

Statutory Funders

What Are They?

The Government has delegated responsibility for much statutory funding to Quangos or Executive Agencies and Non-Departmental Public Bodies (NDPBs)

Address:

Agencies and Public Bodies Team
Corporate Development Group
Cabinet Office
1.15 Admiralty Arch
The Mall
London
SW1A 2WH

Tel: 020 7276 2040

Website: www.civilservice.gov.uk/other/agencies/index.asp

Who Can Apply?

Voluntary, community and faith sector organisations, and sometimes local authorities.

What Do They Fund?

A variety of 'good causes' that lie within the Government's current priorities. The Government and its agencies increasingly contract for services with the Voluntary Sector.

How Do You Apply?

Usually through completing an Application Form. Sometimes a business plan is needed. To find out about these funding opportunities, it can help to get involved in appropriate networks.

The exact nature of statutory funding pots depends on the size of grant available.

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Large Pots (Over £10,000):

+ Pros:

- Can fund ongoing work
- Can fund salaries and running costs (sometimes)
- Will often fund unpopular causes
- Large-scale funding
- Groups can reapply to continue the same project year after year
- Staff support often available

- Cons:

- Increasing competition for funds
- Applicants have to fit funders' priorities which are often political
- May have strings attached (e.g. certain level of service required)
- Strict eligibility criteria
- Can have complex application and monitoring procedures
- More of a focus on project / contract funding
- May need Match funding
- Larger applications can be complicated and time consuming

Small Pots (£10,000 and under):

+ Pros:

- Quick and Easy
- Staff support often available
- Wide range of causes
- Often local

- Cons:

- Small Amounts
- Short Term

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Some of the more important national statutory agencies that fund the Voluntary and Community Sector are listed below. Not all them have ongoing funding schemes. Government departments and regional information is available separately.

Social, Health, Education, Training and Employment

Capacity builders

Capacitybuilders will manage the £70 million ChangeUp programme, a major investment in support for voluntary and community organisations.

Address:

Capacitybuilders
77 Paradise Circus
Birmingham
B1 2DT

Tel: 0121 237 5100

Email: info@capacitybuilders.org.uk

Website: www.capacitybuilders.org.uk

ChangeUp

ChangeUp is about strengthening the support and assistance available to voluntary and community organisations. The ChangeUp framework was developed in partnership with the sector and focuses on improving capacity building and infrastructure within the voluntary and community sector (VCS). From April 2006 ChangeUp is managed by Capacity Builders, an agency at arms length to government, led by a board of sector experts. Hubs of expertise were established nationally, linked to six key voluntary and community sector infrastructure issues: Finance; Governance; ICT; Performance; Volunteering; Workforce.

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Health and Safety Executive

The Health and Safety Commission is responsible for health and safety regulation in Great Britain.

Regional Offices can be found at website: <http://www.hse.gov.uk/contact/maps/index.htm>

HSE Infoline Tel: 0845 345 0055

Website: <http://www.hse.gov.uk/>

Skills Funding Agency

The Skills Funding Agency (SFA) is one of two successor organisations that will emerge from the closure of the Learning and Skills Council (England's largest Non-departmental public body or quango).

The Skills Funding Agency, established in law by the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 will work alongside the Young People's Learning Agency (YPLA) and Regional Development Agencies (RDAs). The YPLA will be created as a nondepartmental public body, with a non-executive Board, sponsored by the Department for Children, Schools and Families. The Skills Funding Agency will be an agency of the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills.

The Learning and Skills Council hands over its responsibilities from 1 April 2010.

Website: <http://www.skillsfundingagency.bis.gov.uk>

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Equality and Human Rights Commission

Equality and Human Rights Commission brings together the work of three previous equality commissions and also takes on responsibility for the other aspects of equality: age, sexual orientation and religion or belief, as well as human rights.

Helplines

England

Equality and Human Rights Commission

Freepost RRLG-GHUX-CTR

Arndale House

Arndale Centre

Manchester

M4 3EQ

England Tel: 0845 604 6610

Textphone: 0845 604 6620

Fax: 0845 604 6630

Email: info@equalityhumanrights.com

Wales

Equality and Human Rights Commission Helpline Wales

Freepost RRLR-UEYB-UYZL

3rd Floor

3 Callaghan Square

Cardiff

CF10 5BT

Wales

Tel: 0845 604 8810

Textphone: 0845 604 8820

Fax: 0845 604 8830

Email: wales@equalityhumanrights.com

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Scotland

Equality and Human Rights Commission Helpline Scotland

Freepost RRLG-GYLB-UJTA

The Optima Building

58 Robertson Street

Glasgow

G2 8DU

Scotland

Tel: 0845 604 5510

Textphone: 0845 604 5520

Fax: 0845 604 5530

Email: scotland@equalityhumanrights.com

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 9:00 am-5:00 pm; Wed 9:00 am-8:00 pm (last call taken at 7:45pm)

Website: www.equalityhumanrights.com

Equality Commission for Northern Ireland

Equality House

7 - 9 Shaftesbury Square

Belfast

BT2 7DP

Tel: 028 90 500600

Fax: 028 90 248687

Textphone : 028 90 500589

Email: information@equalityni.org

Website: www.equalityni.org

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Futurebuilders

Futurebuilders England is the government backed £125 million investment fund to help the voluntary and community sector deliver better public services. The fund provides a combination of grants and loans for organisations that deliver public services and earn revenue by forming contracts with public sector agencies.

If you would like:

- More information about Futurebuilders and how it works
- Information about the application process
- To speak to an Investment Officer about whether or not to apply to Futurebuilders
- Help with an application
- To follow up an application

Tel: 0191 261 5200

Email: info@futurebuilders-england.org.uk

Their telephone line is open on weekdays between 10:00am and 4:00pm (10:00 am to 12 noon only on Thursdays). If there is no one available to answer your call please leave a message and they will call you back.

Website: <http://www.futurebuilders-england.org.uk/>

Connexions

Connexions is the government's support service for all young people aged 13 to 19 in England. Connexions brings together all the services and support young people need during their teenage years offering differentiated and integrated support to young people through Personal Advisers (PAs). For some young people this may be just for careers advice, for others it may involve more in-depth support to help identify barriers to learning and find solutions brokering access to more specialist support, e.g. drug abuse, sexual health and homelessness. PAs work in a range of settings including schools, colleges, one-stop shops community centres and on an out-reach basis.

Connexions is delivered through a range of local partnership arrangements based either on Local Authority boundaries or Learning and Skills Council (LSC) boundaries. Funding is through a grant from the Secretary of State for Education and Skills.

The success of Connexions depends on the involvement of young people. Listening to and taking account of their views in the design and delivery of Connexions is essential.

Details of the local partnerships can be found at

<http://www.connexions-direct.com/index.cfm?go=localServices>

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Environment and Heritage

Countryside Agency

The Countryside Agency promotes life, leisure and business in the countryside. It is the statutory body working to conserve and enhance the countryside to promote social equity and economic opportunity for the people who live there to help everyone, wherever they live, to enjoy this national asset. Funding opportunities will vary over time.

Address:

The Countryside Agency
John Dower House
Crescent Place
Cheltenham Glos
GL50 3RA

Tel: 01242 521381

Fax: 01242 584270 (Open from 9.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday).

E-mail: info@countryside.gov.uk

Website: www.countryside.gov.uk

British Waterways Board

British Waterways is a public corporation responsible for 2000 miles of navigable canals and rivers in England, Scotland and Wales.

Address:

British Waterways Board
Willow Grange
Church Road
Watford
Herts
WD17 4QA

Tel: 01923 201120

Fax: 01923 201400

Email: enquiries.hq@britishwaterways.co.uk

Website: www.britishwaterways.co.uk/

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English Heritage

(The Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England)

English Heritage exists to protect and promote England's spectacular historic environment and ensure that its past is researched and understood.

Address:

English Heritage
Customer Services Department
PO Box 569
Swindon
SN2 2YP

Tel: 0870 333 1181

Fax: 01793 414926

Email: customers@english-heritage.org.uk

Website: <http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/>

Arts

Arts Council England

Arts Council England is the national development agency for the arts in England. Between 2005 and 2008, we are investing £1.7 billion of public funds from government and National Lottery. This is the bedrock of support for the arts in England. They believe that the arts have the power to transform lives and communities, and to create opportunities for people throughout the country. Their vision is to promote the arts at the heart of national life, reflecting England's rich and diverse cultural identity. They want people throughout England to experience arts activities of the highest quality.

Address:

Arts Council England
14 Great Peter Street
London
SW1P 3NQ

Tel: 0845 300 6200

Fax: 020 7973 6590

Textphone: 020 7973 6564

Email: enquiries@artscouncil.org.uk

Website: www.artscouncil.org.uk

Regional contacts are listed on their website or see regional pages on this website.

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Film

The UK Film Council (and Scottish Screen) provide funding for film production and training.

UK Film Council

Address:

Head Office
10 Little Portland Street
London
W1W 7JG

Tel: 020 7861 7861

Fax: 020 7861 7862

Textphone: 0845 039 0204

Email: info@ukfilmcouncil.org.uk

Website: www.ukfilmcouncil.org.uk

Sport

UK Sport

UK Sport works in partnership with the home country sports councils and other agencies to lead sport in the UK to world-class success.

Address:

UK Sport
40 Bernard Street
London
WC1N 1ST

Tel: 0207 211 5100

Email: info@uksport.gov.uk

Website: www.uksport.gov.uk

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Sport England

Sport England aims to lead the development of sport in England by influencing and serving the public, commercial and voluntary sectors.

Their aim is:

- More people involved in sport
- More places to play sport
- More medals through higher standards of performance in sport.

Address:

Sport England
3rd Floor Victoria House
Bloomsbury Square
London
WC1B 4SE

Tel: 08458 508 508 (Monday-Friday, 8am to 6pm)

Fax: 020 7383 5740

Email: info@sportengland.org

Website: www.sportengland.org

Further Information

Details of all Government bodies Quangos are listed on website:

<http://www.knowledgenetwork.gov.uk/>

See also Government pages on this website for Government funding and Regional pages for details of statutory funding contacts for the regions including Primary Care Trusts regional Government Offices, Regional Development Agencies, Local Education Authorities and Local Authorities and Councils.