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Who are we?

- One of 46 Community Foundations across UK.
- Encouraging local charitable giving and philanthropy.
- Funding and supporting projects that improve the lives of disadvantaged local people.



Key Data

- 14 staff, based in Evedgate
- 560 grants to 378 VCOs/individuals
- £2.25 million in last financial year April 2017 – March 2018
- £1.2 million April – Sept 2018
- £20 million endowment
- £32 million in grants since 2001
- Fund mix – 73+ - family/corporate/trust/national

What we fund

- We prioritise smaller charitable and voluntary organisations working for the benefit of vulnerable or disadvantaged people in Kent & Medway.
- Looking for projects with great impact.
- We primarily fund groups but do have some funds that will assist individuals.

How we fund

- We operate a quarterly cycle
- We communicate
- One form fits all
- We “crowd fund”



Impact

- Less micro data, broad statements rather than outcomes/indicators
- More meaningful
- Video stories



Core support fund

- Opening for applications January 2019
- 13 grants - 12 districts & Medway
- Income £300K, known to KCF
- Completely unrestricted
- £12K year one, £9.6K year two, £6K year three
- Match-fund in years two & three
- Starting 1st April 2019

Children, Young People and Families

Looking to fund local projects that are making a real difference to the lives of disadvantaged children and young people in Kent and Medway.

- Clear evidence of how the young people supported by the project are disadvantaged.
- Clear understanding as to how outcomes will be measured

Grants up to £5,000

Deadline 28th February



Elderly & Isolated Adults

People aged 85 and over are the fastest growing age group across the population. 30% of Kent's population will be over 60 by 2026.

Priority given to local projects that address the challenges faced by elderly adults and support people to stay well, healthy and independent and, most importantly, combat social isolation.

Grants up to £5,000

Deadline 28th February



Employability, Skills & Enterprise

Local projects that move people towards or in to the labour market.

Priority given to supporting projects helping young people in areas of high unemployment and where measurement of outcomes has been clearly defined.

Grants up to £5,000

Deadline 28th February



Vulnerable Adults

Local projects which support people who may need care and are dealing with challenging issues, some may be unable to protect themselves from harm or exploitation.

This theme exists to fund projects that are working to engage with and promote the safety, well-being and independence of vulnerable adults.

Grants up to £5,000

Deadline 28th February



Changes!

- Extending our reach
- 1st December
- One application per quarter
- Only two to the themes, six months apart
- 1:1s available

The Brook Trust Fund for Kent

Grants to local community groups working to achieve positive social outcomes, using early intervention where possible, tackling disadvantage, deprivation and social exclusion.

The fund gives priority to groups with an annual income of below £100,000. Harder to fund issues.

Grants up to £5,000

No deadline



Albert Burns Children's Fund

To causes related to children up to the age of 18, with priority given to small organisations and Thanet-based projects.

Grants up to £5,000 (up to £10,000 for exceptional projects)

Deadline 15th December



Gatwick Foundation Fund

For activities in West Kent, specifically the boroughs of Tunbridge Wells, Tonbridge & Malling and Sevenoaks.

Grants up to £5,000 (up to £10,000 for exceptional projects)

No deadline



Kent Social Enterprise Loan Fund

- A loan facility for charities and social enterprises looking to create or expand an income generating scheme.
- The fund can be used for capital and working capital expenditure.
- There is a potential for an element of grant assistance of up to 30% of the loan amount.
- An incorporated structure.
- Projects in Kent & Medway.



Kent Social Enterprise Loan Fund cont.

- Increase the social impact of the organisation.
- Support new and/or sustaining jobs.
- A business plan including a cash flow forecast.
- Blended loan/grant of between £10,000 and £100,000.
- Unsecured facility.
- Term of between one and five years.
- KCF support applicant through the process.

Kent Social Enterprise Loan Fund cont.

Example:

- Total Facility = £65,000.
- Loan £50,000 and 30% of loan grant £15,000.
- Standard interest rate of 5% flat = £2,500 p.a.
- Fee of 4% (of loan amount) = £2,000.
- Repayments are recycled and re lent to other organisations.

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