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Funding for Village/Community Halls

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What Funding?



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- Getting started
- Consultation
- Where to get help
- Making the application
- Potential funding bodies

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Getting Started

Can you apply?

- Read your Governing Document

Do you know what you want?

- Is there a real need?
- Do you know how much it will cost?
- Does this price include VAT?
- Have you any match funding?
- Do you need a Business Plan?

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Getting Started

- Who is going to do what?
- A couple of individuals or small working group?

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Consulting

- Hirers
- Potential hirers
- All ages
- Letters of support/petition/other support
- Strategies – local/regional/national

consult, consult, consult, consult, consult, consult!

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Where to go for help

- Local help available – ask us!!!
- Funderfinder-Grantseeker etc
- Library
- Funders advice
- Website



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Where do village hall/community hall committees get their funding?

- Own Fundraising
- Locally (Parish Council, Trusts)
- Local Authority Funding
- Regional Funding
- National Funding

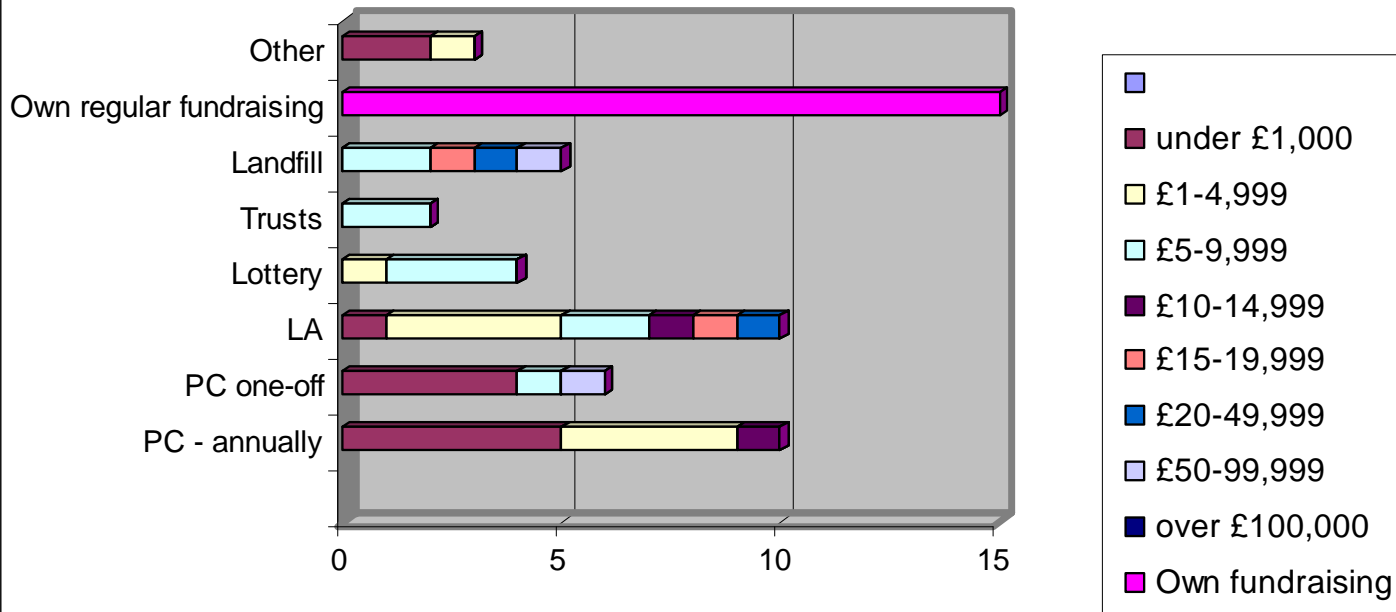


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Village Hall Funding Sources 2009



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Where to go for funding

- Start local** : Own funds/fundraising, Parish Council, Local Trusts, Community Foundation, Unitary Authority, Current Initiatives
- Regional** : Government body (EEDA, GO East), Television Company (ITV - People's Millions), Current Initiatives
- National** : Lottery, Landfill Community Fund, Charitable Trusts, Current Initiatives, Environmental and Carbon Reduction funds

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- Where did they find the money?
 - ✓ Stanbridge & Tilsworth – new hall
 - ✓ Clophill – new hall
 - ✓ Wilstead – new hall
 - ✓ Yelden – new hall
 - ✓ Eaton Bray – over £250,000 refurbishments
 - ✓ Shortstown
 - ✓ Plus all the other projects that happen monthly

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- **Landfill Community Fund (WREN, Biffawards, SITA)**
- **Local and National Charitable Trusts**
- **Beds & Luton Community Foundation**
- **Unitary Authority Grants**
- **Energy Saving grants, eg**
 - **BRE – Community Sustainable Energy Programme (£50k or 50%)**
 - **BERR - Low Carbon Buildings Programme (50%)**
 - **Eon - £20k**

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Lottery funds

- **BIG – Reaching Communities / other specific funding, eg Changing Spaces**
- **Awards for All £300 - £10,000 (but for building/capital/land total project cost must not exceed £25,000)**
- **NEW The Secret Millionaire Fund £300-£10,000**

For more information visit the website:

www.biglotteryfund.org.uk

- **Sport England – Small Grants - You can apply for any sum from £300 to £10,000 but the total project cost cannot exceed £50k website: www.sportengland.org**
- **Arts tel: 0845 300 6200 or website: www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding**
- **Heritage website: www.hlf.org.uk**

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SMART Outcomes

- **Specific** - tightly defined, relating directly to the issue being addressed
- **Measurable** - provide information that records the situation at the start of the period and at the end
- **Achievable** - can be achieved within the timescale
- **Realistic** - have a strong connection to priorities and activities
- **Timed** - set specific time periods

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For information!!

How much lottery funding is going to the 2012 Olympics – total cost £9,325m ? (£9.5bn)

- **The National Lottery £2,175m (£2.2bn)**
- The Government is providing £5,975m (£6bn)
- The Greater London Authority £925m
- The London Development Agency £250m

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Making the application

Read the Guidance!

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- Read your completed application form – then re-read it!
- Give it to somebody who knows nothing about your project
- Does it fit the guidelines of the fund?



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You Can Help! Sign a Petition:

If you haven't signed this petition please do so now!

- <http://petitions.number10.gov.uk/VillageHeart/#detail>



LOBBYING FOR VILLAGE/COMMUNITY HALL FUNDING AT WESTMINSTER –
HELP US TO HELP YOU!

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- Why should a funder give you money?
- Would you give your project money?

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- **Charitable giving**
- Most people (81%) had given to charity in the last four weeks, most commonly by putting money in a collecting tin, followed by buying raffle tickets.
- Nearly a half of the respondents said they had increased the amount they had donated since 2000 and 37% had increased the frequency of their donations. The most common reason given for this was a rise in the respondent's level of disposable income.
- Almost two-thirds of the respondents (64%) had heard of Gift Aid, and approximately one-third (34%) had made use of it to give tax-efficiently in the previous year.
- The most common reason for donating to charity was that the work of the charity was deemed important (52% of donors), followed by a belief that it was the right thing to do (41%).
- Over half of the respondents (58%) had both volunteered and donated to charity in the previous 12 months.

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Pennies from Heaven!!!!



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