

Where to look

A brief selection of both FREE and paid-for resources to help with fundraising



Printed material goes quickly out of date but most funders and services (voluntary and statutory) now have an online presence. Publications, where not duplicated online, are normally listed on the appropriate sites so web or email rather than postal addresses are given here.

Some of the most comprehensive services and databases, such as those run by the Directory of Social Change (DSC) at www.dsc.org.uk, require a subscription but may be available free or at low cost through local resource centres or Councils of Voluntary Service (CVS), which go under various names in different areas. You can find your local one through the 'umbrella' body **NACVS** - National Association for Voluntary and Community Action – at www.navca.org.uk. CVSs also often provide training and advice tailored to local needs.

Lottery

The Big Lottery www.biglotteryfund.org.uk – for details of all current funding programmes.

Awards for All – very accessible, small grants scheme for general community and charity projects www.awardsforall.org.uk. 2007 special 'Abolition200' programme commemorating abolition of slave trade.

Heritage Lottery Fund www.hlf.org.uk/English/ - enables communities to celebrate, look after and learn more about our diverse heritage, including buildings, museums, natural heritage and the heritage of cultural traditions and language.

Grant-making Trusts

The Directory of Grant Making Trusts, one of the most famous funding reference works, is published by the Directory of Social Change along with Trustfunding.org, a regularly updated subscription-only database of grant making trusts, (but local CVS may subscribe as well as holding the book in their resource library).

CharitiesDirect.com – basic free search with links to paid-for data and professional resources.

Charity Commission – view the register of all English and Welsh charities, including grant-making charitable trusts, at www.charity-commission.gov.uk/registeredcharities/first.asp. Useful if you only know a name or part of it, or can't find information anywhere else.

Statutory (local and national government, European Community)

Government funding programmes: www.governmentfunding.org.uk/ – updated information provided free by the DSC. and supported by the Government.

Local authorities: www.info4local.gov.uk, is a 'one-stop information gateway' for local public services with easy access to information from central government departments, agencies and public bodies

www.direct.gov.uk - produced by the Central Office of Information, Directgov provides information from across UK government departments and brings together an increasing number of online government services

www.futurebuilders-england.org.uk – Government-backed loan and grant scheme – for building capacity of voluntary organisations delivering public services

Corporate

Guide to UK Company Giving by the DSC, www.companygiving.org.uk/ (subscription service – trial version may be available).

Sponsorship & Donations Yearbook – major (paid-for) printed guide to sponsorship and charitable donation opportunities www.hollis-pr.com/publications/spons.htm

Ethical Investment - check out your investments and prospective corporate partners through EIRIS (Ethical Investment Research Service) www.eiris.org/

Environmental, Youth, Individuals and general

Environmental Funding Guide – book of useful reference and tips for environmental projects from DSC: includes urban regeneration, sustainable development, and conservation of our natural and built heritage.

BTCV currently offers funding advice and information for community environmental groups in London, with an online selection of opportunities - www2.btcv.org.uk/display/groups_funding. or tel: 020 7843 4287.

Landfill Community Fund (formerly the Landfill Tax Credit Scheme) – see the regulator of the fund and primary source of information programme, Entrust www.entrust.org.uk.

Youth Funding Guide - practical advice on fundraising for youth-related causes, and details sources of funding including lottery, grant-making trusts, companies, national, regional and local government, and the European Union (published by DSC)

Individuals in need - www.grantsforindividuals.org.uk (subscription service published by Directory of Social Change) – help for individuals rather than organisations.

GrantsNet www.grantsnet.co.uk - a combination of free and subscription information about grant schemes available to businesses and charities.

GrantsOnline www.grantsonline.org.uk – a comprehensive and powerful online includes trust and statutory funding information on subscription (free 7 day trial available).

j4bCommunity (go to www.j4b.com and follow links) - subscription based grant search tool specifically for the Voluntary and Community Sector, with restricted free service..

Institute of Fundraising - the professional body for UK fundraisers, working to promote the highest standards in fundraising practice and management and a useful source of information and training: www.institute-of-fundraising.org.uk/. A wide range of special interest groups exists, from trust fundraising to IT. Download their Good Fundraising Guide free at www.institute-of-fundraising.org.uk/documents/good_fundraising_guide.pdf

www.freefundingupdate.net aims to provide a simple resource for people seeking grants to fund charitable activities, with online opportunity to seek advice or ask questions on any aspect of winning grants.

Trading and recycling

Association of Charity Shops www.charityshops.org.uk/

In Kind Direct - distributes new goods donated by manufacturers and retailers to thousands of voluntary organisations www.inkinddirect.org (subscription).

Social Enterprise is a rapidly expanding approach to achieving social goals through a business structure whose surpluses are ploughed back into the company – training and sources of advice and information on grants from Social Enterprise London www.sel.org.uk . For building-based community enterprises, see www.dta.org.uk

Legacy and In Memoriam

Legacy Promotion Campaign – national campaign to encourage and help the public to support charities in their will, and services for member charities and professionals: www.rememberacharity.org.uk

For setting up funds in memory of the deceased, look at ourlastingtribute.com/ run by the Whitewater consultancy.

Tax-effective giving and Finance

HM Revenue and Customs – guidance and promotional material for implementing Gift Aid: www.hmrc.gov.uk/charities/giving-to-charities-indiv.htm

The Institute of Fundraising (see above) also offers training and, guidance in this area.