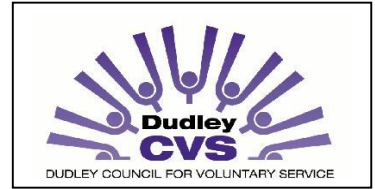


Small Groups in Dudley - Information Sheet



Funding for women's groups and 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.

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.

Women at risk

This trust supports smaller projects that do not have well developed fundraising campaigns, and which benefit women and people disadvantaged by poverty, psychological abuse, emotional distress and infringement of human rights. An application letter should be sent to Women at Risk, PO Box 31055, London, SW1X 9WD. Telephone: 020 7201 9982. Email: women.risk@reed.co.uk.

Society for the assistance of Ladies in Reduced Circumstances

This trust does not make grants to groups, but to individual women living on their own, who are on low incomes. Application letters should be sent to Society for the Assistance of Ladies in Reduced Circumstances, Lancaster House, 25 Hornyold House, Malvern, WR14 1QQ. Telephone: 01684 574645. Email: info@salrc.org.uk. Website: www.salrc.org.uk.

Sigrid Rausing Trust

This trust funds projects relating to human, women's, minority and social and economic rights and environmental justice. For more information telephone 020 7908 9870 or visit: www.sigrid-rausing-trust.org.

Victims Fund

The Victims Fund provides grants up to a maximum of £50,000 to assist the development of community based services in England and Wales for victims of sexual violence and abuse. Priority is given to maintaining or extending existing initiatives, rather than setting up new projects. For more information email: VictimsFund@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk or telephone: 020 7035 8413.

Allen Lane Foundation

This foundation provides funding which supports projects benefiting marginalized individuals within the community. Supported work should make a difference to people's lives as opposed to simply alleviating the symptoms or current problems and should aim to reduce isolation, stigma and discrimination. Grants are generally between £500 to £15,000. For more information visit: www.allenlane.org.uk or telephone: 01904 613223.

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.

UIA Charitable Foundation

Grants are available to registered charities and small voluntary groups in the UK that work with victims of domestic violence, victims of drug and alcohol addiction, rehabilitation of offenders, Third World poverty or Third World human rights. Grants are awarded up to £1000. For more information visit: www.uia.co.uk/All/About/Charitable-foundation/ or telephone: 01438 761761.

Global Fund for Women

The Global Fund for Women supports women's groups that advance the human rights of women and girls. It aims to strengthen women's rights groups based outside the United States by providing small, flexible, and timely grants ranging from \$500 to \$20,000 for operating and program expenses. We value local expertise and believe that women themselves know best how to determine their needs and propose solutions for lasting change.

Who the Global Fund supports

- Groups of women working together.
- Organisations that demonstrate a clear commitment to women's equality and women's human rights.
- Organisations that are governed and directed by women.
- Organisations based outside of the United States.

For more information visit: www.globalfundforwomen.org or telephone: (New York) 212 742 8978.

HBOS Foundation

This foundation funds projects which develop and improve local communities. The trust has in the past funded a women's centre. For more information telephone 0870 600 5000 or visit: www.hbosfoundation.org.

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.

This information sheet outlines some of the main funders in the areas of women'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 £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.