

COMMUNITY GRANTS NEWSLETTER

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SUMMARY

ESF Community Grants, funded by the European Social Fund, is a programme that aims to support small and voluntary organisations with grants of £5,000 – £20,000 for local initiatives that will move unemployed people towards employment, training, or education.

We are pleased to report a good increase in grant awards this month increasing our spend to 57% of the overall fund. Applications in July has seen new awards for 3 new projects (of which 1 in Shropshire & 2 in Herefordshire) continuing Landau's fundamental work with partners supporting community projects in moving individuals back into employment. Application numbers are increasing with a potential of £60,000 being awarded.

The range of project diversity continues from digital skill development, mental health support, financial and benefit support, and soft skills improvements reaching people within the communities who have been challenged for some time.

We would like to congratulate our 3 successful July applicants:

The Cart Shed

Project: The Cart Shed
Awarded:
£20,000



Ethos

Project: The Living Room
Awarded:
£20,000



Jo Cook Hypnotherapy

Project: Access 1-2-1 Reduction Anxiety & Stress in Adults
Awarded: £20,000



IMPORTANT NEWS AND UPDATES

NEWS

- September Applications
- Partner Focus: Shropshire Youth Support Trust (SYST)
- Community Grants Panel

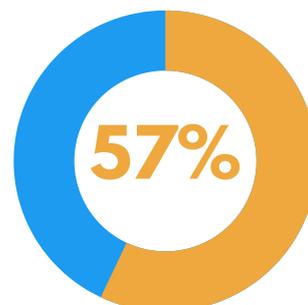
CASE STUDIES

- AC's Story - Perry RDA
- Michelle's Story - Telford & Wrekin CVS

QUEEN'S AWARD EVENT



Contact the team at
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of total grant
fund awarded

£860,000

NEWS

APPLICATIONS

Closing date for September applications:

Thursday 30th September



Click to apply



Click for details

Do you have a good idea? Do you have experience in delivering a project? Community Grants Funding could be just what you are looking for!

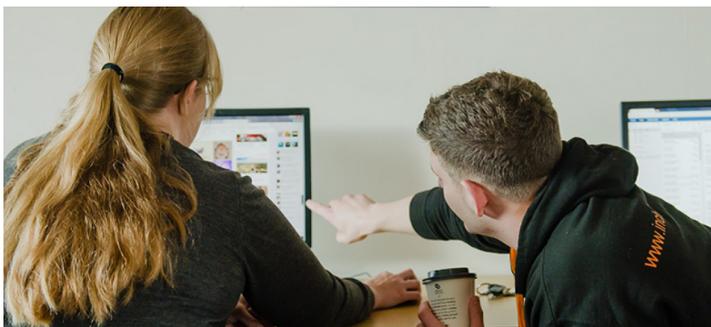
If you would like further information please contact our Community Grants Administrator Katie at **landaugrants@landau.co.uk** who would be happy to take you through your application stage by stage.

COMMUNITY GRANTS PANEL - WE NEED YOU!

We welcome any interest from leaders of enterprise or business with a passion for helping people & organisation's in our community move closer to employment, education, or training opportunities.



If you are interested in joining our review panel please get in touch with us for more information - we will be happy to provide support and further details at **landaugrants@landau.co.uk**



PARTNER FOCUS

SYST



SYST is a Charity that specialises in promoting Social Inclusion by maximising Employability, Enterprise and Self-Employment, with expertise in empowering and supporting people with multiple and complex needs.

We are dedicated to helping the most disadvantaged and marginalised people right across Shropshire and the Marches, working with a diverse range of people with challenges and barriers.

Our Mission is to empower our clients to achieve their dreams, lead fulfilling lives and kick start their journey towards personal and financial independence. We support and encourage our clients to make transformational and life-changing choices to enable them to secure sustainable employment or self-employment.

Our project 'COVID-19 Employability and Enterprise' will be managed and overseen from our Head Office in Telford, however we expect most of our services will be delivered via SYST's online platform, therefore reducing the need for social interaction and thereby safeguarding our participants during the COVID-19 crisis.

For more information please contact:

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CASE STUDIES



MICHELLE'S STORY - TELFORD & WREKIN CVS

I heard about the project via my art teacher who emailed to say some art sessions were available. I have attended her classes for a number of years and I am part of a group that was trying to get more funding for careers in arts and crafts. A reduction in funding to the careers centre and Covid has had an effect on the classes. I was pleased to see that funding from other sources was available and eagerly agreed to participate.

I had some prior employment experience and qualifications, however, I gave them up to care for my elderly mother who now lives with me. Covid made me feel as if I didn't want anything to do with art as I felt that I could not give it my attention. Also, I enjoyed the interaction with others in the art sessions which I would miss- I have an aversion of doing art on my own.

My goals were to get back into doing art, enjoying it and distracting myself for a while. I successfully completed Summer Doodles and Mindful Drawing. Both sessions made me focus on myself and return to enjoying art and relaxing while doing it. The first session encouraged me to do more than one doodle and the mindful session will be useful again when I am feeling stressed.

I believe trying new techniques and being given the opportunity to experiment with the colours and pens given were valuable.

AC'S STORY - THE CAVALIER CENTRE

AC's Job Coach referred her to this project. AC had expansive prior work experience including Domiciliary Care, Administration and had some GCSEs along with Child Development qualifications. She faced a number of barriers prior to starting the project including poor mental and physical health, feeling these may prevent her from securing long-term work.



AC's goals with this project were to learn about horses, have a focus and purpose due to the isolation that COVID-19 created, and build her confidence. She was able to participate in a number of activities including Equine Focused Teaching sessions from the Yard Manager and she was able to work with horses directly- practising safety around horses and equine care (e.g. brushes and food).

Within just 4 weeks AC was able to go from being frightened to be in close proximity with a horse, to tack a horse called Toby and lead him on her own to the field. She completed her RDA Online Equine Knowledge Course in week 6- successfully demonstrating all her learning from the start to the end of the project.

Sadly AC became ill at the end of the project, and so has been set back health-wise, but she has enrolled to become a volunteer at the Cavalier Centre and is determined to start as soon as she feels ready- she is looking to find a part-time Admin job once her health has improved too. Here's what AC had to say about her journey:

"What a great little course! I was made to feel welcome by everyone from the first session. For someone who suffers with anxiety & depression, that means a lot. It didn't matter that I had no experience with horses, as they patiently taught me. Lynette and Jess were great teachers, who have great patience and understanding of personal issues. A great way to build confidence & build relationships with others. Would definitely recommend it."



QUEEN'S AWARD EVENT



Community Grants Coordinator meeting LL

WHAT AN AMAZING DAY!

On Monday 16th August, Landau employees, volunteers, learners and honorary guests gathered to celebrate our largest business accolade to date!

We received the Queen's Award for Enterprise in April of this year, owing to our incredible staff and all the work they do in helping individuals build their futures.

We were honoured to have Lord-Lieutenant Anna Turner with us to present this award, as well as some notable guests with us.

Our Community Grants Coordinators Lisa and Katie had the opportunity to discuss the Community Grants scheme with the Lord-Lieutenant and inform her about some of the excellent projects that have been made possible by way of these grants, and by the hard work of organisations who receive them.

Following the ceremony, our employee recognition scheme 'Star of the Month' awards were handed out, with our team member Katie receiving July's award!

Thank you to all who made this day possible. To all staff, volunteers, and partners we thank you for showing up every day with positive attitudes and a shared ambition of changing lives and creating futures.

