

## Welcome

Well that went quick, I hope you managed at least one day with your feet up before January decided to get us busy again. Plenty of updates this month, so dive in.

## Weston Anniversary Fund

For 60 years the Trustees of the Garfield Weston Foundation have supported local charities across the UK. These small to medium organisations are often un-sung champions doing important work to keep our communities connected.

To celebrate the Foundation's anniversary and the vital role of volunteers and community charities, we are excited to launch a additional grants scheme that will be open to applications from 5th January to 30th June 2018 exclusively – the Weston Anniversary Fund. This is a Capital grants scheme and applying is a simple one-step process. Weston Anniversary Fund will award grants up to £150,000 to provide new or improve existing community facilities.

Typically we encourage charities to have a broad base of support and so we tend to be one of a number of funders of projects. Our Anniversary Fund however is different as we will consider funding the *entirety* of a project, or help to complete your fundraising, with grants ranging from £30,000 to £150,000.

### Weston Anniversary Fund Snapshot:

- One off grants scheme in 2018 to support Capital projects that will benefit local communities across the UK
- Open to UK registered charities, CIOs, places of worship and state schools only with a total income under £3million
- Grants range from £30,000 – £150,000
- Total project costs not to exceed £300,000
- Applications to be submitted online
- Applications open on 5th January and close on 30th June 2018
- Decisions will not be made until October 2018
- You can apply to the Fund even if your organisation is currently in receipt of a grant from, or has been rejected by the Garfield Weston Foundation within the past 12 months
- Planning permission (where relevant) will need to be in place *prior* to submitting your application by the 30th June
- Grants will need to be spent and projects fully completed by the end of 2020.

Please read [About the Fund](#), its [Application Guidelines](#) and take a quick [quiz](#) to find out if you are eligible to apply. And if you are, good luck!

If this fund doesn't fit your particular charity or project, then you may want to consider applying to our ongoing, regular grants scheme at [garfieldweston.org](http://garfieldweston.org).

## **Building Better Opportunities – Leicester and Leicestershire**

The Leicester and Leicestershire LEP area will benefit from £14,100,000 of funding from Building Better Opportunities.

Funding available for Rural Inclusion - This project aims to support disadvantaged people in rural communities within Leicester and Leicestershire to move closer to or into employment. This project will have a particular focus on how moving towards employment can provide the ability and opportunity to take part in society, interact with the community, and access services. More details are available in the project outline below.

Applying for this project - Choosing to apply to this programme is a big commitment. Projects will need careful planning to deliver the specific monitoring and delivery requirements that European funding brings. Failure to comply with these requirements could have serious financial repercussions.

Any organisation is able to apply, however Building Better Opportunities projects are better suited to partnership working as it is unlikely that a single organisation will have the breadth and depth of experience needed to tackle the complex multiple issues that the people who'll benefit face on a daily basis. Please see the Summary of our partnership requirements, below.

The application process consists of two stages. Stage one is fully open and competitive and from this we'll select a shortlist of applicants to take through to stage two. An invitation to stage two does not, however, guarantee that the project will be funded. For further detail on the application process see our programme guide in the related documents section.

Before applying, you should read the following documents to get a full understanding of Building Better Opportunities:

[The project outline](#)

[Guide to delivering European funding](#)

[Summary of our partnership requirements](#)

[Resources listed under Stage 2](#)

To request an application form, or if you have any further questions, please email [esf@biglotteryfund.org.uk](mailto:esf@biglotteryfund.org.uk). Your application form must be returned to this email address by noon of Monday 26 February.

## **Lloyds Bank Foundation – Enable programme**

Enable grants are awarded to charities which have identified clear development needs, and provide a great opportunity to strengthen charities to deliver more effectively.

Enable grants are up to a total of £15,000 over one or two years, and can reinvigorate charities through funding organisational improvements, development of areas such as leadership and governance, improved systems and demonstrating outcomes. These developments put charities in a stronger position to better deliver services and attract funding.

Applications for Enable grants are accepted on an ongoing basis, and applicants will be informed of the outcome of their application within six months of the application being received.

What Enable Grants Fund - Enable grants are awarded to charities that meet our [eligibility criteria](#) and have also identified clear development areas which will support their growth. Enable grants are not awarded for costs which are considered to be for the core running of a charity and the costs of the work must be additional to those you would be incurring anyway. Please consider applying for an [Invest](#) grant to support your core or direct delivery costs.

Enable can fund a range of activity related to the development and improvement of the capability of your organisation, for example:

- Business and service developments and plans
- Development of monitoring systems
- Investigation of mergers, partnerships, shared services, contract diversification
- Consultancy support
- Quality standards (please note that if you already hold a quality mark you CANNOT apply for renewal costs under the Enable programme)
- Development of new income streams and enterprise

Enable grant applications are invited on an ongoing basis. For more details on the programme visit the Lloyds Bank Foundation [here](#)

## **Community Shares Booster programme**

Local groups needing an extra boost to set up or grow a community business can access support and match funding to launch their share offer, thanks to the Community Shares Booster programme.

Community shares is a popular approach to raising finance, in which local people invest often small sums of money and become co-owners of vital local enterprises – from affordable housing to community pubs to green energy.

A new £3 million injection into the programme will support groups seeking to launch community shares offers, potentially boost their investment raise and provide ongoing support following their offer. The first development grants and equity investments will be awarded from early 2018 as part of this five-year programme, delivered by the Community Shares Unit, a joint initiative between Co-operatives UK and Locality, and funded by Power to Change, the independent trust supporting community businesses in England.

Successful applicants could receive a business development support grant up to £10,000 in advance of launching their community share offer. After that, their organisation could have access to up to £100,000 match funding when the share offer goes live. Match funding will be in the form of equity held on equal terms with other community shareholders.

The original £1 million Community Shares Booster Programme Pilot, which began in 2016, supported 15 community businesses. Local people were able to [restore a grade 2 listed Victorian ballroom](#) in Manchester, build a new green-build straw-bale

roundhouse in South Derbyshire, expand a community farm in London, build community-developed homes in Leeds and [save a 122 year old railway pier](#) for community use in Suffolk.

To date, the programme has supported 15 community businesses, awarding over £100,000 in development grants allowing them to develop their share offer, as well as investing over £600,000 in 11 community businesses as matched equity investments, releasing as much as £1.5 million into the community business market. Groups can find out more apply to the programme [here](#)

## **Nottinghamshire Community Foundation – Freemasons Fund**

The aim of the Freemasons Fund is to support people in Nottingham City and County by making grants to community and voluntary groups who work to improve their communities. **Grants are available for capital spend only – e.g. equipment.**

This fund is available for groups who deliver projects under any of the following themes:

### Children & Young People

- Drugs and/or alcohol education
- Education support (e.g. dyslexia)
- Sports activities

### Older & Vulnerable People

- Support for those living alone (e.g. befrienders or homecare)
- Support for Carers
- Luncheon Clubs

### Healthier Communities

- Carers for mentally & physically disabled
- Low level mental health, (e.g. depression, anxiety)

### Sustainable Communities

- Community Gardens / green space
- Heritage / building / land preservation
- Community Volunteer Champions e.g. flood wardens

**Amounts Available and Rounds** - This fund runs two rounds per year in spring and autumn £2,000 per grant (average award expected to be £1,000)

**Round One:** Closing Date for Applications: 11th February 2018

**Round Two:** Opening Date: 3rd July 2018; Closing Date: 9th September 2018

For more information please contact us on 01623 620202 or email [enquiries@nottscf.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@nottscf.org.uk). To apply to the Freemasons Fund please [click here](#)

## **Esmee Fairbairn – Merger Feasibility Fund**

We support organisations in the early phases of thinking about a merger. Since we started making grants towards mergers in 2012 we have awarded £328k of grants of which £84k were made in 2016. Applicants need to be at, or close to, the preliminary

stage of discussions with an identified potential merger partner (or partners). The maximum amount we will fund for merger planning costs is **£15,000**.

Applications requesting funding for the following types of pre-merger feasibility work will be considered including:

- consultation with staff/beneficiaries/members/other stakeholders
- facilitation of discussions with the potential merger partner/s
- governance, planning, financial, legal, HR or communications advice
- formation of long-term, strategic collaborations with other organisations to enhance beneficiaries' outcomes.

This is not an exhaustive list and we will consider any reasonable request for work that helps to make the decision whether or not to merge easier. If successful organisations require external assistance but do not have a particular consultant in mind, we may be able to help identify the most appropriate support.

Our funding should not be used for the costs associated with a merger once a firm decision is made to proceed. It is for organisations uncertain about what the decision might involve or those who need reassurance that a proposed merger makes sense.

**The work of the merging organisations should match our funding priorities within our sectors;** [the arts](#), [children and young people](#), [environment](#), [food](#), and [social change](#). The Foundation's [Exclusions](#) still apply; if you come under any of these you will not be eligible for funding. You must also demonstrate that you have unrestricted reserves equivalent to at least three months' running costs. This applies to all parties involved with the merger feasibility investigations.

Grants are made on a rolling basis and there are no deadlines. To find out more visit the Esmee Fairbairn website [here](#)

## **Boots Charitable Trust**

The Boots Charitable Trust is an independent registered charity in the UK, wholly funded by Boots UK. To date it has donated over £10 million to charities across the county. They also help smaller voluntary organisations in Nottinghamshire which are too small to qualify for charitable status, but who still desperately need some financial support for their projects.

Supporting the Nottinghamshire community has always been important to Boots. Jesse Boot opened the very first Boots store in the mid-19th century in Nottingham, and we continue to give to local causes that are important to our colleagues and customers.

Grants can be for up to 1-year and can range from £100 - £10,000. There are regular deadlines every other month, with the next deadline being 7<sup>th</sup> February, and then followed by 7<sup>th</sup> April.

Whilst we look at nominations from all kinds of different charities our main focus is on the following areas that are very close to our hearts and heritage:

- **Health:** Both community healthcare such as homecare or support for sufferers of medical conditions as well as health education and prevention

- **Lifelong learning:** For example literacy and numeracy projects
- **Community development:** Such as supporting councils in providing voluntary services
- **Social care:** Be it personal, social or community activities or schemes

For more details upon the Trust, and to apply online website their website [here](#).

### **Dormant Bank accounts funding**

The Government is unlocking £330 million from dormant accounts to build a fairer society. The Big Lottery Fund and Big Society Capital will distribute cash to initiatives tackling a number of societal challenges, these include housing vulnerable people, helping disadvantaged young people into work and dealing with problem debt.

Up to £330 million from dormant bank and building society accounts will be used to help the homeless, disadvantaged young people, local charities and other good causes in the UK over the next four years, Tracey Crouch, Minister for Sport and Civil Society, announced today.

Around £280 million will be allocated to initiatives across England to help disadvantaged young people into work, provide housing for families and vulnerable people, and tackle problem debt.

Of this, up to £135 million will be used by [Big Society Capital](#) (BSC) to fund stable and long-term accommodation for vulnerable groups such as homeless people and those suffering with mental health issues, as well as to provide support for local charities and social enterprises. This allocation meets existing funding commitments to Big Society Capital, who will use it to leverage substantial private co-investment, to maximise the impact of these funds.

Around £90 million will also be invested in support of projects that help disadvantaged young people into employment. These initiatives will be jointly designed by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, the [Department for Education](#) and [Big Lottery Fund](#) with input from young people.

The remaining £55 million is set to be awarded to financial inclusion and capability initiatives which will tackle issues such as problem debt, as well as improving access to financial products and services for those on lower incomes.

Out of the £330 million, up to £50 million will be made available for good causes in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland and will be distributed by the Big Lottery Fund. Each devolved administration will then decide how these funds are used.

### **Powerful Communities, Strong Economies report**

The 'Powerful Communities, Strong Economies' report provides a framework that local authorities can use to commission for economic resilience and community organisations can use to evidence their local economic impact.

Locality have been working with six local authorities to halt the trend towards outsourcing services at scale to multi-national companies. Outsourcing not only leads to poor quality services, it also means scarce public resources are leaking out of hard-

pressed local economies. This report shows how councils can ensure the billions of pounds they spend each year on services has maximum community benefit.

The report includes action research, supported by [Friends Provident Foundation](#), that highlights the contribution community organisations make to the local economy – by employing local people, using local supply chains, and providing spaces for small businesses and social enterprises to prosper. For example, an analysis conducted by NEF Consulting found that 10 Locality members collectively enabled approximately 1,400 jobs and approximately £120m of gross value added to the local economy through their tenant organisations.

To read a summary or the final report head to the Locality website [here](#).

## Trust in Charity report 2017 – nfpSynergy

We continue tracking the level of trust in the UK charity sector. This report presents the latest data along with the historical data going as far back as 2006.

Below are a few key findings.

1. **Trust in charities rose early in 2017 and then plateaued in the 55-60% range.** Trust in charities rose to a high of 64% early in 2017, then dipped in the middle of the year to 55% and 57% and rose at year end to 60%
2. By the end of 2017, Charities were the **fifth** most trusted public institution after the NHS, the Armed Forces, Police and Schools.
3. Two years ago charities were in **12<sup>th</sup> place** behind TV and radio stations
4. Trust in the FRSB and now Fundraising Regulator has more than **doubled** since 2009: from 15% to 37%.
5. Charity supporters' trust in charities (in November 2017) is at 70%, a lot more than non-supporters whose level of trust is at 40%

To see the report in full, please visit the nfpSynergy website [here](#)

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- Win a £1,000 donation to a charity of your choice by taking part in [@CarnegieUKTrust](#)'s survey, exploring how policymakers and practitioners access and use evidence: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/V3ZPS2F>
- Our report has the latest analysis of [#ukpoverty](#) and looks at how figures have changed over the past two decades <http://bit.ly/2CPdozY> [#solveukpoverty](#) from @jrf\_uk
- Read and share our first [Insights Report](#) into our environment and food funding – featuring [@hubbubuk](#) [@clientearth](#) and [@eating\\_better](#) [#insightsfromourfunding](#) from @esmefairbairn
- Here's a dilemma for you ... How do independent funders keep the benefits of independence whilst being accountable? [#philanthropy](#) [Freedom vs Accountability](#) from @embbeeston01
- Got a question about [#volunteering](#)? We've got answers to [100 of the most common things](#) that are asked from @Sport\_England
- Passionate about social mobility? Our easy fact sheets give you the key stats on social mobility in the UK and show why it must stay on the policy agenda <https://buff.ly/2CPYoRQ> from @suttontrust

- Want to promote your [#HLFsupported](#) project? Some useful tips on our website <http://bit.ly/1XZUDgV>
- In case you missed it, yesterday [@NCVO](#) published its evaluation of the Local Sustainability Fund – the £20m prog funded by [@DCMS](#), managed by [@BigLotteryFund](#) Read [@NickOckenden](#)'s summary with [5 insights for funders](#) (and link to full report)
- Thinking about starting a [#Crowdfund](#) campaign for your [#Derby](#) project? Get some inspiration from successful projects (and help and support from us!) [@DerbyCC](#) [@DD\\_Derby](#) [@MarketingDerby](#) [http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/funds/crowdfund-derby ... #CrowdfundDerby](http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/funds/crowdfund-derby...#CrowdfundDerby)
- Our £5 million UK Games Fund has so far supported more than 70 video game development studios across the UK. Could YOU be the next? <http://ukgamesfund.com/how-to-apply/> [@ukgamesfund](#) from [@DCMS](#)

## And finally...

Having spotted this on Twitter I thought it worth sharing, as I'm sure most of you will have encountered the Outcomes Star at some point. 2017 marked over 10 years since the publication of the original Outcomes Star - this new infographic shows how widely the Stars are used today.



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