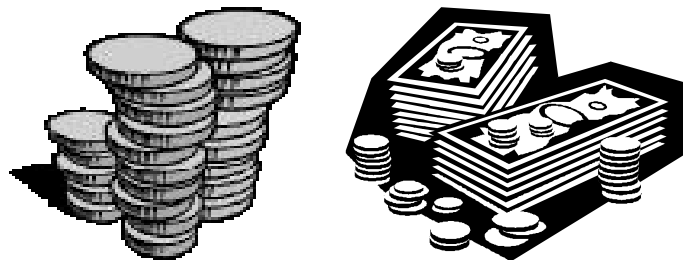




Social Enterprise

List of Funders



Providing quality funding information, advice and support for the voluntary and community sector through your Cumbria CVS Local Office:

Barrow 01229 823144
Carlisle 01228 512513
Eden 01768 800350
South Lakeland 01539 742627
West Cumbria CVS 01900 819191

Social Enterprise Guide

This Social Enterprise Guide has been devised to provide third sector groups across Cumbria with a list of funders who will consider funding this type of activity.

This guide however is not exhaustive. If you require a more comprehensive list of funders tailored to your specific project, please contact your local CVS funding adviser (details below).

Cumbria CVS understands that fundraising is a time consuming, often frustrating but necessary process for most voluntary sector organisations. To help address these issues, Cumbria CVS is proud to offer a variety of support options through your local office:

- **Identifying Funders:**
A full list of potential funders tailored to the requirements of your particular project;
- **One-to-one Funding Support:**
Available at a variety of venues or at a funding surgery. Please contact CVS for further details;
- **Support with Funding applications:**
Support is available through all the various stages from developing initial project ideas to checking applications;
- **Funding Information:**
A range of information is available from local guides to the monthly Funding Bulletin;
- **Bespoke Training:**
This can be delivered according to the needs' of an organisation.

Further Support and Advice is available from Cumbria CVS Locality Offices:

Cumbria CVS - Barrow: 72-74 Scott Street, Barrow-in-Furness, LA14 1QE.
Tel: 01229 823144
e-mail: barrow@cumbriacvs.org.uk

Cumbria CVS - Carlisle: 27 Spencer Street, Carlisle, CA1 1BE.
Tel: 01228 512513
e-mail: carlisle@cumbriacvs.org.uk

Cumbria CVS - Eden: 6 Hobson Court, Gillan Way, Penrith, CA11 0DT.
Tel: 01768 800350
e-mail: eden@cumbriacvs.org.uk

Cumbria CVS - South Lakeland: Stricklandgate House, 92 Stricklandgate, Kendal, LA9 4PU. Tel: 01539 742627
e-mail: south@cumbriacvs.org.uk

Cumbria CVS - West Cumbria: Community Resource Centre, 12a Selby Terrace, Maryport, CA15 6NF
Tel: 01900 819191
e-mail: west@cumbriacvs.org.uk

Cumbria CVS website

www.thirdsectorcumbria.org.uk/support_CumbriaCVS.html

Grant Funding

Big Lottery Fund - Awards for All

Details: The Awards for All England programme is a simple small grants scheme which aims to help improve local communities and the lives of people most in need.

Grants from £300 - £10,000

Will consider applications from not-for-profit groups (including social enterprises), parish or town councils, schools or health bodies

Applications may be made at any time

Contact: Tel: advice on 0845 4 10 20 30
Email: general.enquiries@awardsforall.org.uk
Web: www.awardsforall.org.uk/england

Big Lottery Fund: Changing Spaces: Eco Minds

Details: This programme is for groups who want to encourage people with experience of mental distress to get involved in environment projects.

Grants from £20,000 - £250,000. Small bids (£0 to £20,000)

Will consider applications from commercial organisations running projects on a not-for-profit basis, including Community Interest Companies (CICs) and Social Enterprise companies where project profits are reinvested solely into the Ecominds project.

Deadline is 12:00 noon Friday 30 April 2010

Contact: Tel: Changing Spaces Advice helpline on 0845 3 671 671
Web: www.mind.org.uk/ecominds

Big Lottery Fund: Peoples Millions

Details: The fund is a partnership between the Big Lottery Fund and ITV in which viewers vote for the project they want to receive funding.

Grants of between £20,000 and £50,000

Will consider applications from voluntary and community groups, social enterprises, local authorities, schools and health organisations are invited to apply.

Next deadline is 14 May 2010.

Contact: Tel: People's Millions helpline on 0845 0 10 11 12
Email: help@peoplesmillions.org.uk
Web: www.peoplesmillions.org.uk

Big Lottery Fund - Reaching Communities Programme

Detail: BIG aims to fund projects that respond to needs identified by communities, and those that fund projects that help those most in need.

Grants: £10,000 - £500,000

Will consider applications from social enterprises – businesses that are chiefly run for social objectives, whose profits are reinvested in the business rather than going to shareholders and owners.

Outline proposal form can be submitted any time.

Contact: Tel: 0845 410 20 30

Email: general.enquiries@biglotteryfund.org.uk

Web: www2.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_reaching_communities?regioncode=-uk

Cumbria Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund

Grant: For organisations wishing to carry out projects which will improve the local environment and benefit the local community. This could include a building, landscaping, footpaths or other public amenity.

Up to 80% of costs, maximum grant is £20,000

Will consider applications from parish/town councils, community groups, charities and schools

Informal enquiries welcome.

Contact: Gillian Pickford, Assistant Landfill Tax Officer.

Tel: 01768 242140

Email: cwmet@dial.pipex.com

Cumbria Waste Management Environment Trust

Grant: Assistance for environmental which provide public amenities, conserve biodiversity or restore buildings for worship or of historic/architectural interest.

Grants of up to £20,000 for up to 50% of project costs

Will consider applications from groups which are non-profit distributing such as charities, voluntary/community groups, parish councils, individuals, unincorporated clubs/societies, churches/religious organisations or companies limited by guarantee; groups must be in Cumbria, within the local authority districts of Carlisle, Eden, Allerdale, Copeland, South Lakes and Barrow

Application deadlines for 2010: 14 May, 13 August and 12 November 2010

Contact: Tel: 01768 242140

E-mail: enquiries@cwmet.org.uk

Web: www.cwmet.org.uk

Community Waste Prevention Fund

Grant: Cumbria County Council's Community Waste Prevention Fund is available to support new and innovative waste prevention initiatives, which work directly with the community to encourage the key practices of reduce, reuse and recycle, and subsequently improving quality of life for the people in Cumbria.

Will fund up to 50% of the total cost of a project and up to a maximum of £15,000.

Will consider applications from community groups, charities or social enterprises, with a constitution, a bank account and a great idea.

Decisions on funding applications will be made at a quarterly panel.

Contact: Louise Woods on 01228 227644
Email: louise.woods@cumbriacc.gov.uk
Web: www.cumbria.gov.uk/recycling

Communitybuilders Fund

Detail: Communitybuilders is a £70 million government fund that provides loans, grants and business support to multi-purpose, inclusive, community-led organisations (sometimes known as Community Anchors).

Communitybuilders can cover costs incurred during Development; Feasibility; and Investment stages.

There is an eligibility checker on the website.

Applications can be made at any time

Contact: Tel: 0191 269 2278
Email: info@communitybuildersfund.org.uk
Web: www.communitybuildersfund.org.uk

Community Regeneration Fund (CRF)

Detail: Cumbria County Council's Community Regeneration Fund is available to support emerging/developing social enterprise initiatives, intermediate labour market and new deal projects. The fund acts as a catalyst for attracting or complementing other resources from the public, private and voluntary sectors, to support local regeneration by creating opportunities for employment and increasing the employability of people who are having difficulty in finding work.

The CRF will fund up to 50% of the total project costs from a minimum grant of £5,000 up to a maximum grant of £15,000 (match funding is required).

CRF will consider applications from social enterprises, including the following organisations if they are non-profit making and have social aims: Companies limited by guarantee; charitable bodies; Trusts; Co-operatives Industrial and Provident Societies; Not-for-profit constituted organisations

Contact: For more information contact Caroline Powney, on 01228 226753.
Email: caroline.powney@cumbriacc.gov.uk
Web: www.cumbria.gov.uk/business/bsa/social/crf.asp

Esmee Fairbairn Foundation

Detail: The foundation aims to improve the quality of life for people and communities in the UK both now and in the future. They fund the charitable activities of organisations that have the ideas and ability to achieve change for the better. The average grant is £50,000 including core running costs and project costs. Will consider applications from registered charities and not for-profit organisations including social enterprises. The application process is in two stages. A first stage application will be acknowledged within a week of receiving it and you will be emailed within a month to say whether the application will be taken to a second stage or declined.

Contact: Tel: 020 7812 3700
Email: info@esmefairbairn.org.uk
Web: www.esmefairbairn.org.uk

Friends of the Lake District

Funding is currently suspended

Contact: Friends of the Lake District Policy Officer Jack Ellerby, on 01539 720788
Email: jack-ellerby@fld.org.uk
Web: www.fld.org.uk

Grants for the Arts

Details: Grants for the arts is funded by the National Lottery. Grants for the arts are for activities carried out over a set period and which engage people in England in arts activities, and help artists and arts organisations in England carry out their work.

Minimum application is £1000.

Will consider applications from social enterprises

Applications using the new online application system will be accepted from 1 March 2010; you may still apply using the printed application form if you are not able to use the online application process, but they do encourage applicants to use the online system.

Contact: Tel: 0845 300 6200
www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/grants-arts

The Hadfield Trust

Details: Their priorities are social needs; youth and employment; older people; the arts; the environment

Grants of £500+ (average £1,000 - £3,000). They like to see other funds being raised by the group. Usually one-off grants

Will consider applications from registered charities or those with charitable objectives, working in Cumbria

Initial telephone enquiries welcome. Closing dates for applications 1 February, 1 June and 1 October

Contact: Michael Hope, Secretary on 017048 34887

Email: hope@care4free.net

Web: www.hadfieldtrust.org.uk

The Harold and Alice Bridges Charity

Details: Like to fund projects with community involvement and benefit. Their priorities include younger people, older people and village activities

One-off grants of £500 - £5,000. They prefer capital and equipment costs rather than running costs

Will consider applications from locally-based projects in North Lancashire and South Lakeland.

Initial application by letter, followed by completion of application form

Contact Calvely and Hardy, Solicitors, 8 Hastings Place, Lytham FY8 5NA

Tel: 01253 733333

Impetus Trust - Venture Philanthropy Fund

Details: Impetus Trust provides a venture philanthropy package to ambitious, innovative charities and social enterprises to help transform their performance over a defined period of time so they can help many more people gain education, jobs and skills.

Impetus will work with charities and social enterprises that are helping to break the cycle of poverty by creating opportunities for the poorest 20% of the UK to gain education, skills and jobs.

Contact: Tel: 020 3384 3940

Email: info@impetus.org.uk

Web: www.impetus.org.uk

Lankelly Chase

Details: The Foundation supports charitable projects under the following programmes: The Arts; Breaking Cycles of Abuse; Custody and Community; Free and Quiet Minds; and Local People Local Places.

Grants range from £10,000 to £45,000 or small grants of up to £500. Capital or revenue needs

Will consider applications from organisations with charitable purposes, although varies between funding programmes

Applications can be made at any time.

Contact: Tel: 01235 820044
Email: enquiries@lankellychase.org.uk
Web: www.lankellychase.org.uk

North West Coalfield Communities Regeneration Programme (NWCCRP)

Details: NWCCRP is funded through the North West Development Agency (NWDA), and is a unique and innovative partnership-lead strategy for the regeneration of former coalfield communities. The NWCCRP has an allocation of £4.35 million over three years, until 2012. The programme will achieve targeted outputs such as increased skills, training, and jobs and promote entrepreneurship as an option.

Will consider applications from organisations in Allerdale, Cumbria: eligible wards are Dearham, Ewanrigg, Flimby, Clifton, Northside, Salterbeck, Westfield. Copeland, Cumbria: eligible wards are Cleator Moor North, Distington, Howgate, Bransty, Kells, Harbour, Hensingham, Mirehouse West, Mirehouse East, Sandwith

Contact: Programme management team on 01942 828975
Email: ero@wigan.gov.uk
Web:

www.wigan.gov.uk/Services/BusinessRegeneration/RegenerationInitiatives/RegenerationProgrammes/NWCCRP/

Social Enterprise Investment Fund (SEIF)

Detail: Managed by the Social Investment Business, the SEIF is a £100 million Fund that provides loans, grants and professional support to social enterprises involved in the delivery of health and social care services

The Social Enterprise Investment Fund offers seven financial products

SEIF will support new and existing social enterprises and groups of health and/or social care professional seeking to form a social enterprise to deliver their services

Applications to the SEIF are done through the Social Investment Business.

Contact: To enquire about a SEIF investment and start the application process call
0191 269 2276
Email: socialenterprisefund@socialinvestmentbusiness.org
Web:
www.dh.gov.uk/en/Managingyourorganisation/Socialenterprise/SocialEnterpriseInvestmentFund/index.htm

Tudor Trust

Detail: Tudor is an independent grant-making trust which supports organisations working across the UK. Core funding, development funding, project grants and capital grants to charities and organisations with established charitable objectives. Help smaller, under-resourced organisations which offer direct services within local communities.

Tudor are more likely to fund groups with an annual turnover of less than £1 million. Groups don't have to be registered charities; Tudor Trust can also make grants to other groups as long as they can show how they would use the grant for charitable purposes.

There is a two-stage application process

Contact: Tel: 020 7727 8522
Web: www.tudortrust.org.uk

UnLtd Millennium Awards

Detail: UnLtd's Millennium Awards provide practical and financial support to social entrepreneurs in the UK; people with vision, passion, drive and commitment, who want to change the world for the better. If you win an award you will get a complete package of support designed just for you, in addition to the financial support.

UnLtd currently offers two levels of award: Level 1: Awards of between £500 and £5,000 (expected average of £2,000) Level 2: Awards of up to £15,000

It is people who are important to UnLtd; which is why they only offer support to individuals, they do not support organisations

Contact: Tel: 0207 566 1100
Email: info@unltd.org.uk
Web: www.unltd.org.uk

The Village CORE Programme

Detail: The Village CORE Programme is a dedicated support programme for communities looking to set up and run a community-owned rural shop. The Village CORE Programme is managed by the Plunkett Foundation in partnership with Co-operative & Community Finance and the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation.

Provides advisory support along with a £40,000 funding package comprised of a £20,000 grant matched with a £20,000 loan which is also matched by the equivalent community contributions.

Grants will be awarded to rural communities of at least 300 people which are planning to set up a community-owned shop.

Contact: Tel: 01993 810730
Email: info@plunkett.co.uk
Web: www.plunkett.co.uk/whatwedo/core/Core.cfm

Youth Music

Detail: Youth Music Open Programme targets nearly £2m of Youth Music's funding towards projects that support their goals. The Youth Music Open Programme is available for organisations wishing to apply for grants of £5,000 to £30,000.

Youth Music funds organisations that work with children and young people between the ages of 0 and 18 years, and work with young people up to the age of 25 when they are: in detention, have special educational needs or have disabilities. Youth Music's main source of funding is National Lottery money, distributed via Arts Council England

Application is online

Contact: Tel: 020 7902 1060
Email: info@youthmusic.org.uk
Web: www.youthmusic.org.uk

Loan/ Investment Funding

Big Issue Invest - Social Enterprise Loan Fund

Details: Big Issue Invest is a specialised provider of finance to social enterprises or trading arms of charities that are finding business solutions that create social and environmental transformation.

Typical loans are from £50,000 to £500,000

For social enterprise or registered charities within the United Kingdom

Applications may be made at any time

Contact: Tel: 020 7526 3432
Email: becki@bigissueinvest.co.uk
Web: www.bigissueinvest.com/home.aspx#http://www.bigissueinvest.com

Charity Bank

Details: The Charity Bank offers loans, and a loan advisory service to help social enterprises access commercial finance.

Loans of £3,000-£350,000

The Charity Bank lends to organisations that are registered charities, community associations, voluntary organisations, community businesses and social enterprises.

Contact: Tel: 01732 774040
Email: enquiries@charitybank.org
Web: www.charitybank.org

Co-operative and Community Finance

Details: Financial aid is available for the support of the development of cooperatives, exclusively serve the co-operative and social enterprise sector or employee-owned businesses and social enterprises for and general business needs, including loans on property, business purchase, capital equipment and working capital. Start-up costs, recovery and expansion costs

Loans from £5,000 to £50,000.

Will fund Social economy businesses, except alcohol, gambling and arms projects and those trades that associate with oppressive regimes

Applications anytime

Contact: Tel: 01179 166 750
Web: www.icof.co.uk

Cooperative Loan Fund

Scheme Outline Promotion of the Co-operative Movement by the provision of loans to organisations for developing and supporting new or existing co-operative enterprises, promoting co-operative solutions and structures, within the UK.

Fund assistance in the expansion or setting up of an organisation or to assist employee buyouts or company successions. Capital equipment or property purchases are eligible
Loans of between £5,000 and £75,000

Will consider supporting co-operatives or social and community-based enterprises that are non-profit distributing, location United Kingdom

Tel: (0117) 916 6750
Fax: (0117) 916 6751
E-mail: info@co-opandcommunityfinance.coop
Website: <http://www.co-operativeloanfund.co.uk>

Future Builders England

Currently closed to new applications

Contact: Tel: 0191 261 5200
Email: info@futurebuilders-england.org.uk
www.futurebuilders-england.org.uk/contact-us

Local Investment Fund (LIF)

Detail: By providing loan finance, LIF enables community organisations to move from grant dependency and towards self-sufficiency. The Local Investment Fund is a national organisation that makes loans to projects and organisations across England.

Loans of between £25,000 and £250,000

Will consider funding fund social and community enterprises that have been unable to secure funds from traditional sources.

Contact: Tel: 020 7680 1028
Email: information@lif.org.uk
Web: www.lif.org.uk

Real Help for Communities: Modernisation Fund

Currently closed to new applications

Contact: www.modernisationfund.org.uk

Northern Rock Foundation

Details: The Foundation supports several organisations which offer loan finance to third sector organisations in North East England and Cumbria. They include: Charity Bank www.charitybank.org and the Social Enterprise Loan Fund (TSELF) www.tself.org.uk/northeast.html. The Foundation may also consider making loans in its own right.

Contact: Tel: If you would like to discuss loan finance contact 0191 284 8412.
Email: generaloffice@nr-foundation.org.uk
Web: www.nr-foundation.org.uk/tn_home.html

Social Entrepreneurs Fund

Detail: The Bridges Social Entrepreneurs Fund is an initiative of the Bridges Charitable Trust to invest in social enterprises with a clear mission to create social impact which may lead to reduced shareholder returns.,

Investment of up to £1.5m

The Bridges Social Entrepreneurs Fund invests in social enterprises based in England

Apply online by submitting a business plan.

Contact: Tel: 020 7262 5566
Email: info@bridgesventures.com
Web: www.bridgesventures.com/social-entrepreneurs-fund

The Social Enterprise Loan Fund for the North West (TSELF)

Detail: A Loan Fund to support clients in the charity and social enterprise sector that operate in very deprived areas of North West England. Those that help prevention or relief of poverty, the advancement of education or the advancement of health or the saving of lives

The maximum assistance available is up to £250,000

TSELF will fund charities and other social enterprises that have a charitable purpose.

Applications can be made at any time

Contact: Tel: 01829 261019
Email: roy@tself.org.uk
Web: www.tself.org.uk/northwest.html

Spark

Detail: Spark is a pioneering development and investment programme designed to build and inspire organisations to tackle homelessness through social enterprise. Department for Communities and Local Government:

Applications for Spark are currently closed but details of the next applicable deadline will be reported when the information becomes available which is expected to be in March 2010

The programme is for social enterprises and trading charities working to assist the homeless

Contact: Tel: 02077706144
Email: rachel@eastsideconsulting.co.uk
Web: www.sparkchallenge.org

Triodos Social Enterprise Fund

Detail: A fund investing in high impact and commercially sustainable social enterprises and provides expertise to help them grow. The Fund brings together social investors who are looking for meaningful ways to put their money to work with promising social enterprises. Its mission is to deliver social and financial returns by funding the next generation of pioneering social enterprises.

To apply you must have been trading for at least two or three years and have at least £400,000 of annual sales.

If you are a Social Enterprise seeking new capital, you can email your business plan to: whitni.thomas@triodos.co.uk.

Contact: Tel: 0117 973 9339
Email: mail@triodos.co.uk
Web: www.triodos.co.uk/uk/investment_banking/looking_for_capital/social_enterprise_fund

Unity Trust Bank

Detail: This is a niche bank which provides a range of banking services to charities and social ventures. The Unity Trust looks for asset guarantees where possible.

Contact: Tel: 0845 140 1000
Email: utb@unity.co.uk
Web: www.unity.co.uk

Venturesome fund

Detail: Venturesome is a social investment fund - a Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) initiative launched in 2002. CAF provide capital investment to charities and other social purpose organisations.

For organisation looking for between £20,000 and £350,000

Contact: Tel: 03000 123 300.
Web: www.cafonline.org/default.aspx?page=6903

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