

South West

(Bath & North East Somerset, Bournemouth, Bristol, Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Gloucestershire, Isles of Scilly, North Somerset, Plymouth, Poole, Somerset, South Gloucestershire, Swindon, Torbay, Wiltshire)

This regional information includes regional offices of funding bodies, government and agencies. They all have a role which involves the Voluntary and Community Sector. Some offer direct funding. Some act as a coordinating body for provision of regional and local services. Some merely offer help and advice to those providing services. Not all of these will offer funding at any particular time.

There are regional pages for each England region. Where possible regional information is given on each of these pages. Where regional information is complex links are given to websites which can provide information and contacts relevant to your area.

Help and advice in your region

Local Infrastructure Organisation (LIO)

LIOS (Council for Voluntary Service, Voluntary Action, Community Action) give help and support to the Voluntary and Community Sector in local areas of the UK. Most areas are covered by their services. The level of service each LIO offers varies but they will be able to either help you themselves with local funding advice or direct you to services in your area that can help you.

To contact your local LIO go to the NAVCA website <http://webdb.navca.org.uk/liodir/home.aspx> to find their details. Your local LIO or Council will be able to tell you how you can find out about grants from local trusts, your local council and other local sources.

Sources of funding

Below are details of regional funding including Regional Government agencies, Lottery and other National Funder's Regional Offices as well as funders based in the Region.

Rural Community Councils

Rural Community Councils (RCCs) are county based charities working to improve the quality of life of local communities and particularly disadvantaged people in rural England. The Countryside Agency funds each RCC to provide direct support and advice to rural communities and organisations.

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The Countryside Agency provides funding to each RCC through an annual service level agreement. With this support, RCCs can offer rural communities:

- sources of local funding and advice on how to put together funding bids, including how to bid for Countryside Agency grant programmes such as Vital Villages, Doorstep Greens and the Local Heritage Initiative
- support and advice for village hall committees
- their expertise and practical support to develop community capacity
- help to strengthen parish councils
- share good practice about what other local community successes and activities

Rural Community Councils in the region are:

Community Action for Bath and North East Somerset, North Somerset & South Gloucestershire, Church House, 74 Long Aston Road, Long Ashton, North Somerset, BS41 9LE

Tel: 01275 393837, Fax: 01275 394563, Website: www.community-action.org.uk

Cornwall Rural Community Council, 9a River Street, Truro, Cornwall, TR1 2SQ

Tel: 01872 273952, Fax: 01872 241511, Website: www.cornwallrcc.co.uk

Community Council of Devon, County Hall, Topsham Road, Exeter, Devon, EX2 4QB

Tel: 01392 382533, Fax: 01392 382062, Website: www.devonrcc.org.uk

Community Council for Somerset, Victoria House, Victoria Street, Taunton, Somerset, TA1 3JZ

Tel: 01823 331222, Fax: 01823 323652, Website: www.somersetrcc.org.uk

Dorset Community Action, Community House, The Barracks, Bridport Road, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 1YG

Tel: 01305 250921, Fax: 01305 216420, Website: www.dorsetcommunityaction.org.uk

Gloucestershire Rural Community Council, Community House, 15 College Green, Gloucester, GL1 2LZ

Tel: 01452 528491, Fax: 01452 528493, Website: www.grcc.org.uk

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Community First

WyndhamsSt Joseph's Place

Bath Road

Devizes

Wiltshire

SN10 1DD

Tel:01380 722475

Fax:01380 728476

Website: www.communityfirst.org.uk

Website: www.countryside.gov.uk/VitalVillages/social_capital/rcc_contacts.asp

Community Foundations

Community Foundations are charitable trusts that support local community causes. Their role is to manage donor funds and build endowment as well as make grants to charities and community groups, linking local donors with local needs. Created by and for local people they help donors express their long-term interest in an area and its needs. Community foundations have been active in the UK since the 1980s and a rapidly growing network of approximately 60 foundations is now established across the country. About 90% of the UK population has access to a community foundation.

To find your local Community Foundation go to the Community Foundations Network Website:

www.communityfoundations.org.uk

Community Foundation Network

Arena House

66-68 Pentonville Road

London

N1 9HS

Tel: 020 7713 9326

Fax: 020 7713 9327

Email: network@communityfoundations.org.uk

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Government

Local Government

Your Local Authority (Council) will have funds for the Voluntary and Community Sector. This funding is often in small pots within different departments. They may not have a complete picture of what is available and it is best to ask for help within a particular department. Key departments that often have responsibility for funds are Culture & Leisure, Education, Environment, Health & Social Care, Housing, Regeneration.

You can find the Local Authority for your area at Website: www.direct.gov.uk/DI1/Directories/LocalCouncils/fs/en

You will find contact address, phone numbers and links to their Website.

Similarly there are often small pots of funds for the Voluntary and Community Sector held by Town Councils and Parish Councils.

Town Councils

You can also find your town council at Website: www.direct.gov.uk/DI1/Directories/LocalCouncils/fs/en

You will find contact address and phone numbers and links to their Website.

Parish Councils

Parish councils are listed by Tagish at Website: www.tagish.co.uk/tagish/links/parish.htm

Some Parish Councils have Websites. They may be listed at: www.parish-council.com/fulllist.asp or search using Google Website: www.google.co.uk

Local Authorities often have funding advisors or community workers to help you who will know more about the funding available. You can also get help to find local government funding from your LIO (see above).

Local Government is buying in more of its services from the Voluntary and Community Sector under contract.

The Local Compact

The Compact is the agreement between government and the voluntary and community sector in England to improve their relationship for mutual advantage.

By building better relationships the Compact can help government and the voluntary and community sector work better together for the communities they serve.

Local Compacts are being drawn up for dealings between local and regional government and the voluntary sector. These can be downloaded from the regional pages of the Compact Website: http://www.thecompact.org.uk/C2B/document_tree/ViewACategory.asp?CategoryID=141

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Change Up

From the outset the regional ChangeUp programme has been managed through the nine Government Offices in England. These have devolved the management of aspects of the programme to various local VCS agencies. From April 2006 management of the programme will be through the new Capacity Builders Agency, led by sector expertise.

See Website: <http://www.changeup.org.uk/regions/index.asp> and contact your regional Government Office for further information (see below).

Government Office for the South West

The Government Office represents Central Government in the region; it also feeds back the region's views to Whitehall.

They aim to work with regional partners and local people to increase the prosperity of the region, promote sustainable development and tackle social exclusion.

They will be able to put you into contact with those agencies which deal with local European funding schemes such as Global Grants and Co-Financing and Government funding such as Community Champions, Community Learning Chests and Neighbourhood Renewal Community Chests. (See also www.governmentfunding.org.uk)

Government Office for the South West, Bristol, 2 Rivergate, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6EH

Tel: 0117 900 1700

Fax: 0117 900 1900

Plymouth, Mast House, Shepherds Wharf, 24 Sutton Road, Plymouth, PL4 0HJ

Tel: 01752 635 000

Fax: 01752 227 647

Truro, Castle House, Pydar Street, Truro, Cornwall TR1 2UJ

Tel: 01872 264 500

Fax: 01872 264 503

Their switchboards are open between 830 and 1700 (Monday - Friday)

Email: Contactus.gosw@go-regions.gsi.gov.uk

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Part of their work is to co-ordinate funding from the European Community. Contact them at:
European Funding Team (Plymouth)

Government Office for the South West

Mast House, Shepherds Wharf, 24 Sutton Road, Plymouth, Devon, PL4 0HJ

Fel: 01752 63 5032, Fax: 01752 63 5090

Email: swgosw.esf@gosw.gsi.gov.uk, Website: <http://www.gosw.gov.uk/>

Their website provides links to many other agencies serving the South West

Global Grants

Global Grants is money that comes from both local and district partnerships and European Social Funds. Global Grants will help people in the target groups to increase their confidence, motivation and skills and have a better chance of getting work.

To find out more about Global Grants in your region contact your regional Government Office.

South West of England Regional Development Agency

The South West of England Regional Development Agency was established in 1999. Their most important role is to ensure the long-term economic success of the region.

Corporate Headquarters

South West of England Regional Development Agency, Corporate Headquarters, Sterling House, Dix's Field, EXETER, Devon, EX1 1QA

Tel: 01392 214 747

Fax: 01392 214 848

Email: enquiries@southwestrda.org.uk

Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly

Stephen Bohane, Head of Operations, South West of England Regional Development Agency, Castle House, Pydar Street, TRURO, Cornwall TR1 2UJ

Tel: 01872 243 750

Fax: 01872 243 799

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West of England

Ian Knight, Head of Operations, South West of England Regional Development Agency,
100 Temple Street, BRISTOL BS1 6AE

Tel: 0117 933 0200, Fax: 0117 927 6466

Devon

Sue Brownlow, Head of Operations, South West of England Regional Development Agency,
North Quay House, Sutton Harbour, PLYMOUTH PL4 ORA

Tel: 01752 251 071, Fax: 01752 234 840

Wiltshire & Swindon

Steve Richards, Head of Operation, South West of England Regional Development Agency,
100 Temple Street, BRISTOL BS1 6AE

Tel: 0117 933 0200, Fax: 0117 927 6466

Somerset

Carl Budden, Head of Operations, South West of England Regional Development Agency,
Sterling House, Dix's Field, EXETER, Devon EX1 1QA

Tel: 01392 214 747, Fax: 01392 214 848

Bournemouth, Dorset & Poole

Bruce Voss, Head of Operations, South West of England Regional Development Agency,
1st Floor, Merck House, Seldown Road, POOLE, Dorset BH15 1TL

Tel: 01202 649282, Fax: 01202 649205

Gloucestershire

Chris Foley, Head of Operations, South West of England Regional Development Agency,
100 Temple Street, BRISTOL BS1 6AE

Tel: 0117 933 0200, Fax: 0117 927 6466

Website: www.southwestrda.org.uk

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Social, Health, Education, Training and Employment

Connexions

Connexions is the government's support service for all young people aged 13 to 19 in England. Connexions brings together all the services and support young people need during their teenage years offering differentiated and integrated support to young people through Personal Advisers (PAs). For some young people this may be just for careers advice, for others it may involve more in-depth support to help identify barriers to learning and find solutions brokering access to more specialist support, eg drug abuse, sexual health and homelessness. PAs work in a range of settings including schools, colleges, one-stop shops community centres and on an out-reach basis. Connexions is delivered through a range of local partnership arrangements based either on Local Authority boundaries or Learning and Skills Council (LSC) boundaries. Funding is through a grant from the Secretary of State for Education and Skills.

You can find details of your local partnership at

Website: www.nacp.co.uk/members-search.htm

National Association of Connexions Partnerships (NACP)

Watsons Chambers, 5-15 Market Place, Castle Square, Sheffield, S1 2GH

Tel: 0114 281 3418

Email: info@nacp.co.uk

SureStart

Sure Start is a Government programme which aims to achieve better outcomes for children, parents and communities by:

- increasing the availability of childcare for all children
- improving health and emotional development for young children
- supporting parents as parents and in their aspirations towards employment.

They will achieve our aims by:

- helping services development in disadvantaged areas alongside financial help for parents to afford childcare
- rolling out the principles driving the Sure Start approach to all services for children and parents.

Regional and local services are dealt with by regional Government Offices and Local Education Authorities.

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Sure Start Unit, Department for Education and Skills and Department for Work and Pensions,
Level 2, Caxton House, Tothill Street, London, SW1H 9NA

Public Enquiry Unit Tel: 0870 0002288

Email: info.surestart@dfes.gsi.gov.uk

Website: www.surestart.gov.uk/surestartservices/

Children's Fund

The Children's Fund was launched in November 2000 as part of the Government's commitment to tackle disadvantage among children and young people. The programme aims to identify at an early stage children and young people at risk of social exclusion, and make sure they receive the help and support they need to achieve their potential.

The Children's Fund provides a responsive approach to developing services that address the difficulties faced by some children and their families. It encourages voluntary organisations, community and faith groups to work in partnership with local statutory agencies, and children, young people and their families, to deliver high-quality preventative services to meet the needs of communities.

To find out about the Children's Fund partnership in your area contact your regional Government Office or Local Authority.

More information is on Website: www.everychildmatters.gov.uk/strategy/childrensfund/

Health and Safety Commission

The Health and Safety Commission is responsible for health and safety regulation in Great Britain.

Regional Offices can be found at website: www.hse.gov.uk/contact/maps/index.htm

HSE Infoline

Tel: 0845 345 0055

Website: www.hse.gov.uk/

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The Local Network Fund for Children and Young People

The Local Network Fund for Children and Young People is a DfES programme which supports small voluntary and community groups to improve outcomes and opportunities for vulnerable children and young people aged 0-19.

The fund provides support and funding to enable community groups to develop and provide services and activities for children and young people in their areas.

Advice and support on project development, establishing and running community groups and developing safeguarding procedures is available, along with grants between £250 and £7000.

The fund is a seven-year programme, delivered across England through a network of 57 voluntary sector organisations with community development and grant making experience.

The DfES works in partnership with community foundations, rural community councils, councils for voluntary service and grant making trusts to provide an experienced fund administrator in each area.

Local community groups who want to apply for a Local Network Fund grant can contact the National Call Centre Tel: 0845 113 0161 (RNID type talk number Tel: 18001 0845 113 0161) for an application pack. Calls are charged at the local rate.

The grant guidelines and a sample application form are available from the Website: www.everychildmatters.gov.uk/localnetworkfund/

To find the body managing the Local Network Fund in your area contact the National Call Centre (above).

The Learning and Skills Council (LSC)

The LSC exists to make England better skilled and more competitive. They have a single goal: to improve the skills of England's young people and adults to make sure England has a workforce that is of world-class standards.

The LSC set out a strategy (the Working Together strategy) in 2004 that it intended to adopt with its partners in the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS). The strategy has an implementation plan. This is available from their Website: <http://readingroom.lsc.gov.uk/pre2005/research/consultation/working-together-strategy-for-the-voluntary-and-community-sector-and-the-lsc.pdf>

For more information look at their Website: www.lsc.gov.uk/

Local contacts are found in a downloadable document at Website: <http://www.lsc.gov.uk/NR/rdonlyres/epwr2wdbvioup6bigfzna52iyw4mvgh4m4zfhexd25ypqg6r62ejkwmd4ix7awlkc4h3ovoqbbakxl/lsc-map.pdf> Local news and information is at Website: <http://www.lsc.gov.uk/selectlsc.asp?section=/Partners>

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Primary Care Trusts (PCTs)

The main function of a PCT is to provide health services locally by integrating primary, secondary and community health services and social services.

PCTs commission general and acute services, invest in primary and community care and work to improve the health of the local population in partnership with local borough councils and others.

Trusts hold contracts with Personal Medical Services, (PMS), providers to provide a wide range of primary and community services to the general public.

To find your local PCT look at website: <http://pctdirectory.com/> and for more information use the National Health Service website: <http://www.nhs.uk/england/authoritiesTrusts/pct/default.aspx>

Local Education Authorities (LEAs)

Local Education Authorities oversee education services in Local Authority areas. There is a trend for services to schools and colleges to become their own responsibility. Funding for these is more often being directed through schools and colleges themselves. If you wish to provide a service related to education you may have to negotiate that with each school or college.

Schools and colleges will be listed on your local authority Website (see above).

You can find details of your LEA at Website: www.dfes.gov.uk/localauthorities/index.cfm?action=authority

Environment and Heritage

English Heritage and other environment and heritage agencies can be found in the national Government and Statutory pages.

Arts

Arts Council of England - South West

Arts Council England is the national development agency for the arts in England, distributing public money from Government and the National Lottery.

Arts Council of England - South West, Bradninch Place, Gandy Street, Exeter, EX4 3LS

Tel: 0845 300 6200

Fax: 01392 229229

Textphone: 01392 433503

For all general and funding enquiries Tel: 0845 300 6200 (local rate)

Website: www.arts.org.uk/regions/homepage.php?rid=7

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Sport

Sport England in the South West

Sport England in the South West is committed to creating opportunities for people in the South West region to start in sport, stay in sport and succeed in sport.

They are committed to the national vision: making England an active and successful sporting nation.

Sport England provides the strategic lead for sport in England, and is responsible for delivering the Government's sporting objectives.

Sport England in the South West, Ashlands House, Ashlands, Crewkerne, Somerset, TA18 7LQ

Tel: 08458 508508

Fax: 01460 77263

Website: www.sportengland.org/southwest_index.htm

Lottery

Sport England and Arts Council England details are above.

Other Regional Lottery contacts

Big Lottery Fund

The Big Lottery Fund has offices in the nine England Regions, staffed by a team who work with those who have a key interest in making sure our money goes to the people and areas that need it most. Their regional staff offer outreach services to potential grant applicants by organising funding advice events and holding before you apply sessions.

Contact the Big Advice Line for further details of events happening in your region Tel: 0845 4 102030 Each regional office has its own enquiries line.

Beaufort House, 51 New North Road, Exeter, EX4 4EQ

Tel: 01392 849700

Textphone: 01392 490633

Fax: 01392 491134

Email: enquiries.sw@biglotteryfund.org.uk

Website: www.biglotteryfund.org.uk

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Awards for All – South West

Awards for All is a grants programme set up to help small groups. It is supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund, the Arts Councils, the Sport Councils, and the Big Lottery Fund. The main aim of the programme is to fund projects which involve people in their community; bringing them together to enjoy arts, sports, heritage and other community activities. Sometimes quite small sums of money can have a big impact. The range of grants is £300 to a maximum grant size is £10,000.

A range of not for profit organisations (including parish or town councils, schools or health bodies) can apply for Awards for All grants via a straightforward application process and most applicants will be advised within eight weeks if they have been successful.

In England Regional Big Lottery Fund offices are no longer responsible for Awards for All. Actual applications from the South of England are dealt with from their Birmingham office and applications from the North of England by their Newcastle office.

All enquiries are dealt with centrally and you will be given contact information re specific applications once your application has been made.

There are Regional criteria which will still apply. In the past these have been listed on regional pages on the Awards for All website. These criteria have now been settled for a longer period and are included in the guidance notes to be used with application forms both downloadable from their website. Do check the Regional and National Criteria before applying. Regional help is now available on the helpline, not from the regional offices.

For examples of funded work or to find out more about Awards for All grants, who is eligible to apply and how to submit your application, log onto Website: www.awardsforall.org.uk or Tel: 0845 600 2040.

Heritage Lottery Fund

The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) enables communities to celebrate, look after and learn more about our diverse heritage. From museums and historic buildings to parks and nature reserves to celebrating traditions, customs and history.

Trinity Court, Southernhay East, Exeter, EX1 1PG

Tel: 01392 223950

Email: southwest@hlf.org.uk

Website: www.hlf.org.uk/English/InYourArea/SouthWest/

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Lottery Funding

Lottery Funding is a joint website run by all Lottery funders in the UK. This site allows you to search information on current funding programmes across the UK. The funding search will help you to find the funding programmes that best match your project. It will search programmes offered by Lottery funders that are currently open to applications. The funding search will take you through a series of four questions about: the location of your project; about you as an applicant; about the project itself; and about the amount of money you are applying for.

Tel: 0845 275 0000

Website: www.lotteryfunding.org.uk