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Forming a partnership



Have you considered forming a partnership with another VCS organisation?

As a voluntary or community group, working in partnership with other local groups can benefit everyone involved.

Partnerships might involve:

- Submitting a joint application for funding
- Undertaking joint works
- Joining efforts and resources in working with a specific target group
- Sharing information and advice on specific issues

...and this could save you time, effort and money!

If you think your organisation might benefit from joining forces with another or others, please visit our web pages and complete the online form.

Using this information, we will publicise your request in Inside Track and on our webpage. **Further information:**

Internet: www.kent.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/council-tax-and-finance/external-funding/

For further information on national, regional and local funding:
Dan Nicholls, Funding Initiatives Officer, External Funding Unit
Tel: 01622 696263; Email: daniel.nicholls@kent.gov.uk

Kent4Community

Free searches on-line for government, lottery and trust funding schemes
www.open4community.info/kent



Awards for All: Kent Successes



11 Kent based projects have been awarded a total of £82,296 as part of the latest approvals from Awards for All.

Successful projects include the Digital Darkroom who will receive £5,971 to fund an after school hours community club promoting the use of digital media.

Organisation	District	£
Yorks Hill Camps (Fugee 05)	Canterbury	3,679
Temple Ewell Village Hall	Dover	4,300
Digital Darkroom	Dover	5,971
The Green Howards Association - Kent Branch	Dover	2,650
Western Heights Preservation Society	Dover	9,410
Gravesend Sailing Club	Gravesham	10,000
Detling Design Statement	Maidstone	10,000
Pinkneys Green Community Forum	Maidstone	10,000
West Farleigh Parish Council	Maidstone	6,286
Collis Millennium Green Trust	Maidstone	10,000
Brookland Parish Council	Shepway	10,000

Awards for All is a relatively straightforward grant fund to approach.

A range of community based projects can be supported which need only meet one of the three programme aims. These are:

1. Extend access and participation
2. Increase skill and creativity
3. Improve the quality of life

Further information:

Tel: 0845 600 20 40; Internet:
www.awardsforall.org.uk



KCC Funding Contacts

The following are contacts within Kent County Council who can offer funding advice.



KCC Funding Contacts	Brian Clacy	Health & Social Care. VCS working with older people and adults with disabilities	brian.clacy@kent.gov.uk 01622 221814
	Liz Duckworth	Project funding in educational settings	liz.duckworth@kent.gov.uk 01622 696671
	Elizabeth Raiser	VCS working with children and families	elizabeth.raiser@kent.gov.uk
	Mark Reeves	Funding support and advice in community based projects	mark.reeves@kent.gov.uk
	Martyn Riley/ Daniel Nicholls	Funding from National Lottery. General enquiries	Externalfunding@kent.gov.uk 01622 694384/696263
	Chris Metherell	Capital funding for sports facilities	chris.metherell@kent.gov.uk
	Shirley Smith	European funding	shirley.smith@kent.gov.uk
	Mike Leppard	Village and Community Halls	mike.leppard@kent.gov.uk
	Allan Baillie/ Sally Keverne	Youth projects	allan.baillie@kent.gov.uk sally.keverne@kent.gov.uk
	Christine Taylor	Rural projects	christine.taylor@kent.gov.uk
	Arts Administrator	Non-profit arts projects, activities & organisations	arts@kent.gov.uk
	Community Liaison Managers (CLMs)	KCC Member Community Grant Scheme and KCC Small Community Capital Projects Scheme	To find your CLM please email: localboards@kent.gov.uk



Young People's Fund 2 Local Grants



This £38m programme will support local projects which involve, improve services for and change the lives of young people aged 10–18 (up to 25 if they are finding the change to independent living difficult).

Projects should relate to the Every Child Matters outcomes by providing young people with opportunities to: be healthy; stay safe; have improved economic well-being; make a positive contribution and enjoy and achieve in life. In addition, Big Lottery Fund has added its own key outcomes for projects, there are:

- Involve young people in developing, running and reviewing policies and services
- Improved young people's services
- Understand the needs of young people better
- More able to involve young people

This programme will only consider projects that are youth-led. Bids can only be submitted by voluntary and community sector organisations (not schools, colleges or the statutory sector). Grants will range from £10,000-£500,000 to support activities and services lasting between 1-5 years (in total about 100 grants are likely to be allocated). Groups who are looking to develop a project funded under YP1 will be a lower priority. This is not the case for previously funded groups bidding for different work.

Organisations can apply for up to £50,000 to develop land or buildings. The land and building developments should cost no more than £200,000 in total. Outline proposals can be submitted at any time until the 16 October 2008. **Further information:**

Internet: www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_ypf2_local_grants.htm



Big Lottery Fund BASIS: Re-opens



BASIS (Building and Sustaining Infrastructure Services) seeks to improve the support available to voluntary and community sector organisations. £50m is available with grants ranging from £10,001 to £500,000 for projects within one region or £750,000 for England-wide bids. Capital up to £50,000 only.

Following the programme's first round, the Big Lottery Fund consulted third sector organisations on their preferences for funding under round two. As a result of this consultation, the programme's guidelines have been re-focused. There are three priorities for the South East:

1. One regional project will be funded to improve the representation of the view of the VCS
2. One regional project to provide infrastructure services for the VCS supporting disabled people
3. 12 projects will be funded that target areas of high deprivation or communities that have the greatest infrastructure needs

Examples of the types of projects that will be supported for all-England projects include:

- assisting organisations that run family learning services;
- benefiting black and minority ethnic led infrastructure organisations;
- improving services that enhance the development and viability of social enterprises
- improving the ability to support participation in effective neighbourhood governance

The deadline for applications is 27 August. **Further information:**

Tel: 0845 4 10 20 30; **Internet:** www.biglotteryfund.org.uk



FaithBook: Social Networking



FaithAction is a network of faith-based and community organisations that are interested in delivering public services.

It works with organisations that are already delivering contracted work for statutory organisations and also with organisations interested in doing so.

Most of the organisations that are part of the network are faith-based or in some way serve individuals who are part of faith groups.

FaithAction's network 'FaithBook' enables such organisations to share best practice and help each other to deliver public services more effectively.

Further information:

Tel: 0845 094 6350; Email: info@faithaction.net; Internet: www.faithaction.net



Historic Buildings



This scheme provides funding for organisations and individuals who have a legal responsibility for the repair of a historic building, scheduled monument or designed landscape.

Grants are available for the urgent repair or other work required within two years to prevent loss or damage to important architectural, archaeological or landscape features. There is a minimum grant (£10,000) but no specified maximum grant.

The scheme is managed by English Heritage. Most grants will be conditional upon an agreement to provide public access. There is no closing date and applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

Further information:

Tel: 01483 252000; Email: southeast@english-heritage.org.uk; Internet: www.english-heritage.org.uk/server/show/conWebDoc.4554

Councils for Voluntary Service in Kent

The following are organisations within Kent who can offer fundraising support to voluntary and community groups including advice and on-going project support.



Kent CVSS	Action with Communities in Rural Kent Covers: Rural Kent	01303 850816 info@ruralkent.org.uk www.ruralkent.org.uk/
	CASE Kent Covers: Ashford, Shepway, Dover and Thanet (imminently)	Ashford - 01223 610171 Ashford@CASEKent.org.uk Folkestone - 01303 220271/240957 Shepway@CASEKent.org.uk Dover - 01304 219529/240090 Dover@CASEKent.org.uk www.CASEKent.org.uk
	Voluntary Action Maidstone	01622 677337 volunteers@mvbhub.org.uk www.mvbhub.org.uk/
	NW Kent CVS Covers: Dartford, Gravesham, Swanley	01322 291060 Main@nwkcvs.org www.ktcr.org.uk
	Swale CVS & Volunteer Centre	Sittingbourne - 01795 473828 Faversham - 01795 591015 office@swalecvs.co.uk www.swalecvs.co.uk
	Voluntary Action West Kent (formerly West Kent CVS) Covers: Tonbridge & Malling, Tunbridge Wells, Sevenoaks (not Swanley)	01892 530330 info@vawk.org.uk www.vawk.org.uk



Government to fund social return standard



Phil Hope, Minister for the Third Sector has announced a new programme of work to help standardise and improve how social return on investment (SROI) is measured.

The Government is to carry out a £350,000 project that will bring together the public sector, independent investors and social enterprises to agree a standard methodology for SROI measurement that places a financial value on social benefit. **Further information:**

Tel: 020 7276 6400; Internet:
www.dh.gov.uk/en/Managingyourorganisation/Commissioning/Socialenterprise/DH_073426



Business Funding: Green initiatives



Green Grants Machine is a website for businesses who are interested in finding funding (grants, loans, awards) that can help them become more environmentally friendly.

It's the first in the UK and registration is free. **Further information:**

Internet: www.greengrantsmachine.co.uk



Arts Council England: New Pack



A new pack for bids to Grants for the arts is now available.

The new version promises to be easier to fill in and has enhanced guidance and revised details of how applications are assessed.

All applications must now be made on the form. **Further information:**

Tel: 0845 300 6200; Email:
www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/gfta2006.php



NCVO: New Horizons Conference



This event, taking place on 3 June at the Wellcome Collection Conference Centre, London, focuses on 'Funding and finance for the future'. It offers:

- Presentations from leaders in the field
- Informative and practical workshops
- An extended lunch with an opportunity to hear from those putting sustainable funding into action
- Networking opportunities, including a drinks reception supported by Charity Bank
- 1-2-1 surgeries and advice sessions

The keynote speaker is Phil Hope MP (Minister for the Third Sector) and full details can be found at:

Email: sfp@ncvo-vol.org.uk; Internet:
www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/SFP08

FreshTies: Charity Website



Charities can advertise their 'needs' online for free at FreshTies.com. This new website enables voluntary organisations, businesses and individuals to combine their resources. Voluntary organisations might, for example, wish to advertise their need for resources or volunteers on the site.

It's free to voluntary organisations but businesses and individuals are charged a small registration fee. **Further information:**

Internet: www.freshties.com



Children In Need



Issue 119 of Inside Track, which noted recent awards to Kent groups, neglected to note that this BBC promoted scheme will re-open in September. **Further information:**

Tel: Internet: www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/



Social Enterprise Investment Fund: Re-opens



Round two of this Fund is now open to applications from social enterprises looking to provide services across health and social care.

The objectives of the fund are:

- Support the delivery by social enterprises of health and/or social care services
- Provide start-up funding and longer-term investment to emerging and existing social enterprises in the health and social care sector

The government defines a social enterprise as 'a business with primarily social objectives whose surpluses are principally reinvested for that purpose in the business or the community, rather than being driven by the need to maximise profit for shareholders and owners'.

In 2008-09, £11m capital and £6m revenue funding is available.

There is no minimum amount of funding an organisation can apply for, but there is a maximum any one investment of £10,000,000.

The deadline for applications is 31 July. **Further information:**

Email: socialenterprisefund@dh.gsi.gov.uk; **Internet:**
www.dh.gov.uk/en/Managingyourorganisation/Commissioning/Socialenterprise/DH_073426



Coalfields: Bridging the Gap



Existing, new or recently established VCS groups working to regenerate the coalfield communities in Kent are eligible to apply to the recently re-launched Bridging the Gap programme.

A total of nine electoral wards are covered by the scheme which offers funding of between £500 and £10,000 for work that focuses on:

- Increasing community participation
- Supporting grassroots community organisations
- Providing bespoke training and learning opportunities
- Supporting initiatives which promote financial inclusion
- Promoting volunteering & healthy lifestyles

The scheme is administered by Dover District Council. **Further information:**

Tel: Una Mills 01304 872066; **Internet:**
www.coalfields-regen.org.uk/



Esmee Fairbairn: New Strands



The Foundation has launched two new schemes. These are a new funding strand based on Food and a Finance Fund.

The food strand aims to promote an understanding of the role of food in enhancing quality of life and supports work that influences policy and practice across a range of food-related areas, enabling as many people in the UK as possible to access, prepare and eat nutritious, sustainable food. The budget is £3m over 3 years.

The Finance Fund offers financing to projects or organisations that can demonstrate the need for investment and the capacity to manage the demands of non-grant funding. Arrangements could include loans, guarantees, equity or quasi-equity finance. At this stage, the programme will not be open to unsolicited applications. Up to £15m will be available. **Further information:**

Tel: 020 7297 4700; **Internet:**
www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk/pr-template.html



KCC: Community Grant Schemes



Kent County Council has launched its very popular community grant schemes for 2008/9. Combined together, these schemes provide more than £1.7 million a year to community projects in Kent.

KCC elected Member Community Grant

This is for locally based community projects which can show that the grant will bring direct benefit to the local community. You can read more about Member Community Grant at:

www.kent.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/democracy-and-elections/local-democracy/lb-comm-grant-application.htm

The last date for applications will be during January 2009. Applications are, however, processed as they are received. You need to discuss any application you plan to make with the County Councillor for your area, and obtain their agreement in principal to consider it. You can find out who your County Councillor is at:

www.kent.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/councillors/

Small Community Capital Projects Fund

This can support projects with a grant of up to £20,000, but is only for community projects that are seeking grant for capital costs, ie building works, including repairs and renovations, and purchases of fixed or major items of equipment. This fund does not meet running costs for projects. More details are at:

www.kent.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/democracy-and-elections/local-democracy/lb-small-comm-grant-app.htm

The closing date for applications for this scheme is 30 September 2008 (but 30 August in the Dover area). Applications will be considered during the autumn, and it is hoped that decisions will be made before the end of 2008.

KCC Local Schemes Grant

Arrangements for this grant scheme vary, so please see the information at:

www.kent.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/democracy-and-elections/local-democracy/lb-funding3.htm

...and contact the KCC Community Liaison Manager for your area. Contact details for Community Liaison Managers are at:

www.kent.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/democracy-and-elections/local-democracy/Faq/faq-what-is-clm.htm

The closing date for Local Schemes Grant applications varies. Please contact your Community Liaison Manager for information about your area.



KCC Grant Schemes: The schemes below are administered by KCC. Please contact the officers listed for further information about eligibility and application processes.

Arts Projects

Kent Arts Investment Programme	Aims to encourage diverse, high quality arts activity with average grants of £5,000.	Arts Administrator Arts@kent.gov.uk
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Local Board Grants

Member Community Grants	Each county councillor can provide financial support of up to £10,000 each year to projects benefiting local groups.	Contact your Community Liaison Manager (details below)
Small Community Capital Projects Fund	Each Local Board can consider bids up to £20,000 for larger capital projects.	Contact your Community Liaison Manager (details below)

Rural Towns

SEEDA / Kent Rural Towns	A partnership programme providing support and advice for small rural towns.	Sue Beer Sue.beer@kent.gov.uk 01622 221936
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Sports Projects

Kent Paralympian Fund	Open to individuals for 50% of the costs of preparing for the 2012 Paralympic Games.	Mike Bishop Mike.bishop@kent.gov.uk 01732 525389
Small Capital Grant Scheme for Sport	Grants for sports groups to improve facilities and widen participation.	Chris Metherell Chris.metherell@kent.gov.uk 01622 605004
Sportsaver (Kent Reliance) and Pfizer Sports Fund	Both give grants of between £50-£500 to community sports projects. The Pfizer fund is solely for east Kent.	Chris Walker Chris.walker@kent.gov.uk 01622 605053
Sports schemes on school sites	Grants for organisations to arrange sports schemes on school sites. Available for new and enhanced activities.	Nathan Hazledene Nathan.hazledene@kent.gov.uk 01622 605068

Community \ Village Halls

Village and Community Hall Grants	Supports capital projects for existing or new facilities. Maximum grant is the smaller of £50,000 or 25% of total cost.	Mike Leppard Mike.leppard@kent.gov.uk 01622 694241
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Young people

Kent Young People's Fund	Financial support of £25-£75 for young people to enable them to achieve a personal development goal.	Sally Keverne Sally.keverne@kent.gov.uk 01622 694210
The Hugh and Montague Leney Trust	Awards for educational travel.	Lyn Edwards Lyn.edwards@kent.gov.uk 01622 696570
Youth and Community Partnership Award	Grants of between £1,000 and £6,000 for voluntary youth organisations.	Allan Baillie Allan.baillie@kent.gov.uk 01622 694228
Youth Opportunities Fund/ Youth Capital Fund	These schemes support the development of positive activities for young people.	Janine Collins Janine.collins@kent.gov.uk 01622 694426

Community Liaison Managers by District

Ashford and Shepway - David Geoghegan 07786 191667 / david.geoghegan@kent.gov.uk	Dartford and Gravesham - Will Farmer 01622 696961 / will.farmer@kent.gov.uk
Dover and Thanet - Louise Bolton 01622 221947 / louise.bolton@kent.gov.uk	Maidstone and Tonbridge & Malling - Loic Flory 01622 694217 / loic.flory@kent.gov.uk
Swale and Canterbury - Bill Ronan 01622 696889 / bill.ronan@kent.gov.uk	Tunbridge Wells and Sevenoaks - Tom Phillips 01622 696897 / tom.phillips@kent.gov.uk

Grant / Scheme Deadlines:
Examples of Funding Opportunities recently featured
Not all funders operate deadlines



Woodward Charitable Trust (local woodland projects)	www.woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk	30 May
WRG Communities Challenge (community facilities)	www.wren.org.uk	30 May
Tree Council (community groups and schools)	www.treecouncil.org.uk	31 May
Leche Trust (preservation/conservation music, drama, dance and the arts)	Email: info@lechetrust.org	31 May
Tubney Charitable Trust (environment/farmed animals)	www.tubney.org.uk/grantprogrammes.html	2 June
Only Connect (Exchange scheme for VCO)	www.ncvo.vol.org.uk/sfp/?id=7278	13 June
Green Prints (young volunteers 16-25 yrs)	www.sitatrust.org.uk/greenprints/apply	20 June
Sea Change (Cultural projects for Coastal Resorts)	www.cabe.org.uk/seachange	30 June
Clara E Burgess Charity (children's projects)	Tel: 01244 625810	30 June
Tesco Charity Trust (elderly/disabled)	www.tescocorporate.com/charitablegiving.htm	30 June
Community Woodland Network	www.woodland-trust.org.uk	30 June
Baring Foundation Strengthening the Voluntary Sector	www.baringfoundation.org.uk	30 June
WRAP's Organics Capital Grant Programme	www.wrap.org.uk/	30 June
Hedley Foundation (young people grants)	www.hedleyfoundation.org.uk/	2 July
Access to Nature (Flagship Grants <£500,000)	www.naturalengland.org.uk	11 July
Promote Financial Inclusion (addressing FI)	www.friendsprovident.co.uk/foundation	18 July
Playground Partnerships Awards	www.playgroundpartnerships.org	18 July
myplace Fast Track bids (youth facilities programme)	www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_myplace.htm	29 July
Social Enterprise Investment Fund (DoH)	www.dh.gov.uk	31 July
Gypsy and Traveller Sites Grant	www.communities.gov.uk/publications/ho/using/gypsytravellergrants	31 July
Hilton in The Community Foundation (young people education/health)	www.hilton-foundation.org.uk/home.htm	4 Aug
Mediabox (young people)	www.media-box.co.uk	19 Aug
BLF BASIS (VCS infrastructure)	www.biglotteryfund.org.uk	27 Aug
BLF Family Learning (adults/children learning together)	www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_family_learning	29 Aug
Hedley Foundation (young people grants)	www.hedleyfoundation.org.uk/	3 Sept
BLF Research Grants (medical/social research)	www.biglotteryfund.org.uk	12 Sept
Clore Duffield Performing Arts Awards	www.cloreduffield.org.uk	17 Sept
Dartford BC Sports, Arts and Heritage Grants	www.dartford.gov.uk/business/communityfunding.htm	30 Sept
Community Leadership Fund (tackling extremism)	www.communities.gov.uk/publications/communities/communityleadershipfund	30 Sept
HLF Parks for People	www.hlf.org.uk	30 Sept
Bridgeing Cultures Awards (promoting understanding and awareness)	www.bridgingcultures.org.uk	1 Oct
BLF Young People's Fund 2	www.biglotteryfund.org.uk	16 Oct
Access to Nature (Flagship Grants <£500,000)	www.naturalengland.org.uk	17 Oct

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