

Funding and project support from
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What help is out there?

- SCC have an external funding team that can help you develop your project and applications for funding;
- Seek advice from - funding advisers, community/economic development sections, Rural Community Council's (SACRE), Voluntary umbrella organisations about potential funders;
- Look at relevant literature and web-sites of funders - find out what sort of projects they like to fund to meet their objectives, and start to think how your project helps them - then hopefully they will help you;

Further help:

- Look for advice on how to assemble a good business plan - this will enable you to fill in application forms easily as your project will have a sound basis that is well thought out;
- Get hold of the application forms & guidance & look at the information required - start to assemble this with help from relevant funding advisers if available;
- Speak to funders and ask them for advice - many are willing to help as they need to meet their objectives as much as you need their money;

What funds are out there – lots BUT closely focused on themes of funders:

- Corporate Regeneration Fund – SCC Suffolk Story
- Suffolk Environmental Trust (landfill tax) – Landfill Tax Operators;
- Awards for All (big lottery)
- Locality Budget (SCC members) – SCC Suffolk Story
- District Councils (Rural Community Funds) – Eco/Comm/rural Dev Strategies;
- Small charities and foundations – Garfield Weston/Lloyds TSB/Tudor Trust – variety of themes
- In-kind funds and private - varies
- Grantnet – always search!

Examples of areas of interest for funders:

- Garfield Weston – have supported many capital projects around community venues

<http://www.garfieldweston.org/>

with small funds. E.g £10k

- Biffa – general up to £50k for community facilities – public amenity projects. www.biffaward.org.uk

- Clothworkers fund – poss £5k -

http://www.clothworkers.co.uk/pages/homepage/grant_making/default.aspx

- Lankelly Chase Foundation – Arts/heritage/community funds.

<http://www.lankellychase.org.uk/Guidelines%20v8.pdf>

Other funds continued....

- Henry Smith Charity – small grants up to £10k for org'ns with t/o of less than £150k p.a. or larger grants to cover items such as salary for project manager for carers project;
- Football Foundation for sports projects – can provide up to £9k for a £10k total project cost under the small grant scheme, and larger grants (fast track for grants up to £20K) for projects that involve provision of new facilities;
- Esmee Fairbairn Foundation – grants for a variety of projects with specific strands of activity around bio-diversity, museums and heritage and new approaches to learning.

Summary

- Spend time on preparation;
- Speak to other organisations and areas of the country;
- Be realistic about time scales and outputs;
- Ask for help at each stage;
- Plan your project carefully;
- Never start a project without written funding approval;
- Establish audit and monitoring systems early on;
- Disseminate your results and acknowledge your funders.