



Funding for voluntary and community organisations

A recurring challenge for many voluntary and community groups is having the funds to support their work. This information pack aims to provide you with:

1. An overview on the key funding options you can consider
2. Details on funding advice and where you can get help
3. Options to help you explore this further

Spectrum of funding options

In broad terms there is a spectrum of funding options. Each of these can form part of your overall plan to fund the work you do. Each option will have pros and cons and you will need to plan your approach, taking into account the option/s you feel best meet your needs. These are:

- Grants
- Contracts
- Fundraising
- Earned Income
- Corporate support

The following provides more detail on each option.

Grants

Charitable trusts and foundations

Charitable trusts and foundations are organisations specifically established to distribute money to good causes, so they are an important source of funding for many groups. There are several thousand in the UK; they differ enormously in size and scope and only a few hundred have paid staff. Their main features are: