

Useful contacts for finding funders for your projects

National Churches Trust offers a list of major grant funders. http://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/applying-grant-funding/list-major-grant-funders

Funding Central is a helpful website that helps you find grants to suit your project and also offers advice on grant applications, sustainable incomes, crowdfunding, fundraising and giving. http://www.fundingcentral.org.uk

The **Parish Resources** website, provided by the Church of England's National Stewardship and Resources Team offers a national list of charitable grants for churches with six funding categories giving a list of organisations to contact and their websites. This will not include local funders. http://www.parishresources.org.uk/resources-for-treasurers/funding/

Heritage Lottery Fund

You can give the HLF office a call or register to submit a project enquiry on line at https://forms.hlf.org.uk/officeforms/hlf projects.ofml. They can then get back to you directly with advice on what is the most suitable programme for your project.

The Historic Religious Buildings Alliance, part of the Heritage Alliance, has lots of funding advice and lists of funders.

http://www.theheritagealliance.org.uk/fundingdirectory/main/fundinghome.php

This **DCMS website** helps you find out what organisations in your area have received lottery grants and what the money was spent on. http://www.lottery.culture.gov.uk

Charity Commission website: check here to find out who funded who. This will give you a good idea of what type of charities your selected funders have supported in the past.

www.gov.uk/government/organisations/charity-commission

Mid Suffolk and Babergh District Councils offer Community Project Capital Grants up to 33% of total project costs to a maximum of £25,000. Also minor and discretionary grants. Visit their websites to find out their criteria. http://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/your-community/community-development/grant-aid/ and http://www.babergh.gov.uk/your-community/community-development/grant-aid/

Community Action Suffolk has brought together 10 Suffolk voluntary and community sector support groups into a single charity and company. It offers funding advice to voluntary and community groups and can help with the availability of funds and grants and with funding applications. It is licensed to carry out a funding searches using GRANTfinder.

http://www.communityactionsuffolk.org.uk/how-we-help/funding/

Checklist to get you focused

- What is the problem or issue you want to address with your project?
- What evidence is there that this need exists?
- What are the reasons for the need?
- Have you carried out any research?
- Why have you prioritised this need?
- Why is your project an appropriate response to the need?

- Have you consulted with the people your project will benefit and other relevant stakeholders?
- Do you know about relevant local strategies or initiatives, or other projects working in this field and how your project will fit in?

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