

FUNDING FOR INDIVIDUALS

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Funding For Individuals

CVS - Mid and North Beds doesn't keep information about grants for individuals, but we have produced this useful information sheet for Individuals seeking funding in respect of welfare, education, arts and for making an individual's ideas become a reality.

Sources of Information

Try your local advice centre, or look up the Citizens Advice Bureau in the phone book for help. If you are a student, talk to the student welfare officer or careers officer at your college who might have copies of useful books. In addition you may find the following are available at central libraries:

FunderFinder People in Need

A computer software package that helps identify charitable trusts that make grants to people in need or wanting money to study. Available to view in local libraries.

Contact details:

FunderFinder

65 Raglan Road

Leeds

LS2 9DZ

Tel: 0113 243 3008

Website: www.funderfinder.org.uk

A Guide to Grants for Individuals in Need

By Alan French, Dave Griffiths, Emma Jepson and Chris McGuire, DSC, 9th edition, 2004/05, £29.95

Lists over 2500 trusts that help individuals and have more than £500 to give away. Separate sections on service & ex-service charities and those attached to specific occupations, illness or disabilities.

The Directory of Social Change (DSC), 24 Stephenson Way, London, NW1 2DP.

Tel: 0845 077 7077. Fax: 020 7209 5049

Email: info@dsc.org.uk

Website: www.dsc.org.uk

The Educational Grants Directory

By Alan French, Dave Griffiths, Emma Jepson and Chris McGuire, DSC, 8th edition, 2004/05, £29.95

Covers 1500 sources of funding that support children and students up to first degree level.

Contains basic guide to welfare benefits, statutory funding, loans and sponsorship. Provides a model of how to make an effective application.

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Family Welfare Association

Details of financial and other help available from statutory and voluntary sources. Need to be referred to by a professional (e.g. social worker) or voluntary agency (e.g. Citizens Advice Bureau) and initial contact to be made by professional worker by letter, fax or email.

Contact details

Family Welfare Association
501-505 Kingsland Road
London
E8 4AU
Tel: 020 7254 6251 (advisory service open
Mon & Fri 10-12pm & 2-4pm)
Fax: 020 7249 5443
Email: grantsenquiry@fwa.org.uk
Website: www.fwa.org.uk

Potential Funders

The Educational Grants Advisory Scheme

A national organization giving information and advice to students seeking educational and training grants. The service prioritises those with special difficulties, low-income groups, lone parents, people with disabilities, and refugees. Initially fill in a student questionnaire available online or by sending a SAE.

Contact details are the same as Family Welfare Association (advisory service open Mon, Wed and Fri 10-12pm & 2-4pm)
Website: www.egas-online.org

Lions, Rotary Clubs and Round Tables

These organizations sometimes make grants to individuals in need.
Details of local groups listed below.

Bedford Lions

Mike Lock
Club Secretary
24 Fountain Road
Bedford.
MK41 8NU.

Bedford Round Table

P O Box 122
Bedford. E mail info@bedfordroundtable.org.uk

Bedford Park Rotary Club

Ian Kavanagh
Hawthorns
61 Ravensden Road
Renhold
Bedford. MK41 0JY

Charity Search

Offers a free advice service to elderly people in need, linking them with charities that may be willing to help them.

Contact details

Charity Search

Dora Aspin

25 Portview Road

Avonmouth

Bristol

B211 9LD

Tel: 0117 982 4060

Fax: 0117 982 2846

The Arts Council England

They do fund individuals in certain areas such as capital items, professional development, bursaries, fellowships, touring etc.

Contact details

Arts Council England

14 Great Peter Street

London SW1P 3NQ

Tel 0845 300 6200

E mail enquiries@artscouncil.org.uk

or visit the website www.artscouncil.org.uk

UnLtd

UnLtd is a charity which supports social entrepreneurs - people who have the ideas and the commitment to make a difference in their communities. They do this by providing a complete package of funding and support, to help these individuals start up and run projects that deliver social benefit. In doing so, they aim to foster a positive environment for social entrepreneurship in the UK. UnLtd gives awards to individuals whose projects will benefit the community.

Contact details

Head Office/London Office:

123 Whitecross Street

Islington

London

EC1Y8JJ

Telephone: 0207 566 1100

Fax: 0207 566 1101

[info@ unltd.org.uk](mailto:info@unltd.org.uk)

Parish Grants

It is worth contacting your local parish council to find out if your community has a grant making parish-wide charity in existence that makes small grants to those in need or those requiring assistance with educational costs, as a great many communities in both Mid and North Beds have such charities.

Elizabeth Finn Trust

1 Derry Street
London
W8 5HY
Tel: 0207 396 6700
Fax: 0207 396 6739
Freephone: 0800 413220.
Website www.elizabethfinntrust.org.uk

Elizabeth Finn Trust helps people in need whose former careers have been interrupted or ended through physical or mental problems, loss of work and family breakdown or those struggling on low income in retirement.

The Trust gives grants, information and support to help people in difficult circumstances, often getting them back into work. The Trust can also help with the cost of emergency repairs and replacements such as a leaking roof or broken boiler or fridge. The Trust can also contribute to the cost of specialist disability aids to improve a person's quality of life.

The Trust helps nearly 2000 people from 120 different occupations - ranging from teachers, nurses, officers in armed forces, managers, social workers, solicitors and musicians - who can no longer work or earn enough to pay for life's essentials.

The Elizabeth Finn Trust provides financial support to individuals and families in need from a wide range of occupations and backgrounds, of British or Irish nationality. The support they can provide includes regular weekly allowances and/or one-off grants to cover specific items such as disability aids or domestic appliances, or emergency household repairs.