

FUNDRAISING FACTSHEET: COMMUNITY ART PROJECT



- 1. Local/County Council Funds:** Worth an enquiry to the local councilor relevant to the area catchment for community projects/ initiatives. A school project may need to develop skills, involve the local community or be inter-generational.
Egs:
 - ***Local Member Grants** (LCC website [under Grants](#)) Each County has a budget of £3k p.a. They can award funding to groups that benefit residents from within their electoral division. **Easy*** to apply but must work for /be a constituted group/charity, min. £100 eg £500 for venue hire/yr in one local authority or several LA locations for a project. Academic institutions *cannot* be funded- but their Parent, Teachers and Friends Associations can.
 - ***The Green Partnership Awards** (LCC website, [under GPA](#)) for community projects with an environmental slant, **quick turnaround*** around £500. It now has an **Art and the Environment** strand to encourage groups to include art in projects. Your project should involve a local artist and local community. The application form is the same. A project should aim to make a lasting contribution to improving the local neighborhood and not a quick fix. **We particularly welcome applications from schools.**
Your project should meet *one* of the following objectives:
 - Develop and result in practical environmental improvements
 - **Raise awareness of environmental issues (eg. recycled mosaics)*
 - Promote environmental projects and events
 - Celebrate environmental actionsYour project should also try to:
 - benefit your community and/or enhance the environment
 - make a lasting improvement to your neighborhood and have the support of local people in your area
 - **Young People, Family, Skills & Employability** (youth clubs)
 - **Neighborhood Fund** in Merseyside
- 2. *Awards for All (Lottery)** www.awardsforall.org.uk or 0845 600 2040 for application
Awards for All England is a simple small grants scheme making awards of between £300 and £10,000. It aims to help improve local communities and the lives of people most in need. It does not fund activities that are part of statutory obligations or replace statutory funding, including curricular activity in schools. Email us the short and simple application, and get a response within **six weeks***. You may be eligible if:
 - You are a not-for-profit group (including social enterprises), or a parish/town council, school or health body.
 - Outcome: Improved rural and urban environments - communities are better able to access and enjoy. Bid writing tips here: <http://www.wlcvs.org/index.php/funding-advice>
- 3. HLF's Young Roots** (£3,000-£50,000) if it's heritage themed. 'This programme is for projects led by *young people*, 11-25 years in finding out about their heritage, developing skills, building confidence and promoting community involvement.'
<http://www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/programmes/Pages/youngroots.aspx>
- 4. Near a landfill? Egs:**
 - **Whitemoss Community Fund** £5k - £20k for community and environmental projects in the West Lancashire BC area within 5 miles of Whitemoss landfill, Skelmersdale
<http://www.grantscape.org.uk/grantshome/applyforagrant/whitemosscommunityfund.htm>

- **Lancashire Environmental Fund:** Providing and maintaining public amenities and parks, within 10mi. of a landfill, when the work benefits the natural, social or built environment. Egs: refurbishment of childrens play area, community garden creation - but not school grounds or recycling. www.lancsenfund.org.uk/

5. **NADFAS** for small grants for creative *projects in schools*. The National Association of Decorative & Fine Arts Societies encourages its Societies to provide Young Arts Projects: an arts related activity for *young people* (eg. a one off) funded wholly or partly by a NADFAS Society. <http://www.nadfas.org.uk/>
6. ***Local Community Foundations** Local group funds differ, but can generally turn round applications *quickly** Lancs: currently none found, but in Merseyside eg. Liverpool One: Knowsley Arts & Culture. *Keep checking for updates*
http://www.communityfoundations.org.uk/community_foundations/
7. **School Fundraising:** older children take on as an enterprise / problem solving project, linked to curriculum: -plan, budget, (numeracy) & organise fundraising (teamwork - link to PSHE); -plan cake sales, a games day, fancy dress day (link to theme of mosaic?); - write to local companies (literacy); -write press releases, call the local press (literacy - speaking & listening); -plan the launch and do invites; - devise and make the mosaic (design & technology, art); -and link to history for a historical mosaic.
8. **Fundraising Events:** Car boot sale, auction of promises, 'Sponsor a Square Foot' - different rates for pupils, ex pupils and local companies - could get some great local press coverage. Some companies will support projects local to an area of operation - eg Co-op, Tesco or a local tiling company/store might finance or provide materials.
9. **Match Funding** you may be able to combine two funding awards, or a 'Friends of the school / library, etc funds or volunteer time can be used against amount bid for.
10. **Crowd Funder** website – e.g. if a hundred parents / teachers gave just a £1 each
11. **Healthy Lifestyles:** widespread funds available. eg. Eating 5-a-day can be portrayed through art projects. See various funding or local councils for details
12. **The Andor Charitable Trust** offers grants to charitable organisations working in the UK. The scheme funds a wide range of projects, including people with **disabilities** and the **arts**. (no website/tel. found) 12 York Gate, Regent's Park, London NW1 4QS
13. **The Ancaster Trust** offers grants to charitable organisations working throughout the UK. The programme wishes to fund: Environmental projects; Supporting disadvantaged people; Alleviating social deprivation (no website/tel. found) c/o Sayers Butterworth LLP 3rd Floor, 12 Gough Square, London EC4A 3DW

**** FREE Funding Searches to Match Your Project ****

Register beforehand, also see Government and Other Funding tab for Chorley:
<http://www.open4community.info/chorley/O4Schemes.aspx?WCI=htmschemesearch>
<http://www.gmvss.net/gmfunding> (Manchester)
<http://www.fundingcentral.org.uk/> V. Good
<http://www.grantscape.org.uk/home/grantscapenew/>
<http://www.grantsnet.co.uk/>
www.voluntaryarts.org/category/funding/

These are just a few examples, and some may need checking if still available. April 2012