

Funding News

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The Coalfields Regeneration Trust - Coalfields Community Grants Level 1

The Trust's Level 1 grant Programme can award grants from £500 up to £5,000. It is targeted at community and voluntary organisations who can demonstrate that a grant will impact positively on people living in coalfield communities. Eligible coalfield wards in Tamworth are: Amington, Belgrave, Bolehall, Castle, Glascoate, Mercian & Stonydelph. Applications can be submitted at any time.

<http://www.coalfields-regen.org.uk/englandgrantinformation/default.asp>

The Steel Charitable Trust

The Steel Charitable Trust is a grant-making trust supporting general charitable purposes. Grants of between £1,000 and £25,000 are made to registered charities in the UK within the areas of: arts and culture, environment, health, education, disadvantaged. Grants are made at regular intervals during the year and the total level of grants is approximately £1,000,000. Applications can be made at any time as there are no application deadlines.

<http://www.steelcharitabletrust.org.uk/>

The Steven Gerrard Foundation

The Steven Gerrard Foundation, launched at the start of 2011, has issued its first call for grant applications from projects that have a long-term impact on disadvantaged children. These can include those affected by illness, family breakdown, disability, involvement in the streets, or educational disadvantage. Applicants can apply for grants of up to £10,000 per year for a maximum of three years. The closing date for this first round of applications is 5.00pm, 9 March.

<http://www.stevengerrardfoundation.org>

BIG Innovation Fund - Round 2 open for applications

The BIG Innovation fund is specifically about supporting new projects that test new ways of tackling emerging and existing social problems. The idea is considered as 'new' if it hasn't been tried anywhere else in the UK. By innovative, they mean projects that:

- Create new kinds of activity and service to tackle new or emerging social needs
- Create new ways of addressing a current social problem

The programme will award grants of between £20,000 and £1 million for projects running up to five years that seek to achieve both of the following outcomes:

- New solutions are delivered which better address emerging and entrenched social problems
- Learning from innovative approaches is used to inform wider policy and practice.

Stage 1 application deadline is 23 February.

http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_big_innovation

Time to Change

The Time to Change grants fund will distribute £2.7 million to approximately 75 projects across England from April 2012 to March 2015. The fund will support projects which challenge stigma and discrimination around mental health in innovative ways.

<http://time-to-change.org.uk/grants>

Concertina - Music Grants for Older People

The registered charity, Concertina makes grants to charitable bodies which provide musical entertainment and related activities for the elderly. The charity is particular keen to support smaller organisations which might otherwise find it difficult to gain funding. The next application deadline is the 30th April 2012.

<http://www.concertinamusic.org.uk/Grants.php>

Sports Grants

The Tamworth Community Sports Network is an organisation that has been allocated funds by Tamworth Borough Council to administer 3 grant schemes;

- **Coach/Official Education Grant** - To assist in the development of coaches and officials by enabling them to improve their qualifications and experience
- **Sports Club Grants** - To increase the availability of sporting opportunities by assisting existing organisations to develop their sports programmes, encouraging the establishment of new sports groups/clubs/sections and encouraging Clubmark
- **Talent Support Fund** - To recognise individual talented sports performers in Tamworth and encourage them to develop their full potential

Applications and further information can be found at:

http://www.tamworth.gov.uk/community_and_living/funding_and_grants/sports_grants.aspx

Crisis - Changing Lives Programme - Up to £2,500

A programme to empower homeless people to change their own lives through providing funding which can push them ahead in achieving their vocational and career objectives in the UK, deadline - 16th February.

<http://www.crisis.org.uk/pages/crisis-changing-lives.html>

The Nominet Trust - Funding for IT Projects Supporting Disadvantaged Groups

Funding is available to organisations with innovative IT related project ideas that can make a positive difference to disadvantaged and vulnerable groups - in the UK, developing countries and around the world. The aim of the Trust is to fund innovative Internet projects that make a positive difference to the lives of disadvantaged and vulnerable people, primarily in terms of education, safety and inclusion. The

Trust is particularly interested in funding projects that can be scaled up and replicated. There is no minimum grant application and applications for over £100,000 require an interview. The next closing date for applications is on the 1st May.

<http://www.nominettrust.org.uk/>

Baron Davenport's Charity

The Charity gives grants to organisations established for the benefit of children and/or young people aged under 25 years of age situated within 60 miles of Birmingham Town Hall, next deadline 15th March.

<http://www.barondavenportscharity.org/>

Staffordshire County Council - Opportunity to Tender

Advocacy Service (Ref: SCHG00051), Department: Social Care and Health. Staffordshire County Council is carrying out a tendering exercise for the provision of a Generic Advocacy Service across the County of Staffordshire. The Contract area is a combination of the administrative area of the County Council. **Tender closes on 12 April 2012.** For details go to:

<http://apps.staffordshire.gov.uk/ContractPublic/Details.aspx?ContractID=1403&SearchCategory=0&SearchType=2&SearchText=SCHG00051&SearchDept=0&PageID=0&RecordCount=1>

Tender documents must be requested from commissioning.team@staffordshire.gov.uk

For more information on funding, and for support in completing funding applications please contact Wil Summers, Development Officer on 01827 709657 or email: enquiries@tamworth-cvs.org.uk

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