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Introduction

Welcome to the first edition of North East Lincolnshire Council's External Funding Bulletin. The bulletin provides details of new grant, loan or other funding opportunities available to businesses, community organisations and other groups across North East Lincolnshire. The list is not exhaustive and will be updated bi-monthly with more frequent funding alerts as required.

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Business

Name:	Growing the Humber – Regional Growth Fund
What is it?	<p>The Growing the Humber RGF programme is a £30m scheme to unlock business investment, jobs and training opportunities.</p> <p>The programme is seeking applications for the Business Improvement Grant Scheme. Applicants must provide at least £4 of additional funding for every £1 of RGF invested.</p> <p>The Engineering Apprenticeship Scheme has also been launched to provide employers with a grant of £6,000 towards the first year wage costs of new Level 3 engineering apprentice posts.</p>
Who can apply	<p>Business Improvement Grant: employers in the Humber area apart from those in fisheries, aquaculture, shipbuilding and other EU restricted sectors.</p> <p>South Bank Engineering Apprenticeship Scheme: Engineering employers in North Lincolnshire and North East Lincolnshire.</p>
Deadline	N/a
Minimum/maximum bid	Business Improvement Grants: minimum bid level is £20,000 and the maximum is £2,500,000.
Sector	Various
Further details at	<p>Business Improvement Grant: http://www.humberlep.org/business-support/regional-growth-fund/growing-the-humber</p> <p>Engineering Apprenticeships: tel 01472 326142 (North East Lincolnshire Council) /email community.investment@nelincs.gov.uk</p>
Name:	Start-Up Loan Scheme
What is it?	<p>A £112m loan fund for young people aged 18-30 seeking to start a new business.</p> <p>Loans are repaid over a period of up to 5 years and the current interest rate is 6% p.a.</p> <p>Applicants also receive business mentoring, 6 months access to a Regus 'virtual office' package and 2 years access to Intuit online cloud software.</p>
Who can apply	Young people aged 18-30
Deadline	N/a
Minimum/maximum bid	There is no upper limit on lending although the average loan size is £2,500.
Sector	N/a
Further details at	http://www.startuploans.co.uk/

Name:	Innovation Vouchers
What is it?	<p>Round 4 of the Technology Strategy Board's Innovation Voucher scheme is now open.</p> <p>Innovation Vouchers help businesses develop their intellectual property and design new, innovative products or services. Vouchers may be used to meet the cost of external advice/support from an expert (where they are new to the business) rather than to fund general business needs such as training or equipment.</p> <p>The current round is focused on the following sectors/themes – agri-business, energy, waste and water; the built environment; cyber security; and open data innovators.</p>
Who can apply	Small or medium-sized enterprises (with up to 250 employees)
Deadline	24 July 2013
Minimum/maximum bid	Funding of up to £5,000 is available
Sector	Food manufacturing; energy & renewables
Further details at	https://vouchers.innovateuk.org/

Name:	NESTA Impact Investments
What is it?	<p>Nesta Impact Investments makes equity, quasi-equity and debt investments in early stage businesses with growth potential that are based in and supply their products and services to the UK. The fund is managed by Nesta Investment Management LLP which is an arm of Nesta, the independent charity which promotes innovation.</p> <p>Eligible businesses must deliver social as well as economic benefits and address one or more of Nesta's target outcomes including improving the quality of life of older people; improving the physical and mental wellbeing of children and young people; and improving the sustainability of communities.</p>
Who can apply	The fund will be available to early stage, high growth firms throughout the UK.
Deadline	N/a
Minimum/maximum bid	£150,000 to £1,000,000
Sector	N/a
Further details at	http://www.nestainvestments.org.uk/

Housing and regeneration

Name:	Kick Starter Fund
What is it?	<p>The Big Lottery Fund (BIG) has launched the Kick Starter Fund to help social enterprises showcase innovative projects to potential social investors.</p> <p>From May 2013, the Kick Starter Fund will support social enterprises to prepare a social impact report on their activities for potential investors. Projects will also feature on an online platform developed by the Social Stock Exchange to help investors find global social investment opportunities.</p>
Who can apply	Social enterprises and social investors
Deadline	N/a
Minimum/maximum bid	N/a
Sector	Social enterprise
Further details at	http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/global-content/press-releases/england/120313_eng_sse_big-lottery-fund-kick-start

Name:	Heritage Enterprise Programme
What is it?	<p>The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) has launched Heritage Enterprise, a new grant funding programme designed to stimulate local economic growth by unlocking the commercial of unused historic buildings.</p> <p>HLF has committed at least £25 million per annum for the programme over the next five years, which aims to encourage not-for-profit organisations to work with private sector developers to address market failure – where the costs of repair/conversion is significantly more than the value of the completed project.</p>
Who can apply	Not for profit organisations or partnerships led by not for profit organisations
Deadline	Applications are considered every two months by HLF's Board of Trustees; upcoming deadlines are 13 June; 8 August; 17 October.
Minimum/maximum bid	£100,000-£5,000,000
Sector	N/a
Further details at	http://www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/programmes/Pages/Heritage_Enterprise.aspx

Name:	Empty Homes Funding Programme
What is it?	<p>The Nationwide Foundation has established a programme to bring empty housing back into use for people in need.</p> <p>Projects can include both capital and revenue costs and the Foundation will prioritise initiatives providing support for young people not in employment, education and skills.</p>
Who can apply	The Foundation does not support applications from individuals or statutory organisations
Deadline	30 June 2013
Minimum/maximum bid	£15,000-£140,000
Sector	N/a
Further details at	http://www.nationwidefoundation.org.uk/emptyhomes.asp

Name:	Social Outcomes Fund
What is it?	<p>The Cabinet Office has launched the Social Outcomes Fund, a £20m initiative to accelerate the development and implementation of Social Impact Bonds (SIBs).</p> <p>SIBs are designed to reform public service delivery by making payment for services dependent on achieving measurable social outcomes (e.g. improved health, reduced levels of re-offending). SIBs allow commissioners of services to attract private investors to fund early action to address complex social problems. They encourage innovative approaches to service delivery and make it easier for charities/social enterprises to bid for 'payment by results' projects. The Social Outcomes Fund will be used to provide a 'top up' contribution to outcomes-based commissions.</p>
Who can apply	Government departments, local authorities, Clinical Commissioning Groups and other commissioning bodies
Deadline	N/a
Minimum/maximum bid	N/a
Sector	Public sector
Further details at	https://www.gov.uk/social-impact-bonds#sources-of-funding-for-sib-projects

Name:	Community Right to Build Seed Corn Funding
What is it?	<p>Community Right to Build (CRB) was introduced as part of the Localism Act 2011 and enables communities to develop new housing, shops, workspace or other facilities to meet local needs. Communities can submit a proposal for a Community Right to Build Order which will trigger a local referendum; if more than 50% of people voting in the referendum support the CRB Order then the local authority will grant planning permission for the proposed development.</p> <p>The Government has made £17.5m of Seed Corn Funding available over the period from 2012-2015 to support the costs of preparing a Community Right to Build order. The funding is being administered by the Homes and Communities Agency.</p>
Who can apply	Parish Councils or other community based groups who are an appropriate 'body corporate' under the Localism Act 2011.
Deadline	N/a
Minimum/maximum bid	N/a
Sector	Community
Further details at	http://mycommunityrights.org.uk/community-right-to-build/

Sport/arts and culture/community

Name:	Reaching Communities England
What is it?	<p>Reaching Communities invests £100m per annum in community projects which support 'hard to reach' groups or individuals and are developed by and for local people.</p> <p>Both revenue and capital funding is available. Projects tackle a wide range of community needs, including access to training and employment; promoting better health and community safety; and improving community facilities.</p>
Who can apply	Registered charities, voluntary or community groups, schools, not for profit organisations and/or social enterprises
Deadline	N/a
Minimum/maximum bid	£10,000-£500,000 for revenue projects; up to £50,000 for capital projects with a total cost of £200,000 and between £100,000-£500,000 for larger capital projects with a total cost of up to £750,000
Sector	Community
Further details at	http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/global-content/programmes/england/reaching-communities-england

Name:	Parks for People
What is it?	<p>Parks for People provides grants to support the conservation of historic parks or cemeteries across the UK.</p> <p>The programme is managed jointly by the Heritage Lottery Fund and Big Lottery Fund. Up to £26m per annum is available and applicants must commit between 5-10% of funding, dependent the size of the grant they are bidding for.</p>
Who can apply	Not for profit organisations or partnerships led by not for profit organisations
Deadline	Applications are considered twice a year by the HLF/Big Lottery trustees. Next deadlines are 31 August 2013 and 28 February 2014.
Minimum/maximum bid	£100,000-£5,000,000
Sector	Community
Further details at	http://www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/programmes/Pages/ParksforPeople.aspx#.UJEWxW8xqE4

Name:	Community Sport Activation Fund
What is it?	<p>Sport England has launched the £40m Community Sport Activation Fund to help increase and sustain participation in sport by people aged 14 and over.</p> <p>The initiative will support a wide range of projects with a focus on building regular, weekly participation in sport including informal 'taster' sessions and family-oriented activities. Applicants should set out clear and realistic targets for sustaining participation amongst target groups.</p> <p>Applicants should provide up to one-third of project costs; projects will be funded for up to 3 years.</p>
Who can apply	Not for profit organisations or partnerships led by not for profit organisations
Deadline	Round 2 is now open and closes on 1 July 2013; Round 3 will open on 11 November 2013 and closes on 13 January 2014
Minimum/maximum bid	£50,000-£250,000
Sector	Community
Further details at	http://www.sportengland.org/funding/sport_activation_fund.aspx

Name:	Grants for the Arts
What is it?	<p>Arts Council England (ACE) operates the Grants for the Arts programme which aims to engage more people in arts activities and help arts organisations develop their work. ACE will fund a wide range of activity including events, arts commissions, audience development, marketing and educational projects and bursaries/fellowships.</p>
Who can apply	Individuals or organisations working in the arts, including local authorities, voluntary/community organisations or regional/national arts bodies. Businesses, students or organisations that regularly receive funding from Arts Council England may not apply.
Deadline	Applications may be made at any time
Minimum/maximum bid	Individuals may apply for grants of between £1,000-£30,000; organisations can apply for grants of between £1,000-£100,000. Larger awards may be available in exceptional circumstances
Sector	Creative industries
Further details at	http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/apply-for-funding/grants-for-the-arts/



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