

Sources of Funding Support in Leeds

Voluntary Action Leeds Funding Support Service

The Funding Support Service at Voluntary Action Leeds can offer your group or organisation support in a variety of ways. These include giving you feedback on your draft funding bids before they are submitted. Email funding.support@val.org.uk for more information. Regular training sessions and funding fairs are also organised. Keep an eye on the Events and Training pages at <https://doinggoodleeds.org.uk/training-directory> and <https://doinggoodleeds.org.uk/events/> for more information on what is available. The team also creates a list of current funding opportunities, updated monthly. To view the most recent version go to <https://doinggoodleeds.org.uk/current-funding-opportunities/> and click on 'Sources of Grant Funding for Voluntary and Community Groups in Leeds'. Finally, join their mailing list at http://eepurl.com/czbl_L for up-to-date information on funding opportunities, training, fairs and online resources.

Leeds Funding Support Network

The Leeds Funding Support Network is a new network managed by Voluntary Action Leeds through which members of third sector groups can share skills and experiences, and access relevant information and resources, ultimately allowing them to become more successful in their funding aims. This will be facilitated through their Facebook group, where members can access resources including guides to funding applications and fundraising, and examples of successful bids, amongst other resources. Members will also be able to ask questions and share experiences with other members of the online community. Search 'Leeds Funding Support Network' on Facebook or go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1348899201825821/> to join. If you are not a Facebook user the resources can also be found at <https://portal.doinggoodleeds.org.uk/groups/leeds-funding-support-network>, where you will be prompted to register to the group.

Funding Leeds

Funding Leeds is a free and easy website which you can use to search for local, regional and national funding, and also get regular updates on your funding area of interest. Go to www.fundingleeds.co.uk to begin exploring funding opportunities.

Leeds City Council Funding Support Scheme

Leeds City Council has developed a scheme where council officers can support third sector voluntary organisations with funding applications for up to ten hours per financial year.

The council officers involved are from a variety of service areas and where possible, organisations will be matched with an officer from a relevant area. The support offered by council officers will vary depending on the group's needs but it could include: proofreading a funding application, accessing demographic figures and help with financial planning. If organisations are not at the application stage yet, they can also support organisations with project development, writing ideas down and looking into available funds. Contact them on esv@leeds.gov.uk for more information.