

## Funding

This section offers information about funding for voluntary and community groups in East London. Details are given of funding programmes for London-specific, sub-regional or cross-borough projects. Please follow the links for more information on each programme.

For information on local programmes and borough-specific funding, please contact your [local CVS](#).

The sections below provide links to websites offering more generic funding links and advice, and organisations offering other kinds of support.

## Links to funders and funding information

[www.londonfunders.org.uk/elf](http://www.londonfunders.org.uk/elf)

London Funders launched this site in autumn 2006 as a resource for voluntary and community sector organisations (VCOs) looking for funding in London. The site offers a range of resources including useful funding links, searchable funding criteria, direct hotlinks to all London Funder members, policy updates from funders and a platform to enable VCOs to communicate to funders on key sector issues.

[www.funderfinder.org.uk/resources.php](http://www.funderfinder.org.uk/resources.php)

The excellent Resources section of the Funderfinder website offers a great deal of free information and advice for groups and individuals seeking grants, including leaflets on various aspects of fundraising, links to a wide range of funders and signposting to further organisations or agencies which may be able to offer support.

[www.lvsc.org.uk/findfunding](http://www.lvsc.org.uk/findfunding)

GRANTnet is an online database – available on LVSC's website - that helps organisations identify funding sources for specific projects.

[www.governmentfunding.org.uk](http://www.governmentfunding.org.uk)

This website provides online links to grants for the voluntary and community sector from various government departments, including the Home Office, Department for Health, Department for Education and Skills, the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister and the Government Offices for the Regions.

[www.homeless.org.uk/regionalNational/london/london\\_funding](http://www.homeless.org.uk/regionalNational/london/london_funding)

Homeless Link provides this useful list of funding sources for London groups.

[195.167.181.220/asp/search/microsites/main.aspx?](http://195.167.181.220/asp/search/microsites/main.aspx?)

This excellent NCVO site provides a wealth of useful information, including guidance on different funding sources, links to and information on funders including Trusts and Foundations, European funds and government sources.

[www.cibfunding.org.uk](http://www.cibfunding.org.uk)

The Charities Information Bureau offers this summary of funding sources, as well as advice on fundraising and a monthly email bulletin on fundraising for subscribers.

[www.access-funds.co.uk](http://www.access-funds.co.uk)

This site aims to provide the latest funding information from Central Government, National Lottery, devolved governing bodies, EU and quangos. The site also contains directories of funding programmes and guides to funding.

[www.commonpurpose.org.uk/home/public/civilsociety/skills/funding/funders-on-the-web.aspx](http://www.commonpurpose.org.uk/home/public/civilsociety/skills/funding/funders-on-the-web.aspx)

Common Purpose provides this website, which has a comprehensive list of funders with websites.

### **Other forms of support and funding advice:**

[www.institute-of-fundraising.org.uk/documents/good\\_fundraising\\_guide.pdf](http://www.institute-of-fundraising.org.uk/documents/good_fundraising_guide.pdf)

The Institute of Fundraising has produced 'The Good Fundraising Guide', an introduction to fundraising for charities and fundraisers. The comprehensive 64-page guide is aimed at new fundraisers and volunteers and is free to download in pdf format from the above link.

[www.prohelp-london.org.uk](http://www.prohelp-london.org.uk)

ProHelp is a group of businesses which provide free professional support to voluntary and community groups, such as help with feasibility studies, marketing, legal and accountancy advice.

[www.charityconsultants.co.uk/freehelplines.html](http://www.charityconsultants.co.uk/freehelplines.html)

Charity Consultants, a network of fundraising professionals, has opened up its help-line service to all charities. The help-line service has helped hundreds of charities with advice and information about fundraising, at no cost.

[www.cash-online.org.uk](http://www.cash-online.org.uk)

Community Accountancy Self-Help run the CASH Online website, which aims to provide people with the basic financial skills needed to run successful charities and voluntary organisations.

[www.cranfieldtrust.org](http://www.cranfieldtrust.org)

The Cranfield Trust is a free management consultancy for UK-based voluntary organisations working to address issues of poverty, disability or social exclusion, and can offer support in such areas as business or strategic planning, marketing, IT, human resources and finance.

[www.it4communities.org.uk](http://www.it4communities.org.uk)

IT 4 Communities helps match charities and voluntary organisations with companies and individuals with professional IT skills, wishing to volunteer these skills for the benefit of the community.

[www.londoncares.org.uk](http://www.londoncares.org.uk)

London Cares partners community organisations with businesses, which then provide volunteers to help organisations on a variety of projects - from painting and decorating to improving IT skills.

[www.inkindirect.org](http://www.inkindirect.org)

InKind Direct does not offer funding, but does distribute high-quality new surplus goods to UK voluntary organisations.

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