

Local Network Fund

To tackle disadvantage and poverty across the whole of Derbyshire by giving local groups the chance to make a difference to the lives of children and young people aged 0-19 years old.



We always suggest discussing your ideas with Derbyshire Community Foundation first. Contact Sarah Hand on 01332 592205

Please read the following carefully if you are unsure then please ring

We can help assess your project ideas and may be able to suggest ways to approach the application form – offering hints and tips.

The Local Network Fund has **its own application form** available by calling the number below:

0845 1130 161 (RNID Typetalk 180001 0845 1130 161).

This programme is delivered on behalf of the Department for Skills and Education (DFES).

Grants range between **£250 and £7,000** and there are four main themes:

- 1. Children's Voices** – giving young people the chance to express their opinions and contribute to improving policy / services that concern them.
- 2. Economic Disadvantage** – schemes that help families improve their living standards and cope with difficulties that come from being on a low income.
- 3. Isolation and Access** – support and opportunities for children and young people who may feel isolated or alone; or have difficulty accessing services available to others
- 4. Aspiration and Experience** – some children miss out on childhood experiences that others take for granted.

Criteria:

- ▶ You must have a **NEW** activity or project
- ▶ Or you may need start up costs for a new group/service
- ▶ It will treat extensions to projects as new activity i.e. reaching out to a new area, new age group, extra night a week due to success

** The fund will not support Core running costs for existing projects

- ▶ LNF must contribute 70% - 100% or more the total project costs.
** It will NOT contribute towards very large projects where LNF is only a small part of the cost

- ▶ LNF will not cover purely capital (equipment costs)
Applications must be a mixture of capital & revenue (non- equipment or running costs)
– LNF is looking to fund 'well rounded' projects and not simple purchasing of items.

- ▶ The Fund does not cover refurbishment /building works

- ▶ Your activity must focus on children and young people between 0 –19.
However, we can fund activities that help parents and families improve children's lives.
**Grants can be accessed for young people up to 25 where the beneficiaries have learning difficulties.

- ▶ Most of the children and young people benefiting from your activity must be facing disadvantage or poverty.

- ▶ You need to be a small locally managed, voluntary, community or self-help group.
** 'Small' according to LNF criteria is an annual turnover of under £100k
Groups with a higher turnover than this must submit evidence that they are the only organisation/facility capable of delivering the proposed project in the area.

- ▶ You must have people volunteering to help with your activity, who are NOT part of your management committee.

- ▶ You must have written rules (Constitution) of the group.

- ▶ You must take steps to ensure that the children and young people taking part in your activity do not come to any harm while in your care, therefore you must have written procedures for keeping children safe – **this will be needed as a condition of funding.**

- ▶ Derbyshire Community Foundation can help any group create or update a policy simply and effectively please contact us for more advice.

- ▶ Groups are only able to hold one grant at a time.

We also have a number of Outreach & Support providers across the County to help groups with this particular grant stream, including face to face advice and help with completing forms– for more details please contact Derbyshire Community Foundation.