

FUNDING



Small grants guide for voluntary and community groups in the Hastings area February 2017

This funding guide has been produced to provide clear and up-to-date information about some of the most useful small grants (up to around £10,000) that are available for voluntary and community groups in Hastings and the surrounding area.

Before you can apply, many funders require you to have:

- a committee (or other decision-making group)
- a constitution (or other governing document)
- a bank or building society account
- a set of independently examined accounts (or a financial forecast for a new group)
- a child / vulnerable adult protection policy (if relevant)

If you need support with any aspect of setting up or running a voluntary or community group, Hastings Voluntary Action may be able to help. Call 01424 444010 or email admin@hvauk.org

This guide is part of a wider Funding Advice Service for Hastings groups, including:

- Reviewing funding applications and offering feedback
- Training courses on funding and fundraising issues
- Publicising funding sources in HVA newsletter and elsewhere
- Occasional e-bulletins with time-sensitive information for fundraisers
- Providing specific funding information and advice for organisations
- Loaning fundraising books and guides

For more information about the Funding Advice Service, contact **Peter Thorpe** (peter@hvauk.org) or phone HVA on **01424 444010**.

Things sometimes change rapidly and the list is updated on a regular basis, but if you spot anything that is no longer correct then do let us know!

Also feedback is important – please tell us about your funding successes (and failures!). Your feedback could help us to continue the Funding Advice Service in the future.

Good luck in your fundraising!

****UPDATED** Sussex Community Foundation**

Sussex Community Foundation administers a wide range of different grants. Their **General Grants** are usually up to £5000. Grants are assessed every quarter, and the next deadline is on **5 May 2017**. These grants will support community groups and registered charities working in Sussex that are seeking to address social and economic disadvantage and deprivation across Sussex.

They also have donors who want to support specific causes. These include older people, wildlife, environment, community gardens and allotments, employability, and women affected by domestic abuse. Sussex Community Foundation also promote **localgiving.com**, which enables donations to be made online.

For more information about any of their grants contact the **Sussex Community Foundation** on **01273 409440** or visit **www.sussexgiving.org.uk**

Awards for All

Awards for All is the Big Lottery Fund's small grants programme, helping to improve local communities and the lives of people most in need.

There are no deadlines, and groups can apply anything from £300 to £10,000 in any year. In most cases, grants can't be for running costs, and have to be spent within 12 months. A recent change is that small groups (income under £30,000) maybe be invited to re-apply for a second grant for repeat funding and on-going activities.

The aims of Awards for All are:

- People have better chances in life – with better access to training and development to improve their life skills.
- Stronger communities – with more active citizens working together to tackle their problems.
- Improved rural & urban environments – which communities are better able to access and enjoy
- Healthier and more active people and communities.

The application form and guidelines can be downloaded from **www.awardsforall.org.uk**, or call their advice line on **0845 600 20 40**.

Tesco Bags of Help programme

Tesco has teamed up with Groundwork to for its Bags of Help initiative, which sees grants of £5,000, £2,000 and £1,000 every month – all raised from the 5p bag levy – being awarded to environmental and greenspace projects. All interested charities and community groups have to do is apply online at www.groundwork.org.uk/tesco and three good causes will be chosen each month.

One Stop Carriers for Causes

Carriers for Causes grants are available for good causes within two miles of a One Stop shop (there are 4 One Stop shops in Hastings, covering the whole Borough). Grants of up to £1000 will be available to support projects that 'benefit local communities - helping to improve lives and local places'. Visit: www.groundwork.org.uk/carriersforcauses

Co-op Local Community Fund

Co-op members get 1% of everything they spend on Co-op products to give to a local cause that matters to them. You can now apply to be one of these causes for the next round of funding, running from March to September 2017.

They are looking for 3 projects in each of around 1,500 local communities across the UK. They will choose projects led by small, locally based organisations. They estimate there will be around £5,000.00 to share between the 3 causes chosen in the Hastings area. If you need more information on the Local Community Fund then visit <http://www.coop.co.uk/membership/local-community-fund/> or phone 0800 0234 708.

Santander Foundation – Discovery Grants

Discovery Grants of up to £5,000 are available to fund an activity which supports one or more of our three priority themes:

- Explorer - improving knowledge and insight
- Transformer - developing skills and experience
- Changemaker - innovative solutions to social challenges

Grants must directly benefit disadvantaged people in the UK and must be for something that is wholly charitable and local. Funding is available for specific projects and can cover salaries, equipment or materials for the project. Funding is only for one year and must deliver a local project, not a national initiative.

For more information visit:

<http://www.santanderfoundation.org.uk/discovery-grants.aspx>

Arts Council England – Grants for the arts

Grants for the arts is for individuals, arts organisations and other people who use the arts in their work. Grants are for activities carried out over a set period and which engage people in arts activities, and help artists and arts organisations carry out their work. Grants range from £1000 to £100,000.

For further information about both of these programmes, visit the Arts Council website at www.artscouncil.org.uk or phone their helpline **0845 300 6200**.

Heritage Lottery Fund

HLF have several grant programmes including:

Sharing Heritage (£3000 - £10,000) for any type of project related to national, regional or local heritage in the UK

First World War: then and now (£3000 - £10,000) provides grants for communities to mark the Centenary of the First World War.

Start up grants (£3000 - £10,000) for anyone thinking about creating a new organisation to look after or engage people with heritage, or existing groups taking on new responsibilities for heritage.

For further information about both of these programmes, visit the Heritage Lottery Fund website at www.hlf.org.uk or phone their helpline **020 7591 6000**.

Sport England- Small Grants Scheme

Sport England runs several grant programmes. Small Grants uses Lottery funding to make awards of between £300 and £10,000 to not-for-profit organisations to help more people play sport. You can only apply through the Sport England website www.sportengland.org

Active Sussex – Community Games

Active Sussex offers local community grants of up to £200 to be put towards the cost of hosting an event. To be eligible, your Community Games should have either a sporting and cultural element, an Opening or Closing Ceremony, and be open to the community. The rest is up to you – whether it takes place over one day or several days, the venue, and if it's all about competition, or just having fun!

For more information visit www.activesussex.org/funding-insight/community-games or phone 01273 644185

O2 – Think Big

Funding for projects for young people aged 13 to 25. Awards of up to £2,500, plus training and support, mobile credit and free broadband. **Website:** www.o2.co.uk/thinkbig

Biffaward Small Grants

The scheme offers grants of between £250 and £5,000 to support improvements and access to local amenities such as a community building, nature reserve, cycle path, playground, cultural facility or outdoor space. The main criteria are as follows:

- The project must not cost more than £10,000 in total.
- The project site must be within 10 miles of a Biffa operation (Pebsham), and within 10 miles of a landfill site (owned by any company).
- The project must be *eligible* to be registered with ENTRUST under category D.
- A minimum of 104 days' full public access to the project per year.
- The project must be completed within one year.

Applications can be submitted at any time. The Small Grants Panel meets approximately every eight weeks. **Website: www.biffa-award.org**

Henry Smith Charity - Outings for young people

Applications can be made for grants towards holidays or outings within the UK for children aged 13 and under who are from areas of high deprivation, are experiencing disadvantage, or those who have a disability, providing children with a break they would not otherwise have the opportunity to experience.

The maximum grant available is £3,000 for any one trip. Grants are normally limited to a maximum of two-thirds of the total cost of a trip as they would expect some local partnership funding to be in place.

For details of how to apply or for more information contact Jo Halpin on **0207 264 4983** or visit **<http://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/holiday-grants-for-children.html>**

****UPDATED** Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner**

Two grants are available:

Community Safety Fund – providing financial support (grant awards up to £5,000) to local organisations and projects that aim to reduce crime and improve community safety.

Victims' Services Fund – providing financial support (grant awards up to £10,000) to voluntary and third-sector organisations in Sussex that help individuals to cope and recover from the impact of crime.

Applications for both Funds will be accepted three times a year, and the next deadline for applications is expected in Summer 2017.

More information on the schemes and how to apply is available on the PCC's website: **www.sussex-pcc.gov.uk/apply-for-funding/**

****UPDATED** Foreshore Trust**

Currently closed: Events grants of up to £2000 are available, to increase public enjoyment of the Foreshore Trust's land by encouraging a year-round programme of events. This was last open in Spring 2017, and is anticipated to re-open in late 2017.

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Further details can be found at **www.hastings.gov.uk/foreshoretrust**

Local Funders

These funders may not have an application form, and so you would need to write to them explaining who you are, what you plan to do, how much money you want, and what difference it would make.

Isabel Blackman Foundation

Emphasis on education and learning

Usual grant size: typically between £500 and £5000

How to apply: in writing

Address: Stonehenge, 13 Laton Road, Hastings TN34 2ES

Email: ibfoundation@uwclub.net

Phone: 01424 431756

****UPDATED** Magdalen & Lasher Charity**

Usual grant size: typically between £100 and £3000

How to apply: in writing

Marcia Woolf, Administrator,

Old Hastings House, 132 High Street, Hastings, TN34 3ET

Email: mlc@oldhastingshouse.co.uk

Phone: 01424 452646

Hastings Lions Club

Usual grant size: up to £500 for one-off expenditure. (granted £69,000 locally in 2014/15)

Supports a broad spectrum of needs and ages – will not fund salaries

How to apply: by application form

Requests needed by the first Tuesday of each month.

Val Vint 01424 830658

Email: grants@hastingslions.org.uk

Hastings Round Table

Usual grant size: average £2000 (will not fund salaries)

How to apply: in writing

Download a form <http://www.hastingsroundtable.co.uk/donation-request-form>

and email to jamesbeeching@hotmail.com

Alternatively you can speak at their monthly meeting (every 3rd Tuesday)

[Hastings Round Table organise the Beer & Music Festival, which raised £73000+ in 2015]

Muffin Club

The Muffin Club raises funds and distributes this money to worthy causes, deserving charities and individuals in need in the Borough of Hastings.

Usual grant size: less than £500

How to apply: in writing

Ray Barrett, Upland, 227a The Ridge, Hastings TN34 2EA

Email: erica.barrett@btinternet.com

Winkle Club

Usual grant size: less than £500
Decisions are made in January?
How to apply: in writing
27 All Saints Street, Hastings, TN34 3BT

Rotary Club of Hastings

Usual grant size: less than £500
How to apply: by phone/email
Gayle Benet, Club Secretary – 01424 751642
Or email gayle.benet@tiscali.co.uk

Rotary Club of St Leonards-on-Sea

Usual grant size: less than £500
How to apply: in writing
Ian Butters, Sloane Cottage, Forewood Lane, Crowhurst, TN33 9AB

Hastings Old Town Carnival Association

Usual size of grant: less than £500
How to apply: in writing
Grants are made once a year in the autumn. Requests should be submitted by the end of August to be sure of being included in the list for consideration.
Contact Jayne White, Hastings Old Town Carnival Association Secretary,
C/o 32A Tackleway, Hastings TN34 3DA, or e-mail carnival@1066.net.

Hastings Youth Trust

Provision of facilities for leisure or religious and social education and training
Beneficiaries must be under the age of 25 and reside within the Borough of Hastings or five miles from it.
Please apply by writing to the Clerk to the Trustees, Hastings Youth Trust
151 Old Roar Road, St Leonards, TN37 7HH

Mrs A Lacy Tate Trust

General, education, animal welfare – covers East Sussex
Usual grant size: less than £500
How to apply: by letter
Heringtons, 39 Gildredge Road, Eastbourne, East Sussex, BN21 4RY
01323 411020

The Roy Hudson Trust

General – covers Eastbourne & Hastings
Usual grant size: less than £500
How to apply: by letter
Heringtons, 39 Gildredge Road, Eastbourne, East Sussex, BN21 4RY
01323 411020

Other ideas ...

- Housing Associations
- Mayor's Charity
- Sussex Police lost property fund
- Collections at events (e.g. bonfires)
- Sussex Masons
- Finance Redirect
- Heart FM – Have a Heart
- Crowdfunding

Funds that are currently closed ...

People's Health Trust
AmicusHorizon LIF fund
Hastings & Rother Clinical Commissioning Group
Big Local North East Hastings

HBC Youth Grants
Postcode Community Trust
Reducing Health Inequalities small grants

Funding Advisors in neigh

bouring areas

Hastings	Peter Thorpe	HVA	peter@hvauk.org	01424 444010
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Wealden	Fiona Morton	3VA	Fiona.Morton@3va.org.uk	01323 639373
Lewes	Lee Shepherd	3VA	Lee.Shepherd@3va.org.uk	01273 483832
Countywide	Veronique Poutrel Emma Dean	ESCC	Veronique.Poutrel@eastsussex.gov.uk Emma.Dean@eastsussex.gov.uk	01273 482859 01273 336616

Other sources of help

You can use **East Sussex County Council's "Funding News"** and their **East Sussex 4 Community** resource to identify other possible funders.

Web: www.eastsussex.gov.uk/community/funding

Get Funding News reminders every month by emailing Veronique.Poutrel@eastsussex.gov.uk

Funding Central – a funding search tool, free for organisations under £100,000 turnover
www.fundingcentral.org.uk

Funding for individuals:

Unltd has awards of practical and financial support (£500- £20,000) for people who want to make a difference, activists and social entrepreneurs, including Star People. Visit www.unltd.org.uk or call 0207 566 1100.

Turn2us (www.turn2us.org.uk) lists many grants and benefits that individuals can access