



GRCC Funding Newsletter – Spring/Summer 2016

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As well as your GRCC Community Advisor being able to provide support on **funding, business planning, social enterprise** and **project development** plus advice on **running your organisation effectively**, we link with our colleagues at GRCC who deal with other aspects relating to rural life, including affordable housing, working with older people and health and social care needs. So, if we don't know it, we know someone who will.

Your GRCC Community Advisors are Barbara Pond bpond@grcc.org.uk and Helen Richards helenr@grcc.org.uk who can both be reached on 01452 528491

BIFFA Award – Changes to criteria

Due to the percentage of tax that can be distributed through the Landfill Communities Fund decreasing, BIFFA have had to tighten their eligibility criteria. As of 1st May 2016 Biffa Award now has one grant scheme where applicants can apply for **between £10,000 and £75,000**, with the project total cost not exceeding £200,000 inc. VAT. There will be 3 board meetings per year, with two themes reviewed at each meeting.

- October 2016 – Community Buildings & Rebuilding Biodiversity
 - February 2017 – Rebuilding Biodiversity & Recreation
 - June 2017 – Recreation & Community Buildings
- Application deadlines will be timetabled throughout the year, in line with the meeting schedule above.

For full details on changes visit <http://www.biffa-award.org/news/changes-to-funding-criteria>

Sportivate

Funding to enable community organisations to offer and deliver six to eight weeks of sporting activity to inactive young people aged between 11 and 25 years old. The funding can help pay for coaches, equipment, venue costs, marketing, or coach education for your club or organisation. After sessions have concluded, there must be an opportunity for participants to continue with regular activity.

Active Gloucestershire's priority areas for funding in 2016-2017 are:

- Women and Girls
- 17-25s
- NEETs (Not in Education, Employment, or Training)
- Disability
- Ethnic Minority Groups

Applications open from 20th June to 5th August 2016 for projects running between September 2016 and March 2017. Contact Sarah Haden 01242 243362,

sarahhaden@activegloucestershire.org or visit <http://www.activegloucestershire.org/>

GCC Children's Activity Fund

Projects promoting the wellbeing of children and young people 0 - 11 years old must contribute to delivering the following priorities;

- Ensuring the best start in life
- Helping families and parents to help themselves
- Improving outcomes for our most vulnerable children and young people
- Focus on mental health and wellbeing and building resilience

Each of the 53 county council electoral divisions in Gloucestershire has £5,000 of funding available. Applications can be made up to 31st March 2017. Discuss your application with your local county councillor as they have to endorse your application.

For more information or an application from visit <http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/childrensactivityfund>

Gloucestershire Community Foundation

The foundation aims to help local groups, organisations and charities to address disadvantage and deprivation in Gloucestershire. The Foundation runs a number of grant programmes to support groups and organisations in Gloucestershire working to benefit local communities and to improve the lives of disadvantaged people in the county. Funding is available from £250 to £10,000 depending on the programme applied to. Grants of over £5,000 are only made in exceptional circumstances.

Deadlines:

- Main grant: 5th August and 28th October 2016
- High Sheriff of Gloucestershire grant: 30th August 2016
- GCF Freemasons grant: 22nd June and 21st September 2016
- Surviving Winter: applications can be submitted at any time
- Comic Relief Local Communities: autumn date to be confirmed.

Further information:

<http://www.gloucestershirecf.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/>

The Smaller Authorities Transparency Code came into force on 1 April 2015 and requires the online publication of certain information which the Government requests, to provide taxpayers with a clear picture of the authority’s activities, spending and governance. The Transparency Legislation applies to local councils (and internal drainage boards) with a **turnover of less than £25,000**. Parish meetings are not eligible.

Funding and guidance is available to assist smaller parish councils with complying with the code, which is now compulsory, through Gloucestershire Association of Parish and Town Councils (GAPTC).

For more information contact GAPTC on 01452 883388 or email advice@gaptc.org.uk

Celebrating 10 years of GRCC Village & Community Agents

This year marks the 10th anniversary of GRCC’s Village and Community Agents scheme. The scheme Has grown over the years due to its success and now Agents are supporting communities countywide. In addition we have a team of Community Agents working with Black, Minority Ethnic and Migrant communities throughout the county and Specialist Cancer Agents trained to support people over the age of 18 who are affected by cancer.

Many of our Agents have been with GRCC for well over 5 years but we would like to put out a special thank you to those who have been with us since the beginning and therefore celebrating their own 10 year anniversary with GRCC. In Stroud they are; **Sue Colquhoun, Christine Lingard and Lou Kemp**. Lou is now a Village & Community Agent mentor offering peer support.

<http://www.grcc.org.uk/village-agents>



Neighbourhood Development Plans - update

How can GRCC support you?

Stage 1 support: making decisions - The GRCC Offer: support to make informed decisions: *free bespoke support for your community*

- We can come to your community to help you to find out the facts. What work is involved? How much will it cost? What difference will it make? What are the benefits and the risks? - Book a presentation and Q+A session
- We can come to your community to help you make informed decisions – Book a facilitated workshop for your parish council/community/ group of communities

Stage 2 Support - GRCC can help to draft a budget for the Plan and support you to complete a grant funding application form (this support is funded through our service level agreement with Stroud District Council).

If you want to undertake an NDP then GRCC can also provide support and guidance at each step (for which we charge a daily rate), working alongside professional planners. We can give support to:

- Set up – set up your steering group and plan your Plan properly
- Evidence gathering – what to gather, where to find it, analysing what it means to your community
- Consulting with your community – using appropriate methods and interpreting the responses to give visions and objectives for your Plan
- Generating and testing solutions - what needs to be tested, how and interpreting the **results**
- Support to compose policies and actions for your Plan and guidance on drafting and consulting on the final Plan

Information about NDP’s in the county and elsewhere can be found on our website:

<http://www.grcc.org.uk/neighbourhood-development-plans>

Please note that NDP groups can now apply for up to a total of £9,000 grant support