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Funders are increasingly looking for value for money and grant funding is becoming more and more hard to find. So before rushing to fill in an application form, it's worth shopping around to see just how much you can get for free or at low cost.

Where to go for.....

Transport

Very few funders will pay for minibuses so it's worth considering hiring a minibus from...

ShIPLEY and Bingley Voluntary Action
01274 782555
admin@sbvs.org.uk

Bolton Woods & District Community Association
01274 5888684
cazyw@yahoo.co.uk

Ilkley Good Neighbours Community Transport
01943 603348/609906
info@ct.ilkley.org

Keighley Community Transport
01535 609278
keighct@legend.co.uk

Kirkgate Community Transport
01274 580186/437133
kirkgatecommunitycentre@yahoo.com

Newlands Community Transport
01274 780005

ShIPLEY Baptists Scouts Group
07739 930660
tms_afterdinner@yahoo.co.uk

One of ShIPLEY and Bingley Voluntary Action's three minibuses can be converted into a mobile outreach bus and comes with TV, DVD player and laptop with wireless internet access. For more details contact Debbie on 01274 781222

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Event management

The Keighley Voluntary Services resource library has an electric balloon pump, digital cameras, hearing loops, leaflet stands and holders, six-panel display boards, parachute game, gazebos, PA systems (large and portable), tea urns, laptop computers, digital projector, projection screen, digital camcorder and thermos flasks.

All these items are available on loan or hire at a reasonable daily rate – and the service is free to KVS members. A deposit is paid on all items, which is refunded when they are returned in good condition. Equipment can be booked in advance from Frances or Beryl on 01535 665258.

Bradford CVS also has the following equipment for hire: data projector, overhead projector, projector screen, slide projector, TV and video, display screens, flipchart stands and collecting boxes. See www.bradfordcvs.org.uk.

Newlands Local Enterprise has a range of equipment for hire including laptops, a digital SLR camera, compact digital camera, overhead projector, video camera, minidisk recorder and label printer. More info on www.newlandsenterprise.com or call 01274 610222.

Royds Community Association has a mobile exhibition unit for hire, with hot and cold running water, sink, fridge, heating, tea and coffee making facilities, toilet, comfortable seating area, tables and chairs (if required), music and PA system (indoor and outdoor), television and video (if required), noticeboard and awning that makes another room or shelter. The driver has experience of organising exhibitions, conferences and galas. More info on www.royds.org.uk or phone 01274 355600.

The Co-operative Society will often provide free Fairtrade refreshments. Ask at your local store for tea, coffee, chocolate, bananas etc.

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Furniture

Recycled furniture is available from a number of outlets in Bradford district including:

CHAS Furniture Store

Tel: 01274 744930

Furniture 4 U (Holmewood)

Tel: 01274 680997

Opening hours Monday-Friday 10am-1pm and 1.30pm-3.30pm

Keighley Furniture Project

Tel: 01535 601999

Opening hours Monday-Thursday 9am-3pm

Stock includes white goods and audiovisual equipment

Thorpe Edge Furniture Project

Tel: 01274 774977

Opening hours Monday-Friday 10.30am-2.30pm

Windhill Furniture Store

Tel: 01274 593196

Opening hours Monday-Wednesday 9.15am-2.30pm, Thursday 9.15am-12pm.

Re-Work is the first office furniture social enterprise in Yorkshire, providing chairs, tables, desks, filing cabinets, shelving and pedestals etc.

Tel: 0113 272 1341

Email: sales@reworkleeds.co.uk

www.reworkleeds.co.uk

Refurbishment

The Why Waste? Website is a free online waste exchange that can be used to find useful items and materials from businesses in Yorkshire and the Humber including building materials, wood and timber and furniture and fittings – see www.whywaste.org.uk

Recycled paint is available from Bradford Community Repaint Project – www.communityrepaint.org.uk

B&Q has a good reputation for providing in-kind support – ask in store for the shop manager or environmental champion.

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Training

Free and subsidised training is available from a number of organisations in a variety of subject areas. A training diary of events is available on Bradford CVS Training - bsupported website www.bsupported.org.uk, which advertises courses and includes details of free in-house tailored training for management committees.

Free training is often advertised at short notice (a month or less) - for example, if a funder has an underspend. E-mail is a good way of finding out about free training. Send your details to paul@bradfordcvs.org.uk to be added to the Bradford CVS list of e-mail contacts, or to frances.spencer@keighleyvs.org to be added to the Keighley VS list of email contacts.

B-Supported has a small fund to pay for training for voluntary and community groups with an income of less than £50,000 per year. If your annual income is less than £50,000 you can apply for 100% of course fees. If your annual income is between £50,000 and £150,000 you can apply for up to 50% of the course fees. The fund can pay for training for staff, management committee members and volunteers. Any training is eligible that will improve the effectiveness, efficiency or sustainability of the group, with a focus on voluntary sector specific skills. To confirm that your organisation is eligible please contact Diane Fox at CVS Training on 01274 722772 or training@bradfordcvs.org.uk

The Voluntary Youth Organisations Network has a training fund that is available to volunteers or staff working in the voluntary youth sector for training that will benefit youth work. Funding is available to a maximum of £150 per person per course or £300 per individual for each financial year. Details on the Bradford CVS website (www.bradfordcvs.org.uk).

West Yorkshire Community Accounting Service offers free one-to-one training in financial planning, bookkeeping, internal financial procedures and controls and reporting to the committee to organisations with a turnover of less than £100k. Contact Dave Collins on 01422 835192.

Only Connect travel bursaries will pay £150 to enable you to visit another voluntary and community sector organisation to learn about how they have diversified income through trading, public service delivery or using loan finance. More details on www.ncvo-vol.org.uk.

The Consortia of Ethnic Minority Organisations has a purpose-built ICT Learning Zone with email, internet and printing facilities. For a nominal hire fee, you can arrange training and activities without worrying about the technicalities. For further details, call 01274 488872 or email info@coemo.co.uk

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Office services

Keighley Voluntary Services provides help and assistance with accounts, use of computers and software and administration services for an affordable fee. There is also a photocopying and laminating service – contact Frances or Beryl on 01535 665258.

Ilkley CVS offers subsidised photocopying, leaflet and ticket design, laminating, badge making, paper shredding, internet access and hire of display boards – contact 01943 603348 or info@cvcs.ilkley.org

Bradford Resource Centre can also help with photocopying, duplicating (cheap printing), laminating and binding – contact 01274 779003. It also has a resource library; hosts the bcounted community statistics project and can undertake or coordinate community research at competitive rates. Printing and computing charges are half price for affiliated organisations and the annual joining fee is £15. More details on www.brc-net.org.uk

Newlands Local Enterprise offers businesses, and especially social enterprises, voluntary and community groups, a range of administrative services. These include reception cover, desktop publishing (including business cards, compliments slips, newsletters, flyers and posters), faxing, filing, photocopying, invoicing, data entry, digital archiving, laminating, Microsoft office support (spreadsheets, databases, Powerpoint and mailmerging), minute taking, petty cash, marketing, recruitment and research. More details on www.newlandsenterprise.com

The Cellar Project specialises in designing newsletters, posters, leaflets, menus, logos, photograph restoration, business cards, website design and general design solutions. Telephone 01274 586474.

West Yorkshire Community Accounting Service prepares annual accounts and conducts independent examination of accounts at a modest charge for charities and unincorporated voluntary and community organisations with a turnover of less than £100k and charitable companies with a turnover of less than £90k. Contact Dave Collins on 01422 835192. Financial systems health checks are free to all voluntary and community organisations in West Yorkshire – see www.wycas.org.uk

CNet is offering a new service simplifying complex reports and policy documents. Contact Janet or John on 01274 714144.

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Information Technology (see also Funding IT)

SavaComp is a not-for-profit organisation, which makes refurbished and recycled computer equipment available to charities and voluntary and community groups at low cost. Telephone 01535 662089

Webform at <http://tinyurl.com/yed7c3u> (URL shortened using TinyURL)

Website: <http://www.savacomp.org.uk/>

BT Community Connections provides internet-ready computers to a variety of voluntary groups, together with a contribution towards the cost of 12 months' internet access. Organisations must be able to demonstrate that they would use the internet in an innovative way – see www.btcommunityconnections.com

The Microsoft Giving Programme makes a limited number of donations of up to three software products to charities and community groups each year, with a focus on projects that enhance access to technology for disadvantaged communities. Applicants should give a brief outline of their organisation and how the programme might assist it, together with the software titles required and registered charity number where applicable. Email ukgiving@microsoft.com

Community Website Builder allows registered charities, non-profit-making organisations and volunteer-led groups and organisations to build and maintain their own websites free of charge. See www.communitykit.co.uk

CommuniGate (Newsquest Digital Media) includes community web pages. Non-profit making community organisations and groups are invited to build their own free websites including information relating to their activities and become part of their local on-line community. See <http://www.communigate.co.uk/brad/>

Contributions.org.uk offers charities and non-profit-making organisations discounted web hosting, web design and content management. Web space costs £60 per year for 500mb, which is a 50% discount for charities.

Free to Charities will develop, host and maintain the websites of voluntary and community groups free of charge, if they supply the content. More details on www.freetocharities.org.uk

Adobe offers charities discounts of up to 65% on software – more details at http://www.charitytimes.com/pages/ct_e_newsalerts/adobe/index.htm

Newlands Local Enterprise offers full systems reviews, advice on hardware and software, help with networks and internet set-up, data backup and advice on donating old computers to other organisations. More info on www.newlandsenterprise.com