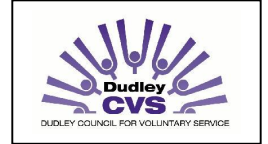


Small Groups in Dudley - Information Sheet



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.

Grassroots Grants

Managed by Birmingham Community Foundation, grants are aimed at small groups with turnover/income less than £20000 per year. To be eligible for a grant, your work must benefit your local community and meet one of these objectives:

- Encourage community responsibility
- Develop community capacity
- Be unable to access other forms of funding
- Do not duplicate other work being done within the area

Funding is available for purchasing equipment and expanding existing activities, including staff/event costs. Groups can apply for between £250 and £5000 on an application available from Birmingham Community Foundation, Nechells Baths, Nechells Park Road, Birmingham, B7 5PD. Tel: 0121 3225560. Email: team@bhamfoundation.co.uk. Website: www.bhamfoundation.co.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.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_reaching_communities.

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. To receive notification of when the next round of applications begins, register on the website:

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

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 £15000) and would like support in identifying other funders please contact Becky Pickin, Small Groups Development Officer on 01384 267431. Email: smallgroups@dudleycvs.org.uk.