



Hertfordshire
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Funding Local Causes

The Grant Funding Landscape and the wider HCF offer

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What I'll cover

- The funding landscape
- Environmental Fund
- Local funding information
- HCF's Training offer.



Funding Landscape



- Funders are experiencing unprecedented levels of demands;
 - Post pandemic needs - Mental Health, isolation and long-term health implications
 - Cost of living crisis
- Growing number of trusts and foundations closing/pausing applications due to overwhelming demand
- Growth in funders specialising into specific priority areas

The Hertfordshire Picture

- Child Poverty – Over 25,000 children live in poverty in Hertfordshire.
 - [The role of free school meals](#)
- Health disparities and Hospital admissions
- Housing challenges
- Education and employment



Demonstrating your impact

- Staying connected with your participants
 - Academic performance
 - Family and home life
 - Physical and mental health
- Demonstrating how you address inequalities
 - Access to resources
 - Access to outdoor space
 - Social cohesion
 - Community Engagement



Local Funders

- Town Council Funds
 - Some are diversifying to focus on the benefit to local residents – even if you are a for-profit company. You will need to demonstrate the not-for-profit nature of your activity
 - Members locality budget
 - Each local councilor has £5k budget
 - Previous success for similar provision in half terms
- District Council programmes
 - Check individual criteria

Local Funders

- Gifts in kind and sponsorship

- Tesco/Asda/Morrison Community Champions

- Selection boxes at Christmas

- Support with snack provision

- Local business

- Usborne partners – providing books/activity resources through Community book pledges

- Craft businesses – demonstrations/craft equipment/ gift vouchers

- Specific sponsorships- asking local business to fund 1 place for a local child to paid provision

National Funders with proven support for Children's Activity Providers



- Hargreaves Foundation – sport and mental health
- Clothworkers Foundation – capital equipment
- National Lottery Awards for All – Administrative costs for outreach work and half term provision
- Groundworks – Tesco Bag's of Help - £500 -£1500 in funding for holiday providers
- Blackmore Foundation – Small grants (usually less than £100) for specific activity provision or gifts
- The YAPP Charitable Trust – only open to small charities under £40k income – core funding

Green Herts – HCF Sustainability Fund

- Are you a voluntary, community or social enterprise organization?
 - Funding for energy efficient capital improvements (up to £1000)
 - Training for staff/volunteers to better understand sustainability
 - Support for senior leaders to create effective strategies and policies
 - 1:1 Consultation time with an environmental sustainability specialist



Training & Development

Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise

- Building effectiveness for Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) sector leaders
 - Applications July each year
 - Charities, charitable companies and community groups
 - Operating for 12months+ and at least 2 non-related board members
- Trustees Conferences and Networking
 - Annual free trustee event for the VCSE sector
- Training Courses including
 - First Aid, Safeguarding, Governance, Fundraising, Impact, Social Media, Finances and Excel.



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Thank you

Any Questions?