

Thames Community Foundation

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Thames Community Foundation

- One of 56 community foundations in the UK
- One of five in London
- (Usually) Separate geographical areas
- Thames Community Foundation covers 7 boroughs in west and southwest London

Role of Community Foundations

- To build permanent endowment
- Income used for **local** grant making
- To distribute flow-through funds
- Nationally making grants totalling £70m per year

Thames Community Foundation

- Making grants in Kingston since 2003
- To date around 193 grants totalling £568,000



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Grassroots Grants

- The good news - £180k of funding awarded to around 60 small local groups in RBKuT since August 2008.
- The bad news- this fund is now closed

grassroots
grants

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Grassroots Grants – what next?

- Will there be a replacement?
- When?
- How much?
- Local distributor?
- Eligibility criteria?
- Watch this space



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Thames Community Foundation Funding Programmes for Kingston

- Comic Relief Local Communities Fund
- Gordon Family Fund
- Trustees' Fund
- Young Kingston

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Comic Relief Local Communities Fund..... aims to

- Increase access to sport and exercise for people who face social exclusion and isolation
- Help people who are experiencing difficulties in their lives to regain their confidence and self-esteem
- Build skills of local people
- Increase community cohesion
- Respond to local economic needs



Who can apply?

- Groups need to:
 - Be working in a disadvantaged or deprived area
 - Be small, locally based groups or organisations who have a clear understanding of the needs of their community
 - Have limited access to other sources of income



How much can I apply for?

- Minimum £1,000
- Maximum £10,000



Funded so far.....

- Mental health
- Drug rehabilitation
- Deprived young people
- Support groups
- Cycling campaign
- Older people



When to apply to Comic Relief

- Next (and final) closing date/deadline:
 - 31st January 2011



Gordon Family Fund

- Projects /activities aimed at
 - Reducing the effects of poverty among the elderly (retirement age)
 - Reducing exclusion and isolation among the elderly
- Priority given to locally based groups

Gordon Family Fund

- Grants of up to £3,000 available
- Next closing date 31st May 2011

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Trustees Fund

- Themes
 - Children and Young People
 - Problems associated with Addiction
 - Adults with Disabilities
 - Welfare
- Priority given to small local groups
- Up to £2,000 available (should represent at least 50% of project cost)

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Trustees' Fund

Next closing date
31st January 2011

How to apply (all programmes except YK)

- Go to Thames Community Foundation website
 - www.thamescommunityfoundation.org.uk
- Find the fund you're interested in
- Read the Grant Guidelines!!
- Make sure you're eligible!!

Making an application

- Carefully read “applying for a grant” section on the website
- Complete the on-line application form (Part A)
- Download, complete, sign and send Part B by post
- Send all other required documents by post
- Apply in good time - meet the deadline for submission

Young Kingston

Young Kingston gives grants of up to £500 to young people in Kingston upon Thames to help them make the most of life's opportunities.



Young Kingston

Who is eligible?

- Young people aged up to 19 years (at the time of application) and who live or study in Kingston. For those with disabilities the age limit is 25 years.
- Young people can apply either as a group or as individuals.



Young Kingston

What will be supported?

- Projects that develop individual skills and talents so that they can be used to benefit the community.
- Projects that will improve the quality of life of residents of Kingston.



Young Kingston

Examples of projects

- Drama course at National Youth Theatre
- Promoting understanding of other cultures
- Training for Special Olympics
- Building a memorial garden
- Gym coaching
- Learning a skill (e.g. a dance group)
- Developing a talent (sport/arts etc)



Young Kingston

Key questions

- What is the benefit to the young person or young people?
- What is the community benefit?



Young Kingston

Application process

- Go to Young Kingston website
www.youngkingston.org.uk
- Young person to complete the application form
- Supported by a sponsor (e.g. teacher, parent, coach etc)
- Next closing date 4th March 2011



Further information about Thames Community Foundation funding programmes

- Call Thames Community Foundation on:
 - 020 8943 6030
- www.thamescommunityfoundation.org.uk



**And finally...on behalf of funders
everywhere!!**

- Please remember to send in your
End of Grant reports on
time!!

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