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£2.5 million funds to boost community-led services

Small grassroots community groups including neighbourhood organisations, parishes and local voluntary groups set to get funding boost.

Small grassroots community groups including neighbourhood organisations, parishes and local voluntary groups are set to get a direct funding boost of £2.5 million from the government today (9 December 2016).

The new '[Communities Fund](#)' is being launched to help local people who are struggling to manage. It will be targeted depending on local pressures, and could be used to help those facing domestic abuse, to provide support for disabled children's services or to support those facing long-term unemployment.

Alongside grants of £70,000 or more, grassroots organisations will benefit from expert advice from the local government sector, training from a 'grassroots network' and advice on evaluating the success of their services.

Communities Minister Andrew Percy said:

"Local grassroots community groups are best placed to understand the challenges in their local neighbourhoods and reaching those who need their help.

"This new multi-million pound fund will go direct to those groups of people who are struggling to manage, including those facing domestic abuse or long-term unemployment.

"I'd urge small groups to come forward and bid for this cash from today and they will also get expert advice from a network of other grassroots organisations"

How do community-led solutions work?

Today's fund will be available for community groups including neighbourhood associations, parish councils and charities to work closely with councils and deliver new services that help those with multiple needs in their communities.

Please visit the [Gov.uk website](#) for more information and to apply for The Communities Fund.

Please send completed bid forms by 16 January 2017 to CommunitiesFund@communities.gsi.gov.uk

The #iwill Fund

New fund launched to support youth social action



The #iwill Fund aims to transform the culture of community engagement and social action among 10-20 year olds. Funding is available for regional and national organisations that develop opportunities for young people to participate in social action.

The first three match-funders have been announced that will distribute the funds from a central investment pot created by the Government and Big Lottery Fund. To find out more about applying check out the organisations below.

- [Pears Foundation](#) will be supporting activity within education, health and social care as well as scaling and supporting successful models to grow or sustain.
- [UK Community Foundations](#) will create small grants for local social action opportunities through their network of 43 Community Foundations across England.
- [Comic Relief](#) will develop opportunities for young people from areas and backgrounds currently least likely to participate; working in co-production with young people over the next few months to design the initiative to launch in Spring 2017.

To find more please click [here](#).

£18,000 Grants To Fund New Websites For Charities

The [Transform Foundation](#) has recently launched a new grant programme, which will be providing £18,000 grants to a select number of non-profits, to fund the design and build of a new website for them. The grant will include a range of cutting edge tools for engaging with supporters and service users as well as the costs of the strategy, design and training required to get the website up and running. The grant programme is mostly focused on non-profits with between £0.5m - £20m annual income, although organisations outside of this range are welcome to apply.

You can apply for the grant [here](#).

Or discover more information about it on the Transform Foundation website [here](#).

Barnet Giving Fund



Deadline for applications is 5pm on Friday 13th January 2017.

The Barnet Giving Fund is a small grants fund of the Barnet Giving initiative, a local giving scheme for local people to give time, skills and money in support of local causes.

Barnet Giving brings together local people, communities, charities and businesses to help themselves and use life experiences to make things better for their neighbourhoods and communities. It is led by two Barnet charities, Inclusion Barnet and CommUNITY Barnet.

Grants of between £1,000 and £5,000 will be available. To apply please click [here](#).