



NORWICH & NORFOLK
VOLUNTARY SERVICES

Ideas for Funding IT Equipment and Training

Before applying you are advised to contact the funder to check that your project fits with their current criteria.

➤ General trusts and funds

Awards for All – Lottery Grants for Local Groups

Supports: projects which involve people in their local community

Grants: from £500 to £5000 with a simple application form and a quick result

How to apply: an application pack is available from Awards for All, 2nd Floor Elizabeth House, 1 High Street, Chesterton, Cambridge CB4 1YW.

Tel: 01223 449009 Website: www.awardsforall.org.uk

AOL-Innovation in the Community Awards

Supports: Community, voluntary and school related groups wishing to make use of the Internet

Grants: Up to £ 2000

Note: A total of 15 awards available in 2003, deadline 15th June 2003

How to apply: Application Form downloadable from the website or from:

AOL, 80 Hammersmith Road, London W14 8UD

Tel: 020 7348 8390 Website: www.aol.co.uk/innovation

BT Community Connections

Supports: Community and voluntary groups

Grants: One NEC Multimedia personal computer plus £180 towards an internet subscription

How to apply: Application Form online or by post from: BT Community Connections, PO Box 30775, London WC1B 4QE. Website: www.btcommunityconnections.com

M & S Community Involvement Initiative

Supports: Charity/community groups

Grants: From £1,000 to £5,000

How to apply: Application Form from Marks and Spencer plc, Community Involvement, Room D147, Michael House, Baker Street, London W1V 8EP

Tel: 020 7268 4502 Website: www.marksandspencer.co.uk

Vital Villages – Community Services Grants

Supports: Parish/Town Councils, community groups, local churches in rural areas

Grants: £500 to £25,000, up to 75% of the cost.

How to apply: Application Form from Norfolk Rural Community Council, 20, Market Place, Hingham, Norfolk NR9 4AF. Tel: 01953 851408

Age Concern

Supports: Charities and voluntary groups which benefit older people

Grants: Up to £15,000

How to apply: Application Form downloadable from the website or by post from:

Age Concern Grants Unit, Age Concern England, Astral House, 1268 London Road, London SW16 4ER.

Tel: 020 8765 7738 Website: www.ace.org.uk

Local Network Fund

Supports: Voluntary, community and self-help groups which benefit children and young people up to 19 years of age.

Grants: Up to £7,000

How to apply: For a preliminary discussion, telephone Debbie Johnson, Local Network Fund Co-ordinator on 01603 756700.

City/Borough/District Councils

Most Local Councils have limited small grants scheme for voluntary and community groups. Some schemes may apply to groups in one or a group of electoral wards. Contact your local Council for more information.

➤ Gifts in kind

Large IT companies and corporations may have community grant programmes or be willing to donate new or used IT equipment. Their community programmes are usually administered regionally or locally, with employees having a say in distribution.

Try:

Hewlett Packard: www.hp.com or email the UK contact sandy-johnstone@hp.com

IBM: c/o Peter Wilkinson, IBM UK Trust, PO Box 9108, London SW14 8ZN

Dixons: contact your local store

Other companies may be willing to donate gifts in kind or second hand computers and desks. Try using your contacts (Trustees, volunteers, client group) to ask their employers about any possibilities.

➤ Low cost purchasing

Some organisations are set up to sell re-cycled computer equipment at low cost.

Try:

Recycle-IT Ltd, West Norfolk Business Centre, Bergen Way, North Lynn Industrial Estate, King's Lynn PE30 2JH.

Tel: 01553 772524 Website www.recycle-it.ltd.uk

➤ Training

There are sometimes free IT training courses available to encourage better access to information and training for everyone. For information about IT training courses look at the Portfolio Website www.nvo-tds.org.uk or telephone NVS VOLkit on 01603 883813. Information on free courses will be available from your local library.



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