

Funding for Voluntary Action Handbook

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A Guide to Charitable Trusts for Northern Ireland

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Chair's foreword

As Chair of the Community Foundation for Northern Ireland, I am delighted to recommend this seventh edition of Funding for Voluntary Action, the essential Guide to NI charitable trusts and some related funders.

It is now 10 years since the guide was first published and the landscape for funding sources has changed considerably, and indeed there is no chance of a halt to change given the major restructuring of public services under the Review of Public Administration. We have witnessed a revolution in terms of funding regimes from major statutory programmes to EU programmes covering significant areas of need in civic society. In some respects these continue to address the needs of disadvantaged communities which, depressingly, tend to be the same communities which were disadvantaged ten years ago. But new challenges have emerged as Northern Ireland has become a destination for other European communities who wish to seek new opportunities for employment.

The future includes challenges for those organisations seeking to support work within their communities. EU funding will contract considerably and the global credit crunch will have in the course of time a significant impact on public sector capability to meet the needs of those in greatest need. In the Trusts' sector, the global recession has had a catastrophic effect on their assets and consequently their ability to meet the needs of those most in need.

Taken together this will mean that the sector faces not only immense pressures to meet need but increasing competition for scarce resources.

This edition, as was the case for previous ones, does not cover all funding sources. Further information can of course be accessed on the excellent NICVA Grant Tracker CD Rom which covers all funders. GB Charitable Trusts offer additional support to NI organisations but are not included in this guide.

There are many challenges facing the voluntary and community sectors and some change is perhaps inevitable. It is therefore very helpful that we have launched, with the considerable support of the Big Lottery, the Building Change Trust. This initiative will, over the next ten years, help the sector to manage and adapt to change. It will help the sector to plan for a more sustainable future, to be able to continue to support those communities who continue to be excluded from accessing opportunities which much of civic society takes for granted. Effective use of all the resources at the disposal of the sector will also be an important part of that planning process.

I recommend this guide to all involved in work to create a more inclusive and equal society here.

Tony Mc Cusker

Chairman

The Community Foundation for Northern Ireland



Santander Foundation (formerly the Abbey Charitable Trust)

The Santander Foundation funds local, regional and national charities for their work within the UK. We are committed to helping disadvantaged people through our two charitable priorities. The Foundation brings together the initiatives previously undertaken by Abbey, Alliance & Leicester and Bradford & Bingley savings business. Formerly the Abbey Charitable Trust, the Foundation was set up in 1990 and has given more than £28 million to charities in the UK.

Education and training

This could be any activity disadvantaged people undertake to improve confidence in a skill or their understanding of a subject. This does not have to be formal training or lead to a qualification, although those activities would be eligible too. Examples could include independent living skills, anger management, or improving self esteem. Other examples could include reminiscence projects for older people, art and craft sessions as well as IT classes. These are just a few examples and should not be regarded as a definitive list.

Financial capability

This priority covers activities which help disadvantaged people understand how to manage money. It could include budgeting skills, accessing affordable credit and managing challenges arising from being a carer, unemployment, disability or relationship break up. Examples could be the costs of running a credit union, projects delivering financial advice and helping people to understand their benefit entitlement. Successful applications under this priority have included equipping a training kitchen for homeless learning to budget effectively for food who then went on to apply these principals to other parts of their lives.

What kind of funding is available from the Foundation?

All funding is for one off donations.

Grants are available to buy tangible items such as equipment or training materials.

Grants are also available to fund project costs such as sessional worker fees, salaries, room hire or other costs incurred in the delivery of the charitable priorities.

Who can apply?

We only make donations to organisations with charitable status for their work within the UK. This includes registered charities, Friendly Societies, Industrial & Provident Societies registered under charitable not membership rules (an exception to this are credit unions – who we can fund).

We cannot fund Community Interest Companies or not-for-profit organisations unless they are also registered charities.

We cannot fund individuals or charities outside the UK.

How much can you apply for?

Grants of up to £10,000 can be awarded anywhere in the UK where there is a branch of Santander or Alliance & Leicester.

In areas where Santander has a significant presence we have established Community Partnership Groups. These are made up of existing staff, pensioners and a local infrastructure charity such as a community foundation or Council for Voluntary Services. Grants of up to £30,000 are available in Northern Ireland.

For more information and to download an application form, visit www.santanderfoundation.org.uk/howtoapply.



Arts Council of Northern Ireland Small Grants Programme

The arts have the power to transform our social, economic and creative lives. There is a thriving community arts sector in Northern Ireland which is at the cutting edge of community arts development internationally. Providers range from major organisations to small community-based groups at the grass roots. The range of settings is broad, including arts centres, community centres, neighbourhood halls, prisons, youth centres and public spaces. Participation in Community Arts can often ignite a life-long engagement in the arts.

The Arts Council of Northern Ireland provides support for communities to develop their creative skills and to work with professional artists and arts organisations. The Arts Council offers funding for small community organisations through its Small Grants Programme.

Small Grants Programme – you can apply at any time.

The main aim of the programme is to fund projects which involve people in their communities, bringing them together to enjoy a wide range of arts activities. Well thought-out activities meet community needs better and have the most impact. We will give high priority to activities which are new or which develop existing activity. The Small Grants Programme can offer the opportunity for groups to apply for between £500 and £10,000 for arts related projects.

The Small Grants Programme will help small groups run projects which:

- Bring people together and increase community-based arts activities by helping communities to meet their needs through voluntary action, self-help projects, local facilities or events; 'Communities' can be people in a local area or people who share a common interest or need;
- Involve more people in a wide range of community-based activities by developing new activities and supporting activities which are open and accessible to everyone who wishes to take part;
- Increase skills and activities by supporting projects which help to develop people and organisations, encourage talent and raise standards;
- Focus on improving access to the arts amongst the most disadvantaged people in society.

The programme will give priority to applications for projects:

- that develop, increase awareness of and expand participation in drama and dance
- Which deliver the arts in areas of social and economic deprivation; and
- which address cultural diversity
- projects which occur in areas of social/economic deprivation

Other opportunities offered by the Arts Council of Northern Ireland include:

- Lottery Project Funding Programme supports organisations which have established a legacy of artistic practice.
- Support for Individual Artists Programme supports professional artists, including artists working with community groups.

Further information on these programmes is available at www.artscouncil-ni.org.

The
A T L A N T I C
Philanthropies

The Atlantic Philanthropies (NI) Limited

Over the course of more than two decades, The Atlantic Philanthropies, an international foundation, has awarded grants of approximately \$4.7 billion, in seven target regions – Northern Ireland, Republic of Ireland, Australia, Bermuda, South Africa, the United States and Vietnam.

These regions represent areas where the foundation believes it can make the most significant impact.

The Atlantic Philanthropies has a policy of not accepting unsolicited proposals for grants. In selecting organisations for funding, Atlantic looks for compatibility with potential grantees strategic objectives, strong organisational leadership, evidence of success to date, financial strength and the capacity to implement projects and evaluate their successes.

The foundation focuses on three critical social problem areas in Northern Ireland: Ageing, Children & Youth and Reconciliation & Human Rights.

The Atlantic Philanthropies has been active in Northern Ireland since 1982 and to date has awarded almost £128 million in grants to a wide variety of projects.

Contact details:

The Atlantic Philanthropies (NI) Limited
1 Lanyon Quay
Belfast
BT1 3LG

Telephone: 028 90 232 500

Website: www.atlanticphilanthropies.org

Note: Atlantic Philanthropies do not accept unsolicited proposals, instead the organisation initiates and implements grants based on specific objectives of programme fields.



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BBC Children in Need

BBC Children in Need seeks to fund organisations working to combat or alleviate disadvantage and make a real difference to the quality of children and young people's lives.

Such disadvantage includes:

- living in poverty or situations of deprivation
- disability
- behavioural or psychological problems
- illness, distress, abuse or neglect

The work we fund will take place within the UK¹ and will be for the benefit of children and young people provided they are aged 18 years or younger.

Applicants should be constituted, not-for-profit organisations from any part of the UK. Our grants reach local communities throughout the UK - from Shetland to the Scillies; from Belfast to Barry Island. Retaining our wide geographical spread is important to us.

When to apply:

You can apply at ANY time in the year and we very much encourage you to apply in advance of the closing dates below.

BBC Children in Need now has four closing dates throughout each year, they are:

15 January ~ Notification by end of April

15 April ~ Notification by end of July

15 July ~ Notification by end of October

15 October ~ Notification by end of January

Applications received after a closing date will be considered for the following closing date.

How to apply for a grant

We now have a fully online application system. This enables us to respond more quickly to requests. You can find our grant application form at www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey

Helpful information and advice is on our web site – including simple step-by-step support on how to complete the application form.

We tell you what we can and can't fund and also offer straightforward guidance on how to make the best possible application to us. We are here to help so contact us if you would like to discuss your application or have any questions.

How much to ask for

Our grants range from a few hundred pounds to over £100,000. We want to fund projects for success and it is important you ask for costs realistically needed to change children's lives for the better. Grants can be made for between one and three years, depending on the project. While we make a number of large grants, we know from experience that valuable work can be achieved for modest sums. We are always keen to encourage applications from organisations seeking smaller amounts.

What you can apply for

Applications can be for activities, equipment, capital, salaries etc – you define your needs. Our most important consideration is the effect a grant will have on the experience and well being of children and young people. It is applications demonstrating this link which have the greatest chance of success.

¹ Including the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man

After you apply

Completing the application form is the starting point. Every eligible applicant will then have the opportunity to talk through their plans with one of our assessors, whose reports assist our local committees to make informed choices. Please bear in mind that we always receive many more applications than we can fund.

What next...

This is just meant to give you a brief overview about applying for a grant. There is much more information on our website at bbc.co.uk/pudsey where we have tried to cover everything you could want to know.

Contact us

If you are interested in applying for funding please call with any questions, to discuss your application or to find out more:

Paddy Sloan, National Head
Terry Burns, National Officer
Suzanne Harrison, National Support Assistant
BBC Children in Need Appeal
Broadcasting House
Ormeau Avenue
Belfast BT2 8HQ

Telephone: 028 9033 8221
E-mail: pudsey@bbc.co.uk



Big Lottery Fund

For information on current funding programmes delivered by Big Lottery Fund please visit our website www.biglotteryfund.org.uk or contact the information team on 02890 551455, textphone 02890 551431 or email enquiries.ni@biglotteryfund.org.uk

Big Lottery Fund's Awards for All Programme

Awards for All Programme in Northern Ireland awards funds of between £500 – £10,000 over a 12 month period. The aim of the programme is to bring real improvements to communities and the lives of people in need by funding projects involving people in their communities, bringing them together to enjoy a wide range of charitable, community, educational, environmental and health-related activities.

Application material is available online at www.awardsforall.org.uk

The Big Deal

The Big Deal small grants programme is all about increasing children and young people's participation as decision makers through projects in which children and young people plan and decide what it is they want to do, when, where and how!

We want to fund projects that help make a difference in your life and the lives of others in your peer group, family, youth group, school, community or area.

Individuals and groups of children and young people from 0 to 25 living in Northern Ireland can apply to The Big Deal small grants programme for an award. An individual child or young person can apply for an award of £500.

A group can apply for an award of between £500 and £2,500.

The small grants programme is open all year round so you can apply at any time.

For more information, contact:

Niamh O'Carolan, Project Officer
The Big Deal

Youthnet
20 Adelaide Street
Belfast BT2 8GD

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Email: info@thebigdealni.com

The

Blackburn

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Blackburn Trust

The Blackburn Trust's range of interests include the support of the family, including parenting initiatives and work with women and with children under 12.

Within this Range of Interests, the Trust will consider help with start up costs; training initiatives for volunteers and parents; purchase of equipment; support for groups who wish to make their services available to children with disabilities (including play schemes for the disabled), whether learning or physical; making premises accessible to those with physical disability; provision or adaptation of space for the use of children; safety issues; testing new initiatives with parents or play development.

Special Notes:

The Trust will not make grants for: individuals; bursaries; annual subscriptions; salary costs; general running costs; projects dealing primarily with young people over 12; projects for the adult disabled or elderly; academic or medical research, medical equipment, travel abroad; festivals, trips, holidays; play schemes (other than for disabled children); sports organisations; general appeals, or for paying off debts

The Trust does not generally fund voluntary organisations or where its grant would not be significant in the overall costs of the project, the priority being to assist smaller organisations. The Trust rarely makes grants of more than £1,000. A grant is unlikely to be made where the grant would be less than 10% of the total cost of the project. The average amount of grants is £600.00. Applications for projects outside the above criteria will not be considered

How to Apply

Application Forms and Guidelines are available on written request. Trustee meetings are normally held in February, May and October each year.

The Trustees require:

- (i) recent statement of accounts and balance sheet and
- (ii) details of tax and legal or Charitable Status with the completed application.

Correspondent:

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Blackburn Trust

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Belfast BT2 7FW

Northern Ireland

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BOMBARDIER

Bombardier Aerospace Northern Ireland Foundation

The Foundation focuses its support on Northern Ireland charities and donates 2% of pre-tax profits each year.

The Foundation meets four times a year and considers requests from Northern Ireland based charities.

The main areas of Corporate Community Involvement are:

- Donations from Bombardier Aerospace Northern Ireland Foundation and the Sponsorship Committee
- Supporting employee volunteering
- Membership of boards of charitable and other organisations
- Employees' Charities Society

The Foundation and Sponsorship Committee focus their support on the following key areas:

- Programmes which support the company's equal opportunities programmes
- Education
- Community regeneration and support
- Community relations
- Environment

Where a donation is agreed, there is a requirement that the donation is directed at "point of use" and not to general administration or staff expenses. Support is not normally given to an organisation more than once a year. Bombardier Aerospace does not publish any guidance on grant levels - it is assumed that most grants will range from low hundreds to low thousands.

The Bombardier Aerospace (NI) Foundation

The Foundation is a charitable trust which receives 2% of the Bombardier Aerospace, Shorts pre-tax profits for distribution to charitable projects. The Foundation also supports donations by the Employees' Charities Society to approved charities. Amounts awarded are dependent on whether the appeal reflects the Foundation's criteria closely as well as the amount requested.

The Sponsorship Committee

The Sponsorship Committee has a small budget for donations to community and other non-charitable organisations which satisfy the CCI criteria.

How to Apply

All requests for either charitable (Foundation) or non-charitable (Sponsorship Committee) should be addressed in writing to the contact. For application to the Foundation an application form can be obtained from the contact. The following written details are required for the sponsorship committee. It is highly recommended that you speak to the contact prior to making an application.

- Name of organisation
- Full details of project or event
- How you think Bombardier Aerospace can help
- Contact name, address, telephone number.

Exclusions

The Committee does not support:

- projects outside Northern Ireland,
- large capital projects
- large medical charities
- well funded national organisations receiving statutory funding
- third party fundraising
- salaries

- individuals
- running cost
- research charities
- travel, sport, arts (per se)

Scheme dates

Foundation meetings are held 4 times a year.

Contact details

Alan McKnight
Corporate Community Investment Manager
Bombardier Aerospace
Airport Road
Belfast BT3 9DZ
Northern Ireland
Telephone: 028 9073 3538
Fax: 028 9073 3399
Website: www.bombardier.aerospace.com



LOTTERY FUNDED

Building Change Trust

In 2008, the Big Lottery Fund (BIG) announced details of the Building Change Trust – a 10 year, £10 million investment helping develop and shape the future of Northern Ireland's community and voluntary sector.

A group of organisations developed the original business plan which was accepted by BIG for development and operation of the Trust:

- The Community Foundation for Northern Ireland
- Community Evaluation Northern Ireland
- Rural Community Network
- Volunteer Development Agency
- Business in the Community (NI)

The Trust is governed by a new company; the Building Change Trust Limited. This new company is governed by an independent Board of Directors. The objects of the Trust are to make awards for charitable purposes, in the context of the changing environment impacting on the community and voluntary sector, for:

- Community development
- Development of the community and voluntary sector and charities
- Citizenship development

in ways that increase opportunities for volunteering, encourage and support best practice, good governance and skills development in the sector and enable organisations to work together effectively for the benefit of the community.

The Trust has made 5 initial awards to the 5 bid partner organisations and is engaged in planning its strategy for future investment in the sector. It is anticipated that investment in the sector will be made in 3 main ways

- Direct support
- Transformative grants
- A permanent loan fund for the sector in Northern Ireland through Charity Bank.

For further information on the Trust please consult the Trust website www.buildingchangetrust.org or email the Trust Administrator on info@buildingchangetrust.org



The Community Foundation for Northern Ireland

An independent grant-making organisation, established in 1979, the Community Foundation is managed by a voluntary Board of Trustees. From the outset the Community Foundation has seen its role as being 'more than a grant-maker', driving social change and build peace by tackling social exclusion, poverty and social injustice through grant-making, proactive community based action and influencing policy development.

The Community Foundation works to a set of principles reflecting the distinctive commitment of the organization to building a culture of rights, inclusion of the marginalised and peace-building. It operates a portfolio of funds and programmes, some being open to application from community organisations. It draws on and informs international good practice and some of its programmes operate on a cross border basis.

The Foundation works flexibly with other organisations and donors to establish funds and manage grant-making programmes, enhancing its own potential and resources in delivering change. Income from an £13m investment base is augmented by funding from other sources to increase the impact of our work at different levels.

As well as managing a range of donor-advised funds the Community Foundation has identified specific priority areas for support in the period 2009 – 2015.

These are:

Key strategic themes for grant making for period 2010 – 2015:

- Supporting voluntary organisations and community based groups to achieve social change outcomes
- Developing the resource base of the Foundation and to promote philanthropy.
- Developing a knowledge hub to underpin policy development and to share learning internationally.

Size of Grants

The size of grant varies depending to the amount of funding available and the level of impact demonstrated.

How to apply:

Application for grant assistance is normally via Application Form though, resources permitting, the Community Foundation tries to respond to other requests for assistance that fit with its funding priorities, especially where an initiative may have a strategic importance.

Specific Grant Programmes / Funds currently administered:

- Acorn Fund
- Bill of Rights Initiative
- Comic Relief / Sport Relief
- Community Arts Fund
- David Ervine Foundation
- eaga Community Fund
- Fair Share
- Local Community Fund (Belfast wards)
- 'One Small Step'

- PEACE III funding for political ex-prisoners
- Rural Women's Fund
- Sir George Quigley Award
- Social Justice Initiatives Fund
- Telecommunity Fund
- The Turkington Fund (exclusively for older people)
- Thomas Devlin Fund
- Turkington Transformative Grants
- Workspace Community Fund

For detailed funding information:

Given the scope and range of funding opportunities, information provided here is brief. Please note details of funding available may change. Before considering the submission of a funding request, potential applicants should seek further information. Grant-seekers should consult on whether specific programmes are open for application. Alternatively you can contact the Community Foundation in writing or by telephone:

Community Foundation for Northern Ireland
Community House
Citylink Business Park
Albert St
Belfast
BT12 4HQ

or

Rath Mór Centre
Blighs Lane,
Creggan
Derry
BT48 0LZ
Co Londonderry
02871 371547

Tel 02890 245927

or

Regularly updated information on grant programmes is available on the Foundation website: www.communityfoundationni.org

Community Relations Council



The Community Relations Council (CRC) was established in 1990 as an independent body to lead and support change in Northern Ireland towards reconciliation, tolerance and mutual trust. By promoting better practice through constructive and relevant dialogue between different groups and sectors in society, the Council is the lead advocate on the achievement and maintenance of good community relations in Northern Ireland. It provides advice and financial support for community relations, cultural diversity and victim support work in the voluntary and community sector and works in partnership with many public bodies to help create a more shared society.

Currently, £1,750,000 is available annually, in addition to funds from E.U. Special Support Programme, Victims/Survivors Scheme and IFI Community Bridges Programme. These funds are allocated as follows:

- Media, Publications £70,000
- Community Relations/Cultural Diversity Scheme £400,000
- Core-funding grant scheme £1,350,000
- Victims Core Funding £2,300,000
- Victims Development Scheme £1,500,000
- E.U. Special Support Programme and IFI Community Bridges Programme

Size of grants:

Up to £10,000 (under Community Relations/Cultural Diversity Scheme), mostly under £1,500 and up to £5,000 under Publications Scheme.

Range of interests:

Grant schemes are designed to support Community Relations or cultural diversity within Northern Ireland. The Community Relations/Cultural Diversity Grant Scheme supports cross community contact work on a project basis but can also support worthwhile activities within one community, if this leads to greater understanding and tolerance.

Special notes:

The above schemes do not cover youth activities if these can be supported by the Department of Education (either in schools or youth clubs), nor do they cover the cost of foreign travel, capital expenditure or on-going costs (e.g. salaries). For on-going core costs of projects with a significant CR dimension, a core-funding grant scheme is available.

CRC is also an intermediary funding body for the E.U. Special Support Programme for Peace & Reconciliation. For further information please refer to our website.

IFI Community Bridges Programme is managed by CRC. Expressions of Interest forms are available from the CRC website.

How to apply:

Application forms and criteria are available to download from the CRC website

Contact details:

Community Relations Council
Glendinning House, 6 Murray Street, Belfast BT1 6DN
Telephone 028 90 227500
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E mail info@community-relations.org.uk
Website www.nicrc.org.uk

The Department of Agriculture and Rural Development

The Rural Development Programme for Northern Ireland 2007-2013

The Rural Development Programme (RDP) is aimed at improving economic, social and environmental conditions in rural areas throughout Northern Ireland. The Department's vision for the RDP is for a programme which protects and enhances our rural environment and which contributes to the development of competitive and sustainable rural businesses and thriving rural communities.

Under the programme, whose funds are provided on an equal basis by the European Union and the United Kingdom Exchequer, £100 million will be dedicated to improving the quality of life in rural areas. The Axis 3 measures, which will be delivered by Joint Council Committees in partnership with Local Action Groups (LAGs), are:

Measure 3.1: Diversification into Non-Agricultural Activities

Through support from the RDP we aim to increase farm household income and create employment opportunities by providing assistance for farm households to diversify into non-agricultural activities on the farm.

Measure 3.2: Business Creation and Development

The RDP aims to develop the economic infrastructure in rural areas through creating employment opportunities and promoting entrepreneurship. The programme will provide support for existing micro-enterprises and for individuals wishing to set up a new micro-enterprise in a non-agricultural sector.

Measure 3.3: Encouragement of Tourism Activities

Through support from the RDP we aim to maximise opportunities for tourism development that makes best use of our natural and cultural resources. Through the sustainable development of the rural economy, we aim to attract visitors and create new employment opportunities by providing support to existing rural tourism enterprises and for individuals wishing to develop tourism activities.

Measure 3.4: Basic Services for the Economy and Rural Population

The RDP aims to increase the attractiveness of rural areas through supporting the improvement of basic services. This will include the improvement of cultural and leisure activities and related small-scale infrastructure. Support will also be provided towards the costs of identifying needs.

Measure 3.5: Village Renewal and Development

In order to support integrated village initiatives which promote community development and regeneration, the RDP will support animation and capacity-building within and between villages and their surrounding rural areas. This will include the formulation of integrated action plans to define the role of the village and fully develop the potential of rural areas.

Measure 3.6: Conserving and Upgrading Rural Heritage

The RDP aims to use the natural resources in Northern Ireland's rural areas to create employment opportunities and develop the rural economy. This will be achieved through supporting local village initiatives to preserve and upgrade rural heritage.

Local Action Groups will support projects compatible with priorities in their local rural development strategy and which have been successful in a competitive assessment. Social economy enterprises, including community or voluntary groups, may be offered financial assistance at a rate of up to 75% of eligible costs, up a maximum grant amount of £250,000, depending on the measure applied under. Further details are available from the Rural Life section of the DARD website at www.dardni.gov.uk.

If you are interested in any of the schemes in the Rural Life section and would like an application form, guidance or advice, please contact your Local Action Group.

If you live in the Ballymena Borough Council, Ballymoney Borough Council, Coleraine Borough Council, Larne Borough Council or Moyle District Council area, please contact:

Tel: 028 2563 8263

E-mail: andrew.rdp@ballymena.gov.uk

Web: www.northeastrdp.com

If you live in the Omagh District Council, Strabane District Council, Derry City Council or Limavady Borough Council area, please contact:

Tel: 028 8225 0202

E-mail: arcnorthwest@omagh.gov.uk

Web: www.arcnorthwest.com

If you live in the Magherafelt District Council, Cookstown District Council, Dungannon and South Tyrone Borough Council or Fermanagh District Council area, please contact:

Tel: 028 8676 4714

E-mail: sward@cookstown.gov.uk

Web: www.sward.org.uk

If you live in the Armagh City and District Council, Craigavon Borough Council or Newry and Mourne District Council area, please contact:

Tel: 028 3831 2588

E-mail: craigavon@soarni.org

Web: www.soarni.org

If you live in the Ards Borough Council, Banbridge District Council, Down District Council or North Down Borough Council area, please contact:

Tel: 028 9182 0748

E-mail: info@downruralareapartnership.com

Web: www.downruralareapartnership.com

If you live in the Antrim Borough Council, Carrickfergus Borough Council or Newtownabbey Borough Council area, please contact:

Tel: 028 9448 1311

E-mail: info@growsouthantrim.com

Web: www.growsouthantrim.com

If you live in the Belfast City Council, Castlereagh Borough Council or Lisburn City Council area, please contact:

Tel: 028 9250 9419

E-mail: info@laganruralpartnership.com

Web: www.laganruralpartnership.com

Enkalon Foundation

The Enkalon Foundation is a local grant-making trust which makes small grants primarily in the fields of cross-community, unemployment and generally helping disadvantaged people.

Scheme details

The Enkalon Foundation was founded in Antrim following the decision of British Enkalon (Azko Nobel) to pull out of Northern Ireland. Unlike many large companies who leave the local economy decimated by their departure Azko Nobel gave a generous donation to found the Enkalon Foundation to soften the blow. The Foundation was founded in 1985 and has given over £3,000,000 to local causes since then.

From an overall budget of £150,000 (approx) grants or pledges of up to £6,000 are available to groups in Northern Ireland, although the average grant is £500.

Enkalon Foundation funds cross community groups, self-help groups, unemployed assistance groups and those helping the disadvantaged.

Special Notes: Priorities of the Fund may vary from year to year.

Applicants will not be acknowledged unless accompanied by a s.a.e. Trustees meet quarterly and applicants will be advised as soon as practicable after a meeting has taken place. Applicants successful or unsuccessful will be advised of the Trustees' decision.

How to Apply

There is no application form. Applications should provide the following information:-

- Description of the Organisation and a copy of the Constitution and Rules
- Proposed Budget and Details of the Project
- Audited Accounts (if available) or Statement of Accounts for the most recent completed Financial Year and copy of latest Annual Report
- Details of Charitable Status
- Other sources of finance for the organisation at present and for the proposed project
- Experience and/or qualifications of staff and committee members
- A list of officers and committee members
- Contact address and telephone number

Trustees:

R L Schierbeek, CBE (Chairman)
J A Freeman
RP Dalton and
R Milnes.
Secretary: J W Wallace

Exclusions

Normally grants are not made to playgroups or sporting groups outside the Antrim Borough area or to individuals or for medical research or for travel outside Northern Ireland.

Scheme dates

Meetings are held at three monthly intervals

Contact details

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Antrim BT41 4LJ
Northern Ireland

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Fax: 028 9446 5733
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ESME MITCHELL TRUST

The Esme Mitchell Trust makes small grants in Northern Ireland normally in supports of Arts, Culture and Heritage.

Scheme details

The Esme Mitchell Trust funds general charitable purposes in Ireland as a whole but principally in Northern Ireland. It has a particular interest in heritage, culture and the arts. One third of its grant-making total goes to heritage bodies. No time limits have generally been set on grants.

The Trust has on occasions given grant assistance over a period of 2-3 years but in general tries to avoid commitments of a long term nature. In 2008, £49,750 was given in total but there is scope for grants annually in the region of £120,000. It is therefore assumed grants are normally in the range of low hundreds and low thousands of pounds.

How to Apply

There is no formal application form. Applicants should submit three copies of the following:

- Concise description of proposed project;
- Recent statement of accounts and balance sheet;
- A copy of the constitution;
- Details of tax and legal or charitable status;
- A copy of the latest annual report;
- A list of committee officers;
- Information on other sources of finance;
- A contact address and telephone number.
- To avoid delay in considering applications the Trust Advisors require a copy of the most recent financial accounts and the Inland Revenue Charities Division reference number with the original application.

Exclusions

It is most unlikely that applications from individuals wishing to undertake voluntary service or further education will be successful.

Contact details

Mr Nigel Rountree
Executor and Trustee Services
Esme Mitchell Trust
Northern Bank Executor & Trustee Co Ltd,
PO Box 183
Donegall Square West
Belfast BT1 6JS



Fermanagh Trust Grants

The objectives of the Fermanagh Trust are to promote any charitable purpose and to support initiatives leading to social and community development improving conditions and life for people in County Fermanagh and immediate hinterland.

Scheme Details

The Fermanagh Trust is the first countywide community foundation in either Northern or Southern Ireland. Since its inception in 1995 the Fermanagh Trust has been particularly keen to support new and emergent community based practical projects in localities of low level community activity, minimal cross community contact and in areas of high deprivation and exclusion.

The Trusts main focus is directed to assist small isolated communities and marginalised neighbourhoods in developing projects of lasting benefit and involving wider participation of local people both in addressing local needs and managing solutions to local issues. Since it was established the Trust has evolved and now oversees and administers a number of named funds including;

- The Fisher Foundation
- The Greg Turley Bursary Awards
- The Joan Trimble Awards Scheme
- The Killesher and Cleenish Community Care Association Fund
- The Callagheen Community Wind Farm Fund

For Further information on these funds visit www.fermanaghtrust.org

The Trust also continues to provide unrestricted grants, normally from £250 to a £5,000 maximum. Applications can be made for capital, project and revenue funding. Interest free loans are given in special circumstances. Evidence of local fundraising is necessary.

The range of interests supported include charitable causes promoting social and community development and projects encouraging understanding and appreciation of cultural, historical processes. Projects of an unusual nature not within the normal charitable or welfare range of other trusts are welcomed.

The Fermanagh Trust is intimately connected with the County and is an independent grant making body. The Board of Trustees are local people with experience in community development/relations, community business, cross border and private business sectors.

How to apply

Application is by letter only to the Secretary. Trustees can discuss with applicants details of the project and what information is required before a formal submission is made. More information on the information required is available from the Trust's website. There is no formal application form. Trustees normally meet at least every quarter to consider applications.

Applications will not be acknowledged unless accompanied by a stamped self-addressed envelope. All applicants successful or unsuccessful will be written to and advised of the trustee's decision. All applicants will be visited by at least one Trustee of the Fermanagh Trust.

Exclusions

In general, the Trust tries not to become involved in commitments of a long-term nature, or;

- Sponsorship for events .
- Salaries
- Publication Costs

Books
Fundraising initiatives
Festivals
Band Equipment

Contact details

The Secretary
The Fermanagh Trust
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Fermanagh
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Northern Ireland
Telephone: 028 6632 0210
Fax: 028 6632 0230
E-mail: info@fermanaghtrust.org
Website: www.fermanaghtrust.org



Integrated Education Fund

The Integrated Education Fund (IEF) is a financial foundation for the development and growth of Integrated Education in Northern Ireland. In the last 10 years over £13million has been given out in grants to schools and groups from funds secured through a Major Gifts Fundraising Campaign.

The IEF has operated various grant making programmes over this period, designed to support schools and groups which give equal recognition to and promote equal expression of the two main traditions in Northern Ireland, encouraging the development of understanding and respect.

The IEF has been supported in its grant making role by other Trusts and Foundations, as well as individuals and businesses and is grateful to all those whose support make our grant making programmes possible.

For further information please visit the IEF website or contact the IEF Grants Officer, Sarah Turner -

Contact details

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Integrated Education Fund
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Website: www.ief.org.uk



Irish Ecumenical Church Loan Fund

Amount available per year:

As a 'revolving' loan fund, the amount available depends on demand.

Size of loans:

Size of loans: Low interest loans up to around £33,000 at an interest rate of (currently) 3% - 4% repayable within a period of up to 5 years with twice yearly repayments.

Range of interests:

Community organisations working in deprived areas, reconciliation bodies, church service agencies etc; the Fund's information sheet gives a much fuller listing. The Loan Fund is particularly useful when organisations wish to proceed with a capital project but are short of their fundraising target.

Special Notes:

Some form of security is required on loans (a sheet giving further information on this is available) which are normally only for capital purposes. The committee meets as needed so applications can be made at any time.

How to apply:

Information and application forms are available from the contacts below:

The Secretary
Irish Ecumenical Church Loan Fund
48 Elmwood Avenue
Belfast
BT9 6AZ
Telephone: 028 90663145
E-mail rob@irishchurches.org

King George VI Youth Awards

The King George VI Youth Awards funds youth work activity for young people aged 14 to 21 up to £500 for travel, sport and equipment.

Scheme details

The Awards are funded from investments made after the sale of the King George VI Youth Hall in May Street, Belfast. The King George VI Youth Council is responsible for investing the proceeds of the sale and for 2 awards for young people - the sports awards, administered by the Sports Council NI and the youth awards, administered by Youthnet. The Maximum award is £500 per application. The scheme is open to individuals and groups of young people aged between 14 and 21. The guidelines below give more information on how to apply and eligibility.

Categories eligible for Awards:

Awards are made to young people aged between 14 and 21.

Awards are made both to groups and individual young people.

Awards are only made to groups or individuals residing in Northern Ireland.

Travel

Awards are made for travel for cultural or social activities carried out as part of a youth work programme within Northern Ireland, Great Britain and the Republic of Ireland only.

Sport

Single activity sports are not eligible for an Award. Applications for sport may only be considered where the applicant can show that the sport is part of a broad based youth work programme.

Individuals making an application for sports activity or coaching must be able to demonstrate that they will pass their skills on to a group or community.

Equipment

Awards may be made for the purchase of equipment, which should be directly related to training or youth work provision for young people. The Award will not be made until proof of purchase is produced. Awards will not be made for musical instruments or uniforms.

Consecutive awards will only be made to the same group or individual if the second application is for a different project. After two such consecutive awards, no further applications will be considered from the group until one full calendar year has passed. Some evidence of fund raising by the group or individual is necessary. Assistance may be given to the local costs of self-help where young people play a major part in organising the activity or project.

Awards may be given for projects which encourage the inter-action between disabled and able-bodied young people.

How to Apply

Download an application form from www.youthnetni.org.uk or call 028 90331880 to request a form. When complete, send to YouthNet at the address on the form, before the next Panel meeting. You can submit an application at any time up to 5pm on the day of the meeting. Applications can be submitted by hand, post, fax or email.

Applications will be considered by the Awards Panel at their meeting which are usually held in February, May, September, and December of each year. Applications will not be considered at any other time.

Exclusions

Awards are not made for general running costs, capital building costs or salaries. Funding will not be given in retrospect. Overseas trips are not eligible for an award. Awards are not made to headquarter or parent bodies or other trust funds.

Contact details

King George VI Youth Awards
Youthnet
5th Floor
Premier Business Centres
Belfast BT2 8GD, County Antrim
Northern Ireland

Telephone: 028 9033 1880
Fax: 028 9033 1977
Website: www.youthnetni.org.uk



The Lloyds TSB Foundation

The Lloyds TSB Foundation is a multi-purpose funder of voluntary and community organisations and projects in Northern Ireland. The Foundation is one of the principle sources of funding for small grants for many organisations.

Scheme Details

The Lloyds TSB Foundation for Northern Ireland is a grant-giving Foundation whose income is derived from a shareholding in Lloyds TSB Group. The overall policy of the Lloyds TSB Foundation for Northern Ireland is to support under funded charities which enable people, especially disadvantaged or disabled people, to play a fuller role in the community. The maximum amount you can apply for is £5,000. Applications for more will be ruled ineligible. For organisations to be eligible to apply they must have an annual income of less than £250,000.

The Foundation has two main target areas to which it seeks to allocate funds:

- Social and Community needs
- Education and Training

Social and Community Needs

A wide range of activities are supported and the following are meant as a guide only.

- Community Services: Family Centres, Youth and Older People's Clubs, After Schools Clubs, Play Schemes, Help Groups, Child Care Provision.
- Advice Services: Homelessness, Addictions, Bereavement, Family Guidance, Money Advice, Helplines.
- Disabled People: Residences, Day Centres, Transport, Carers, Information and Advice, Advocacy.
- Promotion of Health: Information and Advice, Mental Health, Hospices, Day Care, Home Nursing, Independent Living for Older People.
- Civic Responsibility: Juveniles at Risk, Crime Prevention, Promotion of Volunteering, Victim Support, Mediation, Rehabilitation of Offenders.
- Cultural Enrichment: Improving participation in and access to the arts and national heritage for disadvantaged and disabled people

Education and Training

The objective in this area is to enhance educational opportunities for disadvantaged and disabled people of all ages.

- Projects which help socially excluded people develop their potential and secure employment.
- Employment training (for disabled and disadvantaged people)
- Promotion of life skills, independent living skills for disabled people.
- Enhancing education for disabled young people, pre-school education, literacy skills (where no other support is available).

Example Grants

- 174 Trust - Saltshaker: £4,378 to purchase equipment and volunteers costs.
- Action Cancer: £5,000 towards the breast screening project for women with learning disabilities.
- Action Mental Health: £5,000 to support the Vocational Opportunities in Training for Employment programme.
- ADAPT NI: £5,000 to provide workshops for adults with learning and physical disabilities

- Aelagh Women's Group (AWG): £2,840 towards a summer scheme
- Age Concern: £6,723 to provide activities at the day care centre.

How to Apply

Request an application form and guidelines from the Gasworks Site office or alternatively download from the website. The guidelines detail areas they fund, while the Advice on Completing the Application Form takes you through the form question by question. The Board meet to consider applications during the third week of March, June, September and December. The closing dates for the receipt of applications are the second Friday of January, April, July and October.

The Foundation welcomes the opportunity to discuss projects with applicants before submission to the Trustees. This will ensure the project is within criteria and provides an opportunity to ask questions about the application process.

Exclusions

Main areas normally considered outside the Foundation's guidelines are:

- Organisations which are not recognised as a charity by HM Revenue
- Individuals, including students
- Animal welfare
- Environmental projects including projects which deal with geographic and scenic issues. However the Trustees may consider projects which improve the living conditions of disadvantaged individuals and groups.
- Activities which are normally the responsibility of central or local government or some other responsible body
- Schools, universities and colleges. (except for projects specifically to benefit disabled people)
- Hospitals and Medical Centres
- Sponsorship or marketing appeals
- Fabric appeals for places of worship
- Promotion of religion
- Activities which collect funds for subsequent redistribution to others
- Endowment funds
- Fundraising events or activities
- Corporate affiliation or membership of a charity
- Loans or business finance
- Expeditions or overseas travel (except for projects specifically benefiting disadvantaged young people from Northern Ireland)
- Construction of and extension to buildings
- Salaries or training costs for the pre school sector
- Organisations with an annual income of more than £250,000 need not apply

Contact details

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 Website: www.lloydstsbfoundationni.org



The Mary Peters Trust

The Mary Peters Trust is a charitable Trust established by the late Dr John Moore to commemorate Mary Peter's outstanding Olympic Gold Medal win. Its purpose is to provide essential links between those wishing to assist Ulster sport and individuals with the unique combination of ability and dedication who, with help, can achieve success.

The Trust is the only Province-wide organisation which can assess sporting need and provide help to individuals from all recognised sports. It works alongside Sport NI and with the assistance of the Governing Bodies of Sport makes financial awards towards approved out-of-pocket expenses. Awards are made under various categories, details of which can be obtained from the Trust office or from the website.

How to Apply

Applications should be submitted on the approved Application Form. Applications should be signed by the individual or parent/guardian if appropriate and be submitted through the Governing Body of the sport.

The Governing Body Report should be signed by an authorised representative of the Governing Body who will liaise with the Trust and ensure funds are administered in accordance with the submitted programme, or, returned to the Trust. Award recipients must submit a written report on progress and the Trust would seek the support of Governing Bodies in obtaining these reports.

Exclusions

- None in retrospect
- Veteran events are not eligible

Contact details

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E-mail: info@marypeterstrust.org
Website: www.marypeterstrust.org



Northern Ireland Housing Associations Charitable Trust

The Trust may support any charitable activity but will give preference to applications to enhance the social, economic or environmental sustainability of communities in which housing associations affiliated to the Northern Ireland Federation of Housing Associations are operating.

Scheme details

NIHACT will give preference to applications:

- Promoting volunteering, rather than the employment of paid staff.
- From organisations with less capacity to successfully apply to major sources of funding.

The charity aims to support projects demonstrating long-term viability or with realistic plans to achieve this. NIHACT plans to release no more than £30,000 in any year. Only occasionally will NIHACT approve grants or loans of more than £5,000. The Trust will expect applicants to invest their own funds, to the greatest reasonable extent while maintaining long-term financial viability in the project for which they are seeking assistance.

NIHACT will offer a loan rather than a grant if it considers the applicant can reasonably afford to repay the loan while maintaining its financial viability. Any NIHACT support will normally be given in the form of a discrete sum of money rather than a commitment that continues into the future. Only in exceptional circumstances will the Committee approve repeat applications or requests for additional assistance to cover costs that applicants had overlooked or not foreseen.

NIHACT funds may be used to complement public resources but only in exceptional circumstances will the Trust use its funds to substitute for public expenditure. (For example, NIHACT may exceptionally decide to support an initiative it believes demonstrates sufficient public benefit to convince the authorities that similar projects should be assisted by the taxpayer.) Applications will be accepted from incorporated and unincorporated bodies but only in exceptional circumstances will individuals be accepted. It is not necessary for the organisation to have charitable status but the activity for which it is seeking support must fall into the definition of charity.

The Trust will attach such conditions as it considers appropriate to its grants or loans. NIHACT will normally require applicants to publicly acknowledge its assistance and supply information on the effectiveness of the completed project.

How to Apply

Applications should be made on NIHACT's standard form and be delivered to The NIHACT Secretary. The application must be dated and carry the original signature of a person authorised to act on behalf of the applicant.

If the Secretary considers that the application appears to satisfy NIHACT's funding criteria, one of the Committee members will normally visit the applicant and write a report with a recommendation. In the case of relatively large or complex applications, more than one NIHACT Committee member may be involved in the visit.

The application, the Committee member's report and the recommendation will normally be considered by the NIHACT Committee at its next meeting. The Committee meets at regular intervals of approximately two months.

Contact details

NIHACT Secretary
Northern Ireland Housing Associations Charitable Trust
38 Hill Street
Belfast BT1 2LB
County Antrim
Northern Ireland

Telephone: 028 9023 0446
Fax: 028 9023 8057
Website: www.nifha.org



Prince's Trust
Northern Ireland

The Prince's Trust Northern Ireland

Annually, The Prince's Trust allocates approximately £180,000 through four regional committees (based in Belfast, Omagh, Newry and Derry) to young people via its business programme.

Business programme

Clients are offered the following:

- A low interest loan of up to £4,000
- Test marketing grants of up to £250
- Grants of up to £1,500 in special circumstances. Up to three years support from a voluntary business mentor from the local business community
- A range of other support including IT training, corporate identity, web site design, help with marketing strategy, discounted exhibition space and specialist advice.

All Applicants for grants and loans should:

- Be aged 18 – 30
- Be unemployed, under employed or of limited means
- Be able to clearly demonstrate that they are unable to raise all the necessary finance from banks, family or other sources, i.e. The Trust is the last resort funder
- Have completed Invest NI Start a Business programme.
- Have a viable business plan

Development Awards

Development Awards are small grants to individual disadvantaged 14-25 year olds, supporting their personal development and/or helping to overcome barriers to education, training and employment opportunities. Regional Committees meet monthly to assess applications from young people. Grants range between £50 and £500 and help is also available in the form of sign posting to other Programmes.

Community Cash Awards

Cash awards up to £5000 for young people aged 14-25 to design and deliver projects that will benefit their local community. The project must be run and managed by young people and must be a development opportunity for young people.

Range of interests:

The Prince's Trust vision is to have a major impact on improving the quality of life of young people most in need. Our mission is to enable young people, who need help the most, succeed in areas such as gaining self-confidence, acquiring skills and moving into work. The two main aspects to our work, which we deliver through a wide variety of programmes are:

- Helping young people to start up in business and
- Personal development and training programmes to motivate young people to learn, improve their skills and opportunities.

Special notes:

Across all our programmes we aim to reach those aged 14-30 who most need our help. Our priority is to reach those who:

- are unemployed – particularly those who have been out of work for over six months
- in or leaving care

- risk underachievement or exclusion from school
- are in or leaving prison, or most at risk of offending
- are from minority ethnic communities
- are lone parents

Awards are not normally given to support administrative costs, conferences, formal or curricular education, academic research, statutory organisations, commercial bodies and groups. Retrospective grants are not awarded for projects which pre-date applications. Loans are only considered within the business programme.

Apply by application form to the address below:

The Prince's Trust – Northern Ireland
Block 5
Jennymount Court
North Derby Street
Belfast
BT15 3HN

Telephone: 028 9074 5454

Fax: 028 9074 8416

Free phone number: 0800 842 842

E mail: webinfo@princes-trust.org.uk



Sport Northern Ireland

Sport Northern Ireland is the leading public body for the development of sport in Northern Ireland. Sport Northern Ireland creates and develops programmes and partnerships that will address its three strategic objectives: increase participation in sport and physical recreation; improve sporting performances and; Improve efficiency and effectiveness in the administration of sport.

Funding Programmes:

Active Communities

Active Communities is an investment programme that seeks to employ, deploy and train a network of full time and part time sports coaches and leaders to deliver activities in community and club settings across Northern Ireland, with a view of increasing participation in sport and physical recreation, especially among under represented groups.

Athlete Support

The Athlete Support Programme is an investment programme that will provide financial support for identified talented sports people to develop to their full potential, contributing to the achievement of the medal target for NI athletes: "100 medals at the highest level in their sport including European, Commonwealth Games, World and Olympic levels, by 2018."

Performance Sport

The draft Strategy for Sport 2008-2018, has laid down the following challenge to stakeholders in performance sport:

"By 2018, to have secured a world class system for athlete development consisting of services, facilities and competition, following the hosting of the Olympic and Paralympic Games in London 2012".

Over the next four years, in working towards this target, Sport NI will be focusing its performance sport resources on strengthening the 10 "pillars" or support structures for successful athlete development. This investment will focus on:

- Addressing weaknesses in current performance sport systems
- Building capacity and new systems within, and for, governing bodies of sport;
- Enabling Northern Ireland disabled and able-bodied athletes to achieve the Strategy target of "100 medals at the highest level in their sport including European, Commonwealth Games, World and Olympic levels, by 2018".
- Places for Sport

The Sport NI Places for Sport Programme assists with the delivery of the new Strategy for Sport and Physical Recreation 2009-19, soon to be launched by the Department for Culture, Arts and Leisure, providing a vision of 'a culture of lifelong enjoyment and success in sport'. To achieve this vision, the Strategy recognises the need to develop a range of new, improved and shared sports facilities to a standard comparable with other regions in the UK.

The programme specifically focuses on five areas:

1. Pitches and other outdoor sports surfaces
 2. Indoor specialised sports surfaces
 3. Floodlighting for training and main pitches
 4. Buildings
 5. Purchase of equipment
- **Stadia Safety:** The Stadia Safety Programme aims to assist the 'owners' of major soccer, rugby and GAA grounds, on a strategic basis, to ensure the safety and comfort of spectators attending fixtures played at their venues.

- Building Sport: The Building Sport Programme is a capital programme to increase and sustain participation in sport and physical recreation in areas of most need, thereby addressing factors of social need and tackling social exclusion. Non profit organisations are invited to apply for capital projects to upgrade existing facilities or construct new facilities to help achieve this.

For more information on any of these programmes and details on how to apply please visit our website: www.sportni.net

Alternatively please telephone: 028 9038 1222

SUSAN LANGLEY TRUST

This Trust supports charitable or welfare projects of an unusual nature, not within the normal charitable or welfare range of other Trusts.

The Trust is interested in funding non-charitable projects, projects promoting employment (including self-employment) and community enterprises. The priority of the Trust is to assist in the creation of self-employed business people. Start-up costs are available for the creation of small businesses. The usual grant available is approximately £1,000 but they occasionally make exceptions.

Example Grants:

Tools of trade for someone starting in the catering trade who had already completed a training course;
Start-up costs for creation of small businesses where pump-priming funds are required.

How to Apply

Application is by letter only, giving relevant information including details of trusts applied to. Where an acknowledgement is required, please enclose a stamped addressed envelope.

Exclusions

There is a disinclination to assist students with course fees or charities that have other sources available.

Grant Ranges Micro (Under £1,000):

Small (Between £1,001 and £5,000):

Correspondence:

Susan Langley Trust
Eadaoin Ward
43 Mount Eden Park
Belfast
BT9 6RB

SYDNEY STEWART

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TRUST

The Northern Ireland Projects Trust was set up in 1975 by Sydney Stewart, Director of Voluntary Services Belfast 1973-1987, to give small grants to struggling and imaginative projects engaged in community action.

The Trust changed its name to The Sydney Stewart Memorial Trust to honour Mr Stewart after his death in 1987. It also changed its remit to promote one of the things Sydney was most interested in – volunteering. Currently, its area of interest is volunteering overseas.

It does this in two ways

Grants to Individuals

The Trust gives grants to individuals from Northern Ireland taking part in voluntary work projects in the Third World. Preference is given to applicants going to the Indian sub-continent. The size of grants is as follows:

- 1-3 months - up to £150
- Over 3 months - up to £350

Grants will not be given for those going for a period of under 1 month.

Grants to Organisations

The Trust currently funds an international volunteering award scheme offering support to groups from Northern Ireland undertaking international voluntary service. There is usually a closing date in May.

For further information contact:

Sydney Stewart Memorial Trust
Voluntary Service Bureau
34 Shaftesbury Square
Belfast
BT2 7DB

Telephone: 028 9020 0850



The Honourable the Irish Society

The Honourable The Irish Society is a charitable organisation set up in 1613 by Royal Charter, governed by the City of London, but only operating in County Londonderry.

Any individual or organisation in County Londonderry may apply to The Honourable The Irish Society for assistance, providing their objectives are in line with the Society's aim of promoting the welfare of the County and in particular its two principle centres, the city of Londonderry and town of Coleraine.

The Society's income is derived from the residue of its estate, its investments, its fisheries and, more recently, from its sporting rights. Virtually all of that income is disbursed on charitable grants, maintenance of properties and administration, including the essential visitations.

The Society grants financial assistance on the basis of need and with the aim of being even-handed in all its dealings right across the religious and social spectrum. The Society's local Representative meets regularly with an advisory committee comprised of the Mayors of Derry and Coleraine, together with Councillors and officials of the two councils and all grant making decisions are taken by that group.

Size of grants:

Group: £500-£750, Individual: £250

Range of Interests:

General charitable purposes, cross-community, education (non-tertiary), voluntary sector, not-for-profit groups such as sports clubs.

Special notes:

- Applicants must be based in, or have a close connection to, Co. Londonderry.
- No repeat grants will be made within a 5 year period.
- More details are contained in the Application form.

How to Apply:

A simple application form is available from the office below and can also be downloaded from The Society's website. It should be returned with full details of the project, including all relevant supporting financial information.

Contact details:

Mr Edward Montgomery
Representative, Ireland
The Honourable The Irish Society
54 Castleroe Road
Coleraine
BT51 3RL
Co. Londonderry
Northern Ireland
E-mail: theirishsociety@btconnect.com
Telephone: 028 7034 4796
Fax: 028 7035 6527
Website: <http://irishsociety.infm.ulst.ac.uk/>

The Joseph Rank Trust

The Joseph Rank Trust is a grant-making trust, restricted to causes within the UK as approved by the Charity Commission.

Range of interests:

- The adaptation of Methodist Church properties with a view to providing improved facilities for use both by the church itself and in its work in the community in which it is based.
- Work with young people.
- Projects that demonstrate a Christian approach to the practical, educational and spiritual needs of people.

Size of grants:

Various depending on the type of funding you apply for.

How to apply:

The Trustees only consider applications from registered charities; they do not consider appeals from individuals or from registered charities for the benefit of named individuals. On-going commitments, combined with the fact that the Trustees are taking an increasingly active role in identifying projects to support, means that uncommitted funds are limited and it is seldom possible to make grants in response to unsolicited appeals.

If applicants consider that their work might fall within the areas of interest of the Trust the following basic information is required:

- Charity name and charity registration number
- An outline of the project for which funding is sought
- Details of the TOTAL amount required to fund the project in its entirety
- Details of the amount already raised, or irrevocably committed, towards the target
- A copy of the most recent annual report and audited accounts

Applicants should endeavour to set out the essential details of a project on no more than two sides of A4 paper, with more detailed information being presented in the form of appendices. In normal circumstances, papers received before the middle of February, May, August and November will be considered in March, June, September and December respectively. Visits to appeals may be made by the Secretary and Trustees.

All appeals are acknowledged and the applicants advised that if they do not receive a reply by a specified date it has not been possible for the Trustees to make a grant.

Contact Details:

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Secretary
The Joseph Rank Trust
Worth Corner
Turners Hill Road
CRAWLEY
RH10 7SL
Telephone: 01293 873947
Website: www.ranktrust.org/contact.htm
Email: secretary@ranktrust.org



The Rank Foundation

The Rank Foundation is a grant giving charitable trust, restricted to causes within the UK approved by the Charity Commission.

It concentrates exclusively on:

- Encouraging and developing leadership amongst young people
- Supporting disadvantaged young people and those frail or lonely through old age or disability.
- The promotion of Christian principles through film and other media.

The size of grants varies depending on the type of funding applied for.

Please see our website for further information on how to apply at: www.rankfoundation.com



ULSTER GARDEN VILLAGES LIMITED

Ulster Garden Villages Limited

Ulster Garden Villages Limited allocates funds to projects within Northern Ireland that improve the quality of life in the local community. As one of the largest grant-making trusts in Northern Ireland, UGV gives grants in the region of £1.5m each year.

Scheme details:

Ulster Garden Villages Limited was established under the Industrial and Provident Societies Acts (Northern Ireland) in 1946 with the principal objective of providing good quality housing and associated amenities for the disadvantaged and aged.

Since then, government's approach to housing has changed dramatically and in Northern Ireland the establishment of the Northern Ireland Housing Executive and the Housing Association movement has largely catered for housing needs.

In 1983 the Committee of Management of Ulster Garden Villages took the necessary steps to convert the Society into a charity and under its amended regulations empowered it to transfer from reserves to a common fund such amounts to be available for distribution for general charitable purposes, as the Committee shall from time to time determine.

The Society allocates funds to projects having a positive impact in Northern Ireland. National Charities making an approach to the Society should relate their appeal to specific needs or projects within Northern Ireland. In addition to outright grants, assistance may be given by way of loans which may carry certain conditions at the discretion of the Committee.

Preferred projects will be those demonstrating active participation and self-help. They should be innovative and developmental with an achievable, practical and sustainable objective.

The Committee will only make donations toward specific projects under the control of a responsible organisation and when large capital projects are involved, only when satisfied that the sponsoring organisation has raised or is capable of raising the remainder of the finance required.

Main Objectives:

Health
Disadvantaged sections of our society
Young people
Culture & Heritage
Environment

The Committee prioritised projects where support from Ulster Garden Villages Limited will make a difference to the outcome of the project and will encourage support from other organisations.

From time to time the Committee will review the range of activities they are prepared to support and may place emphasis on areas they wish to encourage.

Examples of grants issued in 2008

Royal Victoria Hospital (Aortic Valve Replacement)	£200,000
Girl Guiding Ulster	£100,000
Greenhill YMCA	£100,000
Ulster Orchestra	£67,500
The Corrymeela Community	£50,000
Special Provision for the Education of Autistic Children	£30,000

How to Apply

Guidelines and Application Forms may be downloaded from this website or requested from our office. All applications must be on the official form. Applications may be completed online and submitted by post. The office is normally attended on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. If you wish to contact outside office hours, please leave a message on the answering machine. Where the project is in excess of £50,000 more detail in relation to project rationale, economic appraisal and building proposals should be included. A recent annual report, audited accounts and evidence of charitable status will also be required.

Exclusions

Funds are not given retrospectively and it is not usual to give grants for office expenses or administrative staff salaries. Activities which are the responsibility of any statutory agency will not be funded. Funding will also be unavailable to individuals, to an organisation whose application is not charitable and with public benefit, for activities primarily the responsibility of central and local government, Sponsorship or marketing appeals, the promotion of religion, expeditions or overseas travel or charities who collect funds for distribution to other charities.

Considerable support is provided to umbrella organisations representing the community and voluntary sector and, therefore, applications from individual groups are a low priority.

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Annual Grant-making capacity: c. £50,000 per annum. Size of Grants: normally range between £300 and £5,000

Background:

ULTACH Trust was founded in 1989 as a cross-community Irish language funding body. Both major religious traditions in Northern Ireland are represented on the Board and staff. The Trust was originally funded by the Central Community Relations Unit and is now supported by Foras na Gaeilge, the Irish language agency of the Cross-Border Language Body. It also has an independent Capital Fund.

General:

ULTACH Trust grants are restricted to projects relating to the Irish language. ULTACH Trust aims to widen appreciation and knowledge of the Irish language throughout the entire community in Northern Ireland. The Trust normally funds groups based in Northern Ireland involved in cultural activities that promote the Irish language. Grants are made for specific time-bound projects rather than on-going costs. The Trust has a particular interest in cross-community activity and in supporting the work of voluntary groups.

Exclusions:

Grants are not normally made for individuals; to support recurrent running costs; to fund major capital programmes; to support travel expenses; for arts projects, publications, films or DVDs.

Applications:

Bilingual application forms and guidelines are available from the Trust.

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Sport Relief

UnLtd is a charity supporting social entrepreneurs - people with vision, drive, commitment and passion who want to change the world for the better. We do this by providing a complete package of funding and support, to help these individuals make their ideas a reality.

Millennium Awards

UnLtd offers support to individuals. We do not support organisations. Award Winners come from a diverse range of backgrounds, ethnicities and locations. They have different reasons for wanting to change the world, and different ideas about how to go about it.

Level 1 Awards (between £500 and £5,000) help make new ideas become real projects. UnLtd gives out 1,000 Level 1 Awards each year across the UK. Level 1 Awards are aimed at individuals or informal groups of people who have an idea and want help getting it off the ground. The money helps with set up and running costs of a project.

Level 2 Awards (up to £15,000) are aimed at committed and entrepreneurial individuals with ideas to scale up or replicate existing projects. The award is used to pay for living expenses of the individual helping them devote more time to their projects.

Scheme dates

Level 1 Awards are made 10 months of the year (not August or December). Deadline for applications is always the second last Friday of every month. Level 2 Awards are administered through a national competition and given out once in the spring and once in the autumn.

UnLtd 4iP Awards

UnLtd and 4iP have teamed up to help individuals develop early stage digital media ideas and prototypes. Together they will build the skills, capabilities and partnerships to turn prototypes into social businesses.

What are the UnLtd 4iP awards?

The UnLtd 4iP scheme will be giving awards of up to £5,000 to help individuals from across the UK to turn their digital media project into a reality.

4iP will share its expertise in digital media and UnLtd will provide dedicated support including training opportunities, mentoring and access to resources to help individuals develop their skills and their projects.

The programme will operate across the whole of the UK including England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Criteria

Does your project:

- Challenge people to see the world differently
- Inspire change and empower communities
- Revolve around the participation and collaboration of users
- Use digital media in an innovative and original way to solve an important user need

Who can apply?

Awards are allocated to individuals:

- Over the age of 16
- Living in England, Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland
- Applying as an individual or informal group

The deadline for UnLtd 4iP awards is always the second last Friday of every month.

UnLtd Sport Relief Awards

UnLtd Sport Relief Awards are funded by Comic Relief and provide opportunities for young people to bring communities together, to promote understanding and solve problems through sport, arts and recreational activities.

The UK wide funding programme is for 11-21 year olds prepared to go the extra mile and use their passion for sport and arts to bring respect and understanding to communities by setting up projects.

How much can I apply for?

There are three categories...

Try it

Aged 11-21? You can apply for up to £1,000 to try your idea...

Shape it

Aged 11-21? You can apply for up to £5,000 to develop your idea...

Do it

Aged 18-21? You can apply for up to £10,000 to grow your project!

What projects can you fund?

If your project uses sport, arts or recreational activities to bring people together in your community, we can help!

The deadline for UnLtd Sport Relief Awards is always the second last Friday of every month.

Big Challenge Prize Fund

If you are 16-25 and passionate about making your community a better place then visit the Big Challenge website for a chance of winning part of the £60,000 prize fund to implement your project idea! Last year 10 fantastic winners won between £2500 and £8000 for community based projects making a difference to the lives of young people. Now it's your turn.

For further information on UnLtd awards available in Northern Ireland, please contact:

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VICTORIA HOMES TRUST

Victoria Homes Trust Grants

The Victoria Homes Trust provides grant support to local project which benefit children and young people in Northern Ireland. Grants range from low hundreds to very low thousands of pounds.

Scheme details

Established in 1988, the Trust's policy is to assist voluntary projects in, for example:

- Homelessness
- Alcohol and Drug Abuse
- Counselling for Young People

Grants are normally given to ad hoc groups and voluntary organisations. The amount of grant available is variable. However, when applying please remember that the approximate grant total per annum for all projects is £40,000/£50,000. There is no closing date for applications as the Committee meets two times per annum to consider requests. Grants are normally awarded in the low thousands or hundreds of pounds, normally no more than £5,000 but often much less. All grant applications are considered on their own merits and the Victoria Homes Trust adopts a flexible approach provided the project falls within their guidelines. Although the Trust does ask if an applicant has charitable status, lack of it would not preclude them from lending support.

Example Grants

Grants have been awarded to a number of organisations focused on youth issues including church based organisations, youth clubs, local initiatives led by community based groups and regional and local community care organisations. A number of Women's Aid groups have also been supported. Grants awarded have been for:

- Staff training for specific issues affecting youth;
- Capital costs (e.g. furnishing and equipment costs),
- Running costs and salary costs of projects primarily dealing with work for and with young people.

How to Apply

Application forms and details are available from the website. Applications will usually be accepted from organisations rather than individuals and existing organisations should submit a copy of its most recent audited statement of accounts. If your project involves work which requires Planning Permission, enclose evidence that permission has been granted. Applications should be typed or completed in block capital letters using black ink. Pamphlets or other printed matter additional to the completed application are not required.

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Managing the Money and Fundraising

People in community groups have a big temptation to leave finances and managing money to the Treasurer. The temptation is even greater where the group has someone with book-keeping or accountancy skills as Treasurer. When this happens, the mystique around the finances can become greater and many members of the group can feel they know little or nothing about the details of its financial position.

There is a real need to demystify finances. When a Committee demystifies finances, they recognise that planning the group's finances is one important task, among others.

Managing the accounts is really keeping written records in an orderly manner of what money the group spends and receives. Taking time to understand how this is done is time well spent. It will, moreover, be of great benefit to your group in planning fundraising and applying for funding from Charitable Trusts and grant-making organisations.

Drawing up a budget is really about identifying what money the group will need over a given period of time for carrying out its planned activities. It can be an empowering experience for the group. It becomes much more understandable when expenses are broken down under headings: electricity, heat, telephone, rent, stationery, equipment. Seeking advice from a group with a similar type of expenditure is a good way to begin. It can also help develop a useful network. Income can be broken down into: District Council Grant, other grants, Concerts, Dances, Sales, Raffles, Income from groups using the facilities, Income from service delivery, donations.

Greater Participation

Understanding the finances can give group members a greater feeling of ownership of the organisation and its actions.

Members can participate more fully and in a more informed manner in discussion and in decision-making. If people do not know the financial position of their group, or if accounts tabled at meetings are not clearly understood, then people will either switch off or feel frustrated.

The Treasurer carries the primary responsibility for finances; financial records, payments, cheques, keeping the accounts. This cannot be left to the paid worker, if the group has one.

Good money management practice requires that the Committee:

- Set up a clear workable system from the outset or as early as possible
- Get outside help, if necessary, at all stages
- Set up a bank account with 2 (or 3) signatures. One of these should be the Treasurer (Those signing cheques should not be related)
- Get proper books to keep the accounts
- Agree procedures for purchasing and payments
- Agree a system for keeping all invoices and records in a safe and accessible place
- Ensure regular (monthly) financial reports.
- Build relationships with your bank; seek concessions; challenge charges; negotiate rates. The bank people may be interested and supportive and may have advice to offer.
- Agree annual audit procedures
- Set principles of best practice from the start for example, no blank cheques will be signed
- Avoid cash payments - unless absolutely necessary.

Fundraising with a purpose!

Fundraising is a very important aspect of the work of a community group. Most activities require money and most groups are short of money.

Since it can be difficult to get funding or because there appears to be much funding on offer, 'getting the grant' can become an end in itself. Without forward planning the aims and objectives of the group can be distorted. To ensure this does not happen, fundraising should fit into the group's Action Plan. The group must think, not just of short-term funding options, but of the long-term sustainability of its work. How will the work survive after the grant?

The group's maxim should be 'What money do we need?' rather than 'What can we get money for?'

When a group knows what it plans to do then the committee can work out (with outside help if necessary) what money will be required, and where the money will come from – both in the short-term and, if relevant, in the long-term.

Key Sources of Funding

The community group can identify its key sources of funding. Every group should have a mixed funding base, including:-

- Own fundraising
- Statutory Sources
- Trusts: Charitable Trusts, local funding organisations
- Own Income generation;
- 'In-kind' resources, sponsorship;

Statutory Sources

District Council should be the first source of assistance as they have a statutory role in supporting community development. Key statutory sources: The Voluntary Community Unit, Department for Social Development; the Department for Education & Learning; Rural Development Division; Department of Agriculture & Rural Development; Health Boards/Trusts; Education & Library Boards.

DSD website has a guide to sources of statutory funding: www.dsdni.gov.uk

European Union

Various funding programmes from the European Union are coordinated through the Special European Union Support Body (SEUPB). When applying for EU funding newer organisations need to be aware from the outset of the level of detailed financial monitoring and record-keeping required.

Community groups that do not have previous experience of gaining EU funding, there are useful sources of information: NICVA; SEUPB; EU Information Office; word of mouth from other community groups; Members of the European Parliament (MEPs).

Grant-making Trusts/Foundations

Community groups frequently depend for funding on a whole range of Trusts. In order to be most effective and to avoid wasting time, effort and paper in sending an application to a Trust that will not consider it, it is important to approach the task in a planned way.

- Target your application for funding.
- State clearly and simply:
 - ✓ Origins and role of your group
 - ✓ Committee structure and names of office holders
 - ✓ Why the proposal is needed / what opportunity you identify
 - ✓ What you plan to do
 - ✓ Who will be involved
 - ✓ When and where will the activities take place
 - ✓ Draw up a budget of costs / income sources – Be realistic
 - ✓ What difference will it make
- Be specific about what you need.
- Do not waste your time applying for an inappropriate amount of funding, or approaching a Trust which does not fund your type of project. Do your homework on the Trust.
 - ✓ Find out the Trust's Guidelines.
 - ✓ Read the Trust's Annual Report.
 - ✓ Check out the Trust's web site.
- Make an effort to relate your proposal to the interests of the Trust you are approaching
- If you are getting or expecting funding from another source it is better to state so
 - Double check to make sure you have enclosed anything requested in the funding guidelines
- Keep a copy of your Application

There are numerous sources which will help you find appropriate information for identifying which Trusts to approach.

- Grant Tracker (www.grant-tracker.org) Northern Ireland Council for Voluntary Action; [Up to date information on all funding sources in this funding for voluntary action handbook is available on this website also!]
- The Directory of Grant-Making Trusts (Charities Aid Foundation)
- Guide to the Major Trusts (Directory of Social Change)
- Talk with your local community network, check with other local groups, talk to your Council

Own Fundraising

Good ideas and approaches to local fundraising can be picked up from NICVA who organise a regular programme of training courses in fundraising. Fundraising can have added value for the group if it is organised properly

- Fundraising can be fun, eg. organising social events for fundraising
- Collections, while useful, can be 'anti-social'
- Fundraising can be a chance to learn new skills, including planning, organising, poster-making etc
- Fundraising can be a way of involving more people and of bringing in people who would otherwise not be involved
- Fundraising can be an effective way for attracting and making good use of volunteers with special skills
- Since fundraising demands particular skills it can be prudent to set up a Fundraising Group within the Committee
- Fundraising can be used as a way of getting publicity for the group and for its activities
- Fundraising can show funders the level of commitment of the group, the numbers of people involved locally, directly and indirectly, and in turn the local ownership of the group and its work.

Income Generation/Sponsorship

Your community group will need to devise its own fundraising possibilities. Some options include:

- Charge fees for services, e.g. Training, Courses, Playgroup, Luncheon Club
- Membership fees
- Admission to events, e.g. Sports Day, Raft Race, Charity Fare
- Sales, e.g. produce and sell calendars, books, cards etc.
- Rent – income from property (may have VAT implications)
- Community business
- Event Sponsorship
- Covenants (legal advice through Northern Ireland Council for Voluntary Action)

While the income brought in may be small it can be important. Evidence of income generation can show funders the level of activity of the group.

'In Kind' Income

A source of income that is frequently overlooked and undervalued is 'In Kind' income. Examples of 'In Kind' income which can be vital are:

- Donation of property – either by an individual, a company or statutory body.
- Use of property – a good example is the Housing Executive's practice of allowing a community organisation use of one of its houses as a Community House
- Provision of transport.
- Subsidising administrative services – where a company or statutory body absorbs the expenses of a community group.
- Publicity space, e.g. ads in shops.
- Loan of office equipment.
- Services provided through Business in the Community.
- Voluntary work and the supply of advice and specialised skills.

General Fundraising Tips

- Use a variety of fundraising methods, e.g. having a seasonal pattern
- Target fundraising on a particular project, event or programme
- Do not send a Round-Robin application to Trusts – they are likely to bin it
- Forward any documents asked for in the guidelines provided
- Show that you have planned ahead and have considered long-term sustainability
- Consider joint fundraising activities with another group.
- Avoid fundraising that is very costly and may not work.
- Have a system of accounting for the money raised so as to protect individuals and ensure good practice
- Provide feedback to the community – possibly through the Community Newsheet
- Keep a copy of your Application
- Tell the funder how you used the grant / acknowledge the funder
- Trust Administrators, in general, will pay greater attention to an application prepared by your group rather than one prepared by a professional consultant
- Have a training session each year to review and plan fundraising.
- Getting the funding is very important, but even more important is ensuring the involvement and commitment of the members of your community

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