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Tees Valley Funding Opportunities

Cancer Prevention Grants Scheme (Hartlepool)

Funding: Up to £1,000

Open to: VCSE

Deadline: None specified

Type of funder: NHS

Source: FINE

NHS Hartlepool has set aside funding for small projects which address the following priorities:

- Increasing awareness of cancer signs and symptoms
- Promoting early presentation of cancer signs and symptoms to GP Practices
- Increasing earlier diagnosis of cancer
- Increasing awareness of cancer screening programmes
- Increasing access into Primary Care with signs and symptoms of cancer

Priority will be given to those projects which benefit the more deprived neighbourhoods and/or marginalized communities.

Individuals are eligible for funding but must be sponsored by a group. Where this is the case, a group must apply on the individual's behalf.

Projects should:

- target groups and communities in greatest need
- be based upon evidence of local need
- work in partnership with individuals, communities and organisations
- adopt a community development approach: involving individuals and groups in the identification of needs and planning, delivery and evaluation of initiatives which directly affect them
- address the additional barriers to a healthier life faced by those living in disadvantaged socio-economic and environmental situations
- be sensitive to the diverse needs of 'minority groups', for example racial and cultural differences
- promote personal responsibility and commitment to change behaviour
- be based upon evidence of effective practice
- be adequately resourced to ensure sustainability
- have specific health-related outcomes
- have clear lines of accountability for the organisations responsible for delivery
- be actively monitored and evaluated
- promote the development of an adequately trained workforce

For more information and to apply visit <http://www.hvda.co.uk/funding-for-groups.html>

Dulverton Trust Fund (North East)

Funding: £500 - £5,000

Open to: VCS annual income under £200,000

Deadline: None specified

Type of funder: Charity

Source: FINE

This fund is being administered by the Community Foundation serving Tyne and Wear and Northumberland. Grants are available to community and voluntary groups in Northumberland, Tyne & Wear, County Durham and Tees Valley.

The following activities will be considered:

Youth Opportunities that promote young people and provide opportunities for them to achieve their true potential, including projects that:

- enable young people at risk of offending or exclusion to access education and employment
- offer challenging outdoor activities such as adventure training and sail training that encourage leadership and team spirit
- help children, particularly from urban and suburban areas, to value the countryside

Support for disadvantaged people and communities, and in particular:

- maintaining active living and independence for older people
- strengthening and supporting family relationships
- the welfare of children in disadvantaged families and of children in care
- supporting carers
- the rehabilitation of prisoners and ex-offenders and help for their families to rebuild their lives
- helping young homeless people to move forward
- the welfare of former members of the Armed Forces
- developing tolerance and understanding between faiths

Conservation of wildlife habitats, trees and native woodlands (projects concerned with single species are rarely considered)

Preservation of outstanding historic artefacts and buildings of national importance, and the development of craftsmanship in the traditional techniques of repair and restoration (appeals from individual churches are rarely considered)

Applicants must be able to explain what they will do with the grant, who will benefit and how they know the work will be effective.

For more information and to apply online visit

<http://www.communityfoundation.org.uk/apply>

Flexible Support Fund (Durham Tees Valley District)

Funding: Not specified

Open to: Not-for-profit

Deadline: None – meet fortnightly

Type of funder: Government

Source: Direct / FINE

Jobcentre Plus Durham Tees Valley District wishes to provide grant funds to support the delivery of partnership opportunities which overcome the barriers that customers between the ages of 18 to 24, claiming Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA) or Employment and Support Allowance (ESA), who have not entered the Work Programme, may face when trying to secure sustainable employment. Solutions should be creative, innovative and above all achieve sustainable job outcomes.

There are two elements to the grant funding process:

- Single applications – partners/partnerships submit an application to the fund for specific activity that will help improve employment outcomes across all/part of Durham Tees Valley. These applications will be assessed on an ongoing basis
- Competitive applications – in consultation with key local partnerships, they will also publish application specifications and invite partners to submit proposals against specific criteria

A grant must be made to a recognised Lead Accountable Body who will manage and be accountable for the money on behalf of the partnership. They must be a legal, not for profit entity with auditable accounts and must be determined as eligible based on the Department's Financial Viability and Risk assessment.

For further information contact DTV.FSF@jobcentreplus.gsi.gov.uk

Local Agenda 21 Grant (Darlington)

Funding: Up to £1,000

Open to: VCS

Deadline: None specified

Type of funder: Government

Source: FINE

The Local Agenda 21 Project Grant is designed to support projects which contribute to sustainability. Projects may, for example, minimise or recycle waste, create wildlife habitat, improve existing amenities or raise awareness about a sustainability issue. All voluntary and Community Groups, Parish Councils and Schools can apply.

Applications are determined by a Steering Group reporting to the Darlington Environmental Forum. Priority will be given to applications which contribute to local sustainability, demonstrate value for money and are supported by some level of match funding including volunteer time.

For enquiries and assistance on whether a project will be eligible contact Paula Jamieson on 01325 388920 or email paula.jamieson@darlington.gov.uk.

Market Consultation for the Management and Operation of Children's Centres (Briefing event)

Buyer: Stockton Borough Council

Respond by: N/A

Source: NEPO / FINE

Stockton Borough Council recently concluded a comprehensive review of Children Centres provision in response to changes to government funding and early years strategy. The outcome of the review included an agreed change to the organisation and management of children centres from an in-house to a commissioned Partnership model for a number of centres across the Borough.

The Council would like to share this vision for the future with organisations interested in bidding to run one or more children centres and will be holding a briefing event to provide details of the opportunities and the tender process.

The event: 13th December 2011, 9.30am to 12pm at the Education Centre, Norton Road, Stockton on Tees, TS20 1PR.

Confirm attendance by providing names of the organisation and representatives who wish to attend this event to michelle.jones@stockton.gov.uk

For those who cannot attend the briefing, tender documents will be available from 13th December 2011 at <https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-8P3LCA>

For more information visit this link or contact Michelle Jones on 01642 524987.

Tender opportunity: Domestic Violence Support Service for Hartlepool Communities

Buyer: Hartlepool Council

Respond by: 5th December 2011

Source: NEPO / FINE

Estimated cost: £220,000 - £270,000 per annum

The service will be expected to provide

- safe refuge accommodation and associated advisory and direct support services to reduce the risk to victims and counselling to enable them to move on with their lives
- specialist domestic violence support to families where there are early indications
- specialist support service to address the safety of victims at high risk of harm
- voluntary, structured rolling programme for men who are violent or abusive to their partner

The service is expected to commence 1st April 2012 for three years.

For more information and to respond visit

<https://www.gtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-8NAH9E>

Tender opportunity: Emerging leaders (QMM) programme

Buyer: County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust

Respond by: 5th December 2011

Source: Public Tenders / FINE

A programme proposal is sought from experts in the field of healthcare management and leadership development to become a partner with the NHS North East Leadership Academy. The proposal is to provide the development and delivery of an academically accredited blended learning opportunity. The aim of the programme is to support healthcare managers from across the North East of England to develop core skills and behaviours to implement the quality innovation productivity and prevention (QIPP) agenda. This provision will be delivered in partnership with the NHS NE Leadership Academy, whose remit is to developing leaders and managers to maximise capability and capacity to improve services to the patients and communities of the North East.

Potential suppliers are invited to express interest by visiting the following link

<http://events.transaxions.com/service.aspx?event=6241> Source:
<http://www.publictenders.net/tender/125258>

Tender opportunity: Meadowfield House Extra Care Scheme

Buyer: Stockton Borough Council

Respond by: 19th December 2011

Source: NEPO / FINE

The Extra Care Housing Scheme, created by Tees Valley Housing (TVH) in partnership with Stockton Council, offers a new way for residents who meet certain eligibility criteria to live in their own home. The appointed agency will work in close partnership with the Landlord in relation to maintenance and housing support issues and with the Council's Commissioning Team in terms of the homecare services. The scheme will cater for a mixture of able and less able tenants aged 55 or over who need help with daily living tasks and/or personal care and housing support who may be physically or mentally frail and eligible for social services.

The hourly rate for this scheme will be agreed through the tendering process led by the Health and Social Care Team but will not exceed the current Home Care rate of £10.76 per hour due to known efficiency savings available within this particular model of care.

For more information and to respond visit

<https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-8NPM3M>

Tender opportunity: Throston Community Centre - Lease

Buyer: Hartlepool Council

Respond by: 9th December 2011

Source: NEPO / FINE

This is a tender for the lease of Throston Community Centre.

- The Centre is a single storey brick built building comprising of a large hall, dining/kitchen area, office and WC's (including disabled)
- The property does not benefit from designated parking but there is free parking in the area
- The property is suitable for a variety of purposes including a nursery, youth club, community association or similar uses subject to any necessary consents

Rateable Value is £2,900 (obtained from the Valuation Office Agency). The business multiplier for 2011/2012 is 43.3p. Rates payable for the year 2011/12 will therefore be £ x 43.3p = £1255.70 less any relief that might be applicable.

For more information and to respond visit

<https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-8P2EL8>

Other Funding Opportunities

Advice Services Fund (England)

Funding: £40,000 - £70,000 for service delivery

Open to: Not yet specified

Deadline: Not yet specified

Type of funder: Government

Source: Third Sector / FINE

The Cabinet Office has announced that a £16.8m fund for free advice services in England will be delivered by the Big Fund, the non-lottery arm of the Big Lottery Fund. The fund will open for applications by the end of November and will provide grants to organisations providing debt, welfare benefits, employment and housing advice services. Applicants will have to provide advice in at least one of the four areas and be able to evidence public funding cuts of at least 10 per cent for those advice service areas from central and local government sources in 2011/12.

More information will be available soon here:

http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_advice_services_fund?regioncode=-uk

Britannia Building Society (UK)

Funding: See text

Open to: VCSE

Deadline: None

Type of funder: Charity / Company

Source: Funding Insight / FINE

Registered Charities and Schools, working within education and seeking funding specifically for numeracy and/or financial literacy projects, can apply to the Britannia Building Society Foundation for grants of between £1,000 and £25,000.

In addition voluntary groups, charities and schools can apply for grants of up to £1,000 through the Britannia Community Fund. The Community Fund will support any voluntary organisation, school or charity working within Foundations key priorities of numeracy and/or - financial literacy, that operate within a local community where the Building Society has a high density of members. This Fund also supports individual customers wishing to achieve personal development goals that support the fund's key priorities with a donation of up to £100. For more information visit

<http://www.britannia.co.uk/site/corporate/in-the-community/community-fund.html>

Applications are available on request by e-mailing

charitable.foundation@britannia.co.uk or telephoning on 01538 391806.

Developing Social Enterprise Ambassadors programme (England)

Funding: Up to £10,000

Open to: Providers from the Further Education and Skills sector that are funded through the Skills Funding Agency and/or the Young People's Funding Agency

Deadline: 5th December 2011

Type of funder: Charity

Source: FINE

This programme aims promote greater collaboration between learning and skills providers and the social enterprise sector through establishing social enterprise ambassadors within learning and skills provider organisations, and for the sector to learn from the sector.

Learning and Skills Improvement Service (LSIS) is offering grants to learning and skills providers to develop a programme to identify and develop social enterprise ambassadors, and to cascade this learning to other providers by hosting delivery of the programme to a cohort of people drawn from the Further Education (FE) and skills sector.

Social enterprise ambassadors would be the first point of contact within an organisation for staff and/or learners interested in social enterprises. They could also work with tutors to look at ways that the social enterprise theme could be embedded within the mainstream curriculum.

FE and skills providers will receive a grant to develop a programme of learning on the theme of social enterprise. The provider will then be expected to run the programme with potential social enterprise ambassadors within their own organisation, together with hosting delivery of the programme to a number of partner providers.

The programme should include the following themes, but ideally would go beyond:

- What is a social enterprise?
- Social enterprise legal structures and governance
- Case studies of social enterprise within the learning and skills sector
- Study visit to a live social enterprise
- Next steps – opportunities within your own organisations

Providers should outline in their application how the project will benefit their own organisation and the wider community. Organisations submitting proposals should ideally have some experience of social enterprise, or a strategic objective to develop social enterprise principles within their organisation.

For more information and to access application material visit

<http://www.lsis.org.uk/WorkingWithLSIS/Opportunities/funding-Opportunities/Pages/default.aspx>

Farming and Forestry Improvement Scheme (England)

Funding: £2,500 - £25,000. Capital. Total fund £20m until December 2013.

Open to: See text

Deadline: 17th January 2012

Type of funder: Government

Source: Grants Online / FINE

Farming, forestry and horticultural businesses that wish to improve their efficiency at using resources have the opportunity to apply for funding. This scheme aims to help make rural businesses more profitable and resilient whilst reducing the impact of farming on the environment. The grants are for capital items and the grant rate available is up to 40% in non upland areas, and up to 50% in upland areas. To be eligible project must fall within one of the following key areas of activity:

- Nutrient Management
- Energy Efficiency
- Water Resource Management
- Animal Health and Welfare
- Forestry

For more information and to apply visit

<http://rdpenetwork.defra.gov.uk/funding-sources/farm-and-forestry-improvement-scheme>

Government to give employers power over skills training (UK)

Source: FINE

The Government has announced that businesses will be given the power to design, develop and purchase the vocational training programme they need via a new £250 million fund. In the New Year employers will be invited to bid for a share of the new government fund. It will route public investment directly to employers – enabling them to invest in the training they need. The move is designed to boost economic growth and ensure that the UK workforce has the skills that businesses require. Funding for 2012/13 will be up to £50m, with an additional £200m in the second year - subject to evidence of high-quality proposals from employers and ongoing evaluation. It will test different approaches, come up with new ways of engaging employees and potential employees, other firms and their supply chains to develop new ways of investing in skills, and working with the further education and skills sector. It will be open to collaborative proposals from businesses of all sizes and from all sectors. Bids will need to demonstrate how public investment will leverage private investment, support Apprenticeships and show a commitment to raising skills levels in their sector or supply chain. Government expects to issue a formal prospectus early in 2012 so that projects can begin later in the year.

<http://nds.coi.gov.uk/content/detail.aspx?NewsAreaId=2&ReleaseID=422089&SubjectId=2>

Growing Places Fund (England)

Funding: See text

Open to: Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs)

Deadline: 20th December 2011

Type of funder: Government

Source: Grants Online / FINE

The aim of the new Growing Places Fund is to help boost economic growth by getting the required infrastructure built. The Growing Places Fund can be used to establish revolving funds to take forward a range of projects that can help facilitate economic growth, jobs and housebuilding in the local area, providing returns which can be re-invested locally. Through this, local enterprise partnerships will be able to offer secure funding to developers in their area, making it quicker for projects to get off the ground but also securing a return on that investment for the local area.

Types of projects could include the following:

- Early development of strategic link roads and access works to unlock major mixed-use developments, enabling the delivery of homes and commercial space – leading to the creation of jobs and securing private investment
- Provision of flood storage capacity to enable development of homes, employment space and retail space
- Works to improve local connectivity and reduce congestion through interventions such as extending dual carriageways, enabling developments to be taken forward sustainably

The total fund amounts to £500m – indicative allocations to our region are:

- North Eastern Local Enterprise Partnership - £16,712,905
- Tees Valley - £5,694,058

For more information visit

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/regeneration/growingplacesfund>

Impact Investment Fund (UK)

Source: FINE

Deutsche Bank has launched a £10m social investment fund, the first investment bank to create a UK fund dedicated to supporting social projects with a financial return. The Bank's Impact Investment Fund will operate as a fund of funds working with portfolio managers to channel investment into sustainable social businesses over the next three years, aiming to generate a return that more than covers its costs over the next 10 years.

The aim of the fund is to develop businesses that have the potential to grow profitably while providing local communities with social benefits such as employment, education and training. Bankers will also work alongside the funds to give financial advice to social entrepreneurs.

Investments will be centred around three of the Bank's five global CSR pillars: education, sustainability and social investments.

Deutsche Bank made an initial social investment in September last year, contributing to Big Issue's flagship fund, whose investments include Jamie Oliver's Fifteen Foundation, training disadvantaged young people as chefs, and Hackney Community Transport, which has brought on local long-term unemployed people as bus drivers.

For more information on the fund, contact graham.hodgkin@db.com.
http://www.db.com/unitedkingdom/content/en/deutsche_bank_impact_investment_fund_1.html

Lloyds TSB Enterprise Awards (England, Scotland and Wales)

Funding: See text

Open to: Individuals

Deadline: 30th January 2012

Type of funder: Partnership

Source: Grants Online / FINE

The Lloyds Banking Group has announced the launch of a new awards programme, to search for the small business star ups that are emerging through Universities.

To be eligible applicants must:

- have founded, or co-founded, your own business,
- be either currently a student, or you have graduated in the past five years,
- be 18 years of age or over,
- have a business is based in England, Scotland or Wales,
- have a business that has been trading for more than one year

Organised by Lloyds TSB Commercial and supported by the National Consortium of University Entrepreneurs (NACUE), the Awards offer prize packages to help nurture and grow businesses including

- an overall cash investment of £50,000 to the national best enterprise
- cash investment prizes of up to £5,000 in the initial heats
- enhanced mentoring support packages at regional and national level
- business networking and promotional opportunities

The search will take place across England, Scotland and Wales with two awards – Best Enterprise and Best Start Up. A series of regional heats will be then be held, with winners of both awards in each heat to be announced in February 2012. The regional winners will then move forward into a national final, in March 2012, where they will compete for national titles.

For more information and to apply visit

<http://www.lloydstsbenterpriseawards.com/>

Next Steps (England)

Funding: £40,000 - £1,000,000 investment

Open to: VCSE

Deadline: 14th December 2011

Type of funder: Lottery

Source: FINE

Big Lottery Fund (BIG) has announced investment of £6m that will develop the social investment market and further explore its potential to help tackle issues facing communities and individuals most in need.

Through the '**Next Steps: Supporting Social Investment in England**' fund, BIG is interested in funding:

- Investment ready proposals – to set up a social investment vehicle that will achieve outcomes for people in need
- 'Nearly there proposals' – to complete the development of a social investment vehicle that will achieve outcomes for people in need
- Pilots – to test out a social investment concept and/or establish its feasibility

Proposals will need to achieve both the following outcomes to be considered for funding:

- improving the lives of communities and people most in need through the development of robust social investment vehicles
- learning more about social investment 'in practice'

By '**social investment vehicle**' they mean a specific financial product (for example, a social impact bond) or fund (for example, a portfolio of loans). This funding is focused on the development of specific vehicles, as they are interested in developing and learning about how newer and more complex forms of social investment can address issues faced by those most in need. It is therefore not about things like one-off loans, though supporting these may form part of their longer term strategy in this area.

The full call for proposals gives more information and can be viewed here:

<http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/next-steps-callforproposalsguide-151111.pdf> Visit the fund's page here: www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/nextsteps

SUBWAY Healthy Heart Grants (UK)

Funding: Up to £10,000

Open to: VCSE

Deadline: 31st January 2012 (opens 1st December)

Type of funder: Charity / Company

Source: Funding Insight / FINE

Heart Research UK (HRUK) is inviting applications through their new SUBWAY/HRUK Healthy Heart Grants for projects that actively promote heart health or reduce the risk of heart disease.

When selecting award winners, the selection panel will look, first and foremost at how strong the Healthy Heart message is and how actively it is being promoted through the activities. If the heart focus is strong throughout, the selection panel will then also consider:

- how innovative the project is in terms of activities offered and target audience
- the feasibility of the proposed project
- evidence of appropriate skills & experience to run the project
- value for money
- monitoring and evaluation of impact on heart health
- publicity opportunities

This programme is for original, innovative heart health projects and not for general healthy lifestyle projects. Projects must focus on and actively promote heart health throughout. Projects that are not specifically for heart health will not be considered. Competition is very high and the success rate is currently around 1 in 20. Projects typically run for 12 months.

For more information visit

<http://www.heartresearch.org.uk/grants/subwayhhg>

or contact on 0113 297 6206 / lifestyle@heartresearch.org.uk

Tees Valley Funding Information

ESF Community Grants delays

Source: TVCF / Direct / FINE

The ESF Community Grants scheme has been delayed, due to awaiting clarification from the Skills Funding Agency (SFA) on eligibility. The Foundation was informed by SFA that eligible groups must have an income of under £200,000, which meant that many groups who had already applied for Round 1 were then ineligible.

County Durham Community Foundation, in partnership with the Community Foundation serving Tyne & Wear and Northumberland, the Tees Valley Community Foundation and the Acumen Development Trust, won the contract to deliver a £1.4million programme across the North East from 2011-2013. The fund provides up to £12,000 to groups undertaking activities including help with basic skills, work experience, training advice and guidance, job search assistance, confidence building, personal development and support to overcome barriers to training and employment.

Round 2 deadline for applications: **26th January 2012**

Round 3 deadline for applications: **26th April 2012**

For more information **and to apply:**

Darlington – <http://www.cdcf.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/grants-for-groups/esf-community-grants-2011-2013>

Tees Valley – <http://www.teesvalleyfoundation.org/grants/european-social-fund-community-grants/>

Other Funding Information

Northern Rock Foundation & Virgin Money

Source: Third Sector / FINE

Virgin Money is buying Northern Rock and has pledged to extend the commitment that 1 per cent of the bank's pre-tax profits will go to the Northern Rock Foundation until 2013.

The Government agreed to sell Northern Rock plc to Virgin Money for £747m. The Foundation is supported by Northern Rock with 1 per cent of its pre-tax profits; this is a two-year rolling agreement from January 2011, to be reviewed annually. Virgin Money said it would extend this agreement to the end of 2013.

A spokesman for Virgin Money said that this would give it time to agree with the foundation how they will work together in the future.

http://www.thirdsector.co.uk/bulletin/third_sector_daily_bulletin/article/1104923/virgin-money-extends-funding-commitment-northern-rock-foundation/

Social impact research

Source: Third Sector / FINE

According to a new paper from the Third Sector Research Centre, social impact measurement is often being imposed on charities by funders and can be seen as a way to exert control.

"Social Impact Evaluation as an Entrepreneurial Process", published last week, analyses social impact evaluation and examines what motivates organisations to measure their social impact and how different stakeholders influence the evaluation process. The paper found that pressure from grant-making agencies was the most common motivation for organisations to measure their impact. It says that organisations had recently noticed a significant change in how funders and commissioners were talking about evaluations. One organisation told researchers that local authorities used to specify what information they wanted, but now they also specified the tools they should use. The paper also found that there was "much discretion" in how the data was being used.

http://www.thirdsector.co.uk/bulletin/third_sector_daily_bulletin/article/1105066/research-finds-funders-put-pressure-charities-measure-social-impact/

Events and Training

Better Together: Collaboration information session for the Children, Young People and Families VCS

When: 6th December 2011, 1 – 3pm

Where: Disability North, Newcastle

Cost: Free

This is for North East VCSE organisations delivering on the children, young people & families agenda who

- want to know more about consortia models and how they work
- need to save money, network with other organisations and access bigger and better funding opportunities
- are interested in learning more about working collaboratively with other similar organisations
- are interested in accessing further support to help them work collaboratively and tender for contracts

To book a place contact Andrea I'Anson by email:

Andrea@childrenengland.org.uk. For further information contact Francesca

Magog: Francesca@childrenengland.org.uk.

Community-based building tour

When: 8th December 2011

Where: Newcastle

Cost: Free

This is a one-day event for groups at an early stage in developing a building and would like ideas on how to progress.

The tour will showcase a variety of community-based buildings around Newcastle (the tour is open to anyone, however; it is not restricted to Newcastle groups).

Delegates will be able to:

- speak to a design professional about projects
- learn from those who have completed a community building project
- gain a better understanding of the design process
- take away inspiration and design ideas

For more information and to book visit

www.theglasshouse.org.uk/training-and-events or call Hannah Gibbs on 020 7490 4583.

Closing dates

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5 Dec	Developing Social Enterprise Ambassadors programme http://www.isis.org.uk/WorkingWithLSIS/Opportunities/funding-Opportunities/Pages/default.aspx
5 Dec	Tender opportunity: Domestic Violence Support Service for Hartlepool Communities https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-8NAH9E
5 Dec	Tender opportunity: Emerging leaders (QMM) programme http://www.publictenders.net/tender/125258
9 Dec	Tender opportunity: Throston Community Centre - Lease https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-8P2EL8
14 Dec	Next Steps http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/next-steps-callforproposalsguide-151111.pdf
19 Dec	Tender opportunity: Meadowfield House Extra Care Scheme https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-8NPM3M
20 Dec	Growing Places Fund http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/regeneration/growingplacesfund

2012:

17 Jan	Farming and Forestry Improvement Scheme Deadline http://rdpenetwork.defra.gov.uk/funding-sources/farm-and-forestry-improvement-scheme
26 Jan	European Social Fund Community Grants Round Two Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar & Cleveland and Stockton-on-Tees: http://www.teesvalleyfoundation.org/grants/european-social-fund-community-grants/ Darlington: http://www.cdcf.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/grants-for-groups/esf-community-grants-2011-2013
30 Jan	Lloyds TSB Enterprise Awards Deadline http://www.lloydstsbenterpriseawards.com/
31 Jan	SUBWAY Healthy Heart Grants http://www.heartresearch.org.uk/grants/subwayhhg
26 Apr	European Social Fund Community Grants Round Three Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar & Cleveland and Stockton-on-Tees: http://www.teesvalleyfoundation.org/grants/european-social-fund-community-grants/ Darlington: http://www.cdcf.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/grants-for-groups/esf-community-grants-2011-2013