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Welcome to the first edition of the Finance Hub e-newsletter. We have launched this service to keep you informed of our latest news, projects and resources. We hope you find it useful - please feel free to email it on to any colleagues with an interest in the third sector.

Reduce the amount of time spent on funding and finance

The Finance Hub has commissioned NCVO's Sustainable Funding Project to develop an introductory pack on funding and finance. It is designed to reduce the amount of time funding advisers to new or small voluntary and community sector organisations spend on finding relevant material. The pack provides guidance on: sustainable funding, financial management, fundraising, trading, procurement and contracting, loans and other sources of finance.

Be one step ahead of the game with our briefing pack to better funding practice

A series of guides on better funding practice with a background policy context and case studies commissioned by the Finance Hub and delivered by the DTA and ACEVO are now available. The series comprises: asset transfer, full cost recovery, publicly funded assets, state aid and surer funding.

Are you getting the support you need with finance and funding?

Are you a member of a voluntary or community organisation or social enterprise? We are expanding our services and would like to know what funding advice and support with financial matters you need. Take a few minutes to share your views - participate in our survey and enter our competition to win a free copy of CAF's Charity Trends 2006!

Research reveals extent of training provision for funding advisers

The scope and extent of current training provision for funding advisers has been revealed in a mapping exercise commissioned by the Finance Hub. Fit4Funding The Charities Information Bureau, evaluated current provisions and has worked up proposals for a package of training for funding advisers.

Events

Local government negotiating with the third sector

We have commissioned the DTA to run a series of one-day regional seminars with national and regional experts discussing local authorities linking effectively with the third sector. Learn from other organisations about how to manage the transfer of local authority land and property, how to put local third sector organisations on a more stable financial footing and hear how your local authority could be working more effectively with the third sector.

Giving Funding Advice - training courses

Fit4Funding The Charities Information Bureau commissioned by the Finance Hub is running courses in January and February 2007 entitled Giving Funding Advice. They are for funding advice workers and other people whose job involves giving funding advice to voluntary and community groups. All courses cover: designing funding strategies; supporting groups in planning and completing bids and sources of information and funding. Visit the events section of our website for more information about this and other events commissioned by the Finance Hub.

The Finance Hub is developing financial sustainability in the voluntary and community sector and social enterprise (third sector) within England. We are pioneering a new way to address finance matters in the third sector through the delivery of an integrated programme of research, development, training and information dissemination. Our strategy has been informed by consultation with sector leaders and researching the gaps in funding and finance in the sector. We are now delivering projects to plug these gaps.

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