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## Suffolk ACRE Funding Newsletter - March 2011

The aim of this newsletter is to keep Community groups informed about funding or grants and we hope this will be helpful for any new projects you are planning. If you would prefer not to receive this communication in future or if it should go to someone else in your group, please let us know on 01473 345300.

For more detailed funding advice Suffolk ACRE offers a Funding Advice Service to help identify funders for the projects you are planning, for further information on the service or to have a funding search completed please contact 01473 345300 or email [fundingadvice@suffolkacre.org.uk](mailto:fundingadvice@suffolkacre.org.uk).

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**Suffolk ACRE Training** [[back to top](#)]



Fully funded courses are available for participants based in Suffolk within the social enterprise, voluntary and community sectors (while funds last). The courses will be held at Brightspace in the coming months and include:

- The 3 day **Business Plans** course is for individuals and/or organisations that need to write a realistic, functional and useable business plan. The course will run on the **22nd, 29th March and 5<sup>th</sup> April** 2011.
- The **Marketing Opportunities** course is for organisations looking to expand, increase their income generation potential or wanting to attract new customers and will take place on **12<sup>th</sup> May** 2011.

- **Surviving Frontline Money Management** course is a survival guide for those new to or requiring clarification on, the pressures of managing money and budgets. The course will provide you with simple, practical tools and templates to help you survive frontline money management and is aimed at individuals that have little or no prior experience of managing finances within an organisation. It course will run on **9<sup>th</sup> June 2011**.

All of the above courses will take place at Brightspace, Ipswich and will run from 10am – 4pm. For participants outside Suffolk or not eligible for the bursary support the course fee is £195 + VAT for the three day Business Plans course or £85 + VAT for each of the one day courses. The courses will be delivered by The Guild a leading provider of business support, training and consultancy to the social enterprise, voluntary and community sectors.

For further details or a booking form please contact 01473 345311 or email [elizabeth.storer@suffolkacre.org.uk](mailto:elizabeth.storer@suffolkacre.org.uk)

### **Community and Voluntary Groups – kick start the New Year with a grant from The Suffolk Foundation [[back to top](#)]**

The Suffolk Foundation currently has funds to award from the following funds to Suffolk's community and voluntary groups.

**Transforming Suffolk:** This is a new fund with grants of up to £4,000 available for groups who want to carry out projects that meet one of the four themes of this fund. Details are on the Foundation's website. All closing dates on the Foundation's website.

**The Improve and Prove Fund:** A brand new fund to be launched in late January gives grants of up to £5,000 for groups who want to carry out projects that will help towards self sustainability of the group. There is an Award element of this fund and groups could be awarded £10,000 if they can show some outstanding outcomes. Specific details are to be published on our website in mid January, and the first panel sits early April. Further closing dates through the year.

**Healthy Ambitions Suffolk Fund** is also seeking applications, for which a grant of £4,000 can be given for projects that are working towards creating better health and wellbeing for Suffolk people. From April onwards this Fund will be seeking applications that support heart health. The decision making panels will sit three times in 2011, the first being April or May.

**Suffolk Voluntary Sector Training Fund** also has grant funding available with grants of up to £2,000 for groups who wish to train staff or volunteers. These applications are considered on a first come first served basis.

**Creating the Greenest County Fund** is an exciting initiative delivered by the Suffolk Foundation on behalf of Suffolk County Council and is seeking applications. If your community group wants to run a project to decrease carbon emissions, then you can apply for 25% of your project costs up to a value of £25,000. The panel will meet twice more in 2011.

You can find all details including application forms, guidelines and closing dates on The Suffolk Foundation's website [www.suffolkfoundation.org.uk](http://www.suffolkfoundation.org.uk) or you can phone Sue Wright on 01473 734127 to discuss your application or talk about your ideas.

**EAGA Charitable Trust [[back to top](#)]**

Eaga Charitable Trust currently funds work within the following two programme themes:

The relief of fuel poverty and the promotion of energy efficiency

Vulnerable consumers: multiple needs and preferences

For further details of these programmes, click on the programme theme headings above.

The Trust gives priority to funding proposals that have the potential to inform or influence national perceptions and policies and have a wide geographic focus. A project that operates at a local level will only be considered for a grant if it: clearly demonstrates innovation; identifies the policy relevance of the project; has wide applicability; and has well developed evaluation and dissemination plans.

*We do not normally give grants for:*

The personal support of individuals in need; General fund-raising appeals; Projects that comprise solely of capital works. However, if a project contains some innovative elements closely related to the Trust's aims in addition to a capital works element, then it may be considered for funding; Retrospective funding for a project or event; Energy advice provision materials; The maintenance of websites. Local energy efficiency/warm homes initiatives, including those providing energy efficiency advice and financial support for home insulation and energy efficiency work. These projects will not be considered for a grant unless the approach being taken is a new one, and the evaluation being carried out is sufficiently robust to enable replication on a wide scale.

*Range and type of grant*

There is no minimum or maximum grant and each application is judged on its merits. Eaga CT encourages the co-funding of projects where appropriate. There is no minimum or maximum length of grant, although typically projects span between one and three years.

All types of organisation and individual research consultants can apply for a grant from eaga Charitable Trust.

Further information can be found at <http://www.eagacharitabletrust.org/grants-offered> or by calling 01539 736477.

### **Active at 60 [\[back to top\]](#)**

Active at 60 is a government grant programme, offering funding to community groups to help people in their 60s keep active and make the most of their later lives.

Local groups with less than £50,000 annual income in 30 selected areas across England.

30 local authority areas have been selected for the programme (see link below), based on indices of deprivation, number of pensioners and other factors (geographical balance, rural-urban balance, etc).

<http://www.cdf.org.uk/web/guest/active-at-60-regions>

People making the transition into retirement can lose their social network as they move out of

employment and settle into a different routine, particularly those who have an illness or disability.

Active at 60 offers funding to community groups to help people in their 60s keep active and make the most of their later lives. Each of the funded groups will recruit at least one 'Active at 60 Community Agent', a volunteer aged over 60 whose role will be to encourage people to be more active and engaged with their communities.

More information about the role of the Community Agent is at

<http://www.cdf.org.uk/web/guest/active-at-60>

Grants of between £250 and £3,000

Applications are handled directly by local funders.

<http://www.cdf.org.uk/web/guest/active-at-60-regions>

Active at 60 is administered across the 30 areas by a network of local funders.

If you have any questions about the programme, please get in touch with the local funder in your area or email [activeat60@cdf.org.uk](mailto:activeat60@cdf.org.uk)

Courtesy of Funding Matters

### **Swimathon Foundation Launches New Grant Scheme [[back to top](#)]**

The Swimathon Foundation offers grants to organisations which intend to encourage more people to enjoy swimming or and improve accessibility for people who want to swim in the UK.

Grants of between £300 and £2,500 are available to eligible organisations such as:

- swimming pools;
- community groups and organisations;
- charities;
- swimming clubs;
- older people's organisations;
- youth groups;
- sports clubs;
- scout troops; and
- healthy living groups.

Applicants must have the support of a pool participating in Swimathon.

Activities supported may include the following:

- Fundraising events, galas or family fun days at a pool.
- Community pool 'open days'.
- Extra floats for a swimming club to improve swimmers' development.
- Transport costs to take an elderly group to a pool.
- Entrance fees for a scout group to a swimming pool.

- Club scuba diving equipment to allow more people to try the sport.
- Costs for an extra staff member to supervise a swimming trip so that more children can attend.

The first quarterly deadline for receipt of applications is 21st March 2011.

Further information can be found at <http://swimathon.org/>

### The Big Tree Plant funding [[back to top](#)]



From April 2011, £4.2m will be available to support community groups to plant trees in towns, cities and residential areas throughout England.

The funding is for community and civic groups, or other non-profit organisations to establish community-led tree planting projects in areas that would benefit most.

The trees must be planted in streets or in green places that are open to all to visit or where local people will benefit from them. Whoever owns the land must give permission and support to the project, and there must be a plan to care for trees after they are planted.

Groups working in areas where more trees would help to improve residents' quality of life are strongly encouraged to apply for the funding.

To apply for the Big Tree Plant funding you need to download the application form, fill it in with the details of your scheme and return it by email to the address given on the form.

The fund is open for applications now. To find out the date by which you have to submit your application for it to be considered in the next round go to: <http://thebigtreeplant.direct.gov.uk/funding.html>

To contact The Big Tree Plant funding scheme administrator call **0800 856 7984**

### The Tudor Trust [[back to top](#)]

The Tudor Trust is an independent grant-making charitable trust which supports organisations working across the UK. It funds a wide range of people and organisations working to achieve lasting change in their communities. The Trust aims to support work which addresses the social, emotional and financial needs of people at the margins of society. The Trust supports both untried and innovative work, as well as well-established practical work. It is most interested in helping smaller, under-resourced organisations which offer direct services and which involve the people they work within their planning.

Applications can be considered for core costs (including salaries and running costs), project costs, development funding or capital grants for buildings and equipment.

The Trust will continue to make grants across its established funding areas which are as follows:

- Youth.

- Older people.
- Community.
- Relationships.
- Housing.
- Mental health.
- Substance misuse.
- Learning.
- Financial security.
- Criminal justice.

The characteristics Tudor is looking for when it makes grants include:

- organisations which are embedded in and have developed out of their community - whether the local area or a 'community of interest';
- a focus on building stronger communities by overcoming isolation, connection and integration;
- high levels of user involvement, and an emphasis on self-help where this is appropriate;
- work which addresses complex and multi-stranded, often difficult, problems in unusual or imaginative ways;
- organisations and people who know what difference they want to make and have the energy and vision to make it happen; and
- organisations providing direct services to marginalised people.

Organisations that have previously been refused should not re-apply for at least 12 months

Further information can be found by visiting <http://www.tudortrust.org.uk>

Courtesy of Grantfinder

#### **Co-op Community Fund [[back to top](#)]**

The Community Fund is aimed at helping communities to help themselves by providing grants to local groups to help fund their activities or specific projects. Co-op members are responsible for allocating the funds. Applicants can apply for between £100 and £2,000. Newly-formed groups (less than three months) can only apply for a maximum of £500.

Applicants can apply for anything from equipment to event costs, help towards rent or fixtures, spot or computer equipment. Funding is available to voluntary, community and self-help groups across the United Kingdom. Community charities, or local branches of national charities, are also eligible to apply.

Applicants are advised to contact the funding provider to ensure their project is eligible.

Tel: (0161) 827 5879

E-mail: [community.fund@co-operative.coop](mailto:community.fund@co-operative.coop)

Website: <http://www.co-operative.coop/membership/local-communities/community-fund/>

Courtesy of Grantfinder

#### **Wessex Youth Trust [[back to top](#)]**

The Trust supports projects and initiatives which provide opportunities to help, support and advance young people. There are no restrictions to the amount requested. Between 20 and 30 grants are

awarded each year with the average grant being between £2,500 and £5,000.

Grants are generally paid in one instalment, although there may be as many as five annual instalments in the case of the more substantial grants.

Funding is available for projects that provide opportunities to help support and advance young people. Preference is given to pump-priming projects for development and more extensive fundraising initiatives. Specific project funding requests are preferred to more general pot-filling.

Applications are accepted from registered charities and self-help groups with charitable aims.

The Trustees meet twice a year, in May and November, to consider applications. Applications must be received by 1 May and 1 November to ensure consideration at the next meeting. Further information is available by contacting Mrs Jenny Cannon.

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### **The Prince's Countryside Fund [\[back to top\]](#)**

The charitable objectives of the Fund are as follows:

- The conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment in farming and/or rural areas.
- The advancement of education in all matters relating to farming and/or rural areas.
- The prevention or relief of poverty in farming and/or rural areas.
- The advancement of health in farming and/or rural areas.
- The promotion, for the benefit of the public, of any charitable purposes and in particular charitable purposes connected with rural regeneration in areas of social and economic deprivation throughout the UK by all or any of the following means: the relief of financial hardship; the advancement of education, training or retraining, particularly among unemployed people, and providing unemployed people with work experience; and the provision of financial assistance to promote employment opportunities in farming and/or rural areas.

Applications for capital, project and resource funding will be considered.

The total amount of funding available in each application round will vary. Minimum and maximum levels of funding for each funding tranche will be specified in the application documentation. The total amount of funding available in this round of funding is up to £250,000. The maximum level of funding for individual projects is £50,000.

Requests for funding up to a maximum of three years will be considered, although extensions will be considered based on results and the current priorities of the Fund.

The focus areas for the Fund are as follows:

- Projects to improve the sustainability of British farming in areas of deprivation
- Projects to improve the sustainability of rural communities
- Projects to reconnect people with the countryside

Applicants can be, but do not need to be, charities and the next tranche of funding will go live in April 2011

Applicants are expected to be able to demonstrate the support of the community which will benefit from the project and show evidence of consulting the community. Applicants that can demonstrate a track record of successful project management will also be favoured.

For further information please visit <http://princescountrysidefund.org.uk/our-projects/apply-funding>

Courtesy of Grantfinder

### **Parents for Playgrounds [\[back to top\]](#)**

Robinsons Fruit Shoot is asking all parents to support the 'Parents for Playgrounds' campaign and nominate playgrounds local to them that are in need of repair via its new parenting website [www.readyforten.com](http://www.readyforten.com) from 15th February to the 16th of March 2011. Robinsons Fruit Shoot, Play England and supporter of the campaign, Patsy Kensit, will then announce a shortlist of playgrounds and these will go to a public vote. At the end of April 2011 the playgrounds that have received the most community votes will be announced and each will receive a renovation bursary of up to £15,000. Up to five play areas will be renovated throughout May, June and July and will be ready for play at the beginning of the 2011 summer holidays.

If you know of a local play area in need of funding, get nominating via [www.readyforten.com](http://www.readyforten.com), and ask your local parents to nominate too.

### **Greg's Regional Grant Programme [\[back to top\]](#)**

The Regional Grants programme is administered by seven local committees throughout England, Scotland and Wales. Our committees are made up of volunteers from Greggs shops, bakeries and offices who use their knowledge of the local area to make grants to support people in need. We have a regional charity committee in each Greggs region, Scotland, North East England, North West England and North Wales, Central, South Wales and South West England, South East England and London. The programme is funded through company donations and other fund-raising initiatives. Grants are made in areas that have Greggs shops or significant Greggs presence.

#### **Who do we support?**

We can support any charitable organisation that is not an excluded item that meets our mission statement of:

“Making a difference to the lives of people in need in the heart of Greggs' local communities”

The Foundation prioritises small locally based organisations. Organisations with income greater than £500,000 are unlikely to be considered.

Applications from small local groups for up to £2,000 that directly deliver positive change to people in need are likely to gain support.

We want to support the most disadvantaged people in society where communities or areas have Greggs shops in their nearest towns or high streets. The Foundation prioritises:

- Voluntary carers
- People with disabilities or illness
- Homeless people
- Older people

The regional committees can consider grants for any purpose but will prioritise requests for one off projects and activities or equipment to facilitate projects and activities. The fund is unlikely to support ongoing costs, contributions towards salary costs or capital costs.

The programme is over-subscribed and there is always competition for the grants that are available. However, if you clearly meet our guidelines and priorities then you have a higher chance of success.

Before applying, please see our excluded items guidance. Please apply online if possible, following the online applications guidance. If you are unable to apply online, please contact the Greggs Foundation team to discuss alternatives.

Further information can be found at <http://www.greggsfoundation.org.uk/> or by calling 0191 212 7626.

### **The Lankelly Chase Foundation [[back to top](#)]**

The Foundation is committed to helping local organisations to find long term solutions to local issues and engaging the skills and talents of individuals to transform communities for the benefit of all. The Trustees acknowledge that some areas have suffered from lengthy periods of economic decline and that multi-purpose organisations can play a vital role in community renewal.

#### **What we want to achieve:**

We want to engage with organisations by providing strategic support which may involve the funding of key posts or underpinning core costs and therefore invite applications from organisations that are:

- Community controlled and managed
- Responsive to the needs of all sections of their community
- Developing funding strategies which move towards greater sustainability

#### **We Aim To:**

- Support local organisations to achieve lasting positive social change and to set clear outcomes to measure the impact on communities.
- Encourage new and sustained investment to ensure that local people do not remain on the margins of society and have every opportunity to participate in decisions that affect their lives.
- Enable organisations to have their voices heard and influence the development of policies that have an impact on communities.
- Develop the strengths and abilities of the people working within local organisations and to encourage partnership working with other voluntary and statutory agencies.

## Eligibility

We will work with registered charities (or organisation applying for charitable status), industrial and provident societies and community interest companies. Organisations approaching the Foundation under this programme will need to have a clear business / development / strategic plan in place.

**Revenue grants:** It is likely that any initial grant will be restricted to 3 years with a review to consider extending support dependent upon the progress made to achieve the agreed outcomes established in the initial application. On average revenue grants of up to £50,000 over three years are available

**Capital grants:** Up to £50,000 to help organisations acquire an asset, adapt an existing building or to purchase equipment that supports the long term sustainable development of the organisation

Priority for capital grants will be given to organisations working in the more remote rural areas of the UK where access to community facilities is severely restricted.

Further information is available by visiting <http://www.lankellychase.org.uk/programmes/5> or by calling 01235 820044.

## Triangle Trust 1949 Fund [[back to top](#)]

### Charity categories

- Carers
- Community Arts & Education
- Disabled
- Older People
- Integration & Rehabilitation
- Poverty

The objectives as set out in the Trust Deed are as follows:-

- The alleviation of poverty and the promotion of good health and welfare.
- The advancement and furthering of education
- Any other charitable purposes as the Trustees may determine, excepting for the advancement of religion. In order for the Secretary to present your application to the Trustees it must be received eight weeks before the Trustees meetings which are as follows:-

Thursday 23 June 2011 Reports and applications 14 May

Thursday 6 October 2011 Reports and applications 19 August

Further details can be found at <http://thetriangletrust1949fund.org.uk>



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### Shaping Society Event - Friday 8th April [[back to top](#)]

When: Friday 8th April  
Cost: Free including Free Lunch  
Where: Needham Market Community Centre  
Info: Click [here](#) for more info

Understand how political power can work for you; how to influence people and structures; campaigning and much more

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