

Wales Council for Voluntary Action

Supporting charities, volunteers and communities

7. Finding and getting money

7.4 Sources of funding



Overview

This information sheet is designed to give outline details about sources of funding available to finance your organisation's activities in pursuit of its aims and objectives. More detailed information is given in each of the individual information sheets.

The entries in each sheet are intended as a general guide, the contacts given will be able to provide you with more detailed information. Your local county voluntary council (CVC) can also help you to identify sources of funding for your needs.

7.4.1 Small grants

This information sheet is designed to give details about small grants, *i.e.* up to the amount of about £15,000, which are available for small groups and organisations within the voluntary sector in Wales.

Please note that many funders, even those offering significant levels of grant funding, often provide small grant programmes specifically tailored towards the needs of small groups. Application processes are usually streamlined and require less formal procedures.

7.4.2 Lottery funding

This information sheet is designed to give details about Big Lottery Fund grants schemes available to groups and organisations within the voluntary sector in Wales.

Big Lottery Fund 2006 – 2009

The Big Lottery Fund (BIG) will give out more than £120 million in Wales between 2006 and 2009. All programmes are part of BIG's mission to improve communities and the lives of people most in need. The programmes will have three key themes:

- Supporting community learning and creating opportunity.
- Promoting community safety and cohesion.
- Promoting well-being.

These themes are supported by three outcomes that BIG hope their funding will achieve:

- People of all ages equipped with the skills and learning to meet the challenges of a modern society.
- People working together for stronger communities, social justice and better rural and urban environments.
- Healthier and more physically active people and communities.

BIG's programmes divide into two broad areas: demand-led and strategic. Demand-led programmes encourage organisations and groups to bring their own ideas and solutions to BIG for funding.

The strategic programmes focus more on the type of outcomes BIG wants its funding to achieve, although it still encourages local solutions to local needs.

7.4.3 Trust and foundations

The following list gives details of trusts which make grants to voluntary organisations (not normally to individuals), and which are based in Wales, have a particular connection with Wales, or specify Wales or parts of Wales in the area where they distribute grants. They represent a small proportion of the many hundreds of charitable trusts in the UK, including major grant makers. Your local county voluntary council can help to identify other trusts that might meet your needs.

7.4.4 Welsh Assembly Government grant funding

The Welsh Assembly Government offers a wide range of grants to organisations across Wales such as local authorities, Community Safety Partnerships and the voluntary sector. The grants are used to deliver services that meet the needs of the public in Wales, such as improving housing, reducing homelessness, promoting community safety and regenerating areas of deprivation.

This information sheet contains details of the grant schemes offered by the Welsh Assembly Government either directly or, via independent bodies. There is a brief summary of each scheme and contact details.

7.4.5 UK government grant funding

This information sheet covers a wide range of UK government funding in addition to that provided by the Welsh Assembly government.

If an organisation is prepared to spend time researching opportunities in detail and adapt applications to meet government priorities, then this can be a worthwhile route to follow.

Care must be taken to ensure that funding extends to Wales and that the aims and objectives of the grant funding programme can be met. It is recommended that early contact be made with the government department funding the programme.

7.4.6 European funding

This information sheet seeks to provide an overview of the main sources of European Union Structural Fund Programmes during the period 2007-2013.

Convergence Programme

West Wales and the Valleys (WW&V) qualified for the Convergence Programme, the highest level of EU funding support available through this, the successor programme to Objective One. This will bring approximately £1.3bn (€1.85 billion) of investment during 2007-2013.

WW&V covers the following unitary authorities: Blaenau Gwent, Caerphilly, Bridgend, Carmarthenshire, Conwy, Ceredigion, Denbighshire, Gwynedd, Merthyr Tydfil, Neath Port Talbot, Pembrokeshire, Rhondda Cynon Taf, Swansea, Torfaen and Ynys Mon.

Regional Competitiveness and Employment

The remaining local authority areas (Cardiff and the Vale, Monmouthshire, Newport, Powys, Wrexham and Flintshire) qualified for the Regional Competitiveness and Employment Programme, the EU's successor to the Objective 2 and 3 programmes, with an approximate funding allocation of £97 million (€136 million) during 2007-2013.

Territorial Co-operation Programmes

Parts of Wales will also be eligible for Territorial Co-operation Programmes covering cross-border (between the West coast of Wales and the East coast of Ireland); trans-national and inter-regional programmes.

Application processes are still to be developed but in the meantime, more information can be obtained from:

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7.4.7 Funding for health and social care

This information sheet provides details of sources of funding for organisations that are involved with health and social care and health promotion projects.

In addition to a wide range of independent trust and foundations which specifically identify supporting work in these areas, the Welsh Assembly Government directly funds health and social care projects under Section 64 of the Health Service Act 1968 and Section 28 (b) of the National Health Service Act 1977.

7.4.8 Funding sources for sports projects

The information sheet provides details of sources of funding for voluntary organisations that are involved with sports projects. The entries in this sheet are intended as a general guide, the contacts given will be able to provide you with more detailed information.

7.4.9 Funding for art projects

The information sheet provides details of sources of funding for voluntary organisations that are involved with arts projects.

Funding streams can be diverse, ranging from Assembly Sponsored Public Bodies (ASPBs) to trusts and foundations with a specific interest in promoting the arts. Before making applications, careful consideration must be given to which funding stream which offers the best fit with your group's aim and objectives.

7.4.10 Funding for environmental projects

The information sheet gives details of possible sources of funding for voluntary organisations that are involved with environmental projects.

The entries give details of those trusts and foundations and statutory bodies known to fund environmental projects. This list is not exhaustive.

7.4.11 Funding for community buildings

Finding funding for your community building, village hall or community centre can seem a very complex task with such a vast number of statutory and non statutory grant giving bodies working at a European, national, regional and local level.

With this in mind, this information sheet includes the most obvious funders who at best give priority to community buildings or at least give consideration to community buildings' needs. This information sheet should be used as a general guide only. You should always try to contact the appropriate funder for more detailed information before applying.

7.4.12 Funding for youth-oriented projects

Increasingly a number of organisations are wishing to fund projects specifically aimed at young people. A number of funders including the Welsh Assembly Government now have programmes addressing youth-oriented issues.

This information sheet covers a number of funding streams which are illustrative of the type of funding available to such projects.

7.4.13 Local funding (County)

These information sheets are designed to give details about small grants, which are available for small groups and organisations within the voluntary sector for that County.

7.4.14 Funding for places of worship

There are a number of trusts and foundations which provide grant funding assistance specifically for places of worship such as religious buildings.

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