



## A-Z OF CURRENT GRANT FUNDS

### Comic Relief Community Cash

This fund aims to support small local projects in Greater Belfast where there is clear evidence of a sustained beneficial impact on people's lives that are excluded or disadvantaged through low income, rural or social isolation, age, disabilities, race, sexuality or gender.

Please note that this fund is currently closed. It is expected to reopen in February 2012.

### Comic Relief & Sport Relief Community Grants



Comic Relief grants will support work where there is clear evidence of a sustained beneficial impact on the lives of people who are excluded or who are disadvantaged through low income, rural or social isolation, age, disabilities, race, sexuality or gender.

There are still many communities in the UK that suffer from economic and social deprivation and the current economic climate may make this situation worse. This programme aims to empower local people enabling them to create lasting change in their communities. Projects should be run by people directly affected by the issues they are dealing with. **Priority will be given to small, locally based groups or organisations** in areas of disadvantage that have a clear understanding of the needs of their community and are undertaking actions as a means of addressing these needs.

50% of the available funds will support sports projects that:

- Increase access to sport and exercise for people who face social exclusion and isolation
- Help people who are experiencing difficulties in their lives.

50% of the available funds will support community groups running projects that:

- Increase local services
- Build skills of local people
- Increase community cohesion
- Respond directly to local needs

This work can cover a small geographical area such as a housing estate or village, but we will also consider work covering a larger area such as a town or borough where there is evidence of community involvement.

The first round of grants closed for applications for 2011-12 grants on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2011. The next round will open in July 2012 and close in September 2012 . full details will be published on the website.

### **Eaga Community Fund**

This fund has been created by Eaga to support community projects that educate, raise awareness and demonstrate community involvement in addressing environmental issues at grassroots level.

#### **What we will fund**

The Fund will support projects across a range of themes, from recycling and conservation, to renewable energy, sustainable transport and the natural environment.

Priority will be given to practical projects that have the greatest environmental impact.

**Thematic areas:** Eaga Community Fund seeks to assist community based projects addressing environmental themes:

- Natural environment matters - urban or rural
- Recycling
- Conservation
- Fuel poverty
- Renewable energy
- Responsible water use
- Energy efficiency
- Sustainable transport
- Eco systems
- Climate Change

### **McKibbin Fund**

The McKibbin Fund aims to improve the lives of young people living with physical disabilities, learning disabilities or who are affected by illness. The Fund hopes to impact positively on their lives by helping create opportunities for their development and increased inclusion in society.

What we will fund:

- Equipment
- Outings
- Residentials
- Tutors

### **Social Justice Initiatives Fund**

This is a small grants programme which supports work in areas of social justice and human rights in Northern Ireland and the Irish border counties.

We will fund projects that support self-help amongst minority groups affected by social need; initiatives that will enable people overcome barriers to participation and that promote inclusive and resilient communities.

### **The Turkington Fund**

The Turkington Fund was established in recognition and celebration of the contribution of older people to our society. It offers funding (£200 - £3,000) for locally based community projects that are planned and run by and for older people.

While not exclusive, the Fund welcomes applications that address the following:

- The promotion of interaction between older people and other sections of the community
- Activities to address shared concerns amongst groups of older people
- Activities that focus on the positive contribution of older people within the community
- Projects that enhance the active participation of older people in decision-making and policy influence
- Encouragement of older people to engage with a range of social, educational, health and cultural activities

- Priority will be given to those applications that show a clear involvement of older people in the design and delivery of a project
- An emphasis will be placed on locally-based self-help groups that are working in disadvantaged areas.

#### **What Turkington will not fund**

- Salaried posts
- Holidays & trips abroad
- Individuals
- Vehicles
- Major capital building programmes
- Running costs of large organisations
- Holiday schemes
- Parties & shopping trips
- Promotion of religion
- Applications from statutory organizations

To apply please complete the online Responsive Grant Making Application Form.

#### **Acorn Fund**

The Acorn Fund is a Local Area Fund established and managed by the Community Foundation for Northern Ireland. The focus of the Fund is to provide support for projects in County Londonderry.

Projects within the County Londonderry area - including the following:

- Projects that support self-help amongst minority groups affected by social need
- Projects that will increase inclusive and resilient communities
- Community environmental initiatives
- Work that enhances active aging (priority given to grass roots projects run by and for older people (over 55s))
- Initiatives that address rural isolation
- Projects that promote health and well-being by addressing specific issues
- Community arts that promote participation
- Sport as a vehicle for social inclusion
- Projects that work to enhance the involvement of marginalised groups of young people.

#### **Community Arts Fund**

The Community Arts Fund was established by First Trust Bank to provide funding for community arts projects in Northern Ireland. The fund's priority is to support community arts projects that involve ethnic minority groups with the aim of integrating communities.

#### **Aims**

- To support grassroots arts initiatives that foster a shared future and that promote the inclusion of the new immigrants, asylum-seekers and their families as well as travellers
- To encourage communities that experience difficulties with cultural and ethnic diversity to use community arts as a way to take up the challenge of social inclusion
- To give community and arts organisations the opportunity to develop small scale, new or innovative inclusive projects that will make a difference at local level

#### **What we will fund**

- Projects involving or targeting ethnic minority groups to encourage integration of communities.
- Only small scale projects will be considered - this grant is not intended to form a small part of a large project.

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## **The David Ervine Foundation Grant Fund**

The aim of the David Ervine Foundation grant fund is to provide opportunities that enable children and young people from disadvantaged communities to reach their full potential. Set up in memory of David Ervine former Leader of the Progressive Unionist Party, the Fund has its own website: [www.davidervine.com](http://www.davidervine.com)

### **What we will fund**

- Projects that offer education, training and/or personal development opportunities to children and young people
- Projects based in socially and economically deprived areas
- Projects should include cross-cultural relationship building
- Proposed projects should be based in Northern Ireland . priority may be given to those based in Belfast and/or East Belfast.

## **One Small Step**

The One Small Step grant fund encourages initiatives that stimulate people into action to build a peaceful future. The context is one of peace being an issue for each of us as individuals, for all of our organizations and for our communities. It is about spreading the message that we are all responsible for developing a peaceful society in Northern Ireland. The Fund will support small local projects that encourage people into action.

### **What we will fund**

- Activities that advocate the One Small Step principles to make a positive difference in the community (geographic or community of interest) in working towards a shared future
- Projects designed to get more people involved in building a peaceful society and that can act as a catalyst for further action.
- Projects should have demonstrable community impact spreading the One Small Step message.
- Proposals need to involve people locally and be clear and specific.
- Proposals should be well planned, deliverable and costed realistically.

Examples of eligible activities may include training, events, seminars or publications that promote cross community activities and understanding. All projects should give something back to the community. Grants may cover eligible costs for transport, training, speakers and occasionally small equipment purchases where the link to the One Small Step concept and the need are clearly evident.

## **Patrons Fund**

This fund, established by Baroness Mary Goudie will support small initiatives that are prioritised by the trustees of the Community Foundation as of particular importance to the Foundation.

## **Rural Women's Fund**

The Rural Women's Fund was established with a donation from the Royal Mail. The focus of the Fund is to provide support for women's projects particularly in isolated rural areas.

### **What we will fund**

- Self help projects run by women or women's groups located in rural areas of Northern Ireland
- Projects that unlock the potential of rural women in terms of their knowledge, skills and expertise
- Projects that are supported by women's networks
- Work that addresses defined need and/or is located in deprived areas.

### **Ulster Bank Sir George Quigley Community Award**

This fund was established by the Ulster Bank to honour Sir George Quigley. The fund offers one grant to a project or initiative each year that promotes and demonstrates sustainability through practical action. Community organisations from throughout the island of Ireland are eligible to apply for this award.

Applicants should demonstrate how the award will

1. Enable them to develop and/or implement a strategy for organisational sustainability
2. Learn from the experience and share this with others

We are now closed for applications. Details of this years winner will be announced in October

### **Telecommunity Fund**

The Telecommunity Fund was established with capital from BT, management and unions. It exists to support small locally based community projects run by or for teenagers or projects for people with disabilities.

#### **What we will fund**

- ◆ Grass roots projects run by and for teenagers.
- ◆ Grass roots projects for people with disabilities,
- ◆ Applicants should be community based organisations.
- ◆ Projects must be in deprived or disadvantaged areas.

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### **The Thomas Devlin Fund**

The Thomas Devlin Fund was established in memory of Thomas Devlin, the north Belfast schoolboy tragically murdered in 2005. The Fund has its own website: [www.thomasdevlin.com](http://www.thomasdevlin.com)  
The fund offers bursaries to young people for developing their career in the arts field, with priorities set each March for the following school / college year.

#### **What we will fund**

- Bursary awards are available to young people aged between 15 and 19 keen on pursuing studies specific arts programmes
- Applicants should demonstrate their potential in the arts, their potential and how the award will make a difference to them and to their community and their need for financial assistance.

Bursaries for 2011 have now been awarded.



Workspace was established in 1982 to stimulate social and economic regeneration in the Magherafelt District Council Area. Since then they have become one of Irelands leading forces for community economic and social regeneration. Today, in addition to providing business support services and business property, the Workspace Group is also involved in recruitment, training and employment initiatives, energy efficiency, event management, childcare and recreational activities. These commercial activities are pursued to generate profits that are then used for the benefit for the local community.

The Workspace Community Fund will provide financial assistance to voluntary and community groups that want to make a positive impact in the local area.

### **Who can apply?**

This is a local fund targeted at community and voluntary groups in the Magherafelt District Council Area.

### **Amount of funding available**

Grants will not normally exceed £250

### **What the fund will support**

The Fund welcomes applications that will

- Improve the local area
- Promote community involvement
- Enhance the quality of life and well being of local residents
- Address local need

The Workspace community Fund will not support

- applications from individuals
- applications from statutory organisations
- applications that promote religious or political activities

To apply please complete the online Responsive Grant Making Application Form. **Please note the next round closes on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2011 at 4pm.**