

External Funding

A word cloud of terms related to external funding, arranged in a roughly triangular shape. The words are in various shades of green and brown. The largest words are 'project', 'activities', 'outcomes', 'need', 'finance', and 'funding'. Other words include 'policies', 'consultation', 'references', 'testimonials', 'outputs', 'plan', 'faq', and 'focus'.

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The support that we provide for groups in developing projects:

- Help with developing a project idea –
 - Identifying relevant info – evidence of need, target groups for funders, statistics;
 - finding case studies from elsewhere;
 - Providing ongoing updates;
 - Identifying events where a funding stream is being promoted – chances for networking;
- Once we have a clear idea of what the group may want to do, we will help to identify potential funding streams, eligibility criteria, timescales and plan how the group might apply, or partner with another group to achieve their funding aims;
- We may also then help with completing the application form – generally as a critical friend, providing tips on how to best present the project;
- You will need to identify someone to be your project champion and to set aside time to develop and craft your project – you have to own for it to be successful!

How we circulate information to parties who are likely to be interested in funding:

- We have a web page on the Suffolk County Council web site that identifies some of the more common funding streams that groups can access;
- We hold workshops for discreet funding streams such as Europe (often) on a thematic basis to alert groups to what is available and what the process is for accessing the funding;
- We track web alerts for funding opportunities – enabling access for groups so that they can develop skills themselves and can share their knowledge;
- We produce and circulate other funders organisational newsletters;
- We also identify if a funding source is not appropriate for some types of group, or if they would be better seeking a partner.

Case Study from a BME/new migrant community group:

PHOEBE

SCC have supported PHOEBE with a number of funding applications over time. Phoebe is a local charity based in Ipswich that offers specialist advice, advocacy, support and counselling services to victims of domestic violence, FGM, forced marriages and honour based violence. Most recently we have helped Phoebe to access an Awards for All grant of £10,000 to pay towards the following services until November 2016:

FREEDOM PROGRAM: a free course that will help approximately 350 women per year who have experienced domestic violence. The women will learn what controlling behaviour is and how to recognise warning signs of potential abuse whether it involves physical, psychological, sexual or financial harm. The women will also be given one to one counselling sessions by qualified professionals who will provide more specific advice regarding their particular situation.

WELFARE ADVICE: many of the individuals are effectively held captive in their homes and are further isolated by the language barrier. PHOEBE will support them practically with their housing applications; ensure that they receive their entitled welfare support and that all children are enrolled in education. They will also help them register with a health service and give advice regarding how the different services work in the UK. This will help safeguard them from isolation.

ENGLISH CLASSES: offered three days a week (both adult and mother/child classes) as well as 121 lessons with interpreters for those who need them. Also will organise a retreat for women and their children during which a number of activities will be arranged to strengthen their team-building and communication skills. They will also organise educational trips where they will learn more about British culture and society.

These trips will give the women the opportunity to practice the English they learn in a real world setting and transferable skills so that they can seek out the services they need in future independently, thus helping them integrate better into society and find a job.

LEGAL AND EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT: this will provide 121 human rights, family law and immigration advice sessions with qualified lawyers, and will also help women prepare for employment and find volunteering opportunities.