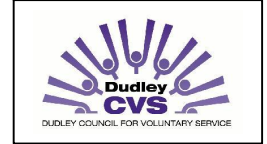


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Funding for IT equipment and training

Key Funders

Awards for All

The Big Lottery administers 'Awards for All' a grants programme where voluntary organisations and community groups can access grants up to £10,000. Projects must either; extend access and participation, increase skill and creativity or improve the quality of life. Application forms can be obtained from Awards for All, 8th Floor, Edmund House, 12-22 Newhall Street, Birmingham, B3 3NL. Telephone: 0121 200 3500. Website: www.awardsforall.org.uk.

Reaching Communities

The Big Lottery administers a grants programme 'Reaching Communities' where registered charities can access grants from £10,000 - £500,000. One of the aims of the fund is to give people better chances in life with better access to training and development to improve their life skills. For more information telephone 0845 4102030. Website: www.biglottery.org.uk.

Geoff Hill Charitable Trust (Geoff Hill Electrical Store)

The Geoff Hill Charitable Trust is a local trust set up to fund general activities run by local groups situated in Dudley Borough. Groups can obtain an application form from the Geoff Hill Charitable Trust, 7 High Street, Amblecote, Stourbridge, DY8 4DE.

Dudley Area Committees

Dudley Council's Area Committees each have a budget for allocation on capital schemes within their areas. Voluntary organisations and community groups are welcome to apply for funding from their relevant Area Committee for or towards the costs of capital expenditure. Groups can obtain application forms from Democratic Services, Directorate of Law and Property, Dudley MBC, the Council House, Priory Road, Dudley, DY1 1HF. Telephone: 01384 815240/1/2.

BT Community Connections

The award scheme enables community and voluntary groups throughout the UK to get online by applying for an award which will pay for a multi-media internet-ready PC and a contribution towards a year's broadband internet access through BT Total Broadband. Applications can be downloaded, completed online or sent through the post.

Groups who have previously received an award are eligible for the E-effective Connection award. Groups can apply for an enhanced package of IT equipment, such as laptops, printers, scanners and digital cameras.

For more information contact BT Community Connections, PO Box 4500, London, W1A 7LF. Telephone: 020 7299 4163. Email: info@btcommunityconnections.com. Website: www.btcommunityconnections.com.

AOL - Innovation in the Community Awards

Grants up to £2,500 plus software to put towards an IT project are available. For more information telephone 0870 320 2020. Website: www.aol.co.uk/innovation.

Gifts in kind

Some companies and corporations may have community grant programmes or be willing to donate new or used IT equipment. Try using your contacts (trustees, volunteers, client groups) to ask their employers about any possibilities.

This information sheet outlines some of the main funders in the areas of IT and equipment. Information about other possible funders can be accessed through FunderFinder and Grantfinder at Dudley CVS. If you are a small group (income up to £5000) and would like support in identifying other funders please contact Kate Green, Small Groups Development Officer on 01384 78166. Email: smallgroups@dudleycvs.org.uk.