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## THE BIG LOTTERY FUND

The Big Lottery Fund is one of the biggest funders in the UK giving money to community groups and projects.

There are various different programmes and because these programmes and the deadline dates frequently change it is best to obtain the up-to-date information from their website [www.biglotteryfund.org.uk](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk) or ring the Big Helpline on 0845 4 10 20 30.

For information about Awards for All visit their website on [www.awardsforall.org.uk](http://www.awardsforall.org.uk) or telephone 0845 600 20 40.

## CHARITABLE TRUSTS

There are many thousands of grant-making Charitable Trusts in the UK. These funds have usually been set up by either a private individual, a group of people or businesses who wish to improve the conditions of life in the community. They invest a capital sum and the income that is generated is then distributed under the terms of a 'Trust Deed'.

### Points to consider about applying to Trusts:

- **Policy guidelines** - Each Trust will have different guidelines. It is important to match the aims and objectives of your funding need to that of the policy guidelines of the Trust. So research what the Trust guidelines are before making an application.
- **Beneficial area** - The geographical area covered by the Trust. If for example a Trust states that its beneficial area is say Shefford, your organisation will not be successful if the project is to take place in Bedford.
- **Charitable status** - Most Trusts do prefer to fund organisations that are registered charities. If your organisation is not a registered charity then please contact CVS Mid and North Beds and they will offer advice on how your organisation can become a charity.
- **Allow plenty of time** - Some Trusts meet once a month, others once a year, so bear this in mind.
- **What sort of funding can I apply for?** - Most Trusts prefer to give a donation towards a project or towards a piece of equipment. It is a lot more difficult to find funding for general 'core costs', such as salary costs.
- **Conclusion** - Make sure that you bear the above points in mind, as it will save your organisation money and time.

The following are examples of three of the larger charitable Trusts:

## **Lloyds TSB Foundation for England and Wales**

### **Contact details:**

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Lloyds TSB are a grant-making Foundation and make grants to registered charities to improve the quality of life for people in local communities. The income comes from shares held in Lloyds TSB Group. They are independent of the Group, and twelve Trustees decide the policies of the Foundation.

They welcome applications from all sections of the community, especially small underfunded charities in the areas of disadvantaged and disabled people to enable them to play a fuller role in the community. They support a wide range of activities which fall within the broad areas of Social and Community Needs and Education and Training. Funding priorities for Eastern Region are older people, mental health and rural disadvantage.

## **The Tudor Trust**

### **Contact details:**

The Tudor Trust  
7 Ladbroke Grove  
London  
W11 3BD  
Telephone 020 7727 8522  
Website [www.tudortrust.org.uk](http://www.tudortrust.org.uk)

The Tudor Trust will fund applications that work in the areas of:

- youth
- older people
- community
- housing
- relationships
- mental health
- substance misuse
- learning
- financial security
- criminal justice

Priority areas change each year. Check the website for up-to-date information. The Trust will consider funding core costs, project, building and equipment costs related to your project.

## **Esmee Fairbairn Foundation**

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They will fund projects that work in the areas of:

- Arts and Heritage
- Education
- Environment
- Social Change (enterprise and independence)

They will consider funding core costs as well as project costs. They also run a Loans Programme to organisations in the UK Voluntary Sector which is run in co-operation with Charity Bank. Loans will be made in the Foundation's areas of priority and interest.

## **Where to Find out More information about Charitable Trusts**

Contact CVS Mid and North Beds for further information on software and books available in our resources area.