

West Yorkshire – Sources of Funds

West Yorkshire Grants

West Yorkshire Grants was established in 1986 to award grants to voluntary (ie not-for-profit) organisations operating across West Yorkshire. Funding is available for all types of voluntary activity - arts, sport, recreation, education, environment and social/welfare. Grants are only available to organisations and not to individuals. Funds are awarded by the Grants to

Voluntary Bodies Sub-Committee, a Sub-Committee of the West Yorkshire Joint Services Committee.

Work undertaken by funded organisations includes drama, opera, dance, sports and arts activities for people with disabilities, environmental conservation and adult basic education.

To be eligible for grant aid, voluntary organisations must meet certain initial Criteria (see their web-site).

Applications are invited from voluntary organisations on an annual basis.

The closing date is normally 31 October of the year prior to the financial year of funding.

Policies for Funding - The Sub-Committee's Policies provide for the award of grant aid to organisations that make a strategic impact on the social or cultural infrastructure of West Yorkshire. These policies are subject to annual revision. Some 36 organisations are currently funded by West Yorkshire Grants.

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West Yorkshire Police

The West Yorkshire Police Community Trust

A fund called the Community Trust is run by West Yorkshire Police.

The amount of money available in each year varies

The criteria for allocation is reviewed and may change annually but is linked to one or more of the aims of the Trust - crime prevention, road safety, drug education.

Officers generally alert organisations they are aware of to the fund.

Applications must also contribute to the District Crime and Disorder Strategy

Grant giving usually takes place once or twice in each year.

For more information, contact your local Community Safety Department:

Odsal Police Station (Bradford south) Tel Bradford 376659

Toller Lane (Bradford north) Tel Bradford 376259

Bingley (Keighley) Tel Bradford 562262

Website: <http://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/section.asp?sid=4>

The Crime and Disorder Partnership

Apart from the above fund, very rarely do the Police have funds allocated specifically to them that they can distribute to community and voluntary groups. Usually Central Government will release monies that are designed to address specific issues e.g. drugs. These monies are usually directed to the Crime and Disorder Partnership. When such monies are made available, the partnership identifies a lead agency, usually the police or council, who will pull together a multi-agency group which consists of those it views as having a contribution to make e.g. a retail issue may involve the Chamber of Commerce. In some cases this may involve community and voluntary groups. The application is then developed and submitted to Central Government.

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The Yapp Charitable Trust

The Yapp Charitable Trust makes grants to small registered charities in England and Wales, whose annual expenditure is less than £60,000. Charities must have been fully constituted and operating for at least three years. Grants are for core running costs and salaries and are to provide continuation funding for established work only. The Trust does not offer funding for any new projects or special events nor for capital expenditure on buildings or equipment. This year they plan to give about £500,000 in about 100 grants. Grants are for work with: elderly people; children and young people aged 5 to 25; people with disabilities or mental health problems; people trying to overcome life-limiting problems of a social rather than medical origin, such as addiction, relationship difficulties, abuse, a history of offending. Grants are also made to support charities' work in education and learning, (including lifelong learning). Priority is given to work that is unattractive to the general public or unpopular with other funders, helps improve the lives of marginalised people and makes effective use of volunteers. Current criteria and examples of recent grants are on the website. Grants are for up to three years. Most are for more than one year. Amounts are up to £3,000 a year.

Applications are accepted all year with the closing dates May (for consideration in July); and September (for consideration in November).

Full information is on the Website: www.yappcharitabletrust.org.uk

Application forms are downloadable from the website or by post from the Administrator: Margaret Thompson Tel: 01484 683403

European funding

See European Funding Information Sheet for details and contacts for West Yorkshire.