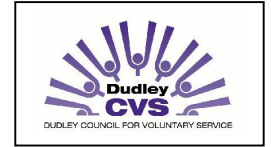


## Small Groups in Dudley - Information Sheet



### Funding for Older People's Groups and Activities

## Key Funders

### Age Concern

The Small Grants programme is open to most voluntary organisations in England who have an income or turnover of less than £250,000 per year. The scheme offers grants of up to £1,000 towards new or expanding services or activities which directly benefit older people. Application forms are available from the Grants Helpline on 0208 765 7738. For more information visit your local branch of Age Concern, contact The Grants Unit, Age Concern England, Astral House, 1268 London Road, London, SW16 4ER. Telephone: 020 8765 7738. Email: [grants.unit@ace.org.uk](mailto:grants.unit@ace.org.uk).

### Help the Aged

Help the Aged administers 'Speaking up for our age scheme', a strategically focused grants programme encouraging older people to set up forums as an effective way of influencing local and national policies and services. The grants can be accessed by voluntary and community organisations that can demonstrate that their services are mainly used by older people and the project will be supported by and involve older people. To apply, begin by sending a letter with a brief outline of your project and funding you require (on no more than one page) to the regional distributions coordinator: Regional Distributions Coordinator, Regional Distributions, Help the Aged, 207-221 Pentonville Road, London N1 9UZ. For further information telephone: 020 7239 1841. Email: [susan.murataj@helptheaged.org.uk](mailto:susan.murataj@helptheaged.org.uk).

### Awards for All

The Big Lottery administers a grants programme 'Awards for All' 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. Awards for All do pay for outings for older people. Application forms can be obtained from Awards for All, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Edmund House, 12-22 Newhall Street, Birmingham, B3 3NL. Telephone: 0121 200 3500. Website: [www.awardsforall.org.uk](http://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](mailto:team@bhamfoundation.co.uk). Website: [www.bhamfoundation.co.uk](http://www.bhamfoundation.co.uk).

## **Directorate of Adult, Community and Housing**

Grants are available in between £300 - £1500 that provides support to vulnerable members of the community, promotes people's independence, social inclusion, supports carers and addresses the broader aspects of health improvement. For more information contact Doreen Hughes on 01384 816162 or Marilyn Hudson on 01384 815145.

## **The Yapp Charitable Trust**

The Yapp Charitable Trust supports projects that benefit older people and it prefers to fund existing work rather than new projects. However, the trust will only fund registered charities that have been operating for at least 3 years. Groups need to apply to the trust via an application form available from The Yapp Charitable Trust, 47a Paris Road, Scholes, Holmfirth, HD9 1SY. Telephone: 01484 683403. Email: [info@yappcharitabletrust.org.uk](mailto:info@yappcharitabletrust.org.uk). Website: [www.yappcharitabletrust.org.uk](http://www.yappcharitabletrust.org.uk).

## **The W G Edwards Charitable Foundation**

This foundation assists with the provision of care for older people through existing registered charities, principally with capital projects but also supporting innovative schemes involved in ongoing care. The average size of grant made is £5,000 per charity. Charities can apply by sending an application letter to the W G Edwards Charitable Foundation, c/o 123a Station Road, Oxted, Surrey, RH8 0QE. Telephone: 01883 714412. Email: [janetbrown@wgedwardscharitablefoundation.org.uk](mailto:janetbrown@wgedwardscharitablefoundation.org.uk). Website: [www.wgedwardscharitablefoundation.org.uk](http://www.wgedwardscharitablefoundation.org.uk).

## **The Margaret Foundation**

This foundation gives grants towards older people's activities. Groups can apply by sending an application letter to the Margaret Foundation, Royal Bank of Canada Trust Corporation Limited, 71 Queen Victoria Street, London, EC4V 4DE. Telephone: 020 7653 4756. Email: [anita.carter@rbc.com](mailto:anita.carter@rbc.com).

## **Stanley Smith General Charitable Trust**

This trust supports a broad range of organisations in several different fields one being older peoples activities. Groups can apply by sending an application letter to the Stanley Smith General Charitable Trust, Mercer and Hole Trustees Ltd, 72 London Road, St Albans, Hertfordshire, AL1 1NS. Telephone: 01727 869141.

## **The Park Hill Trust**

This trust supports imaginative new projects which aim to improve the quality of life of older people in retirement, and to relieve loneliness by helping them to use their knowledge and experience for the benefit of the community. Charities aided are those working in the fields of community facilities, conservation, the arts, support and self-help groups, health related volunteer schemes and health promotion. Groups do not have to be registered charities to apply for funding. Groups can apply by sending an application letter to The Park Hill Trust, Miller Centre, 30 Godstone Road, Caterham, Surrey, CR3 6RA.

## **The Edgar E Lawley Foundation**

This Foundation supports projects that provide services to older people with a preference to groups operating in the West Midlands. Applications will only be received during April. Groups

can apply by sending an application letter to the Edgar E Lawley Foundation, Lower Wakefield, 116 Foley Road, Claygate, Surrey, KT10 0NA. Telephone: 01372 805760. Email: [frankjackson1945@yahoo.com](mailto:frankjackson1945@yahoo.com).

### **Coventry Building Society Charitable Foundation**

This foundation welcomes applications from registered charities that support vulnerable groups including the elderly, people with physical disabilities, people with learning difficulties and those who are mentally ill. Charities must operate in the West Midlands. Charities can obtain an application form The Coventry Building Society Charitable Foundation, Oakfiled House, PO Box 600, Binley Business Park, Coventry, CV3 2YR. Telephone: 024 7660 5042. Website: [www.coventrybuildingsociety.co.uk](http://www.coventrybuildingsociety.co.uk).

### **Tesco Charity Trust**

This trust gives grants to local charities in areas where there is a Tesco store. It supports projects concerned with promoting the welfare and education of elderly people. Charities can apply by sending an application letter to the Tesco Charity Trust, Tesco House, Delamare Road, Cheshunt, Hertfordshire, EN8 9SL. Telephone: 01992 644 143.

### **D D McPhail Charitable Settlement**

This charitable settlement gives grants to groups that deliver projects for older people. Groups can apply by sending an application letter to D D McPhail Charitable Settlement, PO Box 285, Pinner, Middlesex, HA5 3FB.

This information sheet outlines some of the main funders in the areas of older people's activities. 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 Becky Pickin, Small Groups Development Officer on 01384 267431. Email: [smallgroups@dudleycvs.org.uk](mailto:smallgroups@dudleycvs.org.uk).