

Bradford District - Business Funders

The information on this page is provided for Bradford by the bfunded partners. Below are some businesses in the Bradford District that offer funding.

Be Involved

Be Involved is the business engagement programme for Bradford. It finds opportunities for businesses to contribute to the social and economic regeneration of Bradford. Be Involved supports businesses to engage with a range of opportunities in the community covering issues such as education, health, crime, environment and employment.

Some examples of the types of work that will be considered include:

- team challenges in the community such as community clean-ups, redecorating community centres, building nature trails etc
- pro bono professional support from lawyers, accountants, architects etc
- mentoring of new/start-up businesses or social enterprises
- donations and sponsorships of cash, furniture, equipment, events or discounts on materials
- donation of waste
- involvement of business on local groups and regeneration initiatives
- individual volunteering such as board memberships, reading volunteering, school governorships
- environmental reviews for social enterprises looking at making environmental and cost savings
- young chamber – developing relationships between local businesses and schools to encourage enterprise activity

Voluntary, community and public sector organisations can submit project proposals through the Be Involved website. To download guidance notes visit <http://www.beinvolved.co.uk/images/uploaded/file/Guidance%20Notes.doc>

Social enterprises, community groups and voluntary organisations can benefit from business mentoring. Mentors may have specific business skills (such as marketing, finance or HR) and are likely to be in a management role within their organisations.

To download mentee guidance notes visit Website: <http://www.beinvolved.co.uk/images/uploaded/file/Information%20for%20mentees.doc>

To download a mentee application form visit Website: <http://tinyurl.com/y2dyrns> (URL shortened using TinyURL)

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Congregational & General Charitable Trust

What is funded: Buildings ie maintenance work, repairs, extensions, new buildings of Protestant churches only; church community projects seeking funding towards capital costs. Applications must be for one-off costs.

What is not funded: Individuals, ongoing/running costs, salaries, overseas charities

Where funding can be given: UK-wide

Range of grants: Up to £5,000. Agreed grants are not normally paid until the project has started and has the resources promised to enable the work to be completed. Grants are held available for a maximum of two years.

Total funding available per year: Variable. Allocated grants totalling £120,000 in 2008/9

How to apply: Grants are awarded twice a year. The closing dates for applications to be considered are 31st January and 31st July each year. To download an application form visit Website: http://www.congregationalinsurance.com/pdfs/application_form.pdf

and send to David Collett, Secretary to the Trust, Congregational & General Charitable Trust, Currer House, Currer Street, Bradford BD1 5BA

Ecology Building Society

What is funded: Projects and communities which promote sustainability by reducing man's impact on the environment eg energy efficiency measures, local events, green buildings, increasing knowledge of environmental issues

What is not funded: Mainstream social engagement activities with no ecological/environmental aspect

Where funding can be given: Throughout the UK

Range of grants: Maximum grant £5,000

Total funding available per year: Sponsorship budget for 2009 is £12,000

How to apply: By letter to Jon Lee, Ecology Building Society, 7 Belton Road, Silsden, Keighley, West Yorkshire BD20 0EE or Email: jlee@ecology.co.uk

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Gay and Peter Hartley's Hillards Charitable Trust

What is funded: Aid to the poor, needy or sick in areas formerly served by a Hillards supermarket (including Lion Stores, Park Stores and Jubb Grocers in some areas). Locally managed and accountable registered charities. Church appeals with a definite outreach factor; elderly people (eg luncheon clubs, outings, winter aid and help for disabled people); education of young people; children's charities; health-related volunteer schemes, respite care and hospices

What is not funded: National charities unless they have autonomy in an area covered by the trust; individuals; university/college fees/mainstream teaching activities; expeditions/overseas travel/holidays; activities with substantial support from local authorities or central government; animal welfare; wildlife organisations; conserving and protecting plants, geography and scenery; fundraising events or activities; uniformed groups; musical/artistic productions; medical research; most major capital projects; church restoration schemes; loans or business finance; local authority day/health centres; activities run and managed by local authority employees

Where funding can be given: Buttershaw and Idle are within a three-mile radius of former Hillards stores and Ilkley is within a five-mile radius of a former Hillards store.

Range of grants: Maximum grant £1,000

Total funding available per year:

How to apply: By letter to the Secretary of the Trustees, The Gay and Peter Hartley's Hillards Charitable Trust, 400 Shadwell Lane, Leeds LS17 8AW. The trustees meet in spring each year so applications should be received by the 31st December of the previous year to allow for a visit to be arranged where necessary. Guidelines and an application form can be downloaded from Website: <http://www.hillards-trust.co.uk/5329.html>

N G Bailey Ltd

What is funded: Registered charities. Energy and sustainability; education (enabling excluded people to develop construction skills or encouraging learning in engineering or science; and particularly where the business might extend or deepen its involvement with local communities). Support for employees who give their money and especially their time for registered charities.

What is not funded: Individuals and organisations that are not registered charities

Where funding can be given: The company is trying to look at funding in other areas rather than just around the head office.

Range of grants: No maximum or minimum grant

How to apply: Contact the Charitable Giving Committee, NG Bailey Ltd, Denton Hall, Denton, Ilkley LS29 0HH. Tel (01943) 601933, Email: charitablegiving@ngbailey.co.uk. There are no deadlines.

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Redcats UK plc

What is funded: Local and national registered charities: preference for those associated with children, poverty, medical/sickness/disability

What is not funded: Individuals, organisations that are not registered charities, goods in kind

Where funding can be given: Preference for a locality such as Bradford district, Leeds area, West Yorkshire. Preferential support for charities local to head office (Bradford) and main warehouse (Wakefield)

Range of grants: £50 – £250

Total funding available per year: £4,000. Donations from January 2008-September 2009 - £4,800 including vouchers plus miscellaneous goods

How to apply: By letter or email to Mary Black, Redcats plc, 2 Holdsworth Street, Bradford BD1 4AH, Email: CommunityAction@Redcats.co.uk No unsolicited telephone calls. Employees of the company also raise monies themselves for a variety of charities by running marathons, baking cakes etc.

Sovereign Healthcare Charitable Trust

What is funded: Health-related charitable organisations, generally medically orientated

What is not funded: The trust tends not to fund salaries

Where funding can be given: Usually in Bradford district and West Yorkshire unless the applicant is a national charity

Range of grants: Minimum grant £100. Larger grants of £10,000-£25,000 and more tend to be given to national charities. The trust has invested heavily in Yorkshire Air Ambulance and the Bradford Royal Infirmary lecture theatre.

Total funding available per year: £250,000

How to apply: By letter to The Trustees of the Charitable Trust, Sovereign Healthcare Charitable Trust, Royal Standard House, 26 Manningham Lane, Bradford BD1 3DN. Applicants should provide a copy of their accounts and give a description of what the money is needed for and what the organisation will do in future. The trustees meet every two months. For more information visit Website: <http://tinyurl.com/yytx86z> (URL shortened using TinyURL)

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Yorkshire & Clydesdale Bank Foundation

What is funded: Environmental protection or improvement; advancement of citizenship through initiatives that support and promote volunteering; advancement of financial education including initiatives that promote accessibility to both financial education and financial services; advancement of community development through initiatives that build and strengthen communities.

The Employee Volunteer Grant Programme rewards and recognises the personal contribution of staff by providing grants to charitable organisations, which they work with in their own time. Grants of up to £500 are awarded quarterly.

What is not funded: Wherever possible, applications from registered charities or not-for-profit organisations, community and voluntary sector organisations will take priority over applications from individuals, political or religious organisations. Project expenses will be prioritised rather than direct salary expenses.

Where funding can be given: Areas covered by branches of the bank, Financial Solutions centres and HQ locations including Bradford, West Bowling, Laisterdyke, Toller Lane, Idle, Shipley, Bingley, Keighley and Ilkley.

Range of grants: No maximum or minimum grant but average grant is £200-£500. The foundation prefers to make a large number of small grants.

How to apply: Application forms can be downloaded from Website: <http://tinyurl.com/y5o9hof> (URL shortened using TinyURL)

These should be posted to Yorkshire & Clydesdale Bank Foundation, 20 Merrion Way, Leeds LS2 8NZ with relevant supporting information. All applications will receive a response. It may take up to four months to process an application. For more information visit Website: <http://www.cbonline.co.uk/about-clydesdale-bank/community/charitable-donations-about-us>

For information on Yorkshire & Clydesdale Bank Foundation community partnerships visit Website: <http://www.ybonline.co.uk/about-yorkshire-bank/community/community-partnerships-about-us>

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Yorkshire Building Society Charitable Foundation

What is funded: Supporting anyone who is vulnerable (particularly the elderly, children or those with special needs) or people suffering hardship. Examples include help for people who are sick, have learning difficulties or are physically disabled; services used by sectors of the community e.g. community centres, specially adapted buses and other vehicles; resettlement and rehabilitation of offenders and drug abusers; welfare of sick and neglected animals and the prevention of cruelty to animals; relief for victims of natural and civil disasters in the UK. It helps with specific tangible items rather than donating to general funds or expenses.

What is not funded: Examples include activity which is not carried out by a registered charity or which does not otherwise count as being a good cause; causes serving only a specific sector of the community selected on the basis of ethnic, racial or religious grounds; ongoing funding of national charities; administration costs; research; general expenses including salaries; overseas travel, expeditions and educational expenses; religious and political activities; sponsorship of individuals and events.

Where funding can be given: Throughout the UK

Range of grants: Maximum grant £2,000 although the emphasis is on smaller donations.

Total funding available per year: More than £43,000 in 2007

How to apply: Applications are usually made following a recommendation from a member of the society or through the society's branches or head office departments. Contact the branch closest to you, which will be able to help with an initial assessment of your application. If there isn't a branch near you, details can be sent direct to head office for consideration. Application forms can be downloaded from Website: <http://www.ybs.co.uk/cf/YBM2883CFAPPFORM.pdf> Enclose an itemised breakdown of costs, together with copies of invoices/quotes and send the form to The Charitable Foundation Team, Yorkshire Building Society, Yorkshire House, Yorkshire Drive, Bradford BD5 8LJ. There are no deadlines.

For more information see Website: <http://www.ybs.co.uk/cf/foundation.html>

Yorkshire Water

Yorkshire Water's community programme focuses on employee volunteering including its flagship programme 'One Million Green Fingers', which aims to create 350 sustainable gardens in primary schools across the Yorkshire region. As a direct result, the company no longer has a donations or sponsorships fund.

For more information, visit Website: <http://www.yorkshirewater.com/careers/through-our-eyes/one-million-green-fingers.aspx> or contact Anne Reed, Community Affairs Manager, Yorkshire Water Services Ltd, Western House, Halifax Road, Bradford BD6 2LZ. Tel (01274) 692515, Email: anne.reed@yorkshirewater.co.uk