

# VAL Funding Support

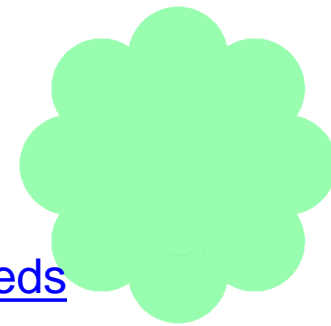
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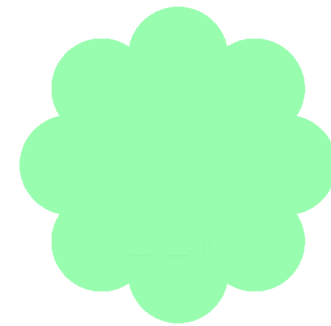
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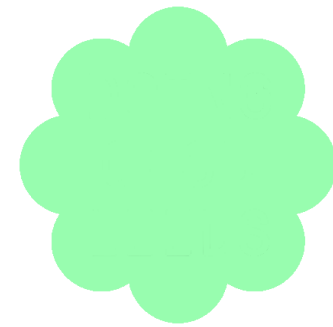
- Funding information – on DGL website [Funding - Doing Good Leeds](#)
- Funding and fundraising training: [Training - Doing Good Leeds](#) (bursaries for small groups with income under £20K)
- One-to-one support on funding – feedback on bids and help in identifying funding (on-line and face to face). [Kaye.Wilson@val.org.uk](mailto:Kaye.Wilson@val.org.uk)
- Linking with funders – funding fairs/zoom meet the funder events free to Leeds organisations e.g: <https://doinggoodleeds.org.uk/training-course/meet-the-funder-mayors-safer-communities-fund/> all advertised on VAL's training pages.
- Leeds Funding Support Network for those with no or little experience of fundraising, and those with more experience willing to share, including funding newsletter and face-book page and regularly updated list of relevant funding sources for Leeds based organisations – all accessible through the funding page above).

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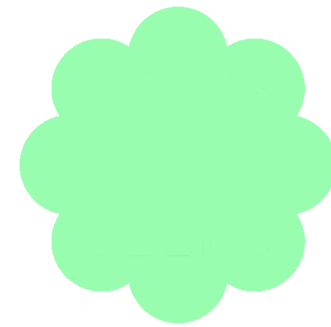
- Support for small groups in Leeds to set up and develop: Support for Organisations - <https://doinggoodleeds.org.uk/support-for-organisations/> including free training: free Starting from Scratch to help new groups set up/formalise
- VAL also has a range of networks who can help groups access relevant funders, form partnerships and discuss issues e.g. Young Lives Network, BME (name soon to change) Network – see list here: <https://doinggoodleeds.org.uk/networks-forums/>

# Funding information



- [www.fundingleeds.co.uk](http://www.fundingleeds.co.uk) – free funding search, news and funding information
- [www.fundingcentral.org.uk](http://www.fundingcentral.org.uk) – funding searches (free to organisations with income under £100K)
- [www.goodfinance.org.uk](http://www.goodfinance.org.uk) help charities & social enterprises navigate the world of social investment
- [www.yortender.co.uk](http://www.yortender.co.uk) (contracts from Y&H LA's)
- [www.wysport.org.uk](http://www.wysport.org.uk) (funding for sport in WY)
- Funders themselves – about themselves and other sources.
- Organisations – see where they get funding from.
- [Sources of Grant Funding for Voluntary and Community Groups in Leeds - Doing Good Leeds](#) updated regularly by Kaye Wilson: Project Worker, Funding and small group support.

# Funders



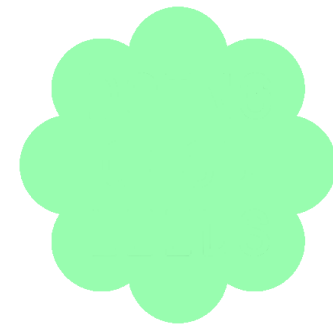
- Lottery funders: (art, sport, heritage, community)
- Trust Funding e.g. Wades Charity, LCF, Greggs Foundation, Henry Smith
- Statutory Funders: LCC community grants, HAP's, contracts, Mayor's Safer Communities Fund
- Social Finance: (loans – Key Fund)

# What do they usually require?



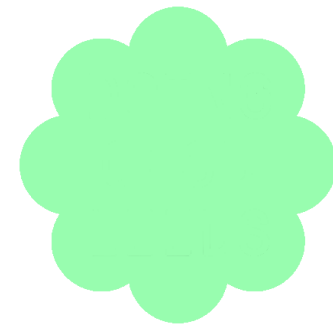
- Constitution or similar governing documents (some exceptions e.g. LCF micro-grants)
- Group with clear aims & outline of what you do
- Relevant policies (safeguarding, equality & diversity, volunteer), insurance
- Bank account in group name
- Minimum of 2/3 signatories, accounts and/or bank statement
- Contact details
- Capable - track record/skills/planning/

# Before applying



- Decide what you want funding for and why?
- e.g. to provide support and advice around dementia, to bring people together to socialise and share concerns, to improve people's health through good nutrition
- e.g. listening and support group for carers - volunteers expenses - escorting people to the café, travel costs, activity costs, venue hire, publicity, refreshments, speaker costs
- What do you need to fundraise – cash, in-kind
- Find the right funder

# Project details



Need/idea – who are you helping, what problem/issue will you deal with or what idea do you have, what strengths can you build on. Is there a gap – don't duplicate, work together

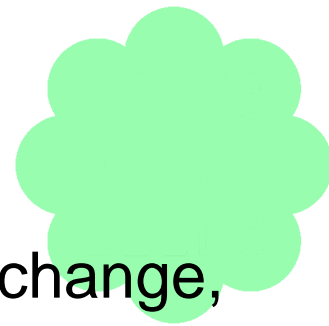
Evidence of need and demand – statistics, research, local priorities, waiting lists, consultation, pilot evaluations, asking people – ask your community

Project/activity outline – what will you do, when, where, how (staff/volunteers), who for/how many, stages in delivery, working with others

Community and beneficiary involvement (in planning, delivery, evaluation, fundraising, volunteering), access

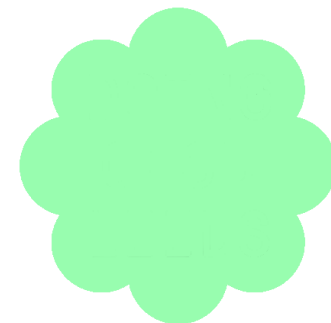


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- What difference will your project make, what will change, what outcomes/impact will you achieve?
- How will you fit with funders priorities/outcomes
- How will you know what has changed/your successes – monitoring and evaluation – feedback, case studies, observations, pictures, statements etc.
- How much do you need and what for (clear budget), match funding secured – cash and kind, your contribution
- What will happen when funding ends/what will happen to participants?
- Are there any potential risks (covid-19 requirements e.g. social distancing) – how deal with it?

# Top tips for applying



- Ensure your group is ready to access funding
- Preparation – have a clearly planned project
- Check eligibility of group and project
- Read guidance/app' forms carefully – check with funder
- Don't waffle – use bullet points
- Avoid jargon – keep it simple
- Substantiate claims – keep it real “it's essential” (why?)
- Bring project to life – quotes, anecdotes
- Do drafts – get feedback
- Give yourself plenty of time
- Get support
- Ensure you have the required documents