

Fundraising

In the current climate, you will be surprised to find out there are lots of little pots of money around for community organisations to dip into and apply for. At the end of the day, you are providing a service, and people appreciate that. Funding applications need to be specific usually, and so look to apply for a specific event, or campaign, and contact your local CVS to get help with bid writing. Below are a few examples to get you started, you can find the websites of these and others through a simple Google search.

Henry Smith Charity

This charity funds a wide range of community initiatives from elderly support and projects with young people to drug awareness and homelessness programmes.

Wakeham Trust

This trust is for smaller, more local projects (like NHW) that don't need huge amounts of money. They like new initiatives so good to go to them with a campaign.

Tudor Trust

This group supports projects that seek to create positive change within their communities - enter Neighbourhood Watch! Check the guidelines to see what angle you should apply from.

Warburtons

Although a bread manufacturer, Warburtons has a strong corporate social responsibility department & so love supporting projects that promote localism like NHW.

Lankelly Chase

Lankelly Chase aims to bring about lasting change in the lives of people facing severe and multiple disadvantage. So this would be good for a project with the hard to reach.

The Big Lottery Fund

The Big Lottery fund has a fund finder tool on their website, and themselves offer lots of different grants to projects trying to make a positive difference in society.



Banks

Banks such as Santander and Natwest have community funds, their priorities change year on year and so these funding opportunities are worth keeping an eye on.

Radio Station

Local radio stations are also big supporters of community groups. Stations such as Heart, Wave 105, and Radio Solent all have different schemes which could be looked at.

Events

Events are a great way to fundraise. You could sell tickets, or ask for donations if you were holding a community event. You could also get local businesses to donate prizes for raffles.

Supermarkets

Supermarkets such as Waitrose have counter drop boxes which allows people to choose a community organisation for them to fund for a month. You can put yourself forward online or in store.

UK Community Foundations

They are the managing agents for Comic Relief's Stronger Communities, awarding grants to local groups that have a clear understanding of local need.

Local Council

Hampshire County Council, and it's councillors, have a number of pots of money for community groups. Look on the HCC website regularly to see what's on offer.

Paul Hamlyn Foundation

This foundation seeks to nurture people and their ideas, invest in young people, and help migrants integrate in society. These are all areas NHW could develop into.

Funding Central

fundingcentral.org.uk is a website for groups looking for funding. Once registered you can do specific searches through thousands of funding opportunities.

Hampshire & Isle of Wight Community Foundation

A group of local people who are committed to distributing funds to support community projects delivered by local voluntary and community groups across Hampshire.