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What we do; Connecting People, and Growing Communities
How we do this;

SUPPORT	To the most vulnerable in society
ACTION	Inspiring people to action in our communities
RESOURCE	Group Support: advice, funding/grants, training
VOLUNTEER	Connecting people to help their community

Find out more at www.communitycvs.org.uk

What I want to talk about today

1. Value of Small (this is national small charities week – but also apply to community groups, social enterprises, etc.)
2. What CVS is doing to lobby for more resources for small charities
3. Overview of Current Funding Opportunities

Value of Small

(Sheffield University led research)

- Vital part of everyday life but more likely to be adversely affected by cuts to public sector budgets
- Distinctive offer
 - First responders; hyper-local; offer safe spaces; inclusive & promote belonging
- Distinctive approach
 - Person centred and responsive; embedded, trusted & long term presence; open door & non-judgemental; quick decision-making.
- Distinctive position
 - Extent & nature of local networks & relationships; stabilising role ('the glue'); and, undertake advocacy work for the individuals.

Added Value

- Use more volunteers - local and with 'lived' experience
- Funding leverage (attract resources into the locality)
- Embeddness in local organisational and social networks

Part Two: Lobbying for resources

1. CVS is part of a national alliance lobbying the Government and the main political parties to create a Community Wealth Fund.
2. CVS is lobbying the NHS & health & social care system to include support for small charities and grants within emerging social prescribing schemes within Blackburn with Darwen.

Community Wealth Fund

- Launch today a local campaign to support the national Community Wealth Fund Alliance and our role as a champion for the Alliance
- Release £billions of pounds in dormant assets being held by insurance companies & others
- Use the funds to invest in the poorest communities that have been left behind
- Please sign up and join the campaign at www.bit.ly/CommunityWealthFund

NHS – Social Prescribing

Social Prescribing is non clinical interventions that can help residents to improve their health and well-being (which will support what GPs and health and social care professionals do). We are calling for

- Development support to help you to maximise grant funding opportunities
- Volunteer support to help you recruit and train volunteers
- Grants to help you to help residents improve their health and well-being

Part Three: Overview of Current Funding Opportunities

- Local Funding Opportunities
 - CVS BwD Community Fund; Big Local SwW
 - Brian Mercer Charitable Trust
 - WEA – ESF Community Grant
- National Funding Opportunities
 - Postcode Lottery; Henry Smith Charity; Children in Need.
- Where can you find out more?
 - <https://www.idoxopen4community.co.uk/bwdc>

Local: BwD Community Fund (volunteer only groups – no paid staff)

- Managed by CVS Community Fund
- Up to £500 revenue; up to £500 equipment
- Deadlines for next rounds:
 - 15th July 2019 12.00 noon
 - 23rd September 2019 12.00 noon
- Overall pot: £60,000
- Forms available at:

<http://www.communitycvs.org.uk/resource/funding-resources/blackburn-with-darwen-community-fund/>

Local: Big Local Shadsworth with Whitebirk

(volunteer only groups: no paid staff)

- Grants up to £1000
- Deadlines
 - Friday 5th July 2019; Friday 06th September 2019
 - Friday 08th November 2019; Friday 10th January 2020
- Total Pot available: £18,000
- Forms available at:

<http://www.communitycvs.org.uk/resource/funding-resources/big-local-shadsworth-with-whitebirk/>

Local: Brian Mercer Charitable Trust

- Normal Grant Size: around £10k
- Give £80k per year to Blackburn causes – also fund the arts (£120k per year) and prevention of human suffering (£600k per year).
- Deadlines
 - Next deadline 08th Sept 2019
- Information available at:

<http://www.brianmercercharitabletrust.org/>

Local: WEA ESF Community Grants

- Grants up to £20,000 (total amount £782k for Lancashire)
- Focus: supporting people to improve their employability
- Organisation Size: less than 12 FTE staff & £500k turnover; operating minimum of 12 months
- Deadlines
 - Round 2 (August 2019); Round 3 (Jan 2020); R4 (Apr 2020)
- Information and Forms available:

<https://www.wea.org.uk/lancashire-esf-community-grants-2019-2021>

National: People's Postcode Lottery

- Focus: promoting human rights; poverty prevention; tackling discrimination
- Grants up to £2k or £20k for registered charities
- Deadlines
 - Round 2 Stage 1 – 14th August 2019 4pm
 - Round 2 Stage 2 – 25th September 2019 4pm
- Forms and Information:

<http://www.postcodetrust.org.uk/>

National: Henry Smith Charity

- Grants: £20k to £60k per annum (for 3 years)
- Focus: Improving Lives or Strengthening Communities
- Organisational Size £50k to £2million
- Deadlines
 - No deadlines but responses in 6 months
- Forms and other information:

<https://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/>

National: Children in Need Small Grants

- Focus disadvantaged children and young people
- Grant amount: up to £10k per year for 3 years
- Deadlines
 - 2ND Sept 2019; 2nd December 2019
- Information

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/Whd5lqf4RZ3xhL63G9Xmc/small-grants-what-you-need-to-know>

Want to find out about other grants?

- Please register and use the BwD Funding Portal – Blackburn with Darwen Council 4 Community

<https://www.idoxopen4community.co.uk/bwdc>