

FUNDING IN THE RECESSION

As the funding environment continues to be threatening for organisations during this economic downturn, below is an extract from a research conducted on what is available to support voluntary community organisations to survive through the recession.

The Government

The Office of the Third Sector's Action plan titled "**Real help for Communities**". It provides £42.5 million support for various schemes & funding packages:

- [Real Help for Communities: Volunteers, Charities and Social Enterprises](#)
- [Real Help for Communities: Modernisation Fund](#)
- [Real Help for Communities: Targeted Support Fund](#)
- [Volunteering Brokerage Scheme](#)

Capacity Builders' Contribution

£1 million provided as an immediate response to the economic downturn.

http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/third_sector/news/news_stories/090211_capacitybuilders.aspx

Community Builders Fund

£70 million investment fund of both grant and loan finance, offering capacity-building support to local third sector organisations.

<http://www.communitybuildersfund.org.uk/index.html>

Community Development Foundation

Hardship Fund of £16.7 million available to voluntary organisations delivering vital frontline services in recession-hit communities. Funding will be targeted at applicants delivering the following types of support:

- Health and Social Care.
- Housing Support.
- Education and Training.
- Information, Advice and Guidance

Register an interest to receive further updates by emailing hardshipfund@cdf.org.uk

Trust & Foundations

Trust & Foundations have reviewed their funding programmes as most have seen their investment decline. Trusts like Esmée Fairbairn, City Bridge Trust, Abbey Charitable Trust, Baring Foundation, Big Lottery Fund, will retain current levels of grantmaking. Additional funding from: i) **Emanuel Vincent Harris Trust** - Economic Hardship Programme for 2009. ii) **Arts Council England** of £44.5 million to sustain the Arts through recession. iii) **Big Lottery Fund** of £39.2 million as additional recession – related funding to its existing programmes. Additional £43 million will be available, to help address long term social effects of the recession.

Local Government Authorities

Local Authorities have responded with various strategies and measures to mobilise local skills, capacities & ideas to ensure their local communities thrive. Evidence reveals that past recessions utilised Social Enterprises and the third sector effectively in mobilising unemployed people or unused buildings, keep people active through volunteering and growth of informal exchanges like bartering – Timebanks & Lets.

Local Government Association/NCVO – Backing Communities - Local Solutions publication that highlights some of the positive ways in which local authorities can work with the third sector in response to the recession. <http://digbig.com/4yfrm>

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Institute of Fundraising

i) Recession watch - http://www.institute-of-fundraising.org.uk/informationaboutfundraising/recessionwatch.htm?dm_i=60Z,1ELU,KWGF8,4767,1

ii) Fundraising healthcheck for VCOs - <http://www.fundraisinghealthcheck.org/>

iii) Gift Aid Donations - <http://www.institute-of-fundraising.org.uk/shop/mediastore/fighttherecessionwithgiftaidconferencematerials.htm>

NCVO

Link to valuable [advice and support](#) for voluntary and community organisations on the recession and building resilience. <http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/downturn.asp>

ACEVO

Recession Support website – to support the third sector in the recession. <http://www.recessionsupport.org.uk/main/index.php>

Charity Commission Recession Tool

<http://www.charity-commission.gov.uk/tcc/ccnews29check.asp>

Charity Aid Foundation

Financial Crisis Helpline, to support Charity leaders worried about their organisation's financial viability. <http://www.cafonline.org/Default.aspx?page=17031>

Charity Finance Directors

'Recession Watch' webpage:

http://www.cfdg.org.uk/cfdg/influencing_recession_watch.asp

ACAS and CIPD

Launched the guidance on managing the workforce in a recession.

<http://digbig.com/4ygxh> or <http://www.cipd.co.uk>

NAVCA

Resources and support for infrastructure organisations providing support to local and frontline organisations <http://www.navca.org.uk/localvs/recession/Home.htm>

NFP Synergy

A variety of presentations including facts and figures on the current recession and how charities can survive the recession

http://www.nfpsynergy.net/reports_presentations/nfpsynergy_presentations.aspx?dm_i=6I6,1J7L,O44DF,4NR9,1

Development Trust Association (DTA)

Q & A list of some of the issues to consider on income and finance strategies

http://www.dta.org.uk/whatsnew/hottopics/crediterunch.htm?dm_i=6I6,1J7L,O44DF,4NG7,1

Citizens Advice Bureau

Top ten tips to survive the recession, geared towards those on low income or benefits to help tackle the recession effects

http://www.adviceguide.org.uk/whats_new_feb09_ten_top_tips_to_survive_the_recession?dm_i=6I6,1J7L,O44DF,4NG6,1