

FUNDING

The new Bikelinks October 04 update includes tips from the latest information from Big Lottery fund, Community Champions Fund and the Local Network fund. We also have a 2 page chart to determine which funder to apply for Community Groups or Individuals, please ask for a copy.

There are sources of funding that look after small community groups namely, [Community Chest](#). Most support youth or children's projects.

A good idea is to support our young people as future leaders with grants, look at [Community Champions fund](#), [London Law Trust](#).

A one off sports or a community event can be funded by [Community Chest](#). Taking kids out on a cycle activity or Mountain biking could be funded by the [Local Network Fund for Children and Young People](#). Recycling bikes can be funded by a few organisations including: [Barclays Social Responsibility](#),

What Bikelinks can offer:

We can assist you in preparing a funding request for the delivery of training and or cycling activities aimed at the right funder, enabling you to benefit and develop your activities without costing your organisation anything.

Contact Ray Pugh at Bikelinks office by phoning 0161 736 6366 or email bike-links@cyclimg.org.uk with an outline of your Community activities.

General:

Fundraising is a very personal business, trusts fund changes for the benefit of people not organisations.

Your credibility counts for a lot, the expertise of your staff and volunteers and the projects you have delivered in the past count for a lot.

Donors like to give money to projects or organisations they have heard about, so get information to possible funders well in advance of the actual project start date.

Donors also like to give to projects that have already sourced money from other organisations, so commitments of money offered go a long way to obtaining further matching funding. The match funding may be in-kind donations such as volunteer's time, so include this in your budget request.

Write a personal letter to the appropriate trusts that already work in your area.

Remember to include the purpose of the work and the desired outcomes, a budget for the project and remember to ask for a specific amount of money, even if is part of a larger bid. Make the letter no longer than 2 pages and don't overload it with attachments.

The trusts like to work in specific geographic locations, so research your potential donor before making the application.

Look at the trusts working in a particular field or to benefit a particular age group. Also don't ask a small trust for too much, or a large trust for too little.

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Funding bodies

1 National Lottery

There are different funds, to which you can apply for a grant. These are Awards for all and the Big Lottery fund.

1.1 Big Lottery Fund

The Big Lottery fund "Young Peoples Fund" is aimed to develop young people through health, staying safe, Developing skills for adulthood, making a positive contribution and their economic well being. From the website:

What do young people really want?

The feedback we get from young people is that they want 'somewhere to go and something to do'. This is why we've created the Young People's Fund.

What we're doing

Through the Young People's Fund, we aim to support projects that will improve local communities and offer more opportunities to young people.

We want young people to come up with ideas for projects and to be involved in making them happen. In particular, we want to encourage the involvement of young people from disadvantaged backgrounds.

These projects will help young people achieve the following:

Being healthy: enjoying good physical and mental health; living a healthy lifestyle (eg football training, cookery classes, support from peers)

Staying safe: being protected from harm and neglect; growing up able to look after yourself (eg after-school clubs, self-defence groups, sexual health advice)

Enjoying and achieving: getting the most out of life; developing skills for adulthood (eg theatre groups and role-play, learning digital music, writing resume classes)

Making a positive contribution: giving back to the local community and society; not offending or behaving anti-socially (eg recycling programmes, creative arts club, 'clean up your park' schemes)

Economic well-being: overcoming socio-economic disadvantages to achieve full potential in life (eg helping homeless young people live independently, exam support).

Who can apply for funding

We will be giving out three types of grant under the Young People's Fund:

Grants to individual young people (or small groups of young people) to help them make a difference in their communities

Grants to voluntary and community organisations to run local projects with and for young people

Grants to voluntary organisations to fund national projects.

To find out more about the Young People's Fund, take a look at our [programme brochure](#) or call 0845 4 10 20 30.

Big Advice Line 0845 4 10 20 30

Head office • 1 Plough Place, London EC4A 1DE • **Tel.** 020 7211 1800 **Fax.** 020 7211 1750

<http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/about/index.htm>

1.2 Awards for All

The Awards for All scheme (amounts up to £5000 at present) is aimed at groups that must have their own constitution and a separate bank account. Groups may wish to apply for funds for a feasibility study and then make an application based on the results. Awards for All are now biased towards community groups and have regional criteria for funding.

Awards for All specifically funds projects which are regionally targeted, in the North West the target areas are:

- Benefit disabled people
- Benefit unpaid carers
- Benefit black and minority ethnic communities
- Help tackle issues of deprivation and isolation in specific regions

Key factors:

- One off bid to improve facilities
- Pay for coaching development
- Pay for promotion and raise awareness

check [the website: http://www.awardsforall.org.uk/](http://www.awardsforall.org.uk/)

[Awards for All contact details:](#)

1.3 Camelot Foundation

The Camelot foundation now has funds for specific areas, one of which is Transforming Lives, Website <http://www.camelotfoundation.org.uk/Home/Index.cfm>

The Transforming Lives Programme is looking for small to medium sized organisations across the UK that :

- work with our priority groups –
 - Young parents or those at risk of becoming young parents
 - Young asylum seekers
 - Young people with mental health problems
 - Young disabled people
- And have imaginative ideas for engaging young people in community life, share our values and commitment to change.

The deadline dates for applying for a Transforming Lives grant are:

11 October 2004
10th January 2004
11th April 2005

2 Government Funding

2.1 Community Champions Fund

Regional fund, open for applications Grants between £50 and £2,000.

To find out your local Government Office see <http://www.dfes.gov.uk/communitychampions/links.cfm>

The fund is designed to increase the skills levels of individuals to enable them to act as inspirational figures, or community mentors/leaders in order to increase community involvement in regeneration and learning activity. *(An example may be to teach bike skills to young people within their community – Bikelinks can help set this up)*

An emphasis is shown to individuals who have already shown leadership in stimulating community activity, or who have ideas for encouraging greater community activity. New applications can also be sent from older 50+ volunteers to help them get involved in their communities.

Applicants should contact their local Government office to identify to which intermediary organisation it is most appropriate to submit completed application forms.

Website <http://www.dfes.gov.uk/communitychampions/index.cfm>

Enquiries: contact Pauline Morgan-Williams

Government office for the north West, Tel 0161 952 4445 or email pmorgan-williams.gonw@go-regions.gsi.gov.uk

2.2 Community Learning chests (North West)

Open for applications, grants £50 to £5,000.

To help both individuals and groups play an active role in neighbourhood renewal through learning. The fund is aimed at small community and voluntary sector groups that do not have access to other funds such as:

- Black or minority ethnic groups
- Young, old or disabled people
- Travellers or refugees
- Lone parents
- Faith communities

The fund will provide funding from ODPM's Neighbourhood Renewal Unit in each of the 88 neighbourhood renewal areas.

Government Office , voluntary and community North West contacts:

David Lawson, tel 0151 224 6483 or email dlawson.gonw@go-regions.gsi.gov.uk

Or Kristin Walton, Tel 0161 952 4380 or email kw Walton@gonw@go-regions.gsi.gov.uk

2.3 Community Chests

As above, except it is to support events or activities in deprived areas. Examples being:
A sports day or other community event including training and WFA events.
Exchange visits to other projects
Renovating disused premises or maintaining a playground

Contact details as above.

2.4 Local Network fund for Children and Young people

Open for applications.

Grants range from £250 to £7,000.

The local network for children and young people provides grants to small, local community groups to support vulnerable children and young people. The fund aims to counter child poverty and youth disadvantage by providing opportunities for children and young people to achieve their potential.

Why not plan a series of cycle activities that include workshop skills and bike maintenance sessions training to help young people develop and give them the opportunity for getting around on a bike, possibly to find work.

The funds themes include :

- Aspirations and experience: activities that give children experiences, or help them achieve goals that other children take for granted.
- Economic disadvantage, activities that help families improve their living standards and cope with difficulties that arise with living on low incomes (*a bike recycle scheme would help here.*)
- Isolation and access: activities that help children who are isolated or alone, or have difficulty accessing services (*socially excluded youngsters, Bikelinks groups are a good example*)
- Children's voices: give children and young people the opportunity to express their opinions and give advice on matters that are of concern to them

Key criteria: Must be a small voluntary group, community group or self-help group to apply. Groups with turnovers of larger than £100k are unlikely to be funded.

Most of the children or young people benefiting from the project must be facing disadvantage or poverty.

Application Procedure:

Contact the local Network Fund National Call centre on 0845 113 0161 for an application pack

2.5 Road Safety Grant Challenge Grants- Road Safety Small Grants

Department for Transport has funds to assist with the cost of projects promoting road safety, proposed by organisations other than local authorities. Grants cannot be payable to individuals or sole traders. Applications will need to promote casualty reduction including improving the safety of vulnerable users, *Cyclists'.....*

A national benefit or the production of material that can be used on a national basis will get preference over a local initiative.

Grant applications should be submitted on an application form from John Doyle, Department for transport, Zone 2/13, Great Minster house, London SW1P 4DR, tel 0207 944 2026 or email john.Doyle@dft.gsi.gov.uk

Applications for grants under £5k can be sent at any time. Grants upwards of £5k can be received for 1st April and 1st October . Applications will be deferred if funds are not available in the fund at that particular time. Website www.dft.gov.uk/stellent/groups/dft_rdsafety/documents/page/dft_rdsafety_504566.hcsp

2.6 SportsMatch

If your project is lucky enough to interest a profit making company in sponsoring your initiative, this is a government scheme, funded by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport that will match their funding pound for pound.

2.6.1 Who Can Apply?

Any **not-for-profit group can apply** e.g. sports club, school/college, charity, governing body of sport, local authority, voluntary groups etc.

2.6.2 Who Can Sponsor Your Project?

We can match money from any **profit-distributing business** e.g. a bank, restaurant, estate agent, supermarket etc.

2.6.3 How Much Can We Match?

Matching awards are available between **£500* and £50,000**. The minimum sponsorship per sponsor is £500* and the maximum per project is £50,000. You can have a maximum of **3 sponsors per project** each putting in a minimum of £500* and **sponsorship can last between 1 and 3** years for any one project. Sponsorship can be in **cash or in kind** (in kind for sporting equipment only). * £500 minimum award for schools/colleges only - for all others organisations the minimum award is £1,000.

2.6.4 Projects We fund

Projects being sponsored should be aiming to include one or more of the following elements: **increased participation** at the grass roots and/or improved skills, **new activities** or extend/enhance existing activities, provide **links to the local community** and ensure **long term benefits**.

Projects can be capital e.g. outdoor basketball nets, cricket playing surfaces etc. (up to £5,000 in total) or revenue e.g. coaching, competition, equipment, facility hire, publicity etc. Priority will be given to **revenue** projects.

2.6.5 Sportsmatch Priority Groups

women and girls, ethnic minorities, disability groups, schools, areas of recreational deprivation, youth.

Your bid will be **strengthened** if your projects targets one or more of these groups. To find out more about our priority groups including booklets and leaflets to download and case studies [click here](#).

There are quite strict guidelines, so don't get too excited! Companies must benefit commercially from the sponsorship and groups cannot claim retrospectively, so plan ahead. A limited amount of in-kind support (not time) can count towards the £1000 minimum sponsorship (£500 for schools). Click here for [Contact details](#) or see table below.

3 Trust funds

Trust funds can be a useful source of income. Be sure that your application meets the particular criteria of the trust to which you are applying. If possible, telephone beforehand and ask for advice from the listed contact. They may send you an application form or ask you to apply in writing. There are various reference books on trusts that you can use for your research. The best known is The Directory of Grant Making Trusts published by the Charities Aid Foundation (also available as a CD ROM).

The majority of trusts are listed on Funder finder (see below). Small local trusts may not be listed. Try your local CVS, library and churches to locate these. They may only give a small amount but this may be enough to get an initiative started. The majority of trusts prefer to give to registered charities. As some trustees meet six monthly or annually, it may be up to a year before you hear from the trust.

3.1 Barclays Social Responsibility Programme

Barclays look to fund projects between £1000 and £25,000 on a local or regional basis. They currently focus their financial support on five areas:

- Education
- Environment
- The Arts
- People with disabilities
- Social Inclusion

3.1.1 Education – local Schools

Initiatives that provide additional facilities, promoting the welfare and development of young people (*through Cycling ?*).

3.1.2 Environment

Projects that involve the recycling of materials and resources. (*that could include recycled bikes!*)

3.1.3 Social Inclusion – Children

Helping children, particularly from deprived backgrounds, unemployed – especially education and training (*Bikelinks could run a 6 week program and include maintenance training*).

People with Disabilities

- Advice and training of people with disabilities and their careers: Initiatives which encourage the education and employment of people with disabilities.

Social Inclusion

- Children, particularly those from deprived backgrounds: Families in need or under stress; Homelessness; Unemployed people – especially education and training; Frail and less well-off older people

Staff involvement - They also actively encourage their staff to get involved in community activities, and therefore look to fund projects that offer opportunities for our people to do just that.

For further information visit: www.barclays.co.uk/socialresponsibility

3.2 Charities Aid Foundations

The Fast track fund is very useful in applying for administration type training to which organisations can apply for up to £700.

3.2.1 What CAF will fund

- Training costs to attend specific courses.
- Costs to provide training provided by a consultant.
- Training costs only (including venue costs and refreshments).
- Applications with a training plan or details of the proposed training. If you have recruited a trainer you will need to include the trainer's CV.
- Training due to take place at least one month after we receive your application.

3.2.2 What CAF will not fund

- Training that has already taken place.
- Training to deliver your services or projects (welfare rights, counselling, first aid, health and safety, child protection, sports coaching). If you are a second tier organisation/membership organisation this means your capacity building programme.
- Facilitated away days.
- IT training (training in the use of computers/Internet etc).
- Attending conferences.
- CAF workshops/training sessions.
- Support to on-going training.

3.3 Consultancy Fund

We support small to medium-sized charitable organisations to make the most of their resources by providing low-cost, high-quality consultancy.

This fund has been set up for charitable organisations that do not have a chosen consultant and may need extra guidance and support to achieve the best possible results from their consultancy.

If you are awarded a grant you will be allocated a consultant from CAF's Consulting Network to work for a number of days with you. We will be supporting consultancies by contributing consultancy days at cost, not funding. Please note: we do not automatically give 100% funding and you may be asked to contribute to the cost of your consultancy.

Funding priorities

Priority will be given to consultancies that aim to strengthen your organisation's structure.

Priority is given to organisations that have identified their need for a consultancy, have no ability to fund their own consultancy and no previous experience of working with a consultant.

3.4 Friends Provident Charitable foundation

Friends Provident have £20M to donate to charity, the foundation's grantmaking policies will be issued in July 2004, web site <http://www.friendsprovident.com/csr>

3.5 Lloyds TSB

Contact details: website <http://www.lloydstsbfoundation.org.uk>

Lloyds TSB make grants to registered charities working in England and Wales. Their mission is to support under funded charities which help disadvantaged or disabled people of all ages to play a fuller role in society.

Their funding goes mainly to charities supporting social and community needs and education and training.

Social and community needs:

- Family support, for carers, parenting, and relationships.
- Challenging disadvantaged and discrimination – work which raises awareness and help people make a wide involvement in the community.
- Helping the Voluntary sector more effective: work which improves management skills or encourages charities to work together to share good practice, to provide more effective services.

Non charities can apply providing they have an income of less than £1000 pa and their aims are charitable.

Go to the web site for guidelines regarding funding.

3.6 London Law Trust

Personal development of children and young people, especially to develop the qualities of leadership and services to the community. Grants range from £500 to £5000 and are typical of £2,500 each.

Applications from individuals including students are ineligible. The grant advisor makes visits to almost all applicants. Applications to G D Ogilvie, secretary, Messrs Hunters, 9 New Square, Lincoln's Inn, London , WC2A 3QN.

3.7 Northern Rock

website <http://www.northernrockfoundation.org.uk>

Northern Rock fund groups to help disadvantaged people due to :

- Age, example young and old people
- Disability
- Displacement – asylum seekers, refugees, survivors of domestic violence
- Collapse of industry or employment
- Prejudice and discrimination

The support is limited to the geographical area of the North East of England from Teeside up to Northumberland.

3.8 Pilkington (Austin A Hope) Trust

Grants are made for general charitable purposes at the discretion of the Trustees. The criteria are based on a three year cycle.

In 2004 priorities are children, youth ,elderly and medical work.

Applications should include an A4 summary of the project, budget and a copy of accounts and annual report of the organisation.

Email admin@austin-hop-pilkington.org.uk or www.austin-hope-pilkington.org.uk. Next deadline is November 1st 2004. contact Karen Frank, Administrator, PO box 124, Stroud, GL6 7YY

3.9 Youth Bank

Youth Bank UK, run by young people for young people, provides small grants to fund young people good ideas to benefit their own communities.

Contact Helen Shepherd at Youth Bank UK, tel 0116 285 3725 or email youthbank@nya.org.uk, web site www.youthbank.org.uk

4 Help –Local CVS

4.1 funder finder

This is available on computer at most local Councils for Voluntary Services. It is, in the main, a list of trust funds and is updated every 6 months. It can be used to search for potential funders by supplying information such as, for example, the amount of money required, the location of the project and whom it will benefit and the search will generate a list of potential funders. These can then be researched in the CVS library.

5 Lions, Rotary, Round Table, Inner Circle etc

The local library or CVS may be able to provide the latest local contact information for these organisations, which raise money for charitable purposes as part of their objectives. If you happen to know a member, this will help.

Good Luck!

6 USEFUL CONTACTS:

<p>Big Lottery Fund</p> <p>Advice line 0845 410 2030</p> <p>Website http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/programmes/ypf/index.htm</p> <p>Who can apply: Individual young people, informal groups of young people, voluntary & community organizations, partnerships between voluntary & statutory bodies.</p>	
<p>Awards For All</p> <p>Range of bids £500 - £5,000</p> <p>Now have a regional focus which gives details of the types of projects and groups that we particularly want to fund. Projects which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - benefit disabled people. - benefit unpaid carers. - benefit black and minority ethnic communities. - help to tackle issues of deprivation and isolation in specified regions, check the website: <p>http://www.awardsforall.org.uk/</p> <p>Key factors: One off bid to improve facilities Pay for coaching development Pay for promotion and raise awareness</p> <p>Tel 01925 626800, North West office, phone before 1pm.</p>	<p>TheCamelot foundation Website http://www.camelotfoundation.org.uk/Home/Index.m Transforming Lives About Transforming Lives</p> <p>The Transforming Lives programme is looking for small to medium sized organisations across the country that : work with our priority groups –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Young parents or those at risk of becoming young parents - Young asylum seekers - Young people with mental health problems - Young disabled people <p>have imaginative ideas for engaging young people in community life share our values and commitment to change The deadline dates for applying for a Transforming Lives grant are: 19 April 2004 12 July 2004 11 October 2004</p>

<p>Community fund</p> <p>Community Fund is a local and decentralised organisation. We have 14 country and regional offices serving the UK and England as a whole, the nine England regions, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.</p> <p>The Community fund is for grants large and medium sized.</p> <p>Grants for large projects is for groups whose total project costs more than £60,000 (or more than £30,000 if it involves property).</p> <p>Grants for medium-sized projects is for groups whose total project (not just in one year) costs less than £60,000, or the total cost of any building construction or refurbishment work is less than £30,000 excluding VAT.</p> <p>Website http://www.c-f.org.uk/</p>	<p>CAF Administration Services, namely Grant making and Consultancy funding</p> <p>Website http://www.cafonline.org/grants/</p> <p>Funding priorities: Training for financial management, management, fundraising/income generation (including trading) training or governance issues (board development, roles and responsibilities). This could include training for staff, volunteers or management committee members. Priority is given to immediate training needs. You will need to have identified the training course and/or training agency. What we will fund Training costs to attend specific courses. Costs to provide training provided by a consultant. Training costs only (including venue costs and refreshments). Applications with a training plan or details of the proposed training. If you have recruited a trainer you will need to include the trainers CV. Training due to take place at least one month after we receive your application.</p> <p>Grants Co-ordinator, CAF</p> <p>email : IDemas@CAFOnline.org</p> <p>telephone : + (44) 1732 520 345</p> <p>facsimile : + (44) 1732 520 159</p>
<p>Councils for Voluntary Service (CVS) or local Voluntary Action groups</p> <p>The National Association of Councils for Voluntary Service (NACVS) has a directory of 250 local groups that support voluntary organisations (price £8). <i>Telephone:</i> 01142 786 636 for the NACVS, that will be able to give you contact details of your local branch.</p>	<p>Directory of Social Change Information and Training for the voluntary sector. Publishes 'Major Companies Guide' (Top 400 corporate donors in detail) and 'A Guide to Company Giving' (1400 large companies). Send for publications list. 24 Stephenson Way, London NW1 2DP Tel: 020 7391 4800 Fax: 020 7391 4808 also there is a Liverpool office 0151 708 0117. Email: info@dsc.org.uk www.dsc.org.uk</p>
<p>Foundation for Sport and the Arts PO Box 20 Liverpool L13 1HB Tel: 0151 259 5505 Fax: 0151 230 0664</p>	<p>Funder Finder This is a computer programme that lets you search for potential funders. Call to find out where your nearest Funder Finder programme is based. Tel: 0113 243 3008 www.funderfinder.org.uk</p>

<p>Sports Aid Grant aids elite sports people of international competition standard</p> <p>Sports Aid Charitable Trust offers grants to young people and disabled people 25 Pratt Mews Camden London NW1 OAD Tel: 020 7387 9380 Fax: 020 7380 0283</p>	<p>Sport England Publishes 'Financing Projects', 'Finding the Funds' and 'Raising Money' PO Box 255 Wetherby, W Yorkshire LS23 7LZ Tel: 0870 521 0255 Fax: 0870 521 0266 www.sportengland.org (National Lottery Sports Fund) Tel: 0345 649649 www.sportengland.org/lottery Awards for All Tel: 0845 6002040 www.awardsforall.org.uk</p>
<p>Shell Better Britain Campaign Information, advice, networking and different project funds to apply to: bursary fund up to £150, project fund up to £2000, plus discuss larger project funding King Edward House 135a New Street Birmingham B2 4QJ Tel: 0121 248 5900 Fax: 0121 248 5901 Email: enquiries@sbbc.co.uk Web site: www.sbbc.co.uk</p>	<p>Sports Match Matching awards are available between £500* and £50,000. The minimum sponsorship per sponsor is £500* and the maximum per project is £50,000. You can have a maximum of 3 sponsors per project each putting in a minimum of £500* and sponsorship can last between 1 and 3 years for any one project. Sponsorship can be in cash or in kind (in kind for sporting equipment only). * £500 minimum award for schools/colleges only - for all others organisations the minimum award is £1,000. Projects being sponsored should be aiming to include one or more of the following elements: increased participation at the grass roots and/or improved skills, new activities or extend/enhance existing activities, provide links to the local community and ensure long term benefits. Projects can be capital e.g. outdoor basketball nets, cricket playing surfaces etc. (up to £5,000 in total) or revenue e.g. coaching, competition, equipment, facility hire, publicity etc. Priority will be given to revenue projects.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3rd Floor, Victoria House, Bloomsbury Square London WC1B 4SE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tel: 020 7273 1942 Fax: 020 7273 1981</p> <p>Email: info@sportsmatch.co.uk Website: www.sportsmatch.co.uk</p>

Bike Links can give you advice and assistance with applying for funding.
Contact Ray Pugh on Tel 0161 7366366 / fax 0161 736 6366 or
Email bike-links@cyclling.org.uk