

Funding Surgery

Tuesday 14 June 2016, 10am – 3pm

STRiVE, Tranent

Getting the most out of the Funding Surgery

It is good to be prepared for your appointment(s) with funders so that you can get maximum benefit from your time slot. Briefly share your idea or project, also have questions ready to enable you to record responses.

If you decide the Fund is not appropriate for you please speak to a member of STRiVE staff to cancel your appointment.

This is a good opportunity to:

- Meet funders face to face
- Promote what you do
- Seek advice and discuss ideas
- Get information on the application process
- Find out more about suitable funding opportunities available
- Learn more about certain funders
- Receive guidance on making an application
- Discuss your organisation's funding needs



Avoid potential pitfalls by not:

- Using jargon
- Meeting funders with whom you have an application pending
- Being clear about your intentions
- Overselling or pitching your project/idea

Feel free to contact us on 0131 665 3300 to find out how we can help you.



Funder information

BBC Children in Need

Our Main Grants programme is open to charities and not-for-profit organisations applying for grants over £10,000 per year for up to three years. Check the information below to see if your project should apply. But first – have you read about how, together, we improve children’s lives in the UK.

If you are looking for any amount up to £10,000 for one year, you can get information about Small Grants [here](#).

We give grants for...

Children and young people of 18 years and under experiencing disadvantage through:

1. Illness, distress, abuse or neglect
2. Any kind of disability
3. Behavioural or psychological difficulties
4. Living in poverty or situations of deprivation

Projects we fund make differences in children’s lives that help prevent or overcome the effects of the disadvantages they face. Projects achieve these differences by either working directly with children or seeking to improve their social and physical environments.

Who can apply?

- ▶ Not-for-profit organisations that work with disadvantaged children and young people of 18 years and under who live in the UK, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands.
- ▶ If you currently have a Main Grant, as long as your funding is coming to an end within the next 12 months you can apply for further Main Grant funding to keep running the same project, or on a different project. You will need to be able to provide convincing evidence of the differences our grant has made to the lives of the disadvantaged children and young people you have worked with.
- ▶ If you currently have a Small Grant you can also apply for a Main Grant as long as it is for work with a different group of children and young people. Please note you can usually only have one application assessed in any 12-month period.

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We don't give grants...

- ▶ For work which statutory bodies (such as schools or local authorities) have a duty to fund
- ▶ To local government or NHS bodies
- ▶ For building projects applying to us for more than £20,000
- ▶ For projects which promote religion
- ▶ To fund trips or projects abroad
- ▶ For medical treatment or research
- ▶ For pregnancy testing or advice, information or counselling on pregnancy choices
- ▶ For awareness-raising work, except where it is targeted at those children or young people most at risk.
- ▶ For bursaries, sponsored places, fees or equivalent
- ▶ To individuals (unless an eligible organisation is applying on their behalf or through our Emergency Essentials Programme).
- ▶ To be passed on to other organisations, for example, PTAs applying on behalf of schools
- ▶ For general appeals or endowment funds
- ▶ To help with budget shortfalls or debt repayments
- ▶ To projects where the grant expenditure is due to start before the grant award date (retrospective funding)
- ▶ To organisations which have applied in the last 12 months
- ▶ To projects unable to start within 12 months of the grant award date
- ▶ For unspecified expenditure
- ▶ For organisational overheads or running costs which the organisation would incur whether the project was running or not. (Although we will consider funding support costs incurred as a direct result of running the project.)

More detailed information can be found [here](#).



Funder information

Action Earth

Action Earth is helping to get people and communities busy outdoors. The campaign has grants to give to groups of volunteers who are carrying out environmental projects in Scotland.

- ▶ Grants from £50 to £250 are available for practical activities that involve volunteers in improving outdoor spaces or creating habitats for wildlife.
- ▶ Grants can be used to purchase plants, tools and materials or to cover volunteer expenses.
- ▶ If your group is volunteering on a Local Nature Reserve we can give you up to £500 for practical work, wildlife recording or educational activities that encourage more people onto the reserve.

The campaign is run by Volunteering Matters from April to December each year and is supported by Scottish Natural Heritage.

For further information visit: volunteeringmatters.org.uk/actionearth



Tyne Esk LEADER

Funder information

Tyne Esk Leader

Tyne Esk LEADER is now open for applications. Tyne Esk LEADER was recently allocated £3.49m of Scottish Government and EU funding to deliver the objectives contained in the Tyne Esk LEADER Local Development Strategy. A summary of the Tyne Esk objectives can be found on the Tyne Esk website (www.tyneesk.co.uk) where the full Local Development Strategy can also be accessed.

The Tyne Esk area includes both rural East Lothian and rural Midlothian. **Rural East Lothian covers the whole Local Authority except for Musselburgh.** The funding covers the period from now until 2020 and there are ring-fenced funds for farm diversification, rural enterprise and for co-operation projects with groups based outwith the Tyne Esk LEADER area. The Local Action Group has set a minimum grant amount of £10,000 with a maximum intervention rate of 60% and plan to assess the first applications in September this year.

The first step in the process of applying is to submit an Expression of Interest. This is done through the Scottish Rural Network website with the link here. After submitting an Expression of Interest, it will be sent on to the Tyne Esk LEADER staff team who will then contact you and, if your project appears eligible, will meet to go over the project and the application documents and processes.

Types of Award

Local Innovative Projects (Action 1) - Normally maximum 50% of total project costs

If you have a project idea that will revitalising communities in our rural areas and by so assisting a progressive rural economy you may be able to apply for funding from the programme.

Projects that will be considered include those that address:

- ▶ Environmental Improvements
- ▶ Tourism Initiatives
- ▶ Community Transport
- ▶ Conservation and Heritage
- ▶ Health and Well Being
- ▶ Food and Agriculture
- ▶ Community Facilities
- ▶ Access and Interpretation

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Who can apply

- ▶ Constituted community groups, social enterprises, groups of micro or small businesses, voluntary organisations or public sector bodies with a project idea that will benefit the rural community.
- ▶ Individuals who have public support for a project that implements the local strategy. These projects will be community-driven to develop ideas and innovate solutions that benefit a wide section of the community rather than an individual.

What can the funding be used for?

LEADER funding can be used for, among other things:

- ▶ Construction of new community facilities or refurbishment of existing facilities
- ▶ Environmental improvements including enhancements to building facades and improvements to footpaths and cycle paths
- ▶ Provision of visitor/tourist facilities
- ▶ Feasibility studies
- ▶ Staff costs
- ▶ Promotion and Marketing
- ▶ Materials and Equipment
- ▶ Events
- ▶ Training
- ▶ Professional Fees
- ▶ Childcare costs
- ▶ Lease or rental of premises

The Tyne Esk LEADER Project Officer can help you to identify eligible activities and expenditures.

Funding cannot be awarded retrospectively i.e. expenditure incurred prior to a project receiving approval cannot be claimed for.

What can't the funding be used for?

- ▶ Existing activities. All activities must be part of a demonstrably new activity.
- ▶ Core costs of your organisation
- ▶ Meeting statutory or legislative requirements
- ▶ Routine repair and maintenance
- ▶ Purchase of vehicles
- ▶ Statutory responsibilities of housing, health, social work, school (main curriculum) and higher education

For more information and to read about other successful projects, visit Tyne Esk Leader's [website](http://www.strive.me.uk).

STRiVE Organisational Support

We provide a wide range of information, support and training to third sector organisations and groups.

We can help you with:

Charity registration

Constitutions

Developing your Management Committee

Employment services

Forming a group

Funding applications

Funding searches

Keeping accounts

Legislative compliance

Training

Trustee support

Feel free to contact us on 0131 665 3300 to find out how we can help you or check out the 'Organisations' section of our website for details on training offered by STRiVE and other providers throughout East Lothian.

