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INTRODUCTION

LOCAL FUNDERS

This chapter will be particularly important to the smaller groups who do not require a large amount of funding to achieve their aims. Many of these funders like to support specific projects and small local causes. Wherever possible we have obtained the information direct from the funder.

Please do not use this list as a mailing list for general letters that plead for funds. Your work will not meet everyone's criteria. Read the information carefully and, if it is appropriate, contact the funder or visit their website (where available) for more detailed information.

Whilst there are many local sources of funding, the majority of them do not have the resources to support any group with more than £1,000 or £2,000, if that. If you are seeking funding for larger projects and staff costs etc, then read the chapter on Other Funders or contact us for help in identifying larger and more appropriate funders.

Please also remember that the majority of those deciding the fate of the money available are local people. It is fairly likely that one of them will know the area that you are working in, and possibly even the work of your group.

Further information on making a funding application is available in Chapter 3 - Information Leaflets.

Before you apply...

Here are some useful points for you to consider:

- Find out as much as you can about the funder before applying.
- Be completely honest about your work.
- Don't make it complicated. Keep it simple.
- Try not to use more than two sides of A4, less if possible.
- Apply in plenty of time. Expect to wait 3 or 4 months for a decision.
- Try to apply for something specific, rather than just running costs.
- Have you put down the name of the contact person?
- Have you addressed your application to somebody specific?
- Have you got a photocopy of the application for your own records?
- Do you have a really worthwhile project? Does this shine through in your application?
- Do you want somebody to help you write a better application?

ALDERMAN NEWTON'S EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Contact details:

Mr David Baker
Bedford Borough Council
Town Hall
St Paul's Square
Bedford
MK40 1SJ
Telephone 01234 227203
Email dbaker@bedford.gov.uk

The information supplied by the Foundation states that grants are for the benefit of 13 to 25 year-old residents of most of the town of Bedford (some areas to the north and to the south of the town are, at present, excluded from the area of benefit). Grants towards the cost of books for schoolchildren and students, and also towards equipment and clothing for people training for work. Up to a maximum of £600, but usually less. Application forms available from the contact. Applications are considered by the trustees of the charity.

BALNEY CHARITABLE TRUST

Contact details:

G C W Beazley
Clerk to the Charity
Chicheley Estate
Bartlemas Office
Pavenham
Bedford
MK43 7PF

The Trust has a preference for North Buckinghamshire and North Bedfordshire. Main priority areas are preservation, conservation, welfare and service charities. Applications in writing to the correspondent. Applications are acknowledged if an SAE is enclosed, otherwise if you have not received a reply within six weeks the application has not been successful.

BEDFORD CHARITY (THE HARPUR TRUST)

Contact details:

Lucy Bardner
Princeton Court
Pilgrim Centre
Brickhill Drive
Bedford
MK41 7PZ
Telephone 01234 369500
Fax 01234 368505
Email grants@harpur-trust.org.uk
Website www.bedfordcharity.org.uk (online form now available)

The Bedford Charity, also known as The Harpur Trust, is one of the 200 largest charities in the UK, but a local one, with three charitable objectives:

- the promotion of **education**
- the **relief** of those who are sick or in need, hardship or distress
- the provision of **recreational facilities** with a social welfare purpose

within the Borough of Bedford (includes North Bedfordshire)

The Bedford Charity is a big supporter of the local community, providing grants for a wide range of activities and projects under its responsive grants programme.

Following the Strategic Plan in 2004, the Trustees have introduced an additional series of themed grants programmes to supplement the existing responsive grants programme beginning in June 2005 with "Excellence in Education" and "Homelessness" launched in June 2007 and "Child and Adolescent Mental Health Funding" in June 2008. Each year the responsive grants programme distributes around £500,000, but as new programmes are added the amount in the themed grant programme will increase each year.

The total grants budget for each of the themed programmes is £100,000 per annum for projects and initiatives in the Borough of Bedford. The "Excellence in Education" programme embraces education in all its forms and therefore could encompass initiatives based in either formal or informal settings and benefiting learners of all abilities and ages. The "Homelessness" programme aims to support and promote good practice and long-term solutions for homeless and potentially-homeless people in the Borough of Bedford. The application forms and process are the same as for the main grants programme, and projects will be expected to be working towards identified outcomes and will clearly describe assessment methods and indicators used to monitor outcomes.

There are no upper or lower limits on grants. However, applications in excess of £35,000 for one year, or £100,000 over a three-year period, must be agreed by the full governing body of the Charity on recommendation from the Grants Committee. In recent years, 75% of awards made have been for under £10,000. Exclusions include commercial organisations, grants for religious purposes, trips and expeditions, projects which the local authority or similar body has a statutory obligation to fund.

The Charity welcomes organisations contacting them for informal guidance on the grant-giving programmes, the application process and timescales. There is a two-stage application process. Forms and detailed guidance notes are available from the Charity and can be downloaded from their website. Applications can be submitted online via the website.

BEDFORD FREEMEN'S COMMON CHARITY

Contact details:

Town Hall
St Paul's Square
Bedford
MK40 1SJ
Telephone 01234 227488

Grants for general charitable purposes within the Bedford Borough Council area.

BEDFORDSHIRE AND HERTFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

Contact details:

Archie Russell
Grant Secretary
31 Ivel Gardens
Biggleswade
Bedfordshire
SG18 0AN
Telephone 01767 312966
Email arussell@russellsconsultants.com
Website www.bedshertshct.org.uk

This Trust states that its area of benefit is Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and that part of Barnet within the Diocese of St Albans.

The Trust gives grants for the restoration, preservation, and repair of churches which are open for public worship in Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and that part of Barnet within the Diocese of St Albans.

Applications in writing to the correspondent.

BEDFORDSHIRE AND LUTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Contact details:

Mark West
Chief Executive
The Smithy, The Village
Old Warden
Bedfordshire.
SG18 9HQ
Telephone 01767 626459
Email administrator@blcf.org.uk
Website www.blcf.org.uk

The Foundation states that it was established in 2000 and is dedicated to improving the quality of community life of Bedfordshire people, and in particular those in special need by reason of disability, age, financial or other disadvantages. Grants of up to £500 are available and can be for start-up and running costs or for specific projects. No grants for religious or political activities. Applications by a simple form. The panel meets quarterly in March, June, September and December.

BEDFORDSHIRE CRIMEBEAT

Contact details:

Jane Regan
Youth & Community Safety Officer
Priory House Monks Walk
Chicksands
Shefford
SG17 5TQ
Telephone 01462 611112
Email jane.regan@midbeds.gov.uk

The information supplied states that this initiative (headed by the High Sheriff) is for young people in Bedfordshire and Luton.

Small grants up to £500 are available to support groups involving young people in helping to solve some of the problems that face communities - like solvent abuse, vandalism, shoplifting and bullying.

Staff costs are not funded. Anyone under 25 can apply.

Application forms are available from the coordinator.

BEDFORDSHIRE POLICE AUTHORITY – YOUTH PROJECTS FUND

Contact details:

Susie Clark
Bedfordshire Police Authority
Bridgebury House
Woburn Road
Kempston
Bedford MK43 9AX
Telephone 01234 842067
Email susannah.clark@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk
Website www.bedfordshirepoliceauthority.co.uk

The information supplied by this scheme states that grants of between £1,000 and £5,000 are available from Bedfordshire Police Authority for work with young people. Projects must address one or more of the following aims:

- Reduce crime and/anti-social behaviour committed by young people
- Reduce the risk of young people becoming involved in crime
- Reduce the fear of crime amongst young people
- Reduce the fear of crime amongst other members of the community caused by young people

This fund will now be distributed twice a year. Allocations will take place in March and September each year. For an informal chat about your project or application packs, contact Susie Clark.

BEDFORDSHIRE POLICE PARTNERSHIP TRUST

Contact details:

Brian Prickett
Trust Administrator
c/o Bedfordshire Police HQ
Woburn Road
Kempston
Bedford
MK43 9AX
Telephone 01234 842612
Email brian.prickett@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk

The information supplied by the Trust states that The Bedfordshire Police Partnership Trust was formed in May 1997 by the Police Authority, the Chief Constable and a number of major local companies acting as Founder Members. The principal aims of the Partnership Trust are:

- to improve the quality of life of all communities in Bedfordshire, especially the more vulnerable groups
- to support community-based initiatives such as crime prevention, community safety, drug awareness, schools liaison, road safety and accident prevention
- to offer the business community a way of supporting and working with their local police in tackling the important issues of maintaining a safe and happy environment for their customers and staff

Grants between £100 and £1,000 are available. They also run a 'Bobby' scheme where a trained carpenter carries out security improvements to the homes of the elderly or vulnerable, victims of crime, or people living in a vulnerable area.

BIFFAWARD

Contact details:

Sue Norman or Beni Wright
Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity
The Old School
Cardington
Bedfordshire
Telephone 01234 832614
Email sue@bedsrcc.org.uk

Biffaward is one of the Landfill Communities Fund schemes, and has awarded more than £80 million to worthwhile projects since 1997. They support projects which enhance communities or biodiversity, sometimes both. Managed by the Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts and using landfill tax credits donated by Biffa Waste Services, Biffaward offers different levels of funding:

- Small Grants – £250-£5,000 for groups that need funding to improve the quality of life in their community
- Main Grants (Community) – £5,000-£50,000 to provide or improve community spaces and cultural facilities
- Main Grants (Biodiversity) – £5,000-£50,000 to create, restore and manage areas to increase biodiversity
- Flagship – £150,000-£500,000 for community-led regeneration schemes and large-scale biodiversity projects of regional or national significance

Projects can only be funded if they are within the required proximity of a Biffa operation. Whether you need to have a Biffa operation within 10 or 25 miles depends on the type of funding you are looking for. To find out more about Biffaward, see if your project is eligible or to download application forms, visit the website at www.biffaward.org

BRICKHILL PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNITY GRANTS

Contact details:

The Clerk to the Council
Brickhill Parish Council
37 Park Avenue
Bedford
MK40 2LR
Telephone 01234 328365
Email clerk@brickhillparishcouncil.gov.uk

The Parish Council states that applications can be made by any organisation based in the Parish of Brickhill or whose purpose is primarily for the benefit of the residents of the Parish of Brickhill. Applications can be submitted at any time and but will be considered by the Parish Council twice per year in February and September. Grants of between £100 to £300 are available to provide a direct benefit to the local community. Guidance notes and application forms are available from the Clerk.

CAULDWELL/KINGSBROOK URBAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Contact details:

Ellen Heaney
Committee Services
Bedfordshire County Council
County Hall
Bedford
MK42 9AP
Telephone 01234 228905

Grants are available to community groups within the Cauldwell/Kingsbrook designated area of up to £500. Application forms sent out during November to organisations. Grants allocated in January.

THE CHILDWICK TRUST

Contact details:

Karen Groom
Trust Secretary
9 Childwick Green
St Albans
Childwickbury
Hertfordshire
AL3 6JJ
Telephone 01727 812486

The bulk of the grants awarded each year are made to charities that promote the health and relief of the disabled in the UK. The trust does not issue application forms but provides the following information for applicants:

“Applications should be made in writing on your registered charity’s official headed notepaper. Ideally, the appeal letter should be not longer than two pages of A4. Detailed costings or a budget for the project or projects referred to in the appeal letter should form a separate appendix or appendices to the appeal letter and should provide the fullest possible financial detail. The latest annual report of the applicant charity, together with the latest available full audited accounts, including a full balance sheet, should also accompany the written application.”

CLOPHILL UNITED CHARITIES

Contact details:

Tina Goddard-Mason, Clerk
35 Reads Hill
Clophill
Bedfordshire
MK45 4AG
Telephone 01525 860 847

In previous years the charity only gave grants to individuals in the village of Clophill, but in 1996 it included a new clause in its objects which was to give grants "for the general benefit of the village". In 2003 the charity had an income of £8,400 and a total expenditure of £7,000. In 2002 it made grants totalling £4,000, mainly to individual pensioners and widows in the village.

The charity has previously supported the local children's football team, contributed to school building repairs and a new village hall project. The majority of funds still go to individuals.

FRANCIS COALES CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Contact details:

T H Parker
Administrator
The Bays
Hillcote
Bleadon Hill
Weston-Super-Mare
Somerset
BS24 9JS
Telephone 01934 814009
Email fccf45@hotmail.com

Funding is available for the repair/restoration of ecclesiastical buildings built before 1875 within the benefit area of Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Hertfordshire and Northamptonshire. No grants for improvements, heating, wiring, etc. Grants are also made for monuments in churches irrespective of location.

CREATE

Contact details:

Tanya Richardson
2nd Floor
6 St Paul's Square
Bedford
MK40 1SQ
Website www.create-charity.org.uk

Small one-off grants of up to £250.

Community Fund: Projects that seek to benefit their local community by encouraging, supporting and developing projects that assist local people who are suffering hardship or distress, are aged or sick.

Christian Fund: Local churches and Christian projects with priority to projects that involve more than one church or are interdenominational.

HORACE AND MARJORIE GALE TRUST

Contact details:

Gerry Garner
Garner Associates
138 Bromham Road
Bedford
MK40 2QW

The information provided by the Trust states that grants of between £500 and £2,000 are available to various causes, including education and churches mostly in Bedfordshire. Applications in writing to the correspondent.

R G GALE CHARITABLE TRUST

Contact details:

Gerry Garner
Garner Associates
138 Bromham Road
Bedford
MK40 2QW

The information provided by the Trust states that grants of between £500 and £2,000 are available to support a range of general charities in Bedfordshire, particularly schools and churches. Applications in writing to the correspondent.

GRASSROOT GRANTS FOR SMALL COMMUNITY GROUPS

Contact Details:

Bedfordshire and Luton Community Foundation
The Smithy, The Village
Old Warden
Bedfordshire.
SG18 9HQ
Telephone 01767 626459
Email administrator@blcf.org.uk
Website www.blcf.org.uk

This scheme offers financial support to small voluntary and community groups and organisations throughout the area, enabling them to continue or expand their work. Grassroots Grants is looking to support community groups which can use funds to:

- Purchase equipment, such as computers, furniture etc.
- Put on local event or workshop
- Pay for staff costs to enable the employment of individuals
- Contribute to rental costs
- Cover the cost of training or attendance at a conference or event
- Pay for additional activities that help expand an existing project
- Support community activity
- Support projects that meet an identified need in the local community
- Help a group to achieve a quality or other standard relevant to their activities
- Pay for membership of local support groups

Any small, volunteer led community group that is connected to the needs of the local community can apply for a grant, subject to some terms and conditions, including an average turnover of under £20,000 per annum (see the website for more details). Grants range from £250 to £5000 (the maximum that any one group may receive during the lifetime of the scheme) until March 31st 2011.

HOUSE OF INDUSTRY ESTATE

Contact details:

Sue Audin
Bedford Borough Council
Town Hall
St Paul's Square
Bedford
MK40 1SJ
Community Welfare Team 01234 227380

- One-off capital costs
- Groups requiring one-off emergency revenue funding

KEMPSTON CHARITIES

Contact details:

Mrs L Smith
14 Riverview Way
Kempston
Bedford
MK42 7BB
Telephone 01234 306432

Information supplied by the Charity states that they make grants to both individuals and institutions within Kempston and Kempston rural. Institutions supported can include primary, middle and upper schools, senior citizens' groups, youth clubs and pre-schools. Grants can be for educational purposes in the form of equipment or towards Christmas activities. The welfare of older people is also supported. Applications in writing. Applications from organisations are considered at meetings three times a year.

KENTISH'S EDUCATIONAL CHARITY

Contact details:

Mrs Margery Roberts
Clerk to the Trustees
7 Nunnery Stables
St Albans
Hertfordshire
AL1 2AS
Telephone 01727 856626

The information supplied by the Charity states that grants of between £150 to £1,000 are available to young people in Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire to assist with expenses incurred in their education. In accordance with the governing document, preference is given to needy young people with the surname Kentish or who are descended from the founder's family. Grants are not given for postgraduate study. Application forms are available from the Clerk to the Trustees and applications are considered in October/November. This small Trust, which is run by volunteers, was founded in 1712.

Because of the limited amount of income, only those applications which meet the criteria will be considered.

LESLIE SELL CHARITABLE TRUST

Contact details:

Sharon Long, Secretary
Ashbrittle House
2a Lower Dagnall Street
St Albans
Hertfordshire
AL3 4PA
Telephone 01727 843603
Email admin@iplltd.co.uk
Website www.lesliesellct.org.uk

The Trust supports youth groups, mainly Scouts and Guides, but also community groups. Applications in writing to the correspondent. Applications should include clear details of the project or purpose for which funds are required, together with an estimate of total costs and total funds raised by the group or individual for the project.

LIONS CLUBS

Amphill District Lions Club Charity Trust Fund

Contact details:

Mr E V Edwards
3 Kendal Drive
Flitwick
Bedford
MK45 1NW
Telephone 01525 751588
Email secretary@amphilldistrictlions.org.uk
Website www.amphilldistrictlions.org.uk

Bedford Lions Club Charity Trust Fund

Contact details:

Mr David Lee
33 Poplar Avenue
Bedford
MK41 8BL
Telephone 01234 400643
Email david.lee4@ntlworld.com
Website www.geocities.com/bedfordlions

Biggleswade and Sandy Lions Club Welfare Fund

Contact details:

Mr Dave Hagger
13 Fairfax Close
Clifton
Shefford
Bedfordshire
SG17 5RH
Telephone 01462 814693
Email david.hagger@ntlworld.com
Website www.biggleswadesandylions.org.uk

General charitable purposes to various **local** organisations and individuals.

THE LYNWOOD TRUST

Contact details:

C R Harmer
Salatin House
19 Cedar Road
Sutton
Surrey
SM2 5DA
Telephone 020 8652 2700
Fax 020 8652 2719
Email colin@harmerslater.biz

For the advancement of religion and other charitable purposes including churches and church buildings. Organisations benefiting the disadvantaged can also apply. Grants can also be given in the form of scholarships, bursaries and grants to educational establishments.

MUNICIPAL CHARITIES BEDFORD AND DISTRICT AID IN SICKNESS CHARITY

Contact details:

David Baker
Chief Executive's Office
Bedford Borough Council
Town Hall
St Paul's Square
Bedford
MK40 1SJ
Telephone 01234 227203
Email dbaker@bedford.gov.uk

The information supplied by this Charity states that grants are available for people in need who live in the Borough of Bedford. Pensions, annual grants towards fuel bills and other necessities and occasional one-off grants.

NEIGHBOURLY CHARITABLE TRUST

Contact details:

The Secretary
First Floor
Ashbrittle House
2a Lower Dagnall Street
St Albans
Hertfordshire
AL1 4PA
Telephone 01727 843603
Fax 01727 843663
Email admin@iplltd.co.uk

This Trust states that grants of up to £5,000 are made to qualifying individuals, groups and disability charities in the beneficial area of Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Hertfordshire. The Trust also owns a yacht and a narrow boat which have been adapted for use by disabled people and are leased free of charge to appropriate charities. A new yacht will be in operation next year. No grants to national charities. Applications in writing to the Secretary for consideration at trustees' meetings twice a year.

OAKLEY EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Contact details:

Dr Ruth Frances Bender
7 Station Road
Oakley
Bedford
MK43 7RB
Telephone 01234 824239

Grants between £5 and £500 for young people aged 16 to 25 who live in the parish of Oakley. Assistance to school leavers with tools, books and instruments for further education. Applications in writing requesting an application form for consideration in May and November. Applications must include receipts for purchases.

THE PANACEA SOCIETY

Contact details:

David McLynn
14 Albany Road
Bedford
MK40 3PH
Email admin@panacea-society.org.uk
Website www.panacea-society.org.uk

Grants are available for the promotion of the religious beliefs of the Society, relief of sickness within the town of Bedford and the immediate area, and the advancement of education, particularly religion. For further information visit the Society website on: www.panacea-society.org.uk

POTTON CONSOLIDATED CHARITIES

Contact details:

Mrs C J Hall
Clerk
1a Potton Road
Everton
Sandy
Bedfordshire
SG19 2L0
Email pot.concha@tiscali.co.uk

This Charity states that it gives educational grants for students aged 18 to 25 with a Potton home address. The educational grant forms for the new academic year are available from Potton Post Office during August and September each year. Grants may be available for organisations with clients who are resident in Potton at the discretion of the trustees.

QUEEN'S PARK URBAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Contact details:

David Baker
c/o Town Hall
St Paul's Square
Bedford
MK40 1SJ
Telephone 01234 227203
Fax 01234 221606
Email dbaker@bedford.gov.uk

Grants available to community groups within the Queen's Park UCC designated area.

ROBERT KILN CHARITABLE TRUST

Contact details:

Mrs Sarah Howell
Trust Administrator
15A Bull Plain
Hertford
Hertfordshire
SG14 1DX
Telephone 01992 554962
Email kilntrust@hemscott.net

The Trust supports a wide range of causes favouring archaeology and environmental conservation. The Trust states: "Most of the income is allocated to regular beneficiaries where a relationship has been built up over many years (55%). The Trust will support new projects particularly those from small local organisations. The trustees support many charities where they have a particular interest."

Applications will not be considered from individuals, large national appeals, churches, schools, artistic projects (such as theatre groups). Applications in writing to the correspondent with as much information as seems relevant and, if possible, costings and details of any other support. The Trust will endeavour to distribute funds within one month of receiving applications. Receipt of applications is not acknowledged unless an SAE is enclosed. Grants range from £250 to £2,500 although most grants are for £500.

ROBERT LUCAS FOR THE POOR AND FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES

Contact details:

Mr Keith Bland
47 Lucas Way
Shefford
Bedfordshire
SG17 5DX
Telephone 01462 812870

This funder states that they award grants to voluntary and community groups within the parish of Shefford.

MRS B L ROBINSON'S CHARITABLE TRUST

Contact details:

Susan O'Donnell
Clerk to the Trustees
6 Churchill Close
Streatley
Luton
LU3 3PJ
Telephone 01582 882502
Email odon@ukonline.co.uk

The present policy of the funder is to award grants to charities operating in Bedfordshire. The decision as to which charities to support is at the discretion of the Trustees who consider grant applications at their twice-yearly meetings which usually take place in the Spring and Autumn of each year. Grant amounts have not been specified. Applications for grants outside Bedfordshire are usually not considered. Applications in writing to the Clerk to the Trustees. The information was supplied by the Trust.

ROTARY CLUBS

The Rotary Club of Bedford Park

Contact details:

President – Michael Frampton
Email Park-Rotary@btconnect.com
Website www.bedfordrotary.org.uk/park

The Rotary Club of Kempston Benevolent Fund

Contact details:

Mr Peter Hood
20 Neville Crescent
Bromham
Bedford
MK43 8JE
Telephone 01234 822678
Fax 01234 823432
Email secretary@kempston-rotary.org.uk
Website www.kempston-rotary.org.uk

Rotary Club of Bedford Benevolent Fund

Contact details:

Mr Vernon Phillips
5 Troon Close
Bedford
MK41 8AY
Telephone 01234 345268
Website www.bedfordrotary.co.uk

Rotary Club of Bedford Castle Trust Fund

Contact details:

Mr I C Codrington
11 Easby Abbey
Bedford
MK41 0WA
Telephone 01234 313344
Email president@bedfordcastlerotary.org.uk
Website www.bedfordcastlerotary.org.uk

The Rotary Club of Bedford De Parys Trust Fund

Contact details:

Mrs Gill Lake
32 Connaught Way
Bedford
MK41 7LB
Telephone 01234 218091
Website www.bedfordrotary.org/deparys
Email through form on website at www.bedfordrotary.org/deparys/contact.php

Amphill and District Rotary Club Trust Fund

Contact details:

John Mayhead
1 Church Avenue
Amphill
Bedford
MK45 2PN
Telephone 01525 405184
Fax 01525 840445
Website www.rotary-ribi.org/clubs/homepage.asp?clubid=514

Rotary Club of Bedford Seventy-Fifth Anniversary Charitable Trust

Contact details:

Rotarian Barry Lanz
31 The Grove
Bedford
MK40 3JW

Rotary Club of Biggleswade Ivel Trust Fund

Contact details:

Rotarian C E Perkins
34a Midland Road
Thrapston
Kettering
Northamptonshire
NN14 4JR
Telephone 01933 312251
Website www.ivelrotary.uk.com

Flitwick Vale Rotary Club Trust Fund

Contact details:

Mr John Bromley
45 Armstrong Close
Wilstead
Beds
MK45 3EJ
Telephone 01234 741151
Email j.bromley4@ntlworld.com

The Rotary Club of Kempston Benevolent Fund

Contact details:

Mr Peter Hood
20 Neville Crescent
Bromham
Bedford
MK43 8JE
Telephone 01234 822678
Fax 01234 823432
Email secretary@kempston-rotary.org.uk
Website www.kempston-rotary.org.uk

Rotary Club of Sandy Charitable Trust Fund

Contact details:

Mr J R Laycock
8 Cedar Gardens
Sandy
Bedfordshire
SG19 1EY
Telephone 01767 681891
Email secretary@sandy-rotary-club.org.uk
Website www.sandy-rotary-club.fsnet.co.uk

Rotary Club of Biggleswade Trust Fund

Contact details:

Mr Wayne Rogers Kingston
Victoria House
42/44 Shortmead Street
Biggleswade
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SG18 0AP
Telephone 01767 221000
Fax 01767 221001
Email bwade@ksk.co.uk

ROUND TABLE

Contact details:

Bedford Round Table
Telephone 08707 303122
Email info@bedfordroundtable.org.uk

General charitable purposes supporting various local organisations.

THE SANDY CHARITIES

Contact details:

P J Mount
Clerk
c/o Woodfines LLP
6 Bedford Road
Sandy
Bedfordshire
SG19 1EN
Telephone 01767 680251
Email pmount@woodfines.co.uk

Grants to individuals in the ancient parish of Sandy and to organisations who benefit these individuals.

SIMON WHITBREAD CHARITABLE TRUST

Contact details:

E C A Martineau
Administrator
Hunters
9 New Square
Lincoln's Inn
London
WC2A 3RZ

The Trust supports general causes in Bedfordshire. Priority areas include education, family welfare, medicine, medical research and preservation UK-wide.
Applications in writing to the correspondent.
Acknowledgements are not given.

SPORT RELIEF

Contact details:

Mark West
Chief Executive
Beds and Luton Community Foundation
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Telephone 01767 626459
Email administrator@blcf.org.uk
Website www.blcf.org.uk

Sport Relief have allocated £40,000 to be spent in Bedfordshire and Luton over the next two years.

Grants of between £250 and £5,000 but mainly up to £1,250 are available for projects that use sport and exercise to strengthen communities and provide opportunities to people who are excluded or disadvantaged by fulfilling the following criteria:

- increasing access to sport and exercise for people who face social exclusion and isolation
- helping people who are experiencing difficulties in their lives to regain their confidence and self-esteem
- bringing communities together

Excluded are trips abroad, building costs, minibuses and religious and political activities. Applications are by a simple application form and the panel meets quarterly in March, June, September and December.

THE STEEL CHARITABLE TRUST

Contact details:

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Administrator
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EX31 1RH
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Email administrator@steelcharitabletrust.org.uk
Website www.steelcharitabletrust.org.uk

The Trust states that their aim is to make grants for a wide range of general charitable purposes, at the trustees' discretion, concentrating mainly on the fields of culture and recreation, medical research, health, social services, environment and preservation and international aid. The Trust has a local interest in Luton and the surrounding area. Grants range between £500 and £2,500. Applications in writing to the correspondent, including:

- statement of purpose for which the grant is required
- full latest accounts showing all other sources of funding
- statement of existing funding for the purpose of the grant application

Applications must be made via the online form and are not acknowledged. Grants are made at the end of January, April, July and October.

THE STRANGWARD TRUST

Contact details:

L Davies
Vincent Sykes and Higham LLP
Solicitors
Montague House
1 Chancery Lane
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Telephone 01832 732161

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Funding for the care and treatment of physically and mentally handicapped people, particularly charities working in nursing, hospice in the home, special schools and holidays and outings. Will fund small local projects, national organisations and individuals. Will also fund organisations helping people with medical disorders.

URSULA TAYLOR CHARITY

Contact details:

D E Kitchen
Secretary to the Trustees
49 Highbury Grove
Clapham
Bedford
MK41 6DT
Telephone 01234 214251

The Charity states that grants are available for young people aged 13 to 24 who live in the parish of Clapham. Preference is given to the costs of education, books, equipment, clothing and travel for training or apprenticing of those starting work or those at upper school or in further education.

Application forms are available from the Secretary to the Trustees.

VAUXHALL MOTORS LIMITED

Contact details:

Paul Patten
The Griffin Awards
148 The Grove
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Kent
BR4 9JZ
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Email griffinawards@thetrustpartnership.com
Website www.griffinawards.org

Griffin Awards run each year. These awards are open to charities and community groups within Bedfordshire. First prize is £10,000 with a number of smaller cash awards. In addition to the cash awards, a loan vehicle is provided for one year to the organisation which can demonstrate the greatest need and/or benefit.

Their current giving policy does not include support for individuals or third party charitable fund-raising activities – other than those being undertaken by company employees or pensioners – nor do they consider applications from organisations based outside the county unless the funding request is in respect of a project benefiting those living in Bedfordshire.

Discretionary donation applications or requests for information on Griffin Awards should be addressed to the contact named above.

Their current focus is related to supporting young people's outside-school activities, with priority being given to disadvantaged children, and also groups seeking to improve the local environment close to their corporate head office in Luton.

They operate the bimonthly GM Griffin Grants which are being offered in conjunction with The Luton News and The Dunstable Gazette who are helping with their promotion.

Every other month they award one £500 and two £100 payments throughout the year and, for the next twelve months, judges from Vauxhall Motors and the newspapers will be looking to help groups in south Bedfordshire which are providing services within the themes mentioned above.

Applications are particularly welcome from local community groups and charities, although projects run by national charities working in south Beds will also be considered. Those wishing to apply should send their application on a single side of A4 paper to GM Griffin Grants, 39 Upper George Street, Luton LU1 2RD.

JOHN WARREN FOUNDATION

Contact details:

Mr J E Lamb
Lamb and Holmes Solicitors
West Street
Kettering
Northamptonshire
NN16 0AZ

Information supplied by the Foundation states that funding is available for fabric repairs of small churches and will be considered within the area of benefit of Lincolnshire, then Bedfordshire, Northamptonshire and Nottinghamshire. Grants available of between £500 to £1,250.

Applications in writing to the correspondent.

WIXAMTREE TRUST

Contact details:

Paul Patten
Administrator
The Wixamtree Trust
148 The Grove
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Email paul@thetrustpartnership.com

The Trust states that they favour registered charities based in Bedfordshire. No grants to individuals. Single grants average £1,000 to £5,000 and can be for one-off projects, core costs and research. Trustees meet quarterly to consider applications.

Application forms are available from the administrator by email. A recent set of audited accounts will be required. Any donations awarded to be treated as 'anonymous' by the recipient.

WREN

Contact details:

Emma Brooks

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Email emma.brooks@wren.org.uk

Website www.wren.org.uk

Grants are available in Bedfordshire from the landfill tax money of the environmental body WREN (formerly Shanks). The grants made under the Landfill Tax Credit Scheme look to improve community life by enhancing existing facilities as well as providing new facilities, including play areas, skate parks, community gardens, woodland improvements, greens and public parks, nature reserves, churches and religious buildings of all denominations, listed buildings, monuments and village halls. For more information about WREN and the availability of LTCS funding visit www.wren.org.uk or call 01953 717165.

