

WHAT FUNDS

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Comic Relief Launches Try for Change: Small Grants Fund

Comic Relief and England Rugby have launched their first funding initiative through the Try for Change Fund: Small Grants Fund.

Grants of between £2,500 and £10,000 are available for one year of activity, and the work must take place in England.

The funding is to deliver projects which use rugby union to achieve social change and work towards at least one of the following outcomes:

- Increase community cohesion.
- Improve educational attainment.
- Increase employability.
- Reduce involvement in gangs and reduce the risk of re-offending.
- Improve mental and physical health.
- Increase social integration.

Priority will be given to projects which target the most vulnerable and marginalised groups, for example, young people who are NEET (Not in Education, Employment, or Training), local refugees, or young offenders.

England Rugby and Comic Relief are hosting a Try for Change: Small Grant Seminar at Twickenham Stadium on 17 February (12pm-2.30pm).

The deadline for applications is 31 March 2017 (12 noon).

<http://www.comicrelief.com/grants/initiatives/try-for-change>

Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust Grants Programme for 2017

In response to a significantly increased number of applications, the Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust has restructured its funding programme for 2017 and now offers four rounds per year.

Charitable organisations can apply for funding which directly supports the theme selected by the Trustees for that year. The funding is intended to support organisations undertaking projects in a variety of fields and works on a three-year rotation system, with different fields of interests being funded each year.

The rounds for 2017 are as follows:

- Round 1: The Elderly. The application period is 1 - 28 February. Grants of £1,000 will be available for charities with an operational income of minimum £50,000 and maximum £1 million.
- Round 2: Music and the Arts. The application period is 1 - 31 April. Grants of £5,000 will be available for charities with operational income of minimum £1 million.
- Round 3: Music and the Arts. The application period is 1 - 31 July. Grants of £1,000 will be available to charities with an operational income of minimum £50,000 and maximum £1 million.
- Round 4: The Elderly. The application period is 1 September to 31 October. Grants of £5,000 will be available to charities with operational income of minimum £1 million.

Charities can only apply for one round per calendar year.

The Trust requests that applications are submitted as early as possible before the deadline so that the Trust has plenty of time to request any additional information if required.

The deadline for applications to the first round is 28 February 2017.

<https://austin-hope-pilkington.org.uk/>

Captain Scott Society - Spirit of Adventure Award

The Captain Scott Society Spirit of Adventure Award is available to individuals and voluntary and community groups throughout the UK.

The scheme is intended to support groups undertaking adventurous endeavours.

In particular, the scheme wishes to fund adventurous firsts, which have not previously been attempted.

Examples of eligible projects include:

- The scaling of unclimbed peaks
- Navigational firsts
- Sporting firsts
- Expeditionary firsts

The value awarded is £2,500.

Applications should be made in writing.

E-mail: hazejon@talktalk.net

NatWest Skills & Opportunities Fund

NatWest Skills & Opportunities Fund has allocated a further £2.5m to be split across two rounds in 2017. The first round of funding is due to re-open in February. Grants up to a maximum of £35,000 can be applied for.

The Fund supports organisations that help people in disadvantaged communities develop, create or access the skills and opportunities they need to help themselves; skills that will enable them to get into work or start a business, now or in the future.

Make sure you sign up to NatWest's mailing list for updates about the next funding rounds. Prior to applying for funding, you must look at the South West region's priorities on NatWest's map

Applicants must be a not-for-profit organisation, a registered charity or state-funded school or college.

<http://skillsandopportunitiesfund.natwest.com/>

Sport England - Community Asset Fund

Sport England has launched its new capital fund, the Community Asset Fund, in support of its new strategy '*Towards an Active Nation*'.

Community organisations, clubs, statutory bodies and educational establishments can apply for investments of up to £150,000 for projects which create or improve opportunities to play sport and get active in local communities. Grants do not have to be used for a traditional space or traditional sport. Examples of eligible project locations include: canal towpaths, woodlands and open spaces with the potential to be used and enjoyed as part of an active lifestyle.

There are three levels of grant investment:

- Small Scale Investments (£1,000 and £15,000) – to cover the cost of emergency works due to something like storm or flood damage, or something totally unexpected that is stopping people from being able to stay active right now
- Medium Scale Investments (£15,000 and 50,000) – to make more substantial changes. This might be an upgrade to an existing facility or developing a new space in the community
- Large Scale Investments (£50,000 and £150,000) – for projects which can demonstrate a considerable impact or are targeting under-represented groups.

The Community Asset Fund is an open, rolling programme. The fund will remain open to applications throughout the year.

Tel: 0345 8508 508

E-mail: funding@sportengland.org

<https://www.sportengland.org/funding/community-asset-fund/>



“Any history of physical activity in your family?”

BBC Children in Need

Small grants of up to £10,000 are available for not-for-profit organisations that are working with children and young people who are 18 years old and younger living in the UK and who are experiencing disadvantage through:

- Illness, distress, abuse or neglect
- Any kind of disability
- Behavioural or psychological difficulties
- Living in poverty/situations of deprivation

The next deadlines for Small Grants are 1st March, 1st June, 1st September and 1st December 2017.

BBC Children In Need also have main grants of over £10,000 are available to support projects for up to three years.

The next deadlines for Main Grants are 1st June (midnight) and 13th September 2017 (midnight).

E-mail: pudseygrants@bbc.co.uk

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/4fJVTzz5QmQx5rx0S4NVg0Q/small-grants>

Bright Ideas Fund – Locality

The Community Business Bright Ideas Fund aims to give community groups the support and tools to start setting up their community business. It also aims to give groups the early stage finance needed to carry out consultation with local people and feasibility studies to develop a community business idea the community wants and needs. A programme of support and grants of up to £20,000 is available to develop your community business idea.

Round 1 of the Bright Ideas Fund is now closed. Round 2 opens in April 2017.

Tel: 0300 020 1864

<http://mycommunity.org.uk/funding-options/bright-ideas-fund/>

New Grant Making Trusts

Law Rocks Foundation

Nicholas Child
Global Construction Practice
Woolgate Exchange
25 Basinghall Street
London
EC2V 5HA

E-mail: nick@lawrocks.org.

Website: www.lawrocks.org.

Charity number: 1171131.

Objects: General charitable purposes.

Area of coverage: Undefined.

Trustees: Sir Vivian Arthur Ramsey; Damian Hickman; Nicholas Child; Ted Scott.

Comments: Founded by Nick Child, Law Rocks promotes music education for underprivileged young people and raises funds for local not for profit organisations by bringing together music performers and the global legal community.

The Craig Hooper Pancreatic Cancer Foundation

Jonathan Coane
c/o Anthony Collins Solicitors LLP
134 Edmund Street
Birmingham
B3 2ES

Charity number: 1171130.

Objects: To provide grants to charities, organisations, other groups and individuals for the purpose of relieving the need of those who are affected by pancreatic cancer (including patients, their families and carers) and such other medical condition as the charity trustees may from time to time decide.

Area of coverage: Undefined.

Trustees: Mrs Catherine Hooper; Mr Jonathan Coane.

Comments: Craig Hooper died on 9 December 2015 after a long illness. Catherine Hooper is his wife.