

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 awarded spend to 69% of the overall fund. Applications in October has seen new awards for 2 new projects (2 in Shropshire) continuing Landau's fundamental work with partners supporting community projects in moving individuals back into employment. Application numbers are increasing with £40,000 being awarded in November.

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 are delighted to say we have now awarded over £1,000,000 in grants. This almost triples our award grants up from £267,000 last year!

We would like to congratulate our 2 successful November applicants:

Dulson Training Ltd 2

Project: Lifted 2
Awarded: £20,000



ANTA Community Training CIC

Project: ANTA Community Job Clubs
Awarded: £20,000

IMPORTANT NEWS AND UPDATES

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Contact the team at:
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of total grant fund awarded

£1,041,122



NEWS

APPLICATIONS

Closing date for December applications:

Monday 31st December



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.



WHY DID THE RED-NOSE REINDEER HELP THE OLD LADY CROSS THE ROAD?

IT WOULD HAVE BEEN RUDOLPH NOT TO!



PARTNER FOCUS

The Houghton Project



The Houghton Project was established in 2003 by Tim and Jenny James Moore. Until then Tim had worked on two city farms in Bristol for 12 years, working with community groups and individuals with disabilities or were in some way marginalized.

They saw that there was a need for a similar provision in Herefordshire and decided to create a place where people could develop their skills in a supportive and stimulating place.

Since then the project has developed its range of provisions to include farm animal care, carpentry, orchard management, cider making and a host of other rural skills. Activities delivered include;

1. Training in woodwork and carpentry including design, tool usage, constructing items using accurate measurement and finishing of the product.
2. Animal Care training where learners practically learn via feeding, maintaining accommodation, health checking and handling farm animals.
3. Cider, Perry and Juice making. Learners will harvest, pulp, press and store juice to make cider and perry. Also bottling, pasteurizing, and marketing the end product.
4. Horticultural activities covering planting, growing, transplanting, polytunnel growing, weeding, soil fertility and composting.

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CASE STUDIES



SARAH'S STORY - NCLP

Sarah learnt about our project from the Children's Centre. She had previous work experience in administration, with a Level 3 Diploma in Advanced Secretarial Business and a Level 2 Diploma in Medical Administration. Sarah has been unemployed since having her son 5 years ago is now keen to get back into work, but she was initially unconfident in her abilities and anxious about applying for jobs. She wanted help identifying her strengths and creating a CV. Sarah completed the 'All about YOU' pack with us- this entailed using an employment map to identify potential areas of work.

Through this, she found that medical administration and reception were areas that interested her, with a self-assessment aiding Sarah in identifying these strengths. She was also supported in writing a CV that reflected her experience and abilities in relation to administration.

Sarah went on to obtain her Edexcel Level 1 qualification in 'Personal and Social Development', focusing on work skills. As part of the qualification, Sarah carried out research in areas including medical administration and identify the steps she needed to take to achieve her career goals. In Sarah's words:

"I thoroughly enjoyed the Community Grant Programme. For me personally, this was very beneficial as it was covering areas that I needed to develop further. Even though I had experience and qualifications in the roles I was keen to get into work-wise, I felt like the time spent away from those areas having my youngest son had knocked my confidence. Going through the programme I was able to identify my strengths and also reinforce my own qualities needed for certain roles. I found all of the activities beneficial as they boosted my knowledge and allowed me to see, that what I wanted, was possible, and that I could progress into a fulfilling career."

KEAGAN'S STORY - THE CAVALIER CENTRE

Keagan learnt about our project via promotional materials that had gone out to Shropshire Social Prescribing and made a referral directly. He had a few GCSE's and completed a Level 3 Media Course. Prior to starting the project, Keagan was in a road traffic accident and has not been able to work since, as well as experienced low confidence, and mental health issues. His main goals were to meet new people, improve his CV, and learn more about horses.



Since completing the project, Keagan has gone on to volunteer at the Cavalier Centre, everyone has been very impressed with his attitude and he is keen to help. In his own words:

"This course, even though it went quickly, has really restored some confidence. Mainly being around the horses and gaining their trust really helped. It was great to learn how to add and remove their tack as well as groom them. Seeing the RDA riders gain confidence in lessons and helping them with gentle encouragement was really very rewarding, certainly, the best cure for our anxieties is helping others, a fantastic experience!"

Also being able to interview key members of the organisation gave me a great insight into the passion and effort that goes into RDA riding. Though I still have a long way to go with my health both mental and physically "Steps in the Right Direction" have certainly done their job in reigniting my passion for animals and media."



EVENTS

WHITE RIBBON DAY 2021

We have been a part of some really important events throughout November including White Ribbon Day on the 25th. This day recognises a global movement taking action to end male violence against women and raising awareness to prevent violence before it starts.

We are very lucky to have a Community Grant project focused around such issues that looks to support vulnerable individuals through various channels in order to identify their situation and improve this.

Separ International UK Ltd's project- Community Domestic Abuse Workshop engages theory and practical sessions allowing individuals to identify signs of domestic abuse, deal with coping mechanisms, and build on soft skills through self-confidence, motivation and socialisation.

If you would like further information on this project please contact lee@separinternational.com.



MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE COMMUNITY GRANTS TEAM!



The Community Grants team would like to wish all of our partners, participants, review panel members and colleagues Happy Holidays!

Your hard work this year has seen support delivered to approximately **277** individuals throughout the variety of **50** projects that we have seen.

The support includes teaching skills directly related to job roles, soft skill activities to build confidence and generally increasing engagement in searching for, applying for and wanting to get into employment.

We look forward to continuing this support in 2022, and reaching out to more individuals who need it most!

MOVEMBER SUPPORT

Dan Watkins, our Volunteer Marketing Assistant took part in Movember last month- and told us a little about why this months means so much to him:

“November is an incredibly challenging month for a lot of men out there as it’s World Men’s Mental Health Awareness Month (known as Movember).

So in consideration and feeling determined to raise awareness of this awareness month, I decided to not shave, but also tell people about why I haven’t shaved and what positive impact this has on our communities. I believe that men shouldn’t have to experience Mental or Emotional situations on their own and that their voices should be heard.

Having experienced Mental Health myself, I know how much the awareness of this month means to so many men struggling out there.”

