities, to promote education and social inclusion. Their mission is to **improve facilities, create opportunities and build communities.**

With grants ranging from £100 to £1m, the Foundation can help with all your needs, whether it is a new changing room, community project, floodlights, pitch drainage or a football kit for your junior team.

The Football Foundation's charitable object is to promote all purposes recognized as charitable under the law of England and Wales from time to time in particular through an association with sport

The Foundation seeks:

- to put into place a new generation of modern facilities in parks, local leagues and schools
- to provide capital/revenue support to increase participation in grass roots football
- to strengthen the links between football and the community and to harness its potential as a force for good in society

A number of grants are available from the following schemes:

- Capital Project Scheme
- Goalpost Safety Scheme
- Community and Education Scheme
- Small Grants Scheme
- Junior Kit Scheme

Contact: Rachael Smith, Events and Marketing Officer
Football Foundation
30 Gloucester Place
London
W1U 8FF
Tel: 20 7534 4210
Fax: 20 7287 9804
Web: www.footballfoundation.org.uk
Process: Applications in writing

FOUNDATION FOR SPORT AND THE ARTS

The Foundation distributes money subscribed from Littlewoods Football Pools, however, its funds are now reduced. Grant aid should help to create or maintain facilities and opportunities for the general community, rather than the pursuit of individual excellence.

Amongst the types of projects the Foundation may support are:

- new buildings
- refurbishing

- equipment
- competition
- playground projects

Amount: See above but up to £75,000 (in exceptional circumstances)

Contact: Richard Boardley
Secretary to the Trustees
Foundation for Sport and the Arts
P.O. Box 20
Liverpool
L13 1HB

Tel: 0151 259 5505

Web: www.thefsa.net

Deadline: Continuous application process

Process: Telephone or Downloadable application form

FOYLE FOUNDATION

The trust supports organisations or projects, which benefit learning, including support for those with education special needs and learning difficulties.

Arts, Health, Libraries, Museums and archives are also supported. Applications for grants, which will make a difference because funding is difficult to obtain, or for other reasons will be of particular interest to the trustees.

Arts: The Foundation supports both the performing and visual arts and the main priorities are: to help make the arts more accessible by developing new audiences, supporting tours, festivals and arts educational projects; and by encouraging new work and supporting young and emerging artists. Building and infrastructure projects to construct new arts facilities, improve or reequip existing venues will also be considered. Community arts activity will not generally be supported.

Health: The Foundation supports applications linked to a known medical condition. The Foundation funds projects or core work that makes an active contribution to improved health care; smaller health charities, including those for rare or distressing conditions will be favoured. The Foundation will also support smaller research projects from time to time, where the outcome is expected to translate quickly into improved healthcare. Advocacy, counselling or general support services such as information distribution or telephone helplines will not generally be supported.

Projects, which provide direct benefit to the public, will be favoured.

Amount: Generally £5,000 - £20,000 – maximum grants of £100,000 in

any one year. Larger amounts will be over 2-3 years.

Contact: David Hall – Chief Executive
The Foyle Foundation
Rugby Chambers
2 Rugby Street
London
WC1N 3QU
Tel: 020 7430 9119
Fax: 020 7430 9830
Email: information@foylefoundation.org.uk
Web: www.foylefoundation.org.uk
Method: Continuous application process

GEORGE ERNEST ELLIS FOUNDATION

Grants for general charitable purposes in Leicestershire. No grants to individuals.

Contact: P.O. Box 6272
Market Harborough
Leicestershire
LE16 8YN
Deadline: End of May
Process: Applications in writing

GOALDIGGERS CHARITABLE TRUST

Currently the Trustees are focusing on Five-a-side and hard surfaced kick about areas where the primary use is football. Unfortunately, the Trust is not able to assist in equipping them or in providing ancillary facilities such as tennis. The Trust funds have been raised specifically for football and if other uses such as tennis or basketball are proposed for the area, clarification should be given to demonstrate that priority usage would be football.

The Trust provides information sheets regarding pitch sizes, recommended surfaces for kickabout areas and basic specification for a hard surfaced kickabout area with surround fence.

Amount: Maximum £10,000
Contact: The Secretary
The Goaldiggers Charitable Trust
25 Ovington Square
London
SW3 1LQ
Tel: 0171 584 6445
Deadline: Continuous application process
Process: In writing

GROUNDSWELL SMALL GRANT AWARD SCHEME

Funding for projects that are run by homeless and ex homeless people and those that actively involve homeless people in decision-making. This will cover:

- Start up cost
- Improving your environment
- Producing publications
- Running costs
- Housing

Projects eligible are those that provide services for:

- Homeless People, including rough sleepers, asylum seekers, users of homeless services, ex-homeless people and those recently resettled
- 'Hidden homeless' people, particularly people from ethnic minorities, women, young people, elderly people Community groups, including Tenants Associations, Residents Groups, Local Action Groups and co-ops
- People with health problems, particularly those with mental health problems, people with drug or alcohol dependencies, and people with physical disabilities
- Squatters
- Travellers and ex-Travellers (traditional and new age)

Amount: Up to £500

Contact: Groundswell UK
Elmfield House
5 Stockwell Mews
London
SW9 9GX

Tel: 020 7737 5500

Fax: 020 7733 1305

E-mail: info@groundswell.org.uk

www.groundswell.org.uk

Deadlines: 15th January, 15th April, 15th July, and 15th October

Process: Downloadable application form

HARRY JAMES RIDDLESTON CHARITY

Discretionary interest free loans for young people aged between 21 – 34 to assist in setting up their own business or to contribute towards the cost of vocational, professional or post-graduate studies. Applicants must be resident in Leicestershire or Rutland. Guarantors will be required.

Amount: £6,000 for business start-up and £4,000 for educational studies
Contact: Mrs M E Bass - Clerk to the Trustees
Tel: 01858 463322
Fax: 01858 410214
Process: Contact Clerk

HEDLEY FOUNDATION

The main objective of the Trustees' grant-making is to assist and encourage development and change. It follows that most grants will be of capital or one-off nature, but the Trustees sometimes agree to help fund the introduction of new and innovative projects with a series of up to 3 annual grants. Few grants exceed £5,000 and most of them go to charities where they can make an impact. We do not support large or national appeals.

Grants for specific projects only, mostly one-off, but no core revenue, salary or transport funding. The Foundation makes a limited number of recurring grants for up to three years. The grant supports:

Young people: their education, training, health and welfare,

Subsidiary objectives

Disabled people and the terminally ill: provision of specialist equipment and support for carers,

Medical Equipment: the provision of specialist medical equipment.

Churches: The Foundation supports churches only by way of an annual grant to the Historic Churches Preservation Trust.

Contact: Mrs Mary Kitto
Appeals Secretary
The Hedley Foundation
9 Dowgate Hill
London
EC4R 2SU

Deadlines: Meet 6 times a year. Next meetings: 21st September 23rd November. Applications need to arrive 3 weeks before

Process: In writing with accompanying information e.g. videos, CD ROMs etc. Please enclose SAE or your email address

Beneficial area: UK only. They do not support individuals.

HENRY SMITH'S (KENSINGTON ESTATE) CHARITY

Operates a small grants programme that supports small, grass roots local organisations with an annual income of less than £150,000.

The funding is ideal for organisations needing equipment or help with

costs of transport or training.

Amount: Grants are up to £10,000, although most are for £1,000 to £3,000

Contact: The Director
The Henry Smith Charity
124 Chancery Lane
Clifford's Inn
London
EC4A 1BU

Tel: 020 7320 6884

Fax: 020 7320 3842

Web: www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk

Deadline: Ongoing. Panel meets March, June, Sept & Dec but applications need to be submitted 8 weeks prior to panel meetings

Process: In writing

HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND

There are a number of programmes available under this fund:

YOUNG ROOTS – for projects £5,000 - £25,000

A branch of the Heritage Lottery Fund encouraging young people (13 – 20) or up to 25 for young people with special needs, to learn about, and get involved in, their heritage. Eligible projects must be delivered through partnerships.

YOUR HERITAGE – for projects £5,000 - £50,000

Grants to care for and protect our heritage, to learn about and enjoy our heritage and to improve the quality of life for our own and future generations.

Projects must:

- Encourage more people to be involved in their heritage
- Conserve and enhance our diverse heritage

All projects must make sure that everyone has access to them

HERITAGE GRANT – for projects £50,000 and over

Mixed revenue and capital scheme. To support projects that look after and enhance the UK's heritage. Project planning grants of £5,000 to £50,000 are available to help applicant plan for a Heritage Grant project.

Contact: Heritage Lottery Fund
East Midlands Regional Office
Chiltern House

St Nicholas Court
25-27 Castle Gate
Nottingham
NG1 7AR

Tel: 0115 934 9050

Fax: 0115 934 9051

Web: www.hlf.org.uk

Deadline: No deadlines – continuous application process

Process Downloadable application forms on website along with details of other grants available.

IN KIND DIRECT

In Kind Direct acts as a clearinghouse for surplus goods generated by industry, channelling them to charitable causes in the voluntary sector. Donated goods include toys, toiletries and tools; household appliances and products; clothes, shoes, sportswear and equipment; office supplies and equipment. Groups are required to pay an annual registration fee (for voluntary and community groups this is currently £30 + vat) and a handling charge for any goods received but there are frequent subsidised registrations, details on request.

Contact: In Kind Direct
5th Floor
11-15 Monument Street
London
EC3R 8JU

Tel: 020 7714 3930

Fax: 020 7714 3930

Web: www.inkinddirect.org

Deadline: Continuous application process

Process: Contact using above details

INTERNATIONAL TREE FOUNDATION

Grants are available for tree planting and must be processed through the local branch of the Foundation. Whilst grants for tree planting in private gardens are not made, tree planting in farmlands may be made. To discuss your project, please contact the Chairman of the Leicestershire and Rutland branch:

Amount: Maximum £500

Contact: John Moore

Tel: 0116 268 9701

Email: jmoore@ruralcc.org.uk

Web: www.internationaltreefoundation.org

If you are outside of Leicestershire and Rutland, call 0870 774 4269

J REGINALD CORAH FOUNDATION FUND

General charitable purposes in Leicestershire, including Medical, Welfare, Children/Youth and Education, in particular for the benefit of employees and ex-employees of hosiery firms carrying on business in the county and city of Leicester.

Contact: Mrs P. Fowle
Harvey Ingram LLP
20 New Walk
Leicester
LE1 6TX
Tel: 0116 254 5454
Deadline: Continuous application process
Process: In writing

JOHN LONGWILL'S AGRICULTURAL SCHEME

Funding is possibly available for young farmers who are farming within the County of Leicestershire.

Funds available for purchase of equipment and purchase of livestock.
Funds will not be given for purchase or maintenance of buildings.

Amount: Not Specified
Contact: Mrs H A M. Lander (Clerk)
Mr. John Longwill's Agricultural Scheme
3 Wycliffe Street
Leicester
LE1 5LR
Tel: 0116 262 6052
Deadline: Continuous application process
Process: In writing

JOSEPH ROWNTREE FOUNDATION

The Foundation supports independent social policy research based projects.

Most of the projects would fall into one of the five categories listed over:

- Housing and Neighbourhoods
- Practice and Research
- Governance
- Immigration and Inclusion
- Independent Living
- Parenting
- Poverty and Disadvantage
- Drug and alcohol research programme

Web: www.jrf.org.uk
Deadline: Not known
Process: Proposal following guidelines on website

KEN CHAMBERLAIN ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST AWARDS

Awards from voluntary groups for conservation projects or to help projects meet environmental considerations. Examples of projects funded include:

- Purchasing environmentally friendly paint for a project
- Purchasing energy-saving products for a project
- Funding to provide a secure cycle parking place
- Planting a wildlife area with native species
- Setting up recycling facilities
- Using sustainable materials for a project

The Awards Panel meets 7 times a year and responds as soon as possible to applications. Awards are supported by Severn Trent Water.

Contact: Ken Chamberlain Trust Environmental Awards
PO Box 6862
Loughborough
Leicestershire
LE11 3WJ

Email: info@kenchamberlaintrust.org.uk

Web: www.kenchamberlaintrust.org.uk

Deadline: Continuous application process

Process: Downloadable application form on website

LANKELLYCHASE FOUNDATION

The Lankelly Foundation and the Chase Charity have now merged. Grants are available for registered charities throughout the United Kingdom with the exception of Greater London and Northern Ireland. Preferred are those that have user involvement and the support of volunteers.

The Trustees have 7 programmes of work:

- Heritage
- Breaking the Cycle
- The Arts
- Asylum Seekers
- Developing Communities
- Free and Quiet Minds
- Offenders in Society

Applicants should consult the website carefully before writing

Amount: Variable
Contact: The Lankellychase Foundation
2 The Court
High Street
Harwell
Didcot
Oxfordshire
OX11 OEY
Tel: 01235 820044
Web: www.lankellychase.org.uk
Deadline: Continuous application process
Process: By letter

LCBP

Managed by the Energy Saving Trust, the low carbon buildings programme will provide grants for microgeneration technologies to householders, community organisations, schools, the public and not for profit sector and private businesses. Under the DTI's low carbon buildings programme grants totalling £10.5 million will be available to householders and community organisations for microgeneration technology. A further £18 million will be made available to public, not for profit and private sector organisations for medium and large scale microgeneration projects.

Amount: Grants will be up to a maximum of £30,000 or 50% of the capital and installation cost of the microgeneration technologies installed. These grants will be awarded on a rolling first-come-first-served basis.

Contact: Energy Saving Trust
21 Dartmouth Street
London
SW1H 9BP
Tel: 0800 915 0990
Email: info@lowcarbonbuildings.org.uk
Web: <http://www.lowcarbonbuildings.org.uk/>
Deadline: Continuous application process
Process: Application form available online

LEICESTERSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

The Trust gives grants for the preservation and repair of churches and chapels in the diocese of Leicester. Application forms are available from the following address:

Contact: Mr. T Y Cocks, Hon. Secretary
24 Beresford Drive
Leicester
LE2 3LA
Tel: 0116 270 3424

Deadline: Trustees meet in March and October (applications should be received a month before the trustees meet).

LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION

Loans are available from the L.&R.P.F.A., plus advice and practical help with applications to other bodies. The Association runs a "One Stop Shop" which is an easy access fund for grants to new clubs, or clubs starting new sports.

Loans: Loans of up to £5,000 are available, interest free, repayable over 5 years

One Stop Shop: Starter grants of up to 50% of project cost. Maximum £500

Contact: John Moore, County Secretary
Leicestershire & Rutland Playing Fields Association
133 Loughborough Road
Leicester
LE4 5LQ

Tel: 0116 268 9701

Email: jmoore@ruralcc.org.uk

Deadline: Continuous application process (limited funds)

LEICESTERSHIRE PROHELP

Leicestershire ProHelp is a network of professional firms offering *free professional advice and strategic support* for one-off projects for the voluntary and community sector within Leicestershire.

Member firms include solicitors, website developers, graphic designers, marketing consultants, accountants, architects, IT experts, and surveyors who commit to offering support free of charge each year on a range of projects.

Projects could include feasibility studies, business planning, structural surveys, marketing plans, legal, IT, and accountancy advice, planning applications etc.

Please note that Leicestershire ProHelp does not support applications from animal welfare organizations, international organizations, and faith groups (unless the group can demonstrate that the project is for wider community benefit).

Leicestershire ProHelp supports not-for-profit organizations that cannot otherwise afford professional support. Applicant organisations will be asked to submit a copy of their annual accounts or similar.

Contact: Leicestershire Cares

42 Tower Street
Leicester
LE1 6WT
Tel: 0116 275 6490
Email: info@leicestershirecares.co.uk
Web: www.leicestershirecares.co.uk
Deadline: Firms meet bi-monthly to review all applications that have been received. Deadline dates are enclosed in the Application Pack.
Process: Application pack and further information available on request.

LESLEY SELL CHARITABLE TRUST

This independent Trust fund distributes over 150 grants to Scout and Guide Groups each year. The Trust makes small grants (usually up to £1500) to groups to help with the cost of purchasing scout equipment and repairing HQs. It also gives assistance to individual Scouts for overseas camps. Applicants are advised to show evidence of their own fundraising when submitting bids.

Amount: Up to £1500
Contact: Mr. J Byrnes
The Lesley Sell Charitable Trust
Ground Floor Offices
52 London Road
St Albans
Hertfordshire
AL1 1NG
Tel: 01727 843603
Fax: 01727 843663

LIFESTYLE GRANTS

The Lifestyle Grants programme aims to support lifestyle interventions in communities to prevent or reduce the risk factors of heart disease. Applications are encouraged from Community Organisations, Inter-sectoral partnerships, and Community Researchers whose applications consider lifestyle interventions – physical activity, healthy eating and smoking cessation programmes that will help reduce and prevent heart disease.

Amount: Grants are awarded from £1,000 to £10,000. These can be one offs, part funding or just for the first year
Contact: Lifestyle Officer

Tel: 0113 297 6206
Email: lifestyle@heartsearch.org.uk
Web: www.heartresearch.org.uk/lifestylegrants.org.uk
Deadline: There is no closing date, although grants are awarded twice a year in May and November.

Process: Email outline proposal that meets the criteria listed on website

LINLEY SHAW FOUNDATION

Applicants must be registered charities and at least one of the applicants' objectives or aims must include the conservation, preservation or restoration of the natural beauty of the countryside. The foundation likes to see the active involvement of volunteers. The Committee looks favorably upon those organisations, which apply for a specific project. Applications to be submitted by letter - there is no application form. A break down of project costs is required. (Only reply to successful candidates).

Grant: Between £500 and £15,000

Contact: The Manager
Charities
Natwest Private Banking
153 Preston Road
Brighton
BN1 6BD

Tel: 01273 545035

Deadline: February 2004

(Applications should be received by the end of January in order to be considered)

LLOYDS TSB FOUNDATION

There is one main grant-making programme, the Community Programme.

Community programme:

This is our mainstream grants programme; the vast majority of applications fall within this programme – 90% of the funds distributed in 2004. This may be applied for regionally or nationally depending on geographical coverage.

Collaborative Funding Stream:

The Trustees believe the Foundation is well-placed to facilitate new ways of working in the sector and to promote the exchange of ideas, knowledge and good practice.

The Trustees are keen to identify and support collaborative work (organisations working together) within the sector and with public agencies where appropriate, and have set aside funds specifically for this purpose. We generally take a pro-active approach to identify collaborative funding opportunities.

Amount: Avg. £6,310 – national work averages at £16'750 – Mostly one-off but 2 year considered

Contact: Local contact – Gary Beharrell – 0115 958 8745
London Central Office:
PO BOX 46156
3rd Floor, 4 St. Dunstan's Hill
London
EC3R 8UL
Tel: 0870 411 1223
Fax: 0870 411 1224
Minicom: 0870 411 1225
Email: guidelines@lloydstsbfoundations.org.uk
Web: www.lloydstsbfoundations.org.uk
Deadline: Continuous application process (decision made within 3 months)

LOCAL NETWORK FUND FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

The Fund is intended to help projects working with children and young people between the ages of 0-19 years who face deprivation and social exclusion. Examples of groups funded are: rural youth clubs and pre-schools, summer schemes, junior sports clubs, activities and uniformed groups. Funding can be for capital or revenue. Equipment, trips, staffing, young-people led schemes particularly welcomed.

The **Outcomes**, which are: **Be Health, Stay Safe, Enjoy and Achieve, Make a Positive Contribution and Achieve Economic Wellbeing.**

Amounts: £250 - £7,000
Tel: 0845 113 0161 for an application form
Assistance: 0116 268 9710 for Leicestershire and Rutland
0116 224 2453 for Leicester City
Web: www.cypu.gov.uk
Deadline: Ongoing – panel meets 6-weekly
Process: Application form from above 0845 number.

Rural Community Council Officer available to help with applications:

Contact: Lynda Baugh
RCC (Leicestershire & Rutland)
133 Loughborough Road
Leicester
LE4 5LQ
Tel: 0116 268 9710
Web: www.ruralcc.org.uk
Email: lbaugh@ruralcc.org.uk

MAUD ELKINGTON CHARITABLE TRUST

This trust concentrates on grants (social welfare and general) to groups in areas associated with the settler, Miss Elkington – Northamptonshire and

Leicestershire. Grants for educational purposes are not awarded to individuals.

Amount: Not specified
Contact: Mrs P Fowle
Harvey Ingram LLP
20 New Walk
Leicester
LE1 6TX
Tel: 0116 254 5454
Deadline: Not specified
Process: Applications in writing

MELTON MOWBRAY BUILDING SOCIETY CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

The objective is to promote and support charitable and community activity within the counties of Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire and Rutland. Projects that may be supported may include: -

Provision of equipment and supplies to enhance learning
Community Health care
Safer Environments
Youth in preparation for adult life
Disabled persons and those requiring assistance
Children, particularly from a distressed domestic background

Grant: £50 - £300
Contact: Miss Melanie Swainston, Secretary to the Trustees
Melton Mowbray Building Society Charitable Foundation
C/O Melton Mowbray Building Society
Leicester Road
Melton Mowbray
Leicestershire
LE15 0DB
Tel/Fax: 01664 414 141/01664 414 040
Deadline: Continuous process (trustees meet on a quarterly basis)

NATIONAL FOREST GRANTS

The National Forest Company has small grants available to groups working with the local community within the Forest. The over-riding priority is for projects that help to increase awareness and understanding of the Forest and help to create opportunities for people to take an active role in the Forest's creation. Grants are also available to support access, recreation, nature conservation and heritage projects.

Detailed criteria is available from:

Amount: Not specified but can be up to 50% of costs

Contact: Sue Anderson
The National Forest Company
Enterprise Glade
Bath Lane
Moiria
Swadlincote
Derbys.
DE12 6BD

Tel: 01283 551211

Fax: 01283 552844

Web www.nationalforest.org

Deadline: Continuous application process

Process: Downloadable application available

NATIONWIDE FOUNDATION

The Foundation makes donations to charitable and not-for-profit organisations with charitable purposes.

It is presently in the process of updating all of its criteria and informs potential applicants to visit the website or call the number below for new guidelines. None were available at time of printing this document.

Contact: The Nationwide Foundation
Nationwide House
Pipers Way
Swindon
SN38 2SN

Tel: 01793 655113 (Mon-Thurs 9.30 –1.00)

Web: www.nationwidefoundation.org.uk

Email the.foundation@nationwide.co.uk

NOTTINGHAM EAST MIDLANDS AIRPORT COMMUNITY FUND

Established in 2002 the Community Fund forms part of the airport's Community Relations Strategy and is dedicated to bringing lasting benefit to those areas most affected by the airport's operations. The fund objectives focus on community facilities for sport, recreation and leisure, environmental protection and heritage conservation, environmental education and wildlife protection.

The fund is seeded by a £50,000 donation from the airport and is supplemented by fines levied on noisy aircraft. Grants are made on a quarterly basis to projects within a 10 mile radius of the airport.

Contact: Community Fund Administrator
Building 34
Nottingham East Midlands Airport
Castle Donington
Derbyshire
DE74 2SA

Web: www.nottinghamema.com/cms/142/community-fund.html

Email: community@nottinghamema.com

Process: Online application form

P & C HICKINBOTHAM CHARITABLE TRUST

General charitable purposes nationally, with a preference for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. Support social welfare organisations and some churches.

Amount: £250 up to £15,000

Contact: Mrs C.R. Hickinbotham
Hickinbotham Charitable Trust
69 Main Street
Bushby
Leicester
LE7 9PL

Tel: 0116 2431152

Deadline: Applications considered as necessary but unsuccessful applications may not be notified

Process: Applications in writing

PAGET TRUST

One off grants are made for sheer need e.g. third world causes. More locally, a range of welfare causes will be considered. Normally for registered charities working for deprived children, the aged, chronically ill, carers, organic agriculture/horticulture, environment, farming charities and prevention of cruelty to animals. It will not fund individuals or students. It will fund international, national and local (Loughborough and Nanpantan areas mainly prioritised) causes.

Amount: Mainly small amounts and funding is limited

Contact: Joanna Herbert-Stepney
Old Village Stores
Dippenhall Street
Crandall
Farnham
Surrey
GU10 5NZ

Tel: 01509 502907 or 01252 850253

Deadline: None specified

Process: A phone call first is advised

PARTNERSHIP GRANTS

Partnership Grants, funded by Primary Care Trusts and Social Services, are available to voluntary groups that operate in Leicestershire and Rutland (or a wider area). Grants are for one-off costs in support of services that improve the health of residents, that help reduce inequalities experiences by vulnerable people or that promote health in the general population.

There are two main projects supported through the grant – Care and Support and Health Promotion.

Care and Support

- People experiencing hardship due to material disadvantage (low income, unemployed, homeless)
- People experiencing social isolation through culture and ethnicity
- Families with children, pregnant women, young children and teenagers who need support to maintain health and safety
- People who are disadvantaged by reason of disability, ill health, age, gender or sexuality

Health Promotion

Ideally through statutory/voluntary partnerships, applications must address one or more of the following:

- Food and health
- Physical activity
- Tobacco control;
- Mental well being
- Sexual health
- Accident prevention
- Substance misuse (drugs and alcohol)
- Teenage pregnancy

Grant: Up to £5,000

Contact: Keith Martin
Partnership Commissioning Manager
Melton Rutland & Harborough PCT
PERA Innovation Park
Nottingham Road
Melton Mowbray
Leicestershire
LE13 0RH

Tel: 01664 855515

Email: keith.martin@mrhpct.nhs.uk

Deadline: Continuous application process

Process: Application forms available through local CVS, Voluntary Action or by contacting Keith Martin as above

PERCY BILTON CHARITY

Registered charities or youth organisations in the UK are eligible to apply. Organisations must have one or more of the following target groups/aims.

- Youth work at risk
- People with disabilities or special needs
- Older people

Please note the charity does not fund running costs.

There are two grants available:

- **Small grants:** Donations of up to £500 towards furnishings and equipment for small projects
- **Larger Grant:** Over £2,000 one-off payments for capital expenditure. available for work in the field of youth work

Amount: Please see above

Contact: The Percy Bilton Charity

7 Culmington Road

Ealing

London

W13 9NB

Tel: 020 8579 2829

Fax: 020 8579 3650

Web: www.percybiltoncharity.org.uk

Deadline: Ongoing. The board meets in March, June, September and December

Process: See website for Guidance Notes or call.

PILGRIM TRUST

The Pilgrim Trust provides funding for registered charities. Priority areas are as follows:

- Social Welfare
- Art and Learning
- Preservation
- Conservation of Historic Contents

The Trust prefers to support projects where their contribution makes a significant difference. They particularly wish to support projects, which find it difficult to raise funds from other sources.

Amount: £100,000 designated for applications of less than £5,000 per annum. Average of £20,000 for larger projects

Contact: Georgina Nayler

The Pilgrim Trust
Cowley House
9 Little College Street
London
SW1P 3SH
Tel: 020 7222 4723
Fax: 020 7976 0461
Email: georgina.nayler@thepilgrimtrust.org.uk
Deadline: Application can be made at any time - Trustees meet in January, April, July and October.
Process: In writing

PRINCE'S TRUST

Provides business start-up loans and support to individuals aged 18 to 30. Applicants should be unemployed.

Amount: Loans of up to £4,000 per sole trader, £5,000 per partnership
Grants of up to £1,500 per partner in special circumstances
£250 available to 'test the market'

Contact: The Prince's Trust
East Midlands Regional Office
Mansion House
41 Guildhall Lane
Leicester
LE1 5FQ
Tel: 0116 253 7824
0800 842 842
Email: webinfoem@princes-trust.org.uk
Deadline: On going
Process: Online enquiry form

POWERGENS GREEN PLAN

A fund which supports renewable energy generation projects in the community, led by community organisations or groups.

- Projects must: result in the creation of renewable energy
- Show new or an expansion of capacity in renewable energy
- Must have a positive impact on the environment
- Must be used for the for the capital costs
- Must have consent and be sustainable

Web: www.princes-trust.org.uk

Grant: £2,500 to £25,000 with 80% issued at start of project and 20% on completion

Deadlines: 31st December for January review continuing at six month intervals

Contact: The Green Plan Fund Committee
Powergen
Wyvern House
Phoenix Park
Colliers Way
Nottingham
NG8 6AT

PUBLIC TRANSPORT GROUP – LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

The Public Transport Group offers grants to voluntary organisations providing public transport services in rural communities and for mobility impaired people.

Amount: Variable
Contact: Caroline Mackay
Tel: 0116 265 7241
Deadline: On going programme

RANK FOUNDATION

The Grant supports the encouragement of:

- leadership amongst young people
- disadvantaged young people
- those frail or lonely through old age or disability
- the promotion of Christian principles through film or media

Registered Charities only should apply

Amount: Variable but minimum project cost must be £5,000
Contact: Mrs Sheila Gent
Grants Administrator
The Rank Foundation
PO Box 2862,
Whitnash
Leamington Spa
CV31 2YH
Tel: 01926 744550
Fax: 01926 744550
Email: sheila.gent@rankfoundation.com
Web: www.rankfoundation.com

Deadline: Ongoing. The Directors meet quarterly and applicants will be

notified when their appeal is to be considered

Process: Required are 2 sides of A4 giving charity name and registration number. Brief details about the project and amount to be raised. Details of amount raised so far towards the project, copy of audited accounts.

ROYAL FORESTRY SOCIETY

The funds available for the planting and management of trees and forests are numerous and criteria often changes. Please visit the website for details of grants available. A booklet of grants for tree planting is available to freely download from the website www.rfs.org.uk or from the contact address below:

Contact: Royal Forestry Society
102 High Street,
Tring
Herts
HP23 4AF
Tel: 01442 822028
Email: rfshq@rfs.org.uk

RUTLAND HISTORIC CHURCHES PRESERVATION TRUST

The Trust gives grants for the preservation and repair of churches and chapels in the county of Rutland. Application forms are available from the following address:

Contact: Mrs L.I. Worrall
6 Redland Close
Barrowden
Rutland
LE15 8ES
Tel: 01572 747302
Email: jock.kennedy@tesco.net
Deadline: Not Known

RUTLAND TRUST

The Trust gives about 40% of its grants to youth work and educational projects, and about 60% to general charitable purposes.

Grant: Generally up to £300

Contact: Richard Adams
35 Trent Road
Oakham
Rutland
LE15 6HE
Tel: 01572 756706
Deadline: Continuous application process – (Applications in writing)

SAINSBURY FAMILY CHARITABLE TRUSTS

A list of the Trusts which come within the Sainsbury family is set out below. The Trusts can make grants only to registered charities or to institutions that have charitable status. They do not normally fund individuals for projects, educational fees or to join overseas expeditions.

There are no application forms. Applicants should apply in writing and include the following information: details of your charitable organisation – its aims, objectives and planned outcomes; your project proposal – its cost and detailed budget, how you propose to raise the balance of the grant sought, and how the project will be evaluated; the most recent annual report and audited accounts. They ask that applicants confine their letter of application to two sides of A4 plus the additional items requested.

Do not apply to more than one trust as your application will be considered by all the relevant trusts. They warn that the vast majority of unsolicited appeals are unsuccessful. The Sainsbury Family Charitable Trusts have a proactive approach to grant making and they also receive thousands of proposals. It is not possible to help more than a small proportion of these.

The Sainsbury Family Charitable Trusts:

Alan and Babette Sainsbury Charitable Trust	Kay Kendall Leukaemia Fund
Ashden Charitable Trust	Linbury Trust
Elizabeth Clark Charitable Trust	Mark Leonard Trust
Gatsby Charitable Foundation	Monument Trust
Glass-House Trust	Staples Trust
Headley Trust	Tedworth Trust
Indigo Trust	Three Guineas Trust
Jerusalem Trust	True Colours Trust
JJ Charitable Trust	Woodward Charitable Trust

Contact: Mr. Michael Patterson
Director
Allington House
1st Floor
150 Victoria Street
London
SW1E 5AE

Tel: 0207 410 0330

Fax: 0207 410 0332

Web: www.gatsby.org.uk

Deadline: None

Process: In writing – please see above guidelines

SHIRE GRANTS

Shire Grants are available from Leicestershire County Council and are broken down into 7 separate areas. For general information, contact:

Main Shire Grant email: ShireGrants@leics.gov.uk

Or website: www.leics.gov.uk/shire

Unless otherwise stated, write to the officers listed below at:

Leicestershire County Council

County Hall

Glenfield, Leicester

LE3 8TE

Deadlines: Usually continuous but check first

SHIRE ARTS DEVELOPMENT

Funding is available for small art projects, of any form. Projects that have been funded in the past include opera, puppetry, choral/classical music, theatre, festivals and visual arts.

Funding for 2006 is now closed. A new round will be available in April 2007. Please submit applications from March, April. There is only a small budget and it is usually all allocated by the end of April.

Amount: £250 upwards

Contact: Emily Horwood

Leicestershire County Council Heritage Services

County Arts Development Officer

Tel: 0116 267 0015

Email: ehorwood@leics.gov.uk

Web: www.leics.org.uk

Process: Ring for application form or download from website

SHIRE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT GRANT

The Grant Scheme is for both community and private applicants. These can cover a wide range of works including:-

- New play areas, public open spaces, public art, planting, landscape management and habitat creation works on public or community owned sites and:
- Landscape management and habitat creation works on privately owned land

Applications will be assessed against the following criteria:

- Value for money

- A high quality of design, materials and workmanship
- Practicality of implementation and maintenance
- Clear community or environmental benefit
- An ability to complete the scheme within 12 months of the grant offer
- Compliance with County Council objectives

Grant: Up to £10,000

Contact: Pam Holliday

Tel: 0116 265 7305

Email: pholliday@leics.gov.uk

Process: Ring for application form or download from website

SHIRE GRANT AID FOR VOLUNTARY YOUTH ORGANISATIONS

Grants available for the upkeep of premises and purchase of equipment.

Amount: Variable according to type and size of applicant organisation. It is anticipated the minimum grant will be £200.

Contact: Geoff Field
Education Department

Tel: 0116 265 6306

Email: gfield@leics.gov.uk

Process: Ring for application form or download from website

SHIRE HISTORIC BUILDINGS GRANT

Grants and specialist technical advice is available for essential repairs or the restoration of original architectural features to certain historic buildings and structures.

Applications are currently assessed against the following criteria:

- Ownership and property type
- Status of building
- Type of repairs
- Community benefit

Amount: 12% to a maximum of £1,000

Contact: Dianne Braker

Tel: 0116 265 7082

Email: dbraker@leics.gov.uk

SHIRE INDEPENDENT MUSEUM GRANTS

Project grants are awarded to community museums operating independently of the County Council. One-off payments are made to help museums improve documentation, security, display, storage, conservation, education or access. Eligible applicants are independent museums located within the administrative boundaries of Leicestershire.

Amount: Up to £500

Contact: Claire Browne

Community Museums Officer

Leicestershire County Council Heritage Services

Environmental Resources Centre Holly Hayes

216 Birstall Road

Birstall

Leicester

LE4 4DG

Tel: 0116 267 0012

Email: cbrowne@leics.gov.uk

Deadline: None given

Process: Tel contact number above for application form

SHIRE SMALL GRANTS SCHEME

One-off grants to voluntary organisations in Leicestershire, which support older or disabled people or children under 5.

Areas of interest include:

- Holiday transport costs for people with disabilities
- Carers support groups

Amounts: Starter grant £200.00

Carer support groups £500 max

Under 5s £200

Holiday Transport £300

Contact: Pat Fraser

Tel: 0116 265 7415

Email: pjfraser@leics.gov.uk

Process: Contact Marianne Knight on 0116 265 7444

SHIRE VILLAGE HALL GRANTS

Now within the Shire Grant Scheme. Financial assistance is available towards the cost of capital projects such as purchasing sites or buildings, construction of new village halls and adaptations/extensions. Applicants must have charitable status, and be located in Leicestershire.

25% of the match-funding should be locally raised or from private/charitable sources, with District and Parish Councils contributing the remaining 25% (ideally 12.5% each), although special cases can be

made where the population is below 200

Grant: Up to a maximum of 30% of total costs subject to a maximum of £20,000. Minimum project cost considered is £5000.

Contact: John Moore
Deputy Director
Rural Community Council (Leicestershire & Rutland)
133 Loughborough Road
Leicester
LE4 5LQ

Tel: 0116 268 9701

Email: jmoore@ruralcc.org.uk

Deadline: Continuous application process (limited funding)
Applications considered at quarterly Committee meetings.

SPORTLINK

This provides a service that can help individual sports men and women and clubs to find sponsorship. For a small fee, information that you send in is produced on.

A web site and this gives exposure to companies that could be potential sponsors.

Contact: Sportlink UK
Orchard House
Lower Street
Pulborough
West Sussex
RH20 2BL
Tel: 01798 872555
Web: www.sportlinkuk.com
Email: reception@sportlinkuk.com

SPORT RELIEF

Sport relief through Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland Community Foundation, is looking to support local community groups who are using sport and/or exercise in any of the following ways:

- To increase access to sport and exercise for people who face social exclusion and isolation
- To help people who are experiencing difficulties in their lives to regain their confidence and self esteem
- To encourage people to take part in sporting activities that will bring communities together

This programme is not about an established club or centre buying a new set of football goals or about the leisure centre wanting to improve its

physical access, but is strongly focused on supporting ideas and projects that use sport and/or exercise creatively. If you have a really good idea but are not sure whether it fits the criteria, do not be put off – contact the foundation and discuss it with them.

Amount: £250 - £5,000
Contact: Leics, Leicester & Rutland Community Foundation
Beaumont Enterprise Centre
72 Boston Road
Leicester
LE4 1HB
Tel: 0116 2341942
Fax: 0116 2351844
Email: admin@llrcommunityfoundation.org.uk
Deadline: Ongoing application process
Process: Ring or email to request application form

SPORTSAID

SportsAid is an independent charity, which funds young sportsmen and women between the ages of 12-18 with a preference for those aged 12 – 16. Applicants must not be earning more than £7,500 per annum or be in receipt of a TASS, TASS2012 or National Lottery Funding in genuine financial need and therefore

NOT in receipt of a Lottery Performance Grant. They must also be a British competitor living and training in England.

Applications must be made through, and endorsed by, the appropriate national governing body of the sport involved.

Amount: Around £250.00
Contact: The Charity for Sport
3rd Floor, Victoria House
Victoria House
Bloomsbury Square
London
WC1B 4SE
Tel: 020 7273 1957
Fax: 020 7273 1981
Web: www.sportsaid.org.uk
Email: mail@sportsaid.org.uk

SPORTSMATCH

Sportsmatch is the Government's scheme to encourage the commercial sponsorship of grass roots sport. Any new company sponsorship that is obtained by an organisation (starting from a minimum of £1,000) has the possibility of being matched pound for pound by Sportsmatch (up to a

maximum of £50,000). Schools only need to raise £500 in sponsorship – this is to encourage smaller

Businesses to get involved in sponsoring grass roots sport. The applicant body must come up with a project for sponsorship and find a company that is interested in supporting it. Priority is given to disabled, young people, community projects and school sport. Sportsmatch is for revenue rather than capital projects.

Applicants must be at a grass roots level, that is, beginners, novices, those new to the sport or wanting to improve their skills.

Any not-for-profit group can apply. Capital awards are only available for projects under £5,000. Rules and a pre-application guide are available.

Amount: See above
Contact: Sportsmatch Scheme Manager
3rd Floor
Victoria House
Bloomsbury Square
London
WC1B 4SE
Tel: 020 7273 1942
Local Contact: Karen Prothero
Tel: 0790 049 6579
Fax: 0207 273 1981
Email: karen@sportsmatch.co.uk
Web: www.sportsmatch.co.uk
Deadline: Ongoing – every two months.

STEPPING STONES COUNTRYSIDE MANAGEMENT PROJECT

The Stepping Stones Project covers an area of 33 parishes around Leicester where the urban and rural landscape merge, and is concerned with conserving and enhancing the countryside in these areas for the benefit of people and wildlife. The aims of the Project are to improve access for all, enhance the countryside, improve awareness of the countryside and encourage community action. The Project can offer both financial and advisory support to both community groups and farmers / landowners for improvement works such as tree planting, pond creation and the development of nature areas.

Grant: Community Environmental Improvement Grants of up to £2,000 (75% of the total cost of the scheme):

Contact: Project Officer
Stepping Stones CMP
Environment and Heritage

Community Services Department
Leicestershire County Council
County Hall
Glenfield
LE3 8TE
Tel: 0116 265 7264/7221
Email: steppingstones@leics.gov.uk
Deadline: On-going Programme

SUMMER PLAYSCHEMES GRANTS

One-off grants for children's summer playschemes and specialist schemes for children and young people with a learning disability. Schemes should be open to all children living in a local area.

Amount: Varies according to duration and number of children expected

Contact: Rob Wade (Playschemes for children with disabilities)
Service manager for disability early years and family support
Social Services Department
Leicestershire County Council
Tel: 01455 894808

Contact: Michelle Fisher (Main Stream Playschemes)
Early Years Education Department
Leicestershire County Council
Tel: 0116 265 6594
Deadline: End of February each year

Process: Applications normally sent out automatically but if you are new or unsure of your eligibility, ring 0116 2656 613 – Neil Smith.

SUTTON TRUST

A trust which funds projects that provide educational opportunities for young people from non-privileged backgrounds. Particular interest is given to innovative projects and pilot schemes that have the potential to benefit large numbers, and in new research. It tends to fund projects in a formal education setting, working primarily with organisations such as schools, universities, community groups, charities and research bodies.

Amount: Unknown but applications are usually for one year but can go up to 3

Contact: The Sutton Trust
Heritage House
21 Inner Park Road
Wimbledon
London
SW19 6ED

Deadlines: None

Process: The trust is happy to discuss project proposals before applications are sent in

TAKE A BREAK SCHEME - CARERS GRANTS

If you are looking after an adult (18 years and over), who is not able to care for themselves, or if you are a young person looking after an adult (18 years and over) member of your family, then you may qualify for funding to help you take a break from your caring role.

To qualify, the person you are caring for must be an adult (18 years and over) with:

- A mental illness who is in contact with/receiving support from the mental health service
- A physical/sensory/learning disability, who is in receipt of the middle or higher rate of care component of DLA, attendance allowance
- An adult who has a terminal/long term degenerative illness
- If you provide care for the person for 28 hours or more per week
- For young carers there is no time limit

Grant: One of payments of up to £250 maximum per year depending on the number of hours per week spent caring.

For further information including eligibility criteria, contact your nearest referral agents for the following areas:

Blaby:	0116 275 1918
Charnwood:	01509 631783
Harborough:	01858 433232
Hinckley:	01455 231998
Melton:	01664 410007
NWLeics:	01283 551261
Oadby & Wigston:	0116 281 0026

Or contact your local Social Services Office.

TESCO CHARITY TRUST

The Community Award Scheme benefits local community project which focus on the support of:

- Children's Welfare
- Children's Educational Projects including special needs in schools
- People who have disabilities
- Elderly people

Only projects that are based in areas where TESCO has stores will be funded.

Applications are considered in two rounds:

- Children's welfare and educational projects - closing date for applications 31st January each year - funding distributed in February.
- Organisations supporting elderly people and people with disabilities - Closing date for applications 30th June each year - funding distributed in July.

Amount: £1,500 - £5,000

Contact: Tesco Charity Trust, Tesco House

Delamere Road

Cheshunt

Waltham Cross

Herts.

EN8 9SL

Tel: 01992 646 768

Fax: 01992 646 794

Deadline: Children & educational projects – end January

Elderly people & people with disabilities – end June

Process: Please write to the Trust with details of your project. If your project fits the criteria, you will be sent a holding letter advising you that an application form will be sent.

TRUSTHOUSE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

A broad grants policy which favours the following fields of work:

- Healthcare and Disability
- Community Support
- Education and the Arts

Only not for profit organisations should apply.

Amount: Small Grant – under £10,000 for annual income below £300,000

Large Grant – over £10,000 - £50,000 – capital projects only

Contact: Richard Hopgood

The Trusthouse Charitable Foundation

124 Chancery Lane

London EC4A 1BU

Tel: 020 7320 6996

Web: www.trusthousecharitablefoundation.org.uk

Deadline: All applicants are advised of the proposed time scale for decision-making upon receipt of the application form.

Process: Application form and guidelines are available from the website.

TUDOR TRUST

The Tudor Trust is an independent grant-making charitable trust which supports organizations working across the UK. Tudor does not focus its funding on specific themes or programmes but instead wants to support a wide range of people and organizations working to achieve lasting change in their communities. Tudor aims to support work which addresses the social, emotional and financial needs of people at the margins on society, and is interested in how organizations tackle these needs, and their root causes.

Tudor is most likely to fund groups with an annual turn over of less than £1 million. The Trust lists in its guidelines the types of organization and work that it will **not** consider for funding. Grants can take the form of core funding (including salaries and running costs), development funding, project grants or capital grants. See the funding guidelines for more information: these can be downloaded from the website www.tudortrust.org.uk or contact the Trust and ask for a hard copy.

It is vital to read the Funding Guidelines carefully before submitting a proposal.

Amount: No maximum or minimum grant.

Contact: The Tudor Trust
7 Ladbroke Grove
London
W11 3BD

Tel: 020 7727 8522

Web: www.tudortrust.org.uk

Deadline: Rolling programme. Trustees meet every 3 weeks

Process: Two stage application process – see guidelines. All applications must be submitted by post.

UK VILLAGES COMMUNITY KITTY AWARDS

This scheme, which also provides an online web resource for villages, awards grants to community projects. Examples of projects funded so far are: toys for a playgroup, heritable projects, equipment for groups, and money for playing field committees.

Amount: £50 - £500

Contact: UK Villages Ltd
37 Church Street
Harston
Cambs
CB2 5NP

Tel: 01223 874 500

Email: info@ukvillages.co.uk

Web: www.ukvillages.co.uk

Deadline: Bi-annual. Check website for details.

Process: Downloadable application form on website.

WATERWAYS TRUST SMALL GRANT SCHEME

Grants given to organisations, community groups and schools for new projects.

Priorities in this area are:

- Waterway wildlife conservation
- Restoration of historic waterway craft

Projects need to address at least one of the following objectives:

- provide lasting environmental enhancement
- encourage public enjoyment and awareness on the waterways
- Actively involve and benefit the community
- improve educational opportunity and interpretation of the waterway
- benefit young people

Amount: £1,000 and under

Contact: Mrs Jenny Rogers
The Waterways Trust
The Boat Museum
South Pier Road
Ellesmere Port
CH65 4FW

Tel: 0151 3734387

Web: www.thewaterwaystrust.org.uk

Deadline: 30 November 2006 for January 2007

Process: Applications: Downloadable from website

WEBB MEMORIAL TRUST

All applications for funding are evaluated by assessing whether they support the Webb's aspirations in the areas of higher education (particularly economic and social sciences), the furthering of democracy and human rights, and their enthusiasm for development in Eastern Europe.

Applications should include information outlining the nature of the project, costs, timing and how the project fits in with the Trust's objectives. For information and application form please visit website.

Grant Available: Range from £500 to £10,000 (up to £65,000 distributed annually)

Contact: Mike Parker, Hon Secretary
Webb Memorial Trust
'Mount Royal'
Allendale Road
Hexham
Northumberland

NE46 2NJ
Web: www.webbmemorialtrust.org.uk

Deadline: Applications for grants in the Trust's financial year, which begins on 1st August, must be submitted by 31st January in the previous financial year. Please check for current funding availability

Process: Downloadable from the website

WOMEN'S SPORTS FOUNDATION

The Women's Sports Foundation provides information to women in sport and can help find sources of sponsorship.

Contact: The Women's Sports Foundation
3rd Floor
Victoria House
Bloomsbury Square
London
SC1B 4SE
Tel: 0208 697 5370
Web: www.wsf.org.uk

WREN

This programme terminates at the end of 2006 in Leicestershire.

Waste Recycling Environmental Ltd (WREN) is an Environmental Body distributing the Landfill Tax credits of Waste Recycling Group plc (WRG) to projects throughout WRG's operating areas.

The aim of the Landfill Tax Credit Scheme is to encourage and make people aware of the benefits of sustainable waste management practices, such as recycling and the re-use of waste and to work with communities that live in the close proximity to landfill sites in order to improve their social and physical environments

Eligible projects include provision and maintenance of public amenities, reclamation of land whose use is prevented by previous activity, projects to reduce or prevent pollution of land, whose use is prevented by previous activity; research and development, education, sustainable waste management and recycling; restoration and repair of buildings open to the public for religious worship or which are of historic or architectural interest.

Those projects which demonstrate self help, viability, sustainability and offer benefits to large numbers of people will receive priority funding.

Applicants need to be able to raise 10% of project costs and be situated within 10 miles of a landfill site.

Nearest Landfill Site - Bradgate Landfill Site, Markfield, Leics.

Amount: £2,000 - £20,000 (with diminishing funds, £5000)

Maximum for church projects is £2,000

Contact: Waste Recycling Environmental Ltd

WREN House

Manor Farm

Bridgham

Norwich

Norfolk

NR16 2RX

Tel: 01953 714111

Email: wren@wren.org.uk

Web: www.wren.org.uk

Process: Downloadable Application Form

8 LOCAL TRUSTS AND CHARITIES PARTICULAR TO INDIVIDUAL VILLAGES

There are a number of funds held by small villages and hamlets that are often part of legacies left by local inhabitants. The revenue from field rental, sale of crops or the interest on the original amount bequeathed perpetuates the funds. Often small amounts, they may be distributed annually or more regularly. All villages in Leicestershire and Rutland were contacted and those shown below are the ones that responded.

Billesdon

Poor's Close (or the charities of Anthony Cade and others)

Small amounts e.g. £100 area available at the trustee's discretion from those in financial difficulties living within the Parish of Billesdon. Apply in writing to the trustees c/o Mrs J A Steele, 22 Church Street, Billesdon, Leicestershire LE7 9AE

Bitteswell

Bitteswell United Charities

Small grants given throughout the year to residents of the Parish. Apply through the treasures, Mrs B Bourgoine, Radbroke, Ashby Lane, and Bitteswell.

Breedon, Tongue and Wilson

Parish Charities

Funding available annually in May for residents of the above villages. Apply in writing to: Mrs J Allen, Clerk, 31 Glendevon Way, Chellaston, Derby. DE73 5AG

Croft

Funding up to £50 available to groups within Croft. Apply in writing to The Clerk, 14 Erskine Close, Hinckley, Leicestershire. LE10 0XL

Enderby

General Grant Fund

Funding of up to £1,000 available most years to groups within the Parish. Apply to the Clerk to the Council, Civic Centre, King Street, Enderby, Leics. LE19 4NT

Ketton

Ketton Village Awards

A fund of £16,000 per annum available to residents and organisations (based on need) within Ketton Village by contacting the Hon Secretary, Victor Henry, 01780 720425 or by letter to the above via the parish clerk

Langham

A fund for widows and widowers held by the Parish Council. Contact 01572

757194 for details

Lubenham

Alderman Newton Educational Charity

Available for any resident of Lubenham pursuing a course of study. Given annually. Contact: The Trustees, Alderman Newton Charity, the Chestnuts, Old Hall Lane, Lubenham. LE16 9TJ

Market Bosworth

The Dixie Trust

Available to local groups and individuals. Apply to the trust via The Headmaster, The Dixie School, Station Road, Market Bosworth, Nuneaton Warks. CV13 0JS

Medbourne

Medbourne Charities Fund

Apply to the Trustees – details on Parish notice board. Given annually to those in difficulties

Rotherby & Hoby

Catherine Gregory Trust

Available once per child to all children living in Rotherby for the purchase of a bible and encyclopedia. Recipients are approached by the Trust. Contact Mrs Serena Richards, Rotherby Grange, Rotherby

Hoby Charities

Available to residents of Hoby. Contact Mrs S Warner, Main St, Hoby

Swannington

S 137 Awards

A fund available annually upon request with a maximum of £500 to village community groups. Contact the Parish Council via the Clerk, Mr. B Duncombe on 01530 831383

Whetstone

Whetstone Parish Council Grant Aid

Available to community groups based in Whetstone with a maximum of £1,000. Applications to be considered March and September should be forwarded to Whetstone Parish Council, Council Offices, Cemetery Road, Whetstone, Leics. LE8 6LL. Tel: 0116 275 1987

Wymondham

The Sir John Sedley Educational Foundation

Available to young people up to the age of 25 living in the parish of Wymondham and peripheral parishes who are attending educational courses and need financial help in purchasing specialist materials and personal equipment. Write to: Mr. T H Forrester-Coles, Clerk to the Sir John Sedley Educational Foundation, 13 Carlton Crescent, East Leake, Loughborough, Leicestershire. LE12 6JF

9 FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR BUSINESS SUPPORT

ADVENTURE CAPITAL FUND

Suitable for organisations who feel that they are ready to use their investment as part of a finance package that will enable them to grow and become truly sustainable. You must meet all of the criteria which is listed in brief below. Please see website for full criteria.

You must be:

- an organisation
- be working within a local community
- independent and community led
- working in England
- involved in enterprise
- have a track record of delivering to your community
- be able to plan and deliver successful community based enterprise activity

The fund will not normally invest in organisations that have been running for less than a year. Your enterprise, however, might be a new activity for you that will contribute to the longer term growth and/or stability of your organisation.

Contact: 020 7488 3455
Email: info@adventurecapitalfund.org.uk
Web: adventurecapitalfund.org.uk

ARTS & BUSINESS EAST MIDLANDS

Arts & Business provide information, resources and advice to help arts organizations develop. From enhancing the fundraising capacity of arts organizations to enriching their boards, Arts & Business programmes can help the arts discover new skills, meet new people and explore new sources of income.

Arts & Business East Midlands operate two investment programmes designed to develop sponsorship relationships between businesses and arts organizations:

Arts & Business New Partners

Arts & Business New Partners is an investment programme to promote the development of new, sustainable, mutually beneficial partnerships between commercial businesses and the arts. A New Partners investment directly adds value to our sponsorship relationship with a business. New Partners is open to any size of arts organization and to most forms of partnership with business.

'One-off' projects provide much needed cash for the arts, but at Arts & Business we want to see this commitment go further by encouraging new, wider, deeper and more ambitious partnerships, generating benefits for the arts world, the business, and the community. Arts & Business New Partners is an incentive programme to enable the development of such partnerships.

A business must invest a minimum of £1,000 (in cash or kind) and Arts & Business will invest no more than the business (between £1,000 and £50,000). There is no limit to the number of partnerships that the New Partners might help establish. Projects should be new and priority will be given to projects which show the business undertaking two or more new arts based activities.

New Partners applications must go before an independent regional panel and there are deadlines quarterly.

SmART Investment Programme

The SmART Investment programme offers financial incentives to encourage small and medium sized enterprises to engage with the arts and to experience how the arts can deliver real business benefits to the SME sector

SmART Investments will match a business sponsorship of the arts pound for pound, up to £1,000. We aim to encourage first time business engagement with the arts for the smaller business and budget.

SmART Investment applications are received on an ongoing basis.

Contact: Nick Lawford (Arts & Office Manager)
Martindale House
The Green
Ruddington
Nottingham
NG11 6HH

Tel: 0115 921 6950

Fax: 0115 921 6903

Email: nick.lawford@aandb.org.uk

Web: www.aandb.org.uk

Deadline: Continuous application process (regional panel meetings on a bi-monthly basis).

LEICESTER & COUNTY CO-OPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

The Leicester & County Co-operative Development Agency offers advice, support and training to people interested in establishing social enterprises and co-operatives.

Loan Available: Can provide access to loans
Contact: Dorothy Francis
Leicester & County Co-operative Development Agency
Email: enquiries@lccda.co.uk
Web: www.lccda.co.uk
Tel: 0116 222 5010
Deadline: On-going support

SIR THOMAS WHITE LOAN CHARITY

Interest free loans of up to £12,000 for nine years, for business start-ups and businesses up to eighteen months old needing financial investment. £5,000 available for post graduate degrees. Applicants must be 18-34 and the business located in Leicestershire or Rutland. Guarantors required for the loan.

Amount: Educational loans up to £5,000/Business loans up to £12,000
Contact: Wendy Faulkner
Sir Thomas White Loan Charity
Charnwood Court
5b The New Walk
Leicester
LE1 6TE
Tel: 0116 204 6620
Email: wf@stwcharity.co.uk
Web: www.stwcharity.co.uk
Process: Ring or visit the website for guidelines on applying

10 FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR RURAL BUSINESS SUPPORT

LEICESTERSHIRE COMPETITIVE MARKET TOWNS INITIATIVE GRANTS

Living over the Shop (LOTS) and Working over the Shop (WOTS) grants assist property owners in designated Market Towns and Rural Centres to convert vacant floor space above shops and other commercial properties to new residential and work accommodation.

Owners of property with vacant floor space and/or upper floors capable of being converted into flats or workspace could be eligible for a grant under this initiative. Leasehold Properties must have at least 5 years remaining in the terms of the lease.

Grants will be available for up to 50% of the costs of eligible works, not to exceed:

- £3500 per unit for private renting
- £5000 per residential unit for lettings to be administered by a housing association or registered landlord.
- £5000 per commercial unit for lettings administered by a voluntary or community organisation.

Priority will be given to proposals that result in the creation of new residential or commercial units. However, if you are upgrading or improving an existing flat, grants may be offered for up to 25% of eligible works up to a maximum of £1750 per residential unit.

Shop Front Improvement Grants are also available to improve the appearance and utility of the frontages of shops and commercial premises in designated market towns and rural centres in Leicestershire. Grants are available for up to 50% of the costs of eligible works, not to exceed £2,000 per commercial scheme or £3,000 per scheme administered by a voluntary or community organisation

Contact: The Regeneration Team, Room 500, Environment & Heritage Services, Community Services Department, Leicestershire County Council, County Hall, Glenfield, Leicester, LE3 8RE.

Tel: 0116 265 7025.

Email regeneration@leics.gov.uk

Leicestershire Rural Micro Business Development Grant Initiative

The principle objective of this grant initiative is to help rural small businesses (up to 20 employees) in designated rural areas, including farm-based businesses, achieve proposals for development, diversification and income generation.

Applicants who are DEFRA registered working farmers and who derive at least half of their income from farming may be eligible for up to £5,000 of grant at up to 50% of capital or revenue costs. The maximum payable to other applicants is up to £3,000 at up to 50% of capital for revenue costs.

It is intended the grants will help start new enterprises and expand or improve existing ones. The applicant must demonstrate that the funding will support business development through improvements to productivity, profitability and the knowledge skills of employees.

Eligible capital activities include:

- Acquisition of new or used production machinery
- Purchase of equipment need for new products/services
- Purchase of specialist equipment, fixtures and fittings.
- Infrastructures to improve visitor attractions such as farm trails or equestrian activities.

Eligible revenue activities include:

- Marketing and promotional activity
- Introduction of a computer or improved communication technology
- Training in specific employee skills or management development
- Consultancy advice covering for example health and safety, business planning and management and good environmental practice

Note: Important exclusion - all activities link to the production, processing and manufacturing of agricultural goods - as this would be contrary to the EU agricultural state aid rules.

Contact the Regeneration Team, at Leicestershire County Council, Environment and Heritage Services, Community Services Department, County Hall, Leicester Road, Glenfield, Leicester, LE3 8RE.

Tel: 0116 265 7033.

Email regeneration@leics.gov.uk.

Leicestershire Rural Visitor Grant Scheme (Not available in the Boroughs of Melton and Harborough)

Brief Criteria Applications are invited from tourism-related businesses and organisations based in Leicestershire. Organisations must employ less than the equivalent of 50 full time people, be paying council tax or business rates in Leicestershire, and be involved in the development and operation of tourism related facilities or services.

This grant scheme provides an opportunity to develop your tourism based Business with grant support towards the costs of:

- **Tourism Development Grant** – to provide business with financial support so that services and facilities can be developed and upgraded in order to offer enhanced quality visitor experience. Businesses are eligible to apply for a grant of up to 50% towards the costs of a project – maximum grant £2,000.
- **Tourism Marketing Grant** – to assist tourism-related businesses to raise their profile and attract new visitors through effective marketing and promotion. The grant could be used to set up a business web site, promoting a business in one of the region-side tourist publication or production of promotional literature and leaflets. Businesses are eligible to apply for a grant of up to 50% of the costs - maximum grant £200
- **Tourism Training Grant - Eligible** provides financial assistance to businesses in order that employees and proprietors may develop the necessary skills to succeed in the tourism industry.
- **Accommodation and Attraction Inspection Grant** – offers financial assistance to establishments wishing to acquire quality assured recognition by participating in the Accommodation Quality Assurance Scheme or the Visitors Attractions Quality Assurance Service.

To discuss your ideas contact David Friesner at Leicester Shire Promotions Ltd on 0116 225 4072 or email david.freisner@l-p-l.com

To request an application form please contact Judith Billington on 0116 265 7031 or email on jbillington@leics.gov.uk

LEICESTERSHIRE RURAL RETAIL AND POST OFFICE DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES

To maintain and, wherever possible, improve performance of village shops, village post offices and other essential retail outlets thereby increasing their viability and competitiveness and helping to prevent further closures in rural Leicestershire.

Both schemes are available to essential rural retail outlets and post offices servicing rural communities with a population of less than 10,000. Those benefiting may be:

Retail Outlets

Food and grocery stores, newsagents, specialist butchers, greengrocers and fishmongers, farm shops, community shops, petrol station retail elements and some privately owned public houses.

Post Offices

Those that enhance the range of services available from rural post offices, particularly if they are innovative, forward thinking and new. We would not support the introduction of a service or product that is already available from another business in the same settlement. Priority will also be given to projects that have been developed in response to research to establish the needs of a local community.

Support and Advice Available

Owners, Post-masters/mistresses are invited to complete an Initial Enquiry Form which should be submitted to the Rural Officer of the Rural Community Council. Should the follow-up visit by a retail consultant find that you are eligible, you will be given a full application form to complete and submit.

The grant will not support:

- General repair work and maintenance
- Running costs
- Purchase of stock
- Staff costs

It will support:

- Improving access in to premises
- Improving the sales area and security of the premises
- Improving the external appearance of the premises
- Modernising to meet the requirements of legislation
- Introduction of new services e.g. Photocopying, faxing, dry cleaning etc
- Marketing costs (should not exceed 20% of total eligible costs)

Grant: Between £250 and £5,000 for up to 50% of the eligible cost. Projects, therefore, must cost at least £500 although they can exceed £10,000.
Shop owners or sub-postmaster/mistress must contribute a minimum of 50% of the total eligible cost.

Contact: Kevin Butcher – Rural Officer
Rural Community Council (Leics & Rutland)
Community House
133 Loughborough Road
Leicester
LE4 5LQ

Tel: 01162 689703

Email: kbutcher@ruralcc.org.uk

NEW LIFE FOR REDUNDANT BUILDINGS INITIATIVE

This initiative provides the opportunity for the owners of redundant buildings in designated rural areas to obtain advice and financial assistance towards the introduction of new economic uses into their buildings.

The grant is offered in three stages:

- **Stage 1** Advisory Site Visit and Report: funded by the initiative and worth £260, this advice is FREE to applicants.
- **Stage 2** Detailed development package to obtain planning permission: 75% of costs up to maximum of £750.
- **Stage 3** Building works: 25% of costs up to a maximum of £9000 for applicants who are working farmers with at least 50% of their income from farming activities OR a maximum of £4,000 for other applicants.

Contact: The Regeneration Team
Room 500
Environment & Heritage Services
Community Services Department
Leicestershire County Council
County Hall
Glenfield
Leicester
LE3 8RE

Tel: 0116 265 7033

Email: regeneration@leics.gov.uk

Deadline: None Given

Process: Downloadable from website

RURAL ENTERPRISE SCHEME

This scheme provides assistance for projects that aim to develop more sustainable, diversified and enterprising rural economies and communities and to help farmers adapt to changing markets and embrace new business opportunities.

Projects should range from those designed to produce a commercial return to those where the primary aim is to provide social and/or environmental benefits.

Examples of projects could be:

- Set up costs for labour and machinery rings
- Marketing of quality agricultural products
- Set up costs for small-scale basic services
- Renovation of dilapidated buildings that provide a community focus
- New build of community facilities such as multi-purpose village halls
- Conversion of redundant buildings into farm show, tea-rooms or offices
- Setting up tourist activities

The scheme is open to farmers, rural businesses and community groups as long as the final beneficiaries of the scheme are non-public sector organisations. Collaborative projects are particularly welcome as are projects developed by local groups or mixed interest and projects using a range of RES activities or combined with other ERDP schemes. A detailed business case must be prepared and submitted.

Amount: Not specified but there is an annual limit
50%-100% for projects which have no or a minimal level of economic return for the applicant
30%-50% for projects where economic return for the applicant is the primary objective
15%-30% for annual return in excess of 25% of the total investment

Contact: 0845 933 5577 (Helpline)
Email: helpline@defra.gsi.gov.uk
Web: defra.gov.uk/erdp/schemes/res/default.htm
Deadline: No restrictions on when you should apply but the panel meet quarterly. There is a fast-track process for applications of less than £15,000

WELLAND TOURISM GRANT SCHEME – (Harborough and Melton)

There are four types of grant offered:

Development Grant

Business can apply for a grant of up to 50% of the cost of an eligible project

(up to £2000). The funding is to help develop or upgrade services and facilities such as:

- Adding or upgrading accommodation facilities
- Developing leisure facilities such as cycle hire
- Creating interpretation boards for information / education
- Provision of signage

Tourism Marketing Grant

This grant is designed to help any tourist related business to raise its profile and attract new visitors through enhanced marketing and promotion such as:

- Setting up a business website
- Promotion through a regional tourist publication
- Production of promotional literature

The grant is up to 50% of project costs - maximum grant £250.

Accommodation Inspection Grant

Nationally recognised grading is increasingly important to any accommodation provider, and this grant offers help towards inclusion in a Harmonised Quality Assurance Scheme such as Visit Heart of England (VHoE), which raises business profile through national recognition.

The grant pays a maximum 50% towards one year's inspection (maximum grant £150) to give businesses due recognition of high quality levels.

Applicants can also apply for grant aid towards the cost of a pre- inspection visit and also for inspection under the National Accessible Scheme, aimed at businesses wishing to promote disabled facilities.

Tourism Training Grants

Good customer care is an essential for quality tourism and our Training Grant gives financial help to businesses who proprietors and employees wish to develop their skills.

Details of courses are available from the Welland Tourism Grants Officer. Businesses can apply for a grant of up to 50% of training costs (Maximum £200).

Who Can Apply?

Any tourism related business within the Welland can apply, provided they:

- Employ less than the full time equivalent of 50 people
- Pay council tax or business rates to one of the five Welland authorities
- Are involved in the development and operation tourism related facilities and services.

Typical activities include visitor attractions (farm parks or historic buildings),

accommodation (hotels and B&Bs, leisure facilities (horse riding, cycling and water sport), food (restaurants, cafes and pubs), retails (garden centres and craft shops) and culture (galleries and visitor centres).

Contact: Marina Di Salvatore Welland Tourism Grants Officer
Tel: 01664 502329.

11 USEFUL INFORMATION AND OTHER FUNDING SOURCES

FUNDERFINDER

Most CVS and Voluntary Actions have a funding package called Funderfinder and can help you to use it to find funds for your project. The offices also hold copies of the linked publications listing National and Local Charities and Trusts.

The list of local village based charities is endless. To find out about such charities in your community contact the Rural Officer at the RCC or your local CVS or Voluntary Action. CVS's often produce information packs listing local charities. (Contact details on page 85)

EUROPEAN FUNDING

For initial details about European funding or signposting to other relevant organisations contact:

Contact: Julie Hurst-Jones, European Officer
Chief Executive's Dept
Leicestershire County Council
County Hall
Glenfield
Leicester
LE3 8RA
Tel: 0116 2657021
Email: jhjones@leics.gov.uk

INTERNET FUNDING SITES

Access-funds www.access-funds.co.uk
All About Giving www.allaboutgiving.org
Cash-online www.cash-online.org.uk
Charities Aid Foundation www.cafonline.org.uk
Charity Commission www.charity-commission.org.uk
Charities Information Bureau www.cibfunding.org.uk
Directory of Social Change www.dsc.org.uk
Fundersonline www.fundersonline.org
Grants Net www.grantsnet.co.uk
Grants Online www.grantsonline.org.uk
Government Funding www.governmentfunding.org.uk
Sustainable Funding Project www.ncvo-sfp.org.uk
Trust Funding www.trustfunding.org.uk
UK Fundraising www.fundraising.co.uk

NEED TO FIND STATISTICS?

National Statistics www.statistics.gov.uk
Leicestershire Online Research Atlas www.lsora.org

NEED PROFESSIONAL HELP BUT HAVE NO MONEY?

Prohelp are a group of professional firms who provide free professional services to voluntary and community organisations in their local areas.
www.prohelp.org.uk

EVER WONDERED WHAT HAPPENS TO THE £1.00 YOU PAY FOR A LOTTERY TICKET?

The National Lottery is now known as 'The Big Lottery' and has undergone a number of changes in its funding strategy. It is one of the largest funders of voluntary and community projects although its work is not confined to this sector. It is interesting to note how the £1.00 paid for a lottery ticket is actually used.

- 50 pence goes in prizes
- 28p to good causes
- 12 pence in duty or tax
- 5 pence is paid to retailers of tickets
- 5 pence remains to cover Camelot's administrative costs and profit

12 BOROUGH AND DISTRICT FUNDING

Very often, Borough and District Councils operate funds for a variety of projects, however the amount and type of grant available varies between authorities. They could include business promotion grants, leisure and sports grants, housing and energy grants and Listed/Conservation building grants. Why not contact your local council and ask what grants they can offer or visit their websites. This type of information usually comes under 'community'.

BLABY DISTRICT COUNCIL

Council Offices
Narborough
Leicester
LE19 2EP
0116 275 0555
www.blaby.gov.uk

CHARNWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL

Southfields Road
Loughborough
Leics.
LE11 2TR
01509 263 151
www.charnwood.gov.uk

HARBOROUGH DISTRICT COUNCIL BOROUGH COUNCIL

Council Offices
Adam & Eve Street
Market Harborough
Leics.
LE16 7AG
01858 821 286
www.harborough.gov.uk

HINCKLEY & BOSWORTH

Council Offices
Argents Mead
Hinckley
Leics.
LE10 1BZ
01455 238 141
www.hinckley&bosworthonline.gov.uk

MELTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

Council Offices
Nottingham Road
Melton Mowbray
Leics.
LE13 0UL
01664 502 502
www.melton.gov.uk

NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Council Offices
Coalville
Leics.
LE67 3FJ
01530 454 545
www.nwleicestershire.gov.uk

RUTLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

Catmose
Oakham
Rutland
LE15 6HP
01572 722 577
www.rutland.gov.uk

OADBY & WIGSTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

Bushloe House
Station Road
Wigston
Leicestershire
LE18 2DR
0116 288 8961
www.oadby-wigston.gov.uk

13 LOCAL HELP AND SUPPORT AVAILABLE IN YOUR AREA

Councils' for Voluntary Service (CVS), Voluntary Actions and the Rural Community Council often hold application forms and can offer lots of help and advice on setting up your projects and making applications - why not get in touch with them to find out more?

RCC (LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND)

Community House,
133 Loughborough Road,
Leicester.
LE4 5LQ

Tel: 0116 268 9703 **Contact: Kevin Butcher**

STH LEICESTERSHIRE CVS

The Settling Rooms, St Mary's Place, Springfield Street
Market Harborough, Leicestershire LE16 7DR

Tel: 01858 433 232 **Contact: Bridget Cattell**

BLABY DISTRICT CVS

The Parish Rooms, The Old School, Blaby Road, Enderby,
Leicester LE9 5AP

Tel: 0116 275 1918 **Contact: Barbara Berry**

CHARNWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

John Storer House Wards End Loughborough Leicestershire LE11 3HA

Tel: 01509 631750 **Contact: Cath Walker**

VOLUNTARY ACTION HINCKLEY & BOSWORTH

12 Waterloo Road, Hinckley, Leics. LE10 1QJ

Tel: 01455 615962 **Contact: Jane Wright**

MELTON CVS

Windsor House, Windsor Street, Melton Mowbray, Leics. LE13 1BU

Tel: 01664 410 007 **Contact: Kathy McKinley**

NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE CVS

The Marlene Reid Centre, 85 Belvoir Road, Coalville, Leics. LE67 2PH

Tel: 01530 510515 **Contact: Lesley Massey**

VOLUNTARY ACTION RUTLAND

Rutland Centre, Barleythorpe Road, Oakham, Rutland, LE15 6QH

Tel: 01572 722 622 **Contact: Kathy Braddock**

VOLUNTARY ACTION LEICESTER

9 Newarke Street, Leicester, LE1 5SN

Tel: 0116 2580666 **Contact: Organisation** Development Team

14 RURAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL RESOURCE ROOM

Did you know that through the support of WREN and Leicestershire Constabulary, we now have a fully equipped resource room here at the RCC for the use of the public? It is available for use on any working day between 9am and 4pm. Please ring us on 0116 266 2905 to book your space.

We have:

- Internet Enabled Computer
- Printer
- Scanner
- CD Writer
- Paper Guillotine

You can also view copies of recent community consultation documents such as:

- Parish Plans
- Village Appraisals
- Village Design Statements

We also have:

- Back copies of various rural issues magazines and newsletters
- Local and national documents
- A variety of funding application forms
- Help and support from our staff
- Disabled access

We look forward to seeing you

15 NOTICE OF INCORRECT INFORMATION

We would be very pleased if you would inform us of any incorrect information that you find in this funding guide. We will then be able to correct it on the website version and in next years guide.

Page	Fund	Incorrect Info	Correct Info

Notice of Funding Streams in Your Area Not Listed In This Guide

Any information you can give us will be added to the website version of this guide or included in next years guide. Please retune this section completed, write to us or email us with the following information:

Name of fund

Who is eligible

Criteria

Amount

Deadline

How to apply

Please return any information to The Rural Community Council (details listed on next page)