

Funding and Homelessness

This document is a collection of potential funding opportunities for those organisations involved in the engagement, development and support of people with Homelessness issues.

The text on each potential funding body is compiled from extracts from their respective websites at the date stated in the document's filename.

Some of the funding opportunities listed below were closed at the date of the searches. If they are closed permanently then they have been omitted, but those that are likely to re-open later in the year have been included.

This document is not meant to be exhaustive, nor complete. It is a snapshot of the most relevant funding opportunities at that particular time.

Hilden Charitable Fund

<http://www.hildencharitablefund.org.uk/>

In the UK: Hilden's grant making priorities are:

- Homelessness
- Penal Affairs
- Asylum Seekers and Refugees
- Community Based initiatives for Disadvantaged Young People Aged 16 to 25.

Trustees will particularly welcome projects that address the needs and potential of girls and women.

Average grants are £5,000. Hilden will consider funding for more than one year.

If you have any queries please telephone them: 0207 603 1525

The Hilden Charitable Fund does not give grants to individuals.

Help the Homeless

<http://www.help-the-homeless.org.uk/applying-for-funding/>

Help The Homeless's main funding remit is the regular allocation of grants (generally up to £5,000) for capital costs to small and medium-sized registered charities only (those with a turnover of under £1m per annum).

All applications must relate to projects that assist individuals in their return to mainstream society, rather than simply offer shelter or other forms of sustenance.

Examples of recent grants made can be seen at:

<https://ben-edwards-o5nq.squarespace.com/success-stories/>

The quarterly deadlines for grant applications each year are: 15th March / 15th June / 15th September / 15th December. There should be a minimum period of two years between the receipt of a decision on an application and a further application from the same organisation.

Homeless Link Social Investment Fund

<https://www.homeless.org.uk/social-investment>

Launched in May 2017, the Homeless Link Social Investment Fund has, over three years, £4.5m to invest in charities and social enterprises working to reduce homelessness across England.

Their aim is to test and learn where social investment can be most effectively used alongside other forms of funding to improve outcomes. They are looking to support organisations to:

- increase the homelessness sector's knowledge and experience of social investment
- develop new models for income generation and funding
- improve their long-term sustainability

The Homeless Link Social Investment Fund is provided through the Growth Fund, which is managed by Access-the Foundation for Social Investment with funding from the Big Lottery Fund and Big Society Capital.

Reach Fund: If you need extra help to develop an investment readiness plan, they can offer you a route to grant funding to spend on the support you need. The Reach Fund is funded by Access – The Foundation for Social Investment and managed by Social Investment Business

Drapers' Charitable Fund

<http://www.thedrapers.co.uk/Charities/Applying-For-A-Grant/DCF.aspx>

The Drapers' Charitable Fund awards grants to help improve the quality of life for people and their communities. They target the disadvantaged and socially excluded, through grants in the fields of education, young people and social welfare.

Typically, we support charities who are involved in the activities outlined below. Most of the support is focused in Greater London

Social Welfare, including:

- Homelessness
- Prisoners
- Ex-service personnel
- Support services for the elderly, young carers, and community and family services.
- Disabled adults (not children), especially those with less visible disabilities such as sensory impairment, mental health problems and learning disabilities.

There is no minimum or maximum grant. Grants are normally awarded for sums between £5,000 and £15,000, but smaller and larger grants may be awarded.

Henry Smith Charity

<https://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/explore-our-grants-and-apply/improving-lives-grants-programme/improving-lives-grants-programme-overview/>

The Henry Smith Charity has a number of funding initiatives including Improving Lives.

The Improving Lives grant programme provides grants to charitable organisations that help people when other sources of support have failed, are inappropriate, or are simply not available.

They support established organisations delivering services directly to beneficiaries. They are looking for services which can demonstrate a track record of success, and evidence the effectiveness of the work.

This is their largest grants programme, through which the majority of their funds are distributed.

They have six funding priorities under their Improving Lives strand, that describe the work they support and how they want to bring about change for the most disadvantaged people in the greatest need. One of these is Help at a Critical Moment: Helping people to rebuild their lives following a crisis, critical moment, trauma or abuse

They want to fund services that support people to overcome a crisis, critical moment, trauma or abuse and move on with their lives. Work that they support in this area is likely to be holistic and reasonably intensive.

Outcomes:

- People are supported at a time of crisis, critical moment, trauma or abuse, and helped to move on positively with their lives.
- There is an improvement in how people feel about themselves e.g. improved confidence, self-esteem, resilience, or well-being.
- People have improved mental health and/or ability to cope.

High need groups:

- Victims/survivors of domestic abuse
- Refugees and asylum seekers
- Children who have been sexually exploited
- Those in mental health crisis
- Those involved in sex work and those who are victims of trafficking
- Victims of hate crime
- People experiencing homelessness

Examples of current grants:

- Specialist one-to-one support and advocacy for people who have been victims/survivors of domestic and/or sexual abuse.
- A recovery and support service for families where a parent has experienced a mental health crisis.
- Counselling and psychotherapy service for refugee and asylum-seeking women.
- An arts based mentoring programme working with offenders in the run up to release from prison.
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Grants are for running costs, salaries and projects

Grants are typically between £20,000 and £60,000 per year. Funding can be provided for 1 – 3 years.

John Ellerman Foundation

<http://www.ellerman.org.uk/pages/health.htm>

The grants they make reflect their interest in wellbeing. Their funding is in three categories, and they aim to allocate it broadly as follows:

- Arts 25%
- Environment 25%
- Social Action 50%

In their Social Action: Voices and Connections category they aim to help create a society where all can thrive, by supporting organisations which work to create positive changes in practice, systems and institutions.

They believe people can create change, and will focus on individuals and organisations coming together to tackle disadvantage, divisions and inequality. They also believe that meaningful relationships are central to a shared sense of identity and community. They are interested in organisations which share these beliefs and work to ensure that individuals, community groups and national bodies connect with one another, and are listened to by government and the agencies that shape our lives.

They want to support those with ambition to achieve positive change at scale while also creating benefits for those involved. They will therefore concentrate our funding in pursuit of a thriving society on work which:

- Improves systems and institutions through policy, advocacy and campaigning – through building bridges between people and the establishment by creating opportunities for contact and dialogue; enabling those with experience of an issue to have a voice on what matters to them; ensuring professionals and their organisations listen and respond; using this communication to advocate or campaign for improving policies, practices and systems AND

- Actively involves those with personal experience of the issue tackled – reflecting our belief that those closest to an issue understand it best. This means both people with direct personal experience of a problem, and those who have expertise and insight from working alongside them. A high priority will be finding new ways to draw on these experiences and skills, and engaging them in identifying and working on the change they want to bring about.

They expect a variety of people to benefit from our funding, from looked-after young people to vulnerable and isolated adults, and those facing discrimination. They have a special interest in enabling individuals to maintain their independence and worth as they get older. Given this broad canvas, they will prioritise work which tackles the greatest barriers created by disadvantage, divisions and inequality.

They are looking for organisations that:

- are rooted in practical experience, rather than working exclusively on policy
- understand the need to build people's confidence and skills so they are ready to engage with others
- value, promote and learn from the experience of those they support
- do not shy away from the unpopular or difficult cause
- seek to tackle causes as well as symptoms

Last year their grants ranged from £20,000 to £150,000.

Trusthouse Charitable Foundation

<http://trusthousecharitablefoundation.org.uk/grants/>

The Trusthouse Charitable Foundation gives grants for running costs or one-off capital costs to charities and not-for-profit organisations in accordance with their criteria.

Their overarching themes are Rural Issues and Urban Deprivation.

Within these overarching themes, they are interested in two areas:

Community Support

For example: work with young people; community centres; support for carers; older people's projects; help for refugees; family support; community transport; sports projects; rehabilitation of ex-offenders; alcohol and drug misuse projects; domestic violence prevention and aftermath; support groups for people with disabilities.

Arts, Education and Heritage

For example: arts projects for people with disabilities; performance or visual arts with a clear and strong community impact; alternative education projects; supplementary teaching; heritage projects in marine or industrial areas which involve local people and have a demonstrable community benefit.

They award:

- Single year grants between £7,500 and £20,000 for core costs, salaries, running and project costs.
- Multi-year (maximum 3 years) grants between £7,500 and £20,000 a year for core costs, salaries, running and project costs.
- Grants between £7,500 and £60,000 for one-off capital costs, where the total project cost does not exceed £2M. Applicants must have secured a minimum of 50% of the total project cost before applying.

Crash Charity

<http://www.crash.org.uk/apply-for-help/>

CRASH assists homelessness charities and hospices with their construction projects. It is their policy to offer help in a practical way as well as providing cash grants. They believe this can help a charity meet the objectives of a particular project allowing the creation of a better environment in which to provide care.

For this reason CRASH will prioritise applications that look for assistance beyond cash grants. They develop each project on an individual basis, matching you with appropriate individuals and businesses to help you deliver your scheme, whilst understanding that certain projects will require financial support to enable their completion.

They work collaboratively with all of their supported projects to deliver assistance in three ways:

Professional expertise

CRASH will try and find you free of charge (pro bono) consultancy services to help you develop your project. This may include architects, engineers, quantity surveyors or specialists who can advise on the replacement or repair of existing building components such as damp-proofing, roofs or heating systems.

The earlier you involve them the more likely it is they are able to contribute. Please speak to one of their team at CRASH before submitting a formal application to discuss what you are trying to do.

Building materials

CRASH helps find free-of-charge or discounted building materials or components from one of their Patron companies or Supporters.

Cash grants

CRASH awards grants although some applicants may only require free of charge professional expertise and/or materials.

StreetSmart

<http://streetsmart.org.uk/apply-for-funding/>

StreetSmart supports a wide range of homeless organisations that operate within the cities in which the campaign runs. Every penny raised in each city is spent only in that city.

Homeless charities seeking funding from StreetSmart should submit their application in writing during December.

The organisations funded by StreetSmart must work progressively with their client group. Successful applications receive support for projects aimed at helping the homeless to make a better life for themselves, focussing on mental and physical health, employability and sustainable independent living. Grants are given to those who support people through the crucial stages in their progress from vagrant to valued community member.

There is no formal application process, but charities should outline the aims and achievements of the organisation, and explain in detail the specific area of their work in need of financial support, e.g: project worker salary, educational programmes, meaningful occupation. StreetSmart does not provide funding to soup kitchens unless they form part of a drop-in centre linked into other services.

The trustees of StreetSmart meet in April to decide which applications have been successful.

Please contact your regional campaign manager, or email glenn.pougnnet@streetsmart.org.uk