

# FUNDING



## Small grants guide for voluntary and community groups in the Hastings area March 2018

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](mailto: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](mailto: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!

## **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 **4 May 2018**. 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**

## **\*\*UPDATED\*\* 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 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.

Your project must meet at least one of the following aims:

- bring people together and build strong relationships in and across communities
- improve the places and spaces that matter to communities
- enable more people to fulfil their potential by working to address issues at the earliest possible stage

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

## **Chalk Cliff Trust**

Grants are available for a broad range of community initiatives in East Sussex. Grants vary in size but are typically £3000 to £5000. They only accept applications online, but it is a relatively simple application process. Visit **www.chalkclifftrust.org**

## **Tesco Bags of Help programme**

Tesco has teamed up with Groundwork to for its Bags of Help initiative, which sees grants of £4,000, £2,000 and £1,000 every month – all raised from the 5p bag levy – being awarded to projects that improve the local community. All interested charities and community groups have to do is apply online at [www.groundwork.org.uk/tesco](http://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](http://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. The next opportunity to apply to be a local good cause will be Spring 2018.

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.

## **Foreshore Trust**

**Currently closed: Small grants** up to £5000 were available, to support smaller voluntary and community groups in carrying out activities that enhance the quality of local residents' lives and increase their involvement in the community. Around £50,000 was available in 2016/17. We anticipate that this annual grants fund will re-open in **summer 2018**.

**Currently closed: Events grants** of up to £2000 were available, to increase public enjoyment of the Foreshore Trust's land by encouraging a year-round programme of events. We anticipate that this annual grants fund will re-open in **late 2018**.

Further details can be found at [www.hastings.gov.uk/foreshoretrust](http://www.hastings.gov.uk/foreshoretrust)

## **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 over £100,000.

For further information about both of these programmes, visit the Arts Council website at [www.artscouncil.org.uk](http://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.

For further information about both of these programmes, visit the Heritage Lottery Fund website at [www.hlf.org.uk](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.o2.co.uk/thinkbig)

## **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>

## **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](http://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**

**Currently closed: 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.

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

## **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](mailto:ibfoundation@uwclub.net)

Phone: 01424 431756

### **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](mailto:mlc@oldhastingshouse.co.uk)

Phone: 01424 452646

### **\*\*UPDATED\*\* Hastings Lions Club**

Usual grant size: up to £500 for one-off expenditure. (granted £67,000 locally in 2017/18)

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](mailto: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](mailto:jamesbeeching@hotmail.com)

Alternatively you can speak at their monthly meeting (every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday)

[Hastings Round Table organise the Beer & Music Festival]

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 ...

Reducing Health Inequalities  
Postcode Community Trust

HBC Youth Grants  
ESCC Building Stronger Communities

## Funding Advisors in neighbouring areas

Hastings	Peter Thorpe	HVA	peter@hvauk.org	01424 444010
Rother	Gina Sanderson	RVA	Gina.Sanderson@rva.uk.com	01424 217259
Eastbourne	Stephen Hughes	3VA	Stephen.Hughes@3va.org.uk	01323 639373
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](http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/community/funding)

Get Funding News reminders every month by emailing [Veronique.Poutrel@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:Veronique.Poutrel@eastsussex.gov.uk)

**Funding Central** – a funding search tool, free for organisations under £100,000 turnover  
[www.fundingcentral.org.uk](http://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](http://www.unltd.org.uk) or call 0207 566 1100.

**Turn2us** ([www.turn2us.org.uk](http://www.turn2us.org.uk)) lists many grants and benefits that individuals can access