



Sources of funding for NEET and at risk activity

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So you need some money...

- Define...
 - the purpose
 - Is this to reduce existing NEET or put in place preventative work to support positive transitions
 - the cohort
 - Really understand the cohort profile and their needs
 - Outcomes
 - What do you want to achieve
 - Volumes and timescale
 - How long is this for? How many people do you need or want to impact on?



What activity do you want to fund?

- Needs analysis
 - Based on knowing the cohort - now, future, and the many different needs
- Provision gaps
 - What is missing that could be providing good activity and learning for these young people
- Innovation? Or more of the same?
 - What will engage and retain interest
 - Consider carefully progression



Sources of funding

- ESF - European Social Fund - NEET response funds
 - Previously co-financed by LSC, now Skills Funding Agency
 - Fund manager basis
 - Targeted at 16-19 - South Yorkshire also has 14-16 as Objective 1 legacy
 - Tender process to become a fund manager
 - Many are managed by LAs but not all
 - Limited timescale and complex access



Sources of funding

- DSG - Dedicated Schools Grant
 - Practical learning Grant
 - LA managed grant for schools, not including Academies
 - Supporting development of practical learning opportunities
 - Management varies from fully centrally retained for programmes to devolution to schools and/or providers to practical learning programmes
 - Largely used for Diploma support



Sources of Funding

- Connexions - NEET target lead
 - Targeted funding and activity
 - Universal contract for transition support for vulnerable groups and individuals
- Youth Service / IYSS
 - Previous LSC grants now with YPLA - Fighting Fund, Positive Activities- uncertain continuity and likely to be merged into other funding streams
- YouthBank
 - where young people would be both the grant



Sources of funding

- Education Business Links grant
 - Now via YPLA to LAs to manage the contract
 - Most LAs tendering over the next year
 - Potential to move some activity to NEET support or prevention within the four main strands where it is a priority



Sources of funding

- WNF - Working Neighbourhoods Fund
 - Previously NRF and now part of the Area Based Grant, which means it is no longer ring-fenced
 - Format varies greatly - in Doncaster this has been determined by neighbourhoods through community consultation and programmes identified and tendered for using SCMS- not all funds are allocated in year 1
 - Focus is on addressing worklessness and economic and social regeneration



Sources of funding

- New Deal for Communities (NDC)
 - Based on deprivation indicators and super output areas
 - Targeted funding for social and economic regeneration
 - Often linked with schools in identified areas
 - E.g. in Doncaster, Balby Carr school has had support from NDC to establish a small vocational training centre



Trusts and charities

- Most localities have some charitable trusts Councils often have lists of local funds that can be applied to
 - Depending on need there are often sport and arts related trusts that will fund activity
 - Talks to 3rd sector organisations who are often adept at accessing smaller local funds
 - For larger projects look at Lottery funding - non-capital smaller grants



Trusts and Charities

- Organisations outside authorities can apply to the Lottery fund for Awards for All
- All organisations can apply for Heritage funding if the project has a heritage aspect e.g. renovation, ecology
- South Yorkshire Key Fund - secures ERDF funding and makes community based grants available - there will be similar organisations in localities - also previously managed Community Chest



Capital funds

- If what you need is specific facilities there are funds available for this
 - E.g. My Space - dedicated youth engagement facility development
 - ERDF - managed through regional development agencies; tend to be large contracts over £1m; councils may bid to draw funds down and tender for provision. Access may be different in different authorities.



Getting Help

- Search engines for funding sources
 - J4B
 - Grants for All
- Agencies - e.g. in South Yorkshire FYFAB
- 3rd sector representative organisations
 - E.g. Doncaster CVS



Tips for bid writing

- Know the funder's prime objectives
- Make sure the funding meets your needs
- Ensure you clearly define the need and the desired outcomes
 - In line with the objectives and purpose of the fund and your local context
- Make sure you answer questions asked in the bid
 - Don't go off track or become anecdotal