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Where to start a funding search for your VCSE needs?

Is your organisation struggling to find sources of funding to meet your project needs? This document will provide a few helpful tips and information about service providers that could be the perfect solution.

Voluntary Action Rotherham's Information Station

Voluntary Action Rotherham (VAR) offers bespoke all encompassed fund search support. Accessible at our Information Station as funded by Awards for All Big Lottery Funding, online funds can be viewed and with support on hand this could be the perfect solution to find funds to meet your project needs. Your VCSE may book an appointment to search for grants at our Information Station through VAR, free of charge.

Not able to attend? VAR can do the search for you and forward the results directly to your email in box.

VAR also have a bid writing service to help your VCSE apply for an identified grant (fees may apply).

For more information visit the website: <https://www.varotherham.org.uk/grant-funding-service/>

Contact email triage@varotherham.org.uk or telephone 01709 829821 and ask for the triage department.

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Do you need a small pot of money to support a community project? Welcome Grants are available to all new groups, both a £50 initial grant and a stationery pack worth up to £75 are available. Initial grants awarded are paid directly to a group bank account. The stationary pack will consist of items identified through application rather than a financial award.

For more information visit the website: <https://www.rotherhamfederation.org/services-to-community-groups/small-grants/welcome-grants/>

Social Enterprise Exchange

Are you interested in starting up a Social Enterprise?

Do you have an innovative idea but are not sure where to find the funds or support?

The Social Enterprise Exchange may be the perfect solution. Social Enterprise Exchange is a programme of support for social enterprise in Sheffield City Region delivered by a community-based consortium in collaboration with Sheffield City Region Growth Hub and funded by European Regional Development Fund 2014-2020.

To find out more, visit the website: www.socentXchange.net

Contact email info@socentxchange.net

Online funding search resources

Below are some useful websites to help your VCSE search for funding:

Big Lottery Fund

Awards for All England

Suitable for community groups, voluntary groups and charities.

<https://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/funding>

Sport England

Suitable; whether you are a small village club, or a multimillion pound sport facility.

<https://www.sportengland.org/funding/>

South Yorkshire Community Foundation

Suitable for local South Yorkshire community groups

<http://www.sycf.org.uk/apply/>

Yorkshire Sport Foundation

Suitable for organisations, clubs and individuals

<https://www.yorkshiresport.org/get-funding/>

Subscription required: Online funding search resources

Below are some online resources which require subscription to search for funding.

South Yorkshire Funding Advice Bureau

Suitable for voluntary and community groups in South Yorkshire

FREE for groups working in South Yorkshire

(£25/year for others)

<http://www.syfab.org.uk/>

Funding Central NCVO

Free access for organisations with an annual income below £100,000

£120 plus VAT for organisations with an annual income over £100,000

£80 plus VAT for individual users not connected with an organisation - such as a consultant.

Funding Central only lists funding for voluntary and community organisations, we do not list funding for individuals.

http://www.fundingcentral.org.uk/access.aspx?uri=page.aspx%3fSP%3dSA_Grants_Intro

Ways you may try to raise funds through appeal

Funding appeals can be made by your VCSE. Some ideas are:

- Develop a good website
- Campaign or purpose for fundraising
- Charity Checkout / Virgin Money Giving account
- Twitter account
- Facebook page
- E-newsletter
- Start a conversation to trigger and motivate potential donors
- Join Rotherham Pay it Forward; <https://www.varotherham.org.uk/rotherham-pay-it-forward/>

When appealing in this way it is useful to use case study examples of just how the funding can make a real difference to improve issues in the community.

