

Berks East Funding Project

Funding Newsletter

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News...The Berks East Funding Project goes LIVE

The Berkshire East Funding Project has now been launched. This is a joint project with Bracknell Forest Voluntary Action, Slough Council for Voluntary Services and Windsor & Maidenhead Voluntary Action. This followed a successful bid to the Big Lottery.



The project has **two aims:**

To meet the key priority to improve the infrastructure support in the form of more effective, structured funding support service for voluntary and community organisations across East Berkshire.



Also to significantly increase the number of Statutory Commissioning contracts successfully tendered for by frontline voluntary and community organisations in East Berkshire.



There are three new members of staff; two Funding Advisors and a Procurement Implementation Officer.



'Find out about Funding' Workshops

Special points of interest:

- Funding Workshop
- New staff members
- Funding and grants details

We will be running workshops in the three areas, Bracknell, Slough and Windsor & Maidenhead.

This will be an excellent opportunity to meet the team and find out more about grants and funding opportunities.

In the new year there will be other workshops. In January this will be in the Windsor & Maidenhead area.

The first one will be held on **Thursday 19th November 2009**. This will be at Easthampstead Baptist Church, South Hill Road, Bracknell RG12 7NS 10—12.30.

If you would like to attend please confirm your place to Carole either by phone:

01344 383523

or email:
carole.allen@bfva.org

In March there will be a workshop in the Slough area

More details will follow



Meet the East Berkshire Funding Project team

Funding Advisors

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



Ray Emmans
Funding Advisor

Ray will be available for funding advice and help on application form completion.

Ray can be contacted at Slough on 01753 578243 or at Windsor on 01753 622433 or wmvafunding@hotmail.com

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



Carole Allen

Carole will be available for funding advice and help on application form completion.

Carole can be contacted on 01344 383523 or by email to carole.allen@bfva.org

Dave Furze is the Procurement Implementation Officer for the project. He is based at the Slough CVS offices at Church Street, Slough and will be available generally on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.



Dave Furze
Procurement Implementation Officer

Dave will be developing support for commissioning and procurement workshops and working towards matching voluntary and community organisations with commissioning opportunities and potential partners.

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

Further funding information is available on our websites:

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

Looking forward to
seeing you at the

**Find
out
About
Funding
Workshop**

**On Thursday
19th November at
Easthampstead
Baptist Church, South
Hill Road, Bracknell**

Funding Opportunities

Here are some funding opportunities that are available for more information please do contact us.



MARS make some of the UK's most popular and familiar products including MARS, SNICKERS, PEDIGREE, WHISKAS, DOLMIO and UNCLE BEN'S.

As part of their Community Investment programme, there are a number of ways in which they support local community projects including cash and product donations. If your community group is based within 10 miles of the Slough site, and you are involved in one of the following areas, you may be eligible for support.

Healthy Active Lifestyles

Projects that encourage healthy active lifestyles; promote physical activity; promote a balanced and enjoyable diet; or encourage better understanding of nutrition and nutritional information.

The Environment

Encouraging environmental awareness and responsibility; supporting preservation and improving biodiversity of the local environment; encouraging involvement and pride in the local environment and enhancing quality of life through environmental improvements

Pet Welfare

Encouraging responsible pet ownership through training and education; providing better amenities and facilities for pets and their owners and promoting positive interaction between pets

To see if you are eligible for a grant, you first need to register your group by going to: www.marsinthecommunity.co.uk



The Abbey Charitable Trust is committed to supporting local communities and disadvantaged people, particularly in those areas where Abbey, Alliance & Leicester or Bradford & Bingley have a significant presence.

For more information: http://www.abbeynational.com/csqs/Satellite?c=GSInformacion&cid=282596177748070&pagename=AboutAbbey%2FGSInformacion%2FPAAI_generic



Hilton in the Community Foundation is committed to supporting those most in need to have a brighter future. Focusing on children and young people, the Foundation supports activities in education and health to relieve suffering and equip individuals. At times of humanitarian disaster, the Foundation quickly responds to support relief efforts in affected areas.

For more information: <http://www.hilton-foundation.org.uk/home.htm>



BBC Children in Need This grant programme is open to organisations working with disadvantaged children and young people who are 18 years old and under.

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

Co-op Group Community Dividend Fund (England & Wales)

The Community Dividend Fund uses the "odd pence" donated from Co-operative Group Dividend cardholders to fund projects that benefit local communities. Community and voluntary groups as well as charities are able to apply for funding of between £100 and £5,000 to support projects that benefit the local community. To be eligible, the project must benefit a local community in which at least one Co-operative group business trades. The type of activities supported must fulfil a perceived need in the local community by addressing community issues such as combating crime and anti-social behaviour, promoting education and improving health. Activities must also target disadvantaged groups or areas and be in line with co-operative values and principles.

Applications can be made at any time.

http://www2.co-operative.com:8080/ext_1/ScottishR.nsf/0/216514c83711c88880256c0d0052a46c?OpenDocument

Cash 4 Clubs (UK)

Sports club that are registered with their sport's National Governing Body or local authority can apply for grants of up to £1,000 through the Cash 4 Clubs grants scheme. Cash 4 Clubs is a sports funding scheme which gives clubs a unique chance to apply for grants to improve facilities, purchase new equipment, gain coaching qualifications, and generally invest in the sustainability of their club. In 2008 over £30,000 was given out in grants to 30 community sports clubs across the UK. There are three tiers of grants at £250, £500 and £1,000.

Previous grants have been awarded to:

The Southampton Canoe club which received a grant of £1,000 towards purchasing junior paddles and safety equipment.

The Rugby Sea Cadets which received a grant of £1,000 to maintain and replace safety equipment.

Ipswich Basketball which received a grant of £1,000 to initiate a new women's team aimed at the 16+ league.

Applications can be submitted at any time. <http://cash-4-clubs.com/>

Youth Opportunities and Youth Capital Fund

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

In **Slough** there are two deadlines for applications this year 6th November and 4th December, contact details youthopportunityfund@slough.gov.uk

or call 01753 477333.

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

In **Bracknell Forest** the deadlines are 30th October , 31st December 2009 and 26th February 2010 contact details at Bracknell Forest Council are Darren Berry 01344 464726 or darren.berry@bracknell-forest.gov.uk or Alison Wise on 01344 464731 or email alison.wise@bracknell-forest.gov.uk

Berkshire Community Foundation:

Grassroots Grants Funding has almost been allocated for the year ending

31st March 2010, more funding will be available from April 2010. So if you are a small organisation or group that has been in existence for over a year and an annual income of under £30,000 please contact BCF to discuss your application. Grants of up to £5000 are available. The next deadline for **Berkshire Give a Child Grants** is 15th January 2010, the fund is particularly helpful for groups running activities for young people up to the age of 18 who need new equipment for play/activities or towards premises improvements. Up to £2000 can be applied for.

Go to the BCF website www.berkshirecf.org for more details on both of these grant streams or contact rachel.hughes@berkshirecf.org or call 0118 930 3021.

Business Objects Grants

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

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

Michael Shanly Charitable Trust

The trust has wide criteria but has a preference to supporting groups in Berkshire and Buckinghamshire the elderly

and children. There is no application form a letter is acceptable to: Alan Davis, Michael Shanly Charitable Trust, Sorbon, 24-26 Aylesbury End, Beaconsfield HP9 1LW.

Berkshire East Primary Care Trust

A number of small grants (up to £500) are available for health related activities through the PCT. The closing date is the 31st October. Email jill.major@berkshire.nhs.uk or call 01753 636167 to apply.

FUNDING CENTRAL



Funding Central

Funding Central is a free smart website for all third sector organisations, including community groups, providing access to thousands of funding and finance opportunities, plus a wealth of tools and resources supporting organisations to develop sustainable income strategies appropriate to their needs. If you are completely or relatively new to fundraising, Funding Central provides a guided search enabling you to identify the most appropriate funding and finance opportunities that best suit you and the beneficiaries that you support.

It is free to use Funding Central, you just have to register on the website to find details of grants, contacts and trust funds. www.fundingcentral.org.uk



Heritage Lottery Fund

There are a number of Lottery schemes offering small grants, for local communities and individuals.

The Heritage Lottery Fund runs two of these small grant schemes:

Young Roots

This scheme makes grants to involve 13-25 year olds in finding out about their heritage, developing skills, building confidence and promoting community involvement. Young Roots makes grants of between £3,000 and £25,000,

Your Heritage

This scheme supports projects that relate to the local, regional or national heritage of the UK and that help people to learn about and look after their heritage. Your Heritage between £3,000 and £50,000.

The Heritage Lottery Fund offers advice and help before you apply, the application forms are short and simple and they will offer you a mentor to help you run your project. You can apply at any time and will receive a decision on your application within 10 weeks. For more information: www.hlf.org.uk or call 020 7591 6042



Lloyds TSB Foundation for England and Wales

LLoyds TSB Foundation

Supporting small and medium charities The Lloyds TSB Foundation funds local, regional and national charities working to tackle disadvantage across England and Wales. Its focus is on supporting small and medium underfunded charities that can make a significant difference to the lives of disadvantaged people by helping them to play a fuller role in the community. The Community programme focuses on funding core work that helps disadvantaged people to play a fuller role in the community. They are particularly interested in work that achieves this through:

- * improved social and community involvement
- * improved life choices and chances
- * helping people to be heard.

To be eligible:

- you must be an underfunded charity (12 months of reserves or less)
- if you work locally or in a region you must have an income of £1 million or less
- if you work nationally you must have an income of £5 million or less
- your work must enable disadvantaged people to play a fuller role in the community in one (or more) of the following ways – through: improved social and community involvement improved life choices and chances helping people to be heard
- you will need to be clear on the specific changes and benefits that your work will provide for your users/beneficiaries to help them to play a fuller role in the community For more details and to apply go to: www.lloydstsbfoundations.org.uk

Berks East Funding Project

Find out about Funding Workshop

Thursday 19th November 2009

10.00 am till 12.30pm

Easthampstead Baptist Church, South Hill Road, Bracknell RG12 7NS

We do hope you will be able to attend the East Berkshire Funding Project's first workshop "Find out about Funding". This will be on Thursday 19th November at Easthampstead Baptist Church, Bracknell. Registration will be from 9.45 am and a sandwich lunch will be available at 12.00

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

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

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



If you are able to attend please complete and return the slip below as soon as possible. We look forward to seeing you on the 19th

Berkshire East Funding Project Thursday 19th November 2009

I/We will/will not be attending (Please delete as applicable)

Name:

Organisation:

Tel:

E-mail:

Please state any dietary requirements

Please reply to Carole Allen, BFVA, 5th Floor Fitzwilliam House, Skimped Hill Lane, Bracknell, RG12 1BQ. Telephone 01344 383523

or E-mail carole.allen@bfva.org by Monday 16th November 2009