

# PROGRAMMES FUNDING NEWSLETTER

July 2017

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## Meet The Funders Event – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 10am – 12pm

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South Yorkshire Funding Advice Bureau (SYFAB), in partnership with Doncaster MBC, is holding a **FREE** event for voluntary and community groups across Doncaster to hear about funding available for their activities:

- SYFAB will explain how they can help groups who are looking for funding, and the basics of how to apply.
- South Yorkshire's Community Foundation will go through their different grant schemes for local groups, including Community Grants up to £5,000 available anywhere in Doncaster, and the Tween Bridge Fund for groups in the Thorne/Moorends area, also up to £5,000.
- Social Enterprise Exchange will talk about the support they can offer to social enterprises, including business advice, and access to grants.
- Big Lottery Fund offers small grants (Awards for All - up to £10,000) and large ones (Reaching Communities – can be hundreds of thousands). They are keen to talk to groups from Doncaster about their project ideas.

### **When:**

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2017, 10.00am – 12.00pm**

### **Venue:**

**The Mansion House, 45 High Street, Doncaster, DN1 1BN**

The first presentation starts promptly at 10.00am. Please arrive from 9.30am to sign in.

You can book a place online via the SYFAB website [www.syfab.org.uk](http://www.syfab.org.uk). Upon booking please tell us of any access or support needs.

For more information please contact SYFAB by telephone, 0114 261 5141,  
email, [enquiries@syfab.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@syfab.org.uk) or visit [www.syfab.org.uk](http://www.syfab.org.uk)

## South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority Funding Scheme

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Applications will open later this year for the third round of the Stronger Safety Communities Reserve (SSCR).

The fund is a South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Authority scheme which reinvests money into local communities to support our work to prevent emergencies. The money has been set aside from the Authority's reserves.

**SSCR Fund Information Event** To help potential applicants prepare for the bidding process, an information event will be held on **4<sup>th</sup> August, 2017** at the **fire service Training & Development Centre on Beaver Hill Road, Handsworth, Sheffield.**

Speakers at the event will include successful applicants from the second open bidding round, including:

- Edlington Community Association
- Crisis Skylight South Yorkshire
- Barnsley NHS Trust Specialist Midwives
- SpeakUp Self – Advocacy

Delegates will also be advised on the application process, the funding criteria they must meet and the proposed tools for evaluating the successful projects.

**Round 3 Timeline** Fund open for applications 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2017 with a closing date for applications of 12 noon 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2017

- SYFR Task and finish groups meet 2<sup>nd</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 to assess applications
- Assessment board meets w/c 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2017 to make recommendations
- Recommendations for approval for funded projects to Fire Authority on 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2017
- Approved projects notified w/c 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2017
- Projects launch 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2018

For more information please contact the SSCR co-ordinator, Toni Tranter on [ttranter@syfire.gov.uk](mailto:ttranter@syfire.gov.uk)

## **Mental Health Training for Secondary School Teachers**

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A new £200,000 government-funded programme has been launched as part of the government's commitment to improve support for children and young people, and maintains the pledge in the Queen's Speech to improve mental health services and protect those living with mental health problems from unfair treatment and discrimination.

Delivered by the charity Mental Health First Aid, the training programme aims to help teachers in every secondary school in England to identify and respond to early signs of mental health issues in children.

Teachers and other school staff will receive practical advice on how to recognise issues including depression and anxiety, self-harm, and eating disorders. They will also be invited to become 'first aid champions', sharing their knowledge and experiences across schools and communities to raise awareness and break down.

# Barrow Cadbury Trust Launches the Connect Fund for England

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In partnership with Access – the Foundation for Social Investment, the Barrow Cadbury Trust has set up the £1.8 million Connect Fund which will provide grants and investment to strengthen the social investment market in England in an effort to better meet the needs of charities and social enterprises.

The Fund's vision is to facilitate the development of a strong, sustainable, collaborative community of social investment providers that work together to build a better market.

There will be two phases of funding:

- Phase one will look at filling the gaps in the infrastructure of the social investment market by supporting collaboration on data management, skill development, sector networks, or other resource solutions.
- Phase two will provide feasibility grants for voluntary sector infrastructure organisations to explore models of enterprise-driven solutions with the potential to connect places and sectors to social investment.

All projects should engage with the social investment market in order to shift the narrative to focus on the funding realities that social organisations face.

A total fund of £1.8 million is available. It is expected that most bids will fall in the range of:

- Small grants - £5,000 to £15,000.
- Medium grants - £20,000 to £40,000.
- Large grants - £45,000 to £60,000.

**The deadlines for expressions of interest are:**

- **Data Projects – EOIs will be accepted at any time.**
- **Infrastructure Projects – EOIs will be accepted from 6<sup>th</sup> June, 2017 to 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2017.**
- **Feasibility Projects – EOIs will be accepted between 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2017 and 5 November 2017.**

## Social Enterprise Exchange Grants

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As part of the Social Enterprise Exchange programme, South Yorkshire's Community Foundation is managing a small grants scheme to support start-up and existing social enterprises. Our new call for applications is now open.

All grant applicants are required in the first instance to have registered for social enterprise support with the Social Enterprise Exchange programme and to have been accepted either on the

Accelerate strand for social enterprise start-ups or the Transform strand for existing social enterprises. Grants are only available as part of a package of support and following completion of an initial business diagnostic. To apply for a grant you will need to have available your unique Social Enterprise Exchange ID which should be provided to you by your lead advisor.

#### **Accelerate grants for start-ups**

Start-up grants of up to £1,500 to new social enterprises registered in the last 12 months.

#### **Transform grants for existing social enterprises**

Grants for growth of up to £5,000 to existing social enterprises registered for at least 12 months.

**This second call for applications opened 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2017 and has a deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2017.**

**There will be further calls during 2017 and 2018.**

## **World of Opportunity SME Grants Programme**

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The World of Opportunity SME Grants Programme has been established to provide funding for growing businesses in order to help them begin exporting and reaching new markets.



Through partnership with the Exporting is GREAT campaign the sponsor can help prepare each successful applicant for international trade; as well as giving them exclusive lounge access as they depart Heathrow from programme supporter, Plaza Premium lounges.

The programme is offering 20 SMEs the chance to each win a grant of £2,000 to fund trade missions. The money can also be used to help fund a trade show or research into new markets.

The programme is open to all residents in the United Kingdom who are aged 18 years or over. Participants should enter the programme for and on behalf of an SME, being a small or medium-sized enterprise with fewer than 250 employees.

**The deadline for receipt of applications is 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2017.**

## **Smart Energy GB in Communities Fund Launches Round 1 for 2017**

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This is the second year of the £10 million five-year fund which was set up to support community based organisations that provide information about how to get and use smart meter. The fund is being administered by the Charities Aid Foundation.



This year there will be two application rounds with grants of between £500 and £5,000 being made available to not-for-profit organisations such as charities, clubs, social enterprises, residents associations, and parish councils.

This funding round is for projects which are specifically targeted at and engage people over 65 with no personal internet access to provide reassurance and handholding support to help them understand and realise the benefits of smart meters. This could involve a range of activities, including incorporating smart meter messages into existing services and events or running specific advice sessions on smart meters.

Projects funded in round one must start on or after 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2017 and be completed by 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2017.

**The deadline for Round 1 applications is 19<sup>th</sup> July 2017, (5pm).**

## **Cascading Leadership Programme Open to Applications**

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The King's Fund has launched their £250,000 Cascading Leadership Programme in partnership with Comic Relief and the Big Lottery Fund following a successful pilot programme in 2016.

Charities working toward improving health and wellbeing can apply to take part in a two-day training and development programme (worth between £900 and £3,120) which will help them to develop a range of leadership and consultancy skills, alongside deeper strategic leadership skills.

Applications will be accepted from the leaders of organisations of any size and at any stage of development to join the programme as either:

- **A Consultant.** To join the programme as a consultant applicants should be:
  - An experienced and senior leader working in the voluntary and community sector (VCS) who can draw on a wide range of knowledge, experience and expertise to support another organisation.
  - Willing to develop their own leadership skills and to share what they know with others.
  - Interested in contributing to and learning from a peer group of VCS leaders.
- **A Partner.** To join the programme as a partner applicants should be:
  - Leading a VCS organisation that would benefit from the experience of others who can help them to reflect and learn and to develop their organisation.
  - Interested in contributing to and learning from a peer group of VCS leaders.



There is no charge to take part in this programme, which is being funded by the Big Lottery Fund, using money raised by National Lottery players for good causes, and by Comic Relief.

**The deadline for applications is 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2017.**

## **My Co-op Community Dividend Fund**

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Since 2007, the Co-op's Community Dividend Fund has donated over £1 million to local communities. The fund has now re-opened for communities across England.



Grants of between £100 and £5,000 are available to members of the Central England Co-operative located in Cambridgeshire, Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Norfolk, Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire, South Yorkshire, Staffordshire, Suffolk, Warwickshire, West Midlands, West Yorkshire or Worcestershire.

Projects should address one or more of the following priorities:

- Contributions towards the fund-raising efforts of a school, college, community organisation or group, residential or day-care facility or hospital project.
- Contributions towards a voluntary, self-help or not-for profit organisation other than those listed above.
- Donations to a local charity or cause, or the local branch of a national charity that will benefit the local community, for example the provision of equipment, enhancement of the physical environment, training or education programme.
- Contributions to environmental and social projects that will enhance the local community or raise awareness of environmental issues amongst local residents.

The fund is expected to be highly competitive although all applications will receive full consideration.

**The deadline for applications is 28<sup>th</sup> July 2017.**

## **Information Commissioner Launches New Grant Scheme**

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The Information Commissioner is inviting UK and international organisations including academic institutions, civil society groups, trade and industry associations and organisations with a genuine commitment to public benefit outcomes to apply for funding to support new, independent research on privacy and data protection issues and develop privacy enhancing solutions.



Grants of between £20,000 and £100,000 are available to support research projects which meet at least one of the five strategic goals of the ICO's Strategic Plan:

1. To increase the public's trust and confidence in how data is used and made available.
2. Improve standards of information rights practice through clear, inspiring and targeted engagement and influence.
3. Maintain and develop influence within the global information rights regulatory community.
4. Stay relevant, provide excellent public service and keep abreast of evolving technology.
5. Enforce the laws the ICO helps to shape and oversee.

Priority will be given to projects which align with priorities one, two and four.

Although proposals do not need to be technology based, they must have practical application and provide real world solutions that are of clear public benefit to the UK.

Examples of eligible expenditure include:

- Salaries for members of the project team.
- Administrative, survey and publication costs.
- Minor equipment, such as IT equipment and software necessary to complete the research project.
- The cost of specialist services such as surveys, interpreters or other specialist outsourced services, provided it is integral to the research project and the requisite capacity/skills do not exist within the applicant's research team.
- Other costs including travel (subject to approval by the ICO).

Collaborative applications will also be accepted as long as each applicant is eligible for funding.

**The deadline for applications is 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 (5pm).**

## **HEFCE Announces New Call Under Catalyst Fund**

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The Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE) has announced a new funding opportunity for HEFCE-funded higher education institutions and further education colleges which are directly funded by HEFCE. This call for proposals seeks projects which will identify and support good practice to tackle hate crime and online harassment on campus.

This funding builds on the previous call, 'Catalyst fund: Student safeguarding on campus', which addressed issues of sexual harassment and violence on campus.

Projects that are successful in their bids will receive funding of £50,000.

**The deadline for returning completed proposals 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2017 (12pm).**

# Queen Elizabeth Scholarship Trust

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The objective of the Queen Elizabeth Scholarship Trust is to support excellence in British crafts. The programme offers both scholarships and apprenticeships.



Apprenticeship funding is worth up to £18,000 (£6,000 a year for three years).

Eligible applicants are craftsmen and women of all ages who live and work permanently in the UK. Applicants must be able to demonstrate that they already have a high level of skill and are firmly committed to their craft or trade.

For those wishing to apply for QEST Apprenticeship funding, the 2017 application deadline is **3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2017**.

## Support for Organisations Restoring Historic Buildings

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Working with local partners, including local authorities, Historic England's Heritage Action Zone initiative will help to improve England's historic environment to create economic growth and improve quality of life in villages, towns and cities.



Through joint-working, skill-sharing, and grant funding the initiative sets out to achieve the following:

- Historic buildings that have deteriorated through neglect will be restored and put back into use.
- Conservation areas improved to kick-start regeneration and renewal.
- Unsung places will be recognised and celebrated for their unique character and heritage, helping instil a sense of local pride wherever there's a Heritage Action Zone.

Currently, there are ten Heritage Action Zones in existence which were announced in March 2017.

Historic England offers the following support and services to successful Heritage Action Zone's:

- Funding, including Repair Grants for listed buildings, scheduled monuments and registered parks and gardens, and Capacity Building Grants for wider area-based schemes.
- Research into historic sites or buildings.
- Advice on repairing and finding new uses for buildings, and planning policy.
- Condition surveys of buildings and monuments.
- Historic Area Assessments.
- Help with updating entries on the National Heritage List for England.
- Training in how to assess the significance of historic places.

- Help with identifying places that could be listed.
- Help with engaging local communities.
- Access to networks and contacts.

To be eligible for Heritage Action Zone status, an area needs to have significant historic interest, with the potential to make greater use of its heritage to support the social, economic and environmental needs of the place. Historic England will prioritise areas which deliver economic growth, with a particular focus in 2018 on housing.

The Heritage Action Zone should include at least one local authority partner. Community engagement and cross-working across a broad range of partner organisations/groups is encouraged.

Interested organisations are invited to contact their local Historic England office to discuss a potential project prior to submitting their initial proposal form.

**The deadline for Initial Proposals is 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2017 (5pm).**

## **LIBOR Fund Opens**

In 2012 HM Treasury announced fines collected from banks for rigging the London interbank offered rate would be used to support good causes.

The 2017 LIBOR grant scheme is now open to applications from registered charities, CICs, and Armed Forces unit with a UIN.

The grants are to be used for projects that make a difference and have a positive outcome for people in one or more of the following categories:

- Serving members of the Armed Forces.
- Family members of those serving in the Armed Forces.
- Veterans of the Armed Forces.
- Serving Emergency Services personnel.
- Family members of Emergency Services.
- Former Emergency Services personnel.

Projects can take place for up to three years and must take place after April 2018 and by the end of March 2021.

**The deadline for applications is 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2017 (noon).**

## **DG Digital Single Market –Call for Proposals to Develop and Demonstrate Learning and Assessment Technology**

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The Digital Single Market highlights the urgent need to fill missing key skills gaps and prepare the EU workforce for change. The overall objective of this Call for Proposals is to develop and demonstrate a Europe-wide learning and assessment technology.

The preparatory action will consist of the development and deployment of a technological platform integrating online services, which will incorporate the following modules and services:

- Competence mapping of non-cognitive skills.
- Tailored learning roadmaps for enhancing the learners' non-cognitive skills via educational services and/or solutions (including specific open educational resources).
- Mechanisms for measurement/assessment/credentialisation (eg by certificate and/or badge) and recognition of the new learning and skills.

These services should be accompanied by a thoughtful and comprehensive social innovation process to engage citizens at risk of exclusion in Europe, in particular unemployed youth.

Funding is available for the following activities:

- Prototyping, deployment and testing/validation actions.
- Conferences, seminars.
- Awareness and dissemination actions.
- Actions aiming at the creation and improving of networks, exchanges of good practices.
- Studies, analyses, mapping projects.
- Research activities.

Activities should start not later than January 2018 and be completed by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

Applications from legal entities established in the EU Member States are eligible. Applications may be submitted by the following:

- Single legal entities.
- Consortia made up of several legal entities.
- Single applicants, whether established specifically or not for the action, formed of several legal entities.

The budget for the co-financing of projects is €1 million. The European Commission expects to fund one proposal.

**The deadline for proposals is 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2017.**

## **Greggs Foundation's Local Community Projects - Opens for Round 3**

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The Greggs Foundation's Community Projects Fund provides grants of up to £2,000 to not-for-profit organisations across Great Britain for

projects or for equipment for people in need at the heart of local communities.

Projects can support a variety of people:

- Disabled or suffering chronic illness.
- Living in poverty.
- Voluntary carers.
- Homeless.
- Isolated older people.
- Other demonstrable significant need.

Eligible projects should also be able to demonstrate that they have achieved at least one of the following Key Performance Targets for their beneficiaries:

The Local Community Projects Fund is administered by seven charity committees throughout Great Britain. Please note that the programme is over-subscribed and there is huge competition for the grants available.

**The deadline for applications is 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2017.**

## **Greggs Foundation's Environmental Grants Scheme - Opens for Round 3**

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Using money from the 5p levy on carrier bag sales in Greggs shops, the Greggs Foundation's Environmental Grants scheme aims to improve people's lives by improving the environment. Groups that missed the second round have three months to apply to the third round.

Grants of up to £2,000 are available for projects in England, Wales or Scotland that deliver a real benefit to the environment that address one or more of the following:

- Improving the local environment.
- Insuring involvement of local communities.
- Delivering a sustainable and measurable difference.
- Supporting people in need.

The funding can be used to cover the purchase of equipment, sessional salary costs, purchase of trees/plants, small capital projects and learning activities.

Not-for-profit organisations with a turnover of £300,000 or less as well as schools in England, Scotland and Wales can apply. Organisations that are based near Greggs shops will be given priority.

**The next deadline for applications is 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2017.**

# Armed Forces Covenant Fund Opens Priority for Local Authorities

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The Covenant Fund's 'Strengthening Local Government Delivery of the Covenant' priority has opened for applications with new guidelines for 2017. This priority is only open to local authorities.

Applications must be from a lead local authority on behalf of a cluster of local authorities, which must be working in close partnership with the military communities in their area(s), for some of all of the following three strands of activity:

- Proposals for projects or initiatives which will establish and share best practice in delivering the Covenant.
- Proposals to kick start or pilot new drop-in information centres or 'one-stop-shop' venues where any member of the wider 'military family' can visit to get information or advice.
- Request for support to benefit from dedicated Covenant focussed media and communications training and advice. This will include digital production and social media skills, and delivered through external training courses with follow-up expert support.

Applications can be made for awards of between £20,000 and £500,000. Awards over £200,000 will only be made in exceptional circumstances and applicants who are seeking funding of between £200,000 and £500,000 must first contact the Covenant Grant team before applying.

**There are two deadlines in 2017: 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2017 (noon) for November 2017 decisions and 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 (noon) for February 2018 decisions.**

# REC Programme – Call for Projects on Non-Discrimination and Roma Integration

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The Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme (REC) promotes and protects specific individual rights and freedoms that derive from European Union law. REC promotes gender equality, rights deriving from citizenship of the EU, children's rights and Roma inclusion; and funds projects aimed at combating all forms of discrimination and racism and fighting violence against women, young people and children.

Projects should aim at the following outcomes:

1. Fighting against discrimination based on sexual orientation in society and promoting the rights of LGBTI people.
2. Promoting diversity management in the public and private sector: identification of existing practices, measurement of

diversity management benefits, and awareness-raising. The proposed activities may be linked to the launch and implementation of Diversity Charters.

3. Fighting against discrimination of Roma through: activities aiming to raise awareness and combat harmful stereotypes of Roma and thereby supporting their integration into mainstream society; identify and exchange good practices in fighting discrimination against Roma and anti-gypsyism, in particular in education and housing and promoting the empowerment of Roma (youth and women) as well as their active involvement in the process of Roma integration.
4. Raising awareness about intergenerational solidarity and non-discrimination on the basis of age (in particular of young people).

Priority will be given to fund at least one project in each of the above-mentioned four priority areas.

Applicants and co-applicants must be a public entity or a private organisation, established in one of the countries participating in the Programme, or an international organisation. Profit-oriented organisations must submit applications in partnership with public entities or private non-profit-oriented organisations.

The total budget for the Call is €3.5 million and applications should be for grants between €75,000 and €500,000.

The deadline for applications is 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2017.

## **REC Programme 2014-2020 – Action Grants to Prevent and Combat Gender Based Violence and Violence Against Children**

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This Call for Proposals aims to prevent and combat gender-based violence and violence against children by funding targeted, practical projects, ensuring maximum tangible and demonstrable benefits and impacts on the lives of beneficiaries.

The priorities are as follows:

- Prevention of gender-based violence (GBV).
- Protection and support for victims of gender-based violence and violence against children, including through tackling

under-reporting and promoting multi-disciplinary cooperation among relevant professionals.

- The coordination and/or adaptation of support services for sexual and gender-based violence to include refugees and migrants (children, women, LGBTQI persons, young men and boys), in particular to ensure their recovery from such trauma.
- Treatment of perpetrators, in order to prevent reoffending.
- National coordinating frameworks or action plans for violence against children (supporting Member States and other actors).

Applications should include a clear communication, dissemination and sustainability plan, with measures to maintain and monitor results after the end of funding.

At least one public authority from each participating country must either be involved in the project (as applicant or co-applicant) or by providing substantial support.

The total budget for the Call is €12.706 million.

**The deadline for applications is 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2017.**

## **AHF Launches Heritage Mortgage Scheme**

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The Architectural Heritage Fund (AHF), an independent charity, encourages and supports the work of organisations dedicated to the preservation and renewal of buildings of architectural and historic significance which have failed to find a viable re-use on the open market.

Through the new Heritage Mortgage Scheme the AHF is offering mortgage-style loans of between £150,000 and £500,000 over terms of between 10 and 20 years (30 in exceptional circumstances) to assist registered charities and not-for-profit organisations in the UK to acquire buildings, or provide working capital for restoration projects.

All AHF loans are typically fixed at 4-6% but can be linked to Base Rate.

The AHF can normally lend applicants up to 70% of the estimated open market resale value of any acceptable property or land over which it takes a first charge. If this is the project building for which the loan is required, it can lend up to 70% of the property's estimated "end value" (the projected value once work has been completed).

**Applications may be submitted at any time and will be considered on a quarterly basis.**

# South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner Launches Community Grant Scheme 2017/18

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The Police and Crime Commissioner for South Yorkshire is now accepting applications from local not-for-profit organisations that help address his funding priorities for 2017/18.

Grants of up to £5,000 are available for projects addressing one or more of the following:

- Provide support and intervention to members of the community who may be vulnerable based on evidence of need.
- Provide support vulnerable victims both in awareness and reporting of crime particularly victims of domestic violence, sexual violence or CSE.
- Increase community cohesion in areas which have diverse ethnic communities and where tensions have been identified.
- Provide diversionary activities especially for young people specifically where ASB is taking place.
- Provide education around the risks associated with cyber crime, improving awareness of ways that people can be targeted, particularly the vulnerable.
- Provide alcohol/drug education-to support tactics around managing night time economy and alcohol related crime e.g. domestic violence and violence.
- Preventing burglary dwelling and vehicle crime by improving security specifically for those most likely to be victims of crime including working with landlords.

Grants can be spent on a variety of costs including:

- Staff costs (excluding pension costs) for new or existing projects to develop work.
- Volunteer expenses where no other funding is available to meet existing costs.
- The cost of room hire/facilities in premises other than those currently belonging/being occupied by the project.
- Public transport costs, car mileage (local government rate), mini bus hire.
- Structured educational trips, visits and activities (the venue and educational content of any trip must be specified, directly address the Commissioner priorities and be within South Yorkshire).
- Sports equipment, for new or existing project to develop their work for example boxing gloves, gym equipment, portable goal posts.
- Materials, publicity (must include PCC logo).
- Some expenditure incurred obtaining Police Checks (refer to Standard Conditions working with young people).

Applicants must first complete and pass an eligibility quiz located on the Commissioner's website.

**Applications will be accepted throughout the 2017/18 financial year.**

## **HSBC Announces £10 Billion UK SME Fund**

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HSBC UK Bank has announced a £10 billion lending fund to support small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in the UK. The programme forms part of a broader commitment by the bank to help businesses realise their growth ambitions.



The Fund is UK-wide, enabling SMEs in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland to access the financial support they require.

One of the main focus areas of this year's fund is to encourage small firms to explore opportunities for exporting. HSBC research into 1,000 UK SMEs shows that companies are prepared to consider the opportunities of international trade but may be cautious of perceived barriers.

With a geographic network covering more than 90% of global trade, HSBC believes it can help businesses to navigate the available markets and overcome obstacles to growth.

For further details please click on the link for more detailed information