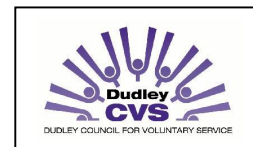


Small Groups in Dudley - Information Sheet



Funding for children and young peoples activities

Key Funders

Awards for All

The Big Lottery administers 'Awards for All' a grants programme where voluntary and community organisations can access grants from £300 - £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.

Geoff Hill Charitable Trust

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.

BBC Children in Need

BBC Children in Need provide salary and revenue grants up to 3 years. However, there is only one year funding for capital projects, holiday play schemes, outings, equipment and welfare funds. Funding is for projects that work with children and young people up to the age of 18 years. Projects should be about changing the lives of children and young people for the better. Closing dates are normally 30th March and 30th November. Application forms can be obtained from BBC

Children in Need Appeal, PO Box 76, London W3 6FS. Telephone: 0121 567 6707. Website: www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey.

Connexions

Connexions administer 2 funding streams, large grants up to £15,000 and small grants up to £500. There is usually one closing date per year and applications are normally requested around March or April. For more information contact Clare Pennell on 0121 502 7424 or for an application pack contact Vicky Climo on 0121 502 7424 or email: vclimo@blackcountryconnexions.co.uk.

Directorate of Children's Services

Directorate of Children's Services has small pots of funding (up to £500) available from Dudley Play Association and Voluntary Organisations Grant Aid. To access the funds groups must register with Children's Services and there must be evidence of young people's involvement in the planning of the project. To find out how to register contact Julie Davies on 01384 813951.

Heritage Lottery Fund - Young Roots

Young Roots offers grants between £3000 and £25,000 for projects lasting up to 18 months. The scheme aims to involve 13-20 year olds (up to 25 for those with special needs) in finding out about their heritage, developing skills, building confidence and promoting community involvement. Young Roots projects stem directly from young peoples' interests and ideas harnessing their creativity and energy and helping them work with others in their local community. The aim is to get young people actively involved in exploring and celebrating their heritage. Heritage could involve numerous activities e.g. conservation, industry, buildings, traditions, culture etc. In this respect heritage describes something which is over 10 years old. For more information contact the Young Roots Co-ordinator on 0121 616 6883. Website: www.hlf.org.uk.

Youth Opportunities Fund and Youth Capital Fund

An opportunity for young people, aged between 13 -19 years (25 if they have learning difficulties), to access funding to spend on projects that young people want. Young people themselves apply for the funding. For further information about these funding programmes contact Dudley Youth Service on 01384 815174 or visit www.dudley.gov.uk/education-and-learning/youth-service/youth-opportunities-fund.

Royal Masonic Trust for Girls and Boys

This trust predominately makes grants to individual children of Freemasons who are in need. However, grants are also made to non-masonic organisations working with children and young people. For more information contact Royal Masonic Trust for Girls and Boys, Freemasons' Hall, 60 Great Queen Street, London, WC2B 5AZ. Website: www.rmtgb.org.

The Variety Club Children's Charity

This charity raises money and then provides Sunshine Coaches, mobility aids and general grants to help those with mental, physical or sensory disabilities, behavioral or psychological disturbances, those suffering through distress, abuse or neglect and disadvantaged young people under the age of 19 years. For more information contact the Variety Club Children's Charity, Variety Club House, 93 Bayham Street, London, NW1 0AG. Telephone: 020 7428 8100. Website: www.varietyclub.org.uk.

This information sheet outlines some of the main funders in the areas of children and young people. 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 sources of funding please contact Becky Pickin, Small Groups Development Officer on 01384 267431. Email: smallgroups@dudleycvs.org.uk.