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Introduction

Season’s Greetings from London Funding Voice and the Fit 4 Purpose programme.

Commissioned by London Councils, the programme supports community groups and voluntary organisations across London that work with older people.

We wish you a very happy Christmas, and much fundraising success in the New Year!

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Accelerating Ideas: ‘An Ageing Society’

Aims/Priorities: The Big Lottery Fund launched Accelerating Ideas earlier in 2015 as a new funding approach in relation to addressing issues for an ageing population. The pilot programme is scheduled to end in April 2016. To date four projects have been funded. It is expected that up to 10 will be successful in securing support. Projects should have national and UK-wide significance (in terms of interest, impact or influence) and sharing ideas and approaches is core to the programme.

Value: There is no funding limit although the four projects funded to date have ranged from £50,000 to £750,000, the latter one to Age UK to scale up an integrated care model.

Process: There is no initial application form. Instead The Big Lottery want to ‘have a conversation with you’ to explore some key areas. These key areas are outlined in the ‘Is Accelerating Ideas right for you’ guidance. You should read and think through these before getting in touch. You should also read the ‘Accelerating Ideas: An Ageing society’ guidance document to make sure your project idea fits. Remember that the programme has limited funding and is ending soon so your idea would have to be very strong indeed to stand a chance of securing support.

Deadline: The programme will end in April 2016 or earlier if funding is all allocated.

Further Info: https://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/global-content/programmes/uk-wide/uk-accelerating-ideas-pilot
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**Impact Readiness Fund**

**Aims/Priorities:** *Impact Growth Grants* from the Impact Readiness Fund support social ventures build their infrastructure and the skills required to manage their performance, increase their social impact, and attract social investment/win contracts. Grants can pay for training, resources, and system improvements, and will pay for an approved support provider.

**Eligibility:** Registered charities, social enterprises, companies limited by guarantee with charitable aims, Community Interest Companies, and mutuals. See the guidelines for a list of other eligibility requirements including having a strong track record of delivery.

**Value:** £25,000 to £100,000 (with an average of £50,000).

**Process:** Register your information before accessing and completing the application form. Find the link to do this at [http://www.sibgroup.org.uk/impact-readiness-fund/](http://www.sibgroup.org.uk/impact-readiness-fund/). You will need to choose an approved Impact Readiness provider to work with and plan the impact readiness project. Details of approved providers can be found here: [http://www.sibgroup.org.uk/impactready/directory/](http://www.sibgroup.org.uk/impactready/directory/). The application consists of a form and mandatory supporting documents. The form and all documents should be sent to impactreadiness@sibgroup.org.uk.

**Deadline:** 12 noon on 8 January 2016. Decisions on all applications will be communicated in late February 2016.

**Inspired Facilities Fund**

**Aims/Priorities:** Grants to refurbish and improve existing sports facilities, or develop an existing building for sports use in the community (development to start by Spring 2016).

**Eligibility:** Voluntary and community groups, parish and town councils, local authorities and statutory bodies. London-based projects are prioritised due to historically low success in relation to applications to the Fund from the Capital.

**Value:** Between £20,000 and £75,000 (exceptionally, statutory sector applicants might receive an award up to £150,000 for particularly strategic proposals).

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Inspired Facilities Fund continued

Process: See the programme guidelines on the Inspired Facilities page at www.sportengland.org. Register on Sport England’s My Applications website if you have never done so previously (link provided on the site above) to complete the online application.

Deadline: 5pm, 11 January 2016. Note that the programme is then being ‘paused’ by Sport England while it reviews its priorities. Awards will be made by April 2016.

Further Info: email inspired@sportengland.org or phone 0345 8508 508.

MOPAC Victims Fund

Aims/Priorities: Grants to help ensure the continued and improved provision of vital services to support victims of crime across London and to help them cope and recover.

Eligibility: Voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations.

Value: Grants of between £10,000 and £30,000 are available to individual organisations, or partnerships of 3 or more organisations can receive up to £80,000.

Process: Guidelines and link to online application form can be found on the London Community Foundation website.

Deadline: 15 January 2016 by 5pm.

Morrisons Foundation

Aims/Priorities: Provides grants to charities to improve the lives of people in the UK.

Eligibility: Registered charities

Value: No minimum or maximum is given but previous grants have ranged from £5,000 to £20,000.

Process: Follow the links on the website (below) to complete the application.

Deadline: Rolling programme. Apply at any time

Further Info: www.morrisonsfoundation.com. Tel: 0845 611 4449

Persimmon Community Champions

Aims/Priorities: One-off grants to support local groups and charities across England, Scotland and Wales. Closes in February 2016.

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Deptford Challenge Trust – Strategic Grants

Grants of between £5,000 and £30,000 per year to improve the quality of life for people who live and work in Deptford and parts of New Cross in Lewisham. See Available Grants on the London Community Foundation website for guidelines (including link to the online application form - call 020 7582 5117 if you’re unable to make an online application). Deadline for applications is 4 January 2016.

Wimbledon Foundation

Community Fund

The charity of The All England Lawn Tennis Club, the Foundation aims to support its local community through funding organisations that meet local needs in Merton and Wandsworth. Applications should address one or more of the following themes: mental and physical health and well-being; education, training and employability needs; poverty, disadvantage and isolation; community cohesion and inter-community relationships (including inter-generational). Grants of up to £5,000 are available. Administered by the London Community Foundation, guidelines and online application portal can be found on their website. Next deadline is 4 March 2016. Additional information can be found at www.wimbledon.com.
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Persimmon Community Champions continued

Eligibility: Charities and local community groups and organisations. Applicants are expected to have already raised some funds in relation to the particular activity.
Value: Up to £1,000.
Process: Complete the online form (see the website below), telling them why your group or charity deserves a donation and how much you’ve already raised. Your application will be forwarded to one of Persimmon’s 26 businesses (based on your location), each of which makes 2 awards per month. Deadline: The programme ends in February 2016. Further Info: www.persimmonhomes.com/charity/.

Thompson Family Charitable Trust

Aims/Priorities: Grants made to a broad range of charitable activity.
Eligibility: Applications for donations are invited from the full range of registered charities.
Value: £250 to £500,000. Most grants are for £50,000 or less.
Process: The Trust does not have a website or formal application procedure. Applications are made by letter to the address below. Further information in relation to past recipients can be obtained from the trust’s annual returns on the Charity Commission website. They have an apparent preference for larger and high profile applicants such as the Royal Albert Hall, National Theatre and Macmillan Cancer Support, but some local charities are supported. Deadline: None
Further Info: The Thompson Family Charitable Trust, Hillsdown Court, 15 Totteridge Common, London N20 8LR.

Volant Charitable Trust

Aims/Priorities: Set up by JK Rowling to fund projects tackling social deprivation, particularly children’s and women’s issues.
Eligibility: Registered charities.
Value: No minimum or maximum amount is specified in the Guidelines. Will make multi-year awards but rarely for more than three. Previous awards have tended to range from £10,000 to a small number over £100,000 (to large national charities).
Process: Guidelines are provided on the website (below). Download an application form from the site, to be returned by post, with supporting materials.
Deadlines: The Trustees meet twice a year, in March and September. If your application is successful, you will be notified immediately after the meeting. The next deadline is for the meeting in March 2016 and is Friday 8 January 2016.
Further Info: www.volanttrust.com. The Trust is unable to respond to general enquiries.

Your Voice

We’re always interested in receiving your comments and feedback, so please do get in touch.

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