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INFORMATION SOURCES ON FUNDING FOR CHARITIES

This is a guide to some of the main sources of information on funding for charities. Most of them are free to use. Trustfunding, Companygiving, Governmentfunding, Grantfinder, Hemscott Company Guru, Hollis Sponsorship and donations yearbook, Debrett's People of Today and Who's Who all charge for on-line access but may be available free of charge in public libraries or local resource agencies such as councils for voluntary service.

SECTION 1 - GENERAL INFORMATION SOURCES

The internet via your preferred search engines

Funding Central managed by NCVO and funded by the Office of the Third Sector, is a searchable database. It covers national and local funding and finance opportunities for voluntary and community organisations operating in England from European, national, regional and local government and charitable sources. You can also sign up to receive a weekly newsletter and funding alerts that match a profile based on the type of organisation and type of funding in which you are interested. www.fundingcentral.org.uk

Grantfinder provides information on over 6,000 initiatives from the European Commission to national UK government programmes, regional and local government, charitable trusts and corporate sponsors. www.grantfinder.co.uk

Grantnet is a free service from Grantfinder allowing searches for funding via an on-line questionnaire. It comprises in excess of 5,000 funding schemes available in the UK from European and national sources, directed at the public, private, charitable, and voluntary and community sectors. www.grantnet.com

SECTION 2 - INFORMATION SOURCES ON PEOPLE

Debretts People of Today www.debretts.com

Who's Who www.ukwhoswho.com

Rich lists and lists of people of influence The best known of these is the **Sunday Times Rich List** The on-line version of the top 2,000 richest people is free. To access the list go to the Sunday Times website and register. www.timesplus.co.uk

There are also regional rich lists and lists of influential people in particular spheres of life (for example, The Midland's Rich List produced by the **Birmingham Post** www.birminghampost.net or The Guardian Media 100 www.guardian.co.uk or London's one thousand most influential people www.thisislondon.co.uk

Forbes produces a variety of lists including the world's richest people, the world's most powerful people, the world's billionaires, the 400 richest Americans, Europe's richest www.forbes.com

Hemscott Company Guru provides information on company directors www.hemscott.com

Trustfunding can be searched to find if a particular person is a trustee www.trustfunding.org.uk

MPs and Peers www.parliament.uk

SECTION 3 - INFORMATION SOURCES ON GRANT-MAKING TRUSTS

Trustfunding database from the Directory of Social Change www.trustfunding.org.uk

Guidestar can be searched by subject. Searches can be limited to grant-giving bodies using the "Advanced search" option. Annual reports of organisations are usually available to download www.guidestar.org.uk

Charity Commission Register of Charities – Annual reports attached to most entries are a useful source of information on previous funding history and sometimes on funding priorities.

www.charity-commission.gov.uk

Scottish trusts www.scvo.org.uk provides a directory of Scottish charities usually with no indication on whether or not the organisation is grant-making so it is a useful source only if you already know which the names of the grant-making trusts on which you are looking for information

Register of Scottish Charities can be searched by objects and purposes so using terms such as “grants” in the search will limit the results to grant giving bodies www.oscr.org.uk

Association of Charitable Foundations is a membership association for trusts and foundations in the UK with over 300 members ranging in size from small and local grant-makers to some of the world's largest foundations. The site provides links to members' websites and to umbrella bodies of grant-making organisations in Europe, the USA and elsewhere www.acf.org.uk

The Livery Companies Database gives links to the websites of livery companies most of which operate grant-making trusts [Livery Company website](#)

Trusts own websites

SECTION 4 - INFORMATION SOURCES ON COMPANIES

Companygiving database available from the Directory of Social Change with information on areas of interest, previous funding and sponsorship, payroll giving and other types of support www.companygiving.org.uk

Hemscott Company Guru www.hemscott.com

Companies House www.companieshouse.gov.uk

Hollis Sponsorship and donations yearbook Book plus on-line version www.hollis-sponsorship.com

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SECTION 5 - INFORMATION SOURCES ON STATUTORY, LOTTERY AND EUROPEAN FUNDING

Governmentfunding Online database of grants for the voluntary and community sector used to be free but is now available for a subscription from the Directory of Social Change www.governmentfunding.org.uk

www.direct.gov.uk Gives access to sites of all government departments and agencies and a gateway to local authority sites for information on funding from local authorities

www.lotteryfunding.org.uk Information on lottery funding

Information on grants from the Heritage Lottery Fund for museums, parks, historic places, archaeology, the natural environment and cultural traditions [Heritage Lottery Funding website](#)

The site of the Big Lottery Fund which is responsible for giving out half the money raised by the National Lottery for good causes with funding for community groups and to projects that improve health, education and the environment www.biglotteryfund.org.uk

Europa: gateway to the European Union with information on grants, funds and programmes by EU policy at: www.europa.eu

Government Office for the English Regions provides information on European funding and links to various relevant sites such as the European Social Fund and European Regional Development Fund www.gos.gov.uk