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Introduction – A Simple Guide

This guide has been designed for the use of all childcare providers. It aims to take the hard work out of the daunting task of researching and accessing funds to set up and sustain childcare provision. The simple and easy to follow information helps childcare providers to plan for, apply for and make a success of their search for funding. It also contains a list of useful contacts who will be able to help along the way with support and advice. Finally, there are some suggestions for “fun” fundraising ideas. Whatever your need, this guide should be able to help you to access funding and achieve success.

GETTING STARTED – A PLAN FOR SUCCESS

Developing a Funding Strategy

Make a list of those funders you have identified as likely donors and **contact them**. A few short minutes on the phone, fax or internet will save you a lot of time and work making an application if you find that your specific project is not eligible for funding from the donor, or that the donor has exhausted funding for such projects for the year. You can also find out exactly what is needed for the application and request an application form if it is required.

Once you have a list of potential donors you are ready to begin the application process. A good application will show how your scheme benefits the local community, its children and parents.

Funders are more likely to respond to an application if it can show that it:-

- Comes from a credible organisation
- Has a good project
- Convinces donors that they have an interest in the project
- Promotes good quality childcare
- Has approached the right potential funder

When the nature of your application requires it, you need to think about:-

- Your unique selling points which make your application stand out from the others.
- Giving your project a specific and appropriate name, maybe a fun name which has been thought of by the children
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- Summarising your project at the beginning of the application in case the funder doesn't read beyond the first page.
- A good explanation of the services you provide. Maybe include a direct quote from a parent or child using your scheme.
- A good explanation of why the project is needed in your community and how the money will help to support it.

Learn from experience.

Keep a record of what gets results and replicate these approaches with other potential donors. Also, always acknowledge funding and explain how it has helped your group, maybe invite funders to visit to see how their funds have supported you. You may be able to go back to funders who have supported you in the past – they have already expressed an interest so try to maintain it.

Help with Application Forms

Find out all you can about the funder. Speak to the funder if possible, talk to other groups who have successfully accessed funds, ask your local voluntary council for help (AVOW, see Useful Contacts). Time and effort at this stage is crucial. When making applications follow the guidelines below.

- Take several copies of the application form before you start, and practice. Read the questions thoroughly before beginning to complete the application form.
- Answer all the questions.
- Remember to get all the necessary signatures.
- Get someone to check your application form before you send it. Is it clear and easy to understand?
- Keep the application form clean and tidy. Check for spelling mistakes.
- Include all the requested material.
- Provide the funder with a clear point of contact.
- Take a photocopy of any completed application before you send it, for reference should the funder need to contact you.
- Deal with any funder's requests for more information quickly, and keep the funder informed of any relevant changes, which occur.
- Meet deadlines. Do not expect funders to be sympathetic to late applications, they have deadlines to meet also.

Support from Companies.

Most companies give out of enlightened self-interest and see their giving in terms of 'community involvement' or 'community investment'. It is a good idea to scan local newspapers on a regular basis to identify companies providing support to similar projects, what the grant was provided for and the size of the grant. It is a good first step to find a company that you know has donated to similar causes.

Next, put yourself in the position of the company. Why should they want to give their support to you? Why should they choose your charity's appeal ahead of any others they might receive? Try to find out as much as you can about the companies you have identified as potential donors.

Think about the benefits they will get from supporting you and mention these in your initial letter:

- Does it state what your link is with the company?
- Does it stress the benefits to the company?
- Is it clear why you need the money?
- Is it addressed to the correct contact?
- Is it attractive to the company, e.g. will their donation enable a much larger project to go ahead?
- Is your appeal letter short and to the point? Further information can be included in attachments.

Much company support lies outside of grant funding. There are a variety of ways in which companies can support charities:

- Support in kind, which includes giving company products or surplus office equipment.
- Encouraging employees to volunteer or undertake fundraising drives.
- Enabling employees to donate through a payroll-giving scheme.
- Sponsorship of an event, activity or award scheme.

Remember, if you are successful in obtaining a company's support, thank them and keep them informed on how your project is progressing – you may need their support in the future.

Sources of Funding.

The following schemes are available for individuals, voluntary groups and organisations in Wales. The entries are intended as a general guide, the contacts given will be able to provide you with more detailed information.

Abbey National Charitable Trust.

Abbey Charitable Trust is committed to supporting local communities and disadvantaged people, particularly in those areas where Abbey has a significant presence.

Donations can only be made to registered, excepted or exempt charities. Applications can be made for Community regeneration projects. This would include projects where different parts of the community work together to help improve the local area. All grants must directly help disadvantaged people and make a lasting difference so must be suitable for one-off funding. Grants are made for tangible items like equipment, workbooks, training materials, guides and other capital items.

For example:

- communication equipment and specialist software which helps children with severe communications difficulties to communicate using symbols and through voice recognition software.
- a cooker to teach about healthy eating.
- tools and overalls for a local community to convert some waste ground into a small park.

Grants are now able to fund salaries and sessional worker fees, as long as this does not exceed 50% of the value of the donation and is appropriate for one-off funding. Most donations will be between £500 and £4,000. Applications are made by letter on headed notepaper of your charity. A rolling programme operates so there are no deadlines and applications can be made at any time of the year.

For more information please visit: www.abbeynational.com

Alexandra Rose Day – Helping Charities Help Themselves

Alexandra Rose Day was founded in 1912 by Queen Alexandra, when thousands of volunteers sold roses in London for the benefit of hospitals and other charitable institutions. Today the Alexandra Rose Day tradition is continued by helping people-caring charities to help themselves. Any small or local charity based in England and Wales that supports disabled people, children, the young and the elderly can raise funds by working with Alexandra Rose Day on their fundraising events:

Collection Days - partner charities provide the volunteers to participate in street, house-to-house and supermarket collections. Alexandra Rose Day organize the event, provide equipment, publicity and cover the regulatory requirements. Participating charities keep 90% of the money raised. The Collection day for 2007 is 23rd June, and it will be launched by the Prime Minister buying a rose on the steps of 10 Downing Street as is traditional.

Joint Charities Raffle – this annual raffle is a simple and risk free method for small groups to raise money. Alexandra Rose Day provide the raffle tickets, and all the prizes and the charity keep 80% of the money raised. The first three prizes are £2,000, £1,000 and £500 in cash, with a number of runners up prizes, and tickets are priced 50p each in books of five. Proceeds from ticket sales are banked by the participating charity, and only then are the counterfoils and 20% of the proceeds are sent to Alexandra Rose Day. There is no risk and no money required up-front. Raffle tickets can be ordered now via their website, and the 2007 draw will take place on 1st November 2007.

Special Appeal Fund – any charity which takes part in one of their collections can write in and apply for a grant. The charities they work with support disabled people, children, the young and the elderly, which aim to help people in need or to improve their quality of life.

The real benefit for charities of working with Alexandra Rose Day, is that funds raised can be used for any purpose, and unlike grant funding, which is generally restricted to a particular project meeting a funder's own criteria.

*For more information please visit: www.alexandraroseday.org.uk,
Or contact Alexandra Rose Day, 5 Mead Lane, Farnham, Surrey GU9 7DY. Tel: 01252 726 171,
Fax: 01252 727 559, E-mail: enquiries@alexandraroseday.org.uk*

Asda Foundation

Local Collections: Contact Asda Wrexham to see if you can arrange a fund-raising day for your voluntary group at the store. Many groups have raised funds by organising a Saturday to help customers pack their shopping and have received some well-earned tips to increase their funds!

*For more information please contact: Local Events Co-ordinator of Asda Wrexham,
Tel: 01978 367200.*

AVOW Small Grants Scheme

The purpose of this scheme is to promote voluntary activity for new and emerging organisations and to support existing voluntary organisations in times of financial crisis. Normally the amount of grant per application will not exceed £250.

*For more information please contact: Small Grants, AVOW, 21 Egerton Street, Wrexham LL11 1ND,
Tel: 01978 312556. Email: info@avow.org Or visit: www.avow.org*

Awards for All Wales

This is a Lottery grants programme targeted at local communities. Applications can be made by not-for-profit groups, parish or town councils, school or health bodies but not individuals. Grants are awarded for between £500 and £5,000 to fund a specific project or activity and must be spent within one year. Organisations can receive up to a maximum of £5,000 in any 12 month period.

Examples of things Awards for All Wales **can** fund includes: publicity materials, venue hire, computers, research costs, transport costs, volunteers' expenses, updating equipment for health and safety reasons, refurbishment, training, sessional staff, fees to hire equipment, educational toys and games.

Awards for All Wales **cannot** fund regular ongoing costs (wages, rent etc) **or** refurbishments / improvements to land or property not owned/leased by the group.

The application form is short and simple, applications can be made at any time and decisions are made within 12 weeks.

For more information please contact: Awards for All Wales, 2nd Floor, Ladywell House, Newtown, Powys SY16 1JB, Tel: 01686 611 700. Website: www.awardsforall.org.uk

B&Q Better Neighbourhood Grant Scheme.

Schools, Community groups and charitable organisations can apply to their local B&Q store for funding to support a local community project.

The grants are available to help get a community project up and running and should have a long-lasting benefit on the community. The scheme provides £50 to £500 of B&Q materials to local schools, community groups and charitable organisations (non-electrical). Each store has a budget of £1,000 to allocate grants of between £50 and £500 per project.

All grants have been awarded for 2007, but grants will be available again in 2008. Due to the large amount of applications made every year please apply early in February for the best chance of receiving a grant.

In addition, all stores offer waste materials and unsaleable goods to local projects ie. off-cuts of timber, damaged tins of paint etc.

For more information please contact: Environmental Champion, B&Q Wrexham, Tel: 01978 362777

BBC Children in Need Appeal (Wales)

There are two grant rounds, November and March. Application forms for the November round will be available in the autumn. The Appeal will fund projects which aim to significantly improve the lives of disadvantaged children and young people around the UK.

*For more information please contact: Marc Phillips, National Co-ordinator, Broadcasting House, Llandaff, Cardiff CF5 2YQ, Tel: 029 2032 2383, Fax: 029 2032 2337, E-mail: Pudsey@bbc.gov.uk
Or visit: www.bbc.co.uk/cin*

Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation

This Charitable Foundation is a general grant making trust. During recent years annual grants totalling around 2.5 million have been made to a wide range of charities.

Appeals for grant aid are considered regularly. Grants are made only to registered charities, and not to individuals. There is no application form but applicants should apply in writing to the Director giving details as to the following points and this should be accompanied by the latest approved Report and Accounts.

- What the charity does and it's objectives
- What is the need and purpose of the project, who will benefit and how
- How much the project will cost
- How much money has already been raised and from whom
- How running costs of the project will be met following its establishment
- Any other supporting documentation

The trust also awards grants for **sustainability**. Generally grants awarded will range between £500 and £5000 and can be for revenue and capital costs.

For more information please contact: Mr J Rimmington, Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation, 20 Berkley Square, London WJ1 6LH, Tel: 020 7408 2198, Fax: 020 7499 5859.

Big Lottery Fund.

BIG is the largest distributor of Lottery money in Wales. Nearly a million pounds a week is distributed to community organisations and to health, education and environmental projects. The website allows you to search information on current funding programmes across the UK.

For more information please visit: www.biglotteryfund.org.uk

Concise guide to the Charities Act 2006

The Cabinet Office and Charity Commission have launched Charities Act 2006 - what trustees need to know, a concise guide to the biggest shake up of charity law for centuries. The guide is primarily aimed at those running small charities that may not have the knowledge or expertise to make the most of the new laws. It discusses specific circumstances such as spending from endowment funds, mortgaging charity property for a loan or grant and fundraising.

The guides is Available from:

www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/third_sector/law_and_regulation/charities_act_2006

Childminder Start up Grants

A Start-up Grant is currently being offered to newly registered/registering Childminders to help with the costs of setting up a Childminder business. The CYMORTH Children and Youth Support Fund will fund provision of the National Childminding Association (NCMA) Quality Start Package and up to £300 for the purchase of essential Health & Safety equipment, or other equipment such as multi-cultural toys and storage facilities to enable new Childminders to set up a quality service.

Applicants will also be entitled to free of charge attendance at pre-registration training and further one to one mentoring provided by the National Childminding Association. The pre-registration training will include the Introduction to Childminding Practice, First Aid and Basic Food Hygiene courses. Please contact NCMA for details (see "Useful Contacts").

Consideration will be given for Additional Grants of £300. Criteria apply.

*For more information please contact: Childcare Funding Officer,
Children's Information Bureau, Ty AVOW, 21 Egerton street, Wrexham LL11 1ND
Tel: 01978 298340/292094, E-mail: nicola.hulley@wrexham.gov.uk*

Clybiau Plant Cymru Kids' Clubs

Assisted Places Scheme

Clybiau Plant Cymru Kids' Clubs has funding from CYMORTH – The Children and Youth Support Fund to provide an assisted places scheme for "children in need" aged 4 – 14 years to attend Out of School Clubs. A child may require a place in a club because of having social/behavioural problems, be on the Social Services register, they may have a parent who is seriously ill or any other of a whole host of good reasons to need the freedom yet security of an out of school club. An Out of School Club, a school, or other relevant organisation can make applications on a child's behalf.

Helping Hands Scheme

Clybiau Plant Cymru Kids' Clubs have funding to pay for a "1-2-1" support worker at one of their Out of School Clubs for children (aged 4 – 16 years) with a disability.

For more information please contact: Clybiau Plant Cymru Kids' Clubs Regional Office, 19 Princes Drive, Colwyn Bay, Conwy LL29 8HT Tel: 01492 536582/07879 411069.

Clwyd Community Chest

Denbighshire Voluntary Services Council (DVSC) administers the "Community Chest" grants and loans scheme for voluntary and community groups operating within the former County of Clwyd.

Grants of up to £250 and loans of up to £2,000 are considered to organisations or groups (who are registered charities or undertake charitable objectives). Priorities for funding include:

- Children at a disadvantage
- Play and recreation facilities for children
- Village hall maintenance
- Environmental activities
- Cultural activities

Grants of up to £250 are available for purchase of capital items and/or running costs.

Loans of up to £2,000 are available.

The Grants/Loans Committee meets at least three times a year. Support can be provided for completion of applications.

*For more information please contact: Clwyd Community Chest, c/o Denbighshire Voluntary Services Council [DVSC], Naylor Leyland Centre, Well Street, Ruthin, Denbighshire, LL15 1AF.
Tel : 01824 702441 Fax: 01824 705412, E-mail: office@dvsc.co.uk Website: www.dvsc.co.uk*

Coalfields Regeneration Trust

This is the UK's leading regeneration agency for former coalfield areas. The Trust welcomes applications from groups, organisations and agencies which are committed to the regeneration of coalfield areas and their communities. In Wrexham County Borough these areas include Rhostyllen, Aberoer, Legacy, Pentre Bychan, Branwylfa, Minera, Penycae and Ponciau. The Trust has launched a new fast-track grant-making programme for small voluntary and community groups called "Bridging the Gap". This programme will allow speedy access to small grants (£500 - £10,000) quickly.

The Trust will judge every project on its merits, so there is no set list of things that they will fund. Capital and/or revenue grants are eligible. Projects must meet one or more of these criteria: developing community facilities; building community capacity; developing community business enterprise and the social economy; supporting lifelong learning; creating employment and training opportunities.

For more information please contact: The Coalfields Regeneration Trust, Unit 7, Maritime Offices, Woodland Terrace, Maesycoed, Pontypridd, Rhondda Cynon Taf, CF47 1DZ. Tel: 01443 404455. E-mail: alunt@coalfields-regen.org.uk Website: www.coalfields-regen.org.uk

Comic Relief

Comic Relief aims to reach the poorest and most disadvantaged people. Grants are made in the UK to registered charities and voluntary organisations with charitable purposes to support them to tackle poverty and social justice.

For more information please contact: UK Grants Team, 89 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7TP, Tel: 020 7820 5555, Fax: 020 7820 5500. E-mail: ukgrants@comicrelief.org.uk Website: www.comicrelief.com

Community Facilities and Activities Programme Wrexham

AVOW, the Association of Voluntary Organisations in Wrexham have been successful in obtaining £300,000 until 2008 to run this scheme for the benefit of the communities and people of Wrexham. The funding will be used to provide grants up to a maximum of £10,000 per application and a new small grants scheme will provide grants of up to £250.

For further information please contact: Lynda Ellison, tel: 01978 312556, e-mail: urban2admin@avow.org

Communities First Trust Fund

In 2007/08 applications are invited from not-for-profit local community groups and organisations to support any type of activity that benefits their community. Applicants must be working in and involving people from a Communities First area, or if outside the area, the beneficiaries must be living in a Communities First area. Grants of up to £5,000 are available.

Applications can be submitted from 1 April 2007. All applications must be received by 31 January 2008.

For more information a scheme and to find out if you are eligible to apply please contact the Communities First Helpline, Tel: 0800 587 8898 or visit: www.communitiesfirst.info for an application pack and list of eligible areas.

Community Loans – Finance Wales

Finance Wales offer a range of funding and management support solutions designed to enable businesses and communities to grow, creating new employment and protecting existing jobs. Finance Wales serves businesses throughout Wales providing loans to cover a range of business requirements, from start-up to development proposals. The loans will address gaps in the existing market rather than compete with traditional fund providers.

Applications can be made by small to medium-sized businesses (SME) whose annual turnover does not exceed fewer £33.25 million and with fewer than 250 employees.

Finance Wales does not provide grants.

For more information please visit: www.financewales.co.uk

Co-operative Community Fund

Across the country thousands of clubs, community groups and self-help organisations of all kinds are benefiting from the Co-operative Group's Community Dividend scheme.

If you would like to apply for funding for your local group or organisation, simply download, complete and return the application form from the website.

For more information please contact: 0161 827 5879

Or visit: www.co-operative.co.uk/communityfund

Co-operative Community Discount Card

The Co-operative Group runs over 1700 food stores across the UK. A broad range of community initiatives including breakfast clubs and not-for-profit groups are invited to apply for a Community Food Discount Card.

For more information please contact the Co-operative Group Helpline on 0161 827 5879, or email: communityfood@co-op.co.uk

Dixons Community Fonebak.

The Dixons Group have introduced a new scheme, Community Fonebak designed to help charities and community groups raise funds by collecting and recycling unwanted mobile phones. For each reusable phone you will receive £4 in cash or a £5 Dixons Group voucher. Community Fonebak is open to most organisations in the UK including registered charities, schools, scout groups, sports clubs etc.

For further information please contact: Community Fonebak Project Co-ordinator, Tel: 01708 683428 or Email: info@communityfonebak.com Website: www.communityfonebak.com

Dixons Group Foundation.

The Dixons Group plc community policy focuses on investing in education and training, enhancing and improving quality of life and crime prevention.

Dixons Group Foundation makes donations towards specific projects in the community (rather than provide money for core funding).

For applications for donations of less than £1,000 the application form on the community & environment section of the Dixons website can be completed, web address below.

For more information (and to apply for grants greater than £1,000) please contact: Community Relations Team, Corporate Affairs Department, Dixons Group plc, Maylands Avenue, Hemel Hempstead HP2 7TG. Website: www.dixons-group-plc.co.uk

Four Acre Trust

The Four Acre trust favour charities supporting people particularly children and young people and give preference to projects focusing on problem prevention rather than problem solving. They subsidise holidays and short breaks, School holiday activity schemes, respite holidays for young carers. Applications can be made any time of the year but are considered quarterly.

For more information visit the Website: www.fouracretrust.org.uk/index

Funding Guides on the Web.

"A Guide to Sources of Funding for Childcare Providers" and "Help with Childcare Costs"- a Guide to sources of funding to support parents with the costs of Childcare are now both available on the internet. Internet access is free in Libraries across Wrexham.

Please follow these instructions to access the Guides:

1. Enter www.wrexham.gov.uk in the search field of the internet page.
2. Select English or Welsh version.
3. Select "Community and Living" from the left side of the screen.
4. Scroll down the page and select "Children's Information Bureau".
5. Open "About Us".
6. Scroll down to find both Guides.

For further help and support please contact: Childcare Funding Officer,
Children's Information Bureau, Ty AVOW, 21 Egerton Street, Wrexham.
Tel: 01978 298340/292094. E-mail: nicola.hulley@wrexham.gov.uk

Funding & Support in Wrexham

Wrexham County Borough Council has teamed up with J4B to provide you with a free search facility for all types of grants, funding and support available for Business, Community and Social Enterprises. Information is arranged in the following categories:

- Local Support: details of specific support available only in the Wrexham area.
- Funding Search: local and national funding schemes currently available.
- Government: Browse all local, regional and national, and EU funding.
- Lottery: Browse all National Lottery funding.
- Trustfunding: Find out how to efficiently explore funding from thousands of charitable trusts.

For more information please visit: www.wrexham.gov.uk , click on "A-Z of Council Services", then "F". Scroll down for "Funding and Support in Wrexham".

Fundraisers-uk.com

Use this free, quick and easy to use web-site for hundreds of ideas to help your group make their fund-raising a success.

Garfield Weston Foundation.

This foundation makes about 1,500 one-off grants a year to registered charities for amounts between £3,000 and £1 million. Approximately half of all appeals result in a grant allocation.

All applications are considered on an individual basis by a committee of trustees.

Applications take approximately 3 to 4 months to be processed and applicants are notified of the outcome by letter. Trustees meet monthly, there is no deadline for applications. Applications for disabled access are considered. Application forms and guidelines are available.

For more information please contact: Garfield Weston Foundation, Weston Centre, 10 Grovenor Street, London, W1K 4QY. Tel: 02073 996565 Website: www.garfieldweston.org

Giving to Charity

Most people in the UK give money to charity but not necessarily in the best way. If every donor were to give their donations tax-effectively, charities could claim an estimated additional £900 million pounds from the Inland Revenue each year.

Through the use of Gift Aid, Childcare Providers could substantially increase their income with very little effort. A 'Gift Aid' toolkit, "A Fundraisers Guide to Tax-effective giving" and other resources can all be downloaded from the "giving wales " website.

For further information and resources please visit the website: www.givingcampaign.org.uk

For up to date information on the tax treatment of charities and charitable giving refer to the HMRC website: www.hmrc.gov.uk/charities/

Grantfinder and Funderfinder

Grantfinder is a comprehensive database of UK and EU funding initiatives, ranging from grants and loans to advisory schemes.

Funderfinder provides a way of identifying those charitable funders – usually trusts or foundations – that might be sympathetic to a particular appeal. AVOW provide free access to a computerised Funderfinder and Grantfinder.

For more information please contact: Funding Officer, Ty AVOW, 21 Egerton Street, Wrexham, Tel: 01978 312556.

The Hedley Foundation

The main objective of the Trustees' grant making is young people: their education, recreation, support, training, health and welfare. Grants are made to registered charities for specific, mostly one-off projects to assist and encourage development and change. The Trustees sometimes agree to help fund the introduction of new and innovative projects with a series of up to 3 annual grants. Grants will not be made for core revenue, salary, transport funding, or to individuals. Very large appeals will not be considered. Few grants exceed £5,000.

The Trustees meet six times a year. All applications will be acknowledged. There is no Application form. Details for making an application are available from the website.

For more information please visit: www.hedleyfoundation.org.uk

Millennium Volunteers (MV) Grants Programme

Millennium Volunteers is a UK wide initiative designed to promote and recognise volunteering among young people aged 16 – 24.

To be eligible for MV funding you need to be a voluntary or statutory organisation that is able to offer volunteering opportunities, which will enable young people aged 16-24 to complete 200 hours of volunteering. The next application closing dates for Delivery Partner and Youth Led Projects are:

- Wednesday 15th August 2007
- Wednesday 14th November 2007
- Wednesday 13th February 2008

For more information please contact: WCVA Helpdesk, Tel: 0870 607 1666,

Or visit: www.WCVA.org.uk

The Morgan Foundation

The Morgan Foundation supports charities across North Wales, Merseyside, West Cheshire and North Shropshire. The Foundation has recently expanded its grant-giving programme to £1million per year. The Morgan Foundation specialises in supporting organisations helping children and families and will consider any work which has a positive effect on their welfare, or which expands the opportunities and life choices for young people in this region. Areas of support to date have included physical and learning disability, physical and mental health, plus social challenge and deprivation. The Foundation will also consider helping charities meeting other needs, provided they meet its main objective of being able to 'make a difference'.

For more information please visit: www.morganfoundation.co.uk

Or for an informal discussion contact Jane Harris (Administrator) on 01829 782800.

Playground Partnerships Awards

The Woolworth's charity Kids First is inviting primary and special schools to apply for funding through its Playground Partnerships Awards. They can provide differing levels of support, from schools with playgrounds merely requiring finishing touches, to larger playgrounds needing extensive facelifts. The total fund budget for 2007 is £500,000, and schools can apply for individual awards of £1,000, £2,000, £5,000, or £10,000. All short listed schools will receive at least £250. All applicants will receive a free resource pack, which provides a complete guide to the application process plus a range of exciting activities to engage the children in real life learning across the whole school curriculum. The deadline for applications is **Friday 20th July 2007**.

For more information please visit: www.playgroundpartnerships.org/staff-room.php#awards

People and Places Fund

People and Places aims to bring people together to make their communities stronger and to improve their rural and urban environments. This programme will support people working together to make their communities better places to live. People and Places can fund projects that achieve one or more of the following programme outcomes:

- revitalised communities
- improved community relations
- enhanced local environments and community amenities.

This programme will be open to the community, voluntary and public sector. Money is available for capital and revenue projects and can be used for the development of communities or communities of interest in Wales.

For more information please contact: Big Lottery Fund, 2nd Floor, Ladywell House, Newtown, Powys, SY16 1JB. Tel: 01686 611700 or advice line: 08454 102030 Website: www.biglotteryfund.org.uk

J Sainsbury plc

Appeals from organisations working with disabled people, under-fives and families will be considered, particularly healthy diet and lifestyle projects.

Applications can be received at any time, and should include details of aims and objectives and PR opportunities. Locally, stores have a small budget to support the fundraising events in their communities – please write to the store manager.

For more information please contact: Sainsbury's Community Affairs Department, 33 Holborn, London EC1 2HT, Tel: 020 7695 6000, Fax: 020 7695 7050, or visit www.j-sainsbury.co.uk/csr

Sefydliad (The Community Foundation in Wales)

NOF and the Community Foundation Network have together established a £50m Fair Share trust to support areas in the UK under-funded by the Lottery. Sefydliad is to manage the £3m earmarked for Wales for expenditure between 2004 and 2013. The Foundation supports regeneration schemes and community groups throughout the principality. Wrexham is identified to benefit from this programme.

For Further information please contact: Sefydliad, 14-16 Merthyr Road, Whitchurch, Cardiff CF14 1DG. Tel No: 029 2052 0250, Fax: 029 2052 1250. Or, visit: www.cfiw.org.uk

Summer Holiday Activities Small Grants Scheme

This Scheme, funded by the Lankelly Foundation supports holiday activities for children between the ages of 5-13 years. Emphasis is put on small local play schemes lasting 4-6 weeks, and groups planning a summer break or special activities for youngsters who are disadvantaged or have a disability. Grants awarded are between £200 and £400.

Application forms are available on the bulletin page of the website, details below and are best submitted January/February (but will be considered throughout the year) time for consideration of funding in time for the Summer Holidays.

For more information please contact: The Director, The Lankelly Foundation, 2 The Court, High Street, Harwell, Oxon OX11 0EY. Tel : 01235 820044, Website: www.lankelly-foundation.org.uk

Sustainable Funding Cymru

Sustainable Funding Cymru is a WCVA project supported by the Big Lottery Fund. This training is offered at a subsidised rate of £10 per person per course for voluntary and community organisations operating in Wales.

The Project offers practical help and support to voluntary and community organisations in Wales with an interest in developing a sustainable funding approach. This is to be achieved by offering a combination of specialist training, advice, support and information services.

Working in partnership with county voluntary councils (CVCs) and other umbrella bodies, the initiative will equip organisations with the skills and information to secure and maintain the resources they require in the long-term.

A dedicated website will provide comprehensive information on the various sustainable funding methodologies, guidance, case studies, source of further help and other resources, tailored to Wales.
Visit: www.sustainablefundingcymru.org.uk

A sustainable funding training programme will be delivered by WCVA and cascaded through the CVCs and other umbrella organizations, providing delegates with an understanding of each methodology and how it can be implemented.

The project will provide access to advice and development support for around 30 organisations that have attended training courses to support them to put sustainable funding strategies in place for their own organisations.

*For more information please contact: Sara Carroll and Nicola Llewelyn on 01570 424175/6.
E-mail: <mailto:scarroll@wcva.org.uk> / <mailto:nllewelyn@wcva.org.uk>*

Limited spaces remain on the following course:

Earning - how to develop a sustainable income base through trading and contractual work, 13 September 2007, Ruthin:

http://www.wcva.org.uk/all/dsp_event_details.cfm?eventid=1005&display_sitetext

Sustainability Grants Scheme.

Funding is available from CYMORTH: The Children and Youth Support Fund to **set up, sustain or expand** good quality childcare provision in Wrexham County Borough, particularly in areas of deprivation. Sustainability of provision can be assisted through the support of, for example, staffing costs, rent, heating and lighting, essential Health and Safety requirements.

*For more information please contact: Childcare Funding Officer, Children's Information Bureau, Ty AVOW, 21 Egerton Street, Wrexham LL11 1ND. Tel: 01978 298340/292094
E-mail: nicola.hulley@wrexham.gov.uk*

Tesco Charitable Trust - Community Award Scheme

In 2006, the Tesco Charity Trust made cash grants of £1,496,373 to local and national charities in the UK. The Charity Trust Community Award Scheme awarded grants totalling £399,000 to local projects. These provide practical benefits in the local community for three vulnerable groups: children, the elderly and those with disabilities.

The grant scheme will provide grants from £1,500 to £5,000 to support local projects in areas where Tesco has stores.

*For more information please email: community.sponsorship@uk.tesco.com
Or visit: www.tescocorporate.com/charitiesandfundraising.htm*

Tudor Trust

The Trust has released details of its funding priorities for April 2007 to March 2008. The Trust will make grants in the following areas: youth, older people, community, relationships, housing, mental health, substance misuse, learning, financial security and criminal justice. There is no maximum or minimum grant amount. The Trust usually makes grants over one, two or three years. Applications can be considered for core costs (including salaries and running costs), project costs, development funding or capital grants for buildings and equipment.

For more information please visit: www.tudortrust.org.uk

UK Villages Community Kitty

Any community group or club can apply, but they must have registered details of their group (be it Playgroup & Toddlers, Wildlife Club etc) on the main UKVillages.co.uk website. It is straightforward and easy to register a group onto UK Villages, there is no charge and the service offers free local publicity and awareness of the group's activities.

To apply for a grant from the Community Kitty your group, society or club must be registered on UK Villages and the funds must go towards a clearly identifiable project.

Grants are available from £50 - £300.

**A Wrexham Playgroup successfully accessed an award for equipment in 2006.
This round of the Community Kitty closes on 10th October 2007.**

For more information visit www.communitykitty.co.uk

United Co-operative Community Support Programme

The Co-operative Foundation is keen to support local community and voluntary groups and organisations across its trading area (Wrexham included). It is particularly interested in groups which have been set-up by the local community and can demonstrate use of co-operative values: self-help, equality, democracy, concern for the community.

For more information please contact: 01706 202032 or visit: www.united.coop/foundation

UnLtd Millenium Awards.

The Millennium Commission is the only distributor of lottery funds to good causes to provide awards to individuals. The Awards provide practical and financial support to people who have both the ideas and commitment to develop projects that will benefit their community.

Projects must benefit the public or a community in the UK, be in need of an UnLtd Millennium Award to ensure their success, offer a learning opportunity for the applicant(s), and be either a new initiative or clear expansion of an existing project. There are two levels of awards – awards of between £500 and £5000 (level one), and awards of between £5000 and £15,000 (level two).

For more information please contact: Tel: 0845 850 1122, Website: www.unltd.org.uk

Grants for Village Halls

Wrexham County Borough Council is inviting grant applications from village halls within Wrexham County. Grants ranging from £250 to £2,500 can be used for equipment, building repairs and items of lasting benefit, such as energy saving measures. The awards cannot be used for staffing costs or general appeals. Applications are invited from trustees or management committees administering village halls, and community councils managing town or village halls. Church halls and other meeting places are also eligible to apply, provided there is no other village hall or community centre within the community. The next closing date for applications is 31st May 2008.

For more information please contact Lynn Jones on 01978 297443 or download an application form from the website: www.wrexham.gov.uk

The Vicky Hurst Trust.

Grants and unsecured loans are awarded to individuals, organisations and institutions in response to applications for financial support for resourcing specific activities. Eligibility criteria:

- The ultimate beneficiaries must be under eight years,
- Initiatives must aim to improve the quality of children's care and education and/or the standards of provision by practitioners.

For more information please contact: Antony Hurst, 33 Hugh Street, London SW1V 1QJ.

Wales on the Web

Wales on the Web - the portal providing access to information and services that are associated with Wales has released a Guide to the voluntary sector in Wales.

The guide includes sections on funding, charities, directories and organisations, community regeneration and resources relating to services for children and young people in Wales.

For more information visit: www.walesontheweb.org or www.cymruarywe.org

Wales PPA Wrexham Start up Grants.

Starts up grants are available to any NEW Parent & Toddlers, Playgroup, Playgroup Plus, or Rising 4's setting up in the county of Wrexham.

The grant will pay for Membership of Wales PPA and insurance for 12 months.

For more information please contact: Beulah Griffiths, County Development Officer for Wales PPA Wrexham, Ty Avow, 21 Egerton Street, Wrexham LL11 1ND, Tel: 01978 358903

WCVA Membership and Helpdesk

Each month, over 1,000 voluntary organisations take advantage of the information, news, funding updates and cost savings they receive as part of the benefits of full membership with WCVA.

Full membership starts at just £25 per year and includes a twice-monthly voluntary sector magazine, fortnightly members' e-briefing, and personalised grantfinder searches. Members are also entitled to discounts on computer software and hardware, telecommunications, translation services, insurance, corporate products and publicity materials.

*For more information or to request a membership information pack and application form, please email: <mailto:help@wcva.org.uk>
Or call the WCVA Helpdesk on 0800 2888 329.*

Wooden Spoon

Grants are available for projects, which benefit children and young people, aged up to 25, who are disadvantaged either physically, mentally or socially. Grants generally range from £20,000 to £100,000 for capital project. Successful projects must have a reasonably long-term prospective lifetime, and grants are rarely given for computers and technological equipment.

*For more information about wooden spoon, or their fundraising activities visit the website: www.woodenspoon.com.
For details of how to apply please contact Karen at Wooden Spoon, 41 Frimley High Street, Frimley, Surrey GU16 7HJ. Telephone: 01276 410180. E-mail: kmacaulay@woodenspoon.com*

The Woodward Charitable Trust.

An annual budget of between £20,000 and £30,000 is awarded per year to support summer activities for children between the ages of 5-16 years. Approximately 30-50 grants are awarded each year. Most grants awarded are in the range of £500 to £1,000. Grants can only be paid to registered charities.

The trustees generally review applications in May (specific deadlines are posted on the Diary section of the website). Trustees will only consider appeals made on their own application form which is downloadable from the website.

Preference is given to:

- small local schemes that provide a wide-ranging programme of activities schemes that involve a large number of children, where children do not have high support needs
- schemes catering for those from disadvantaged backgrounds or those that have a disability or special need
- schemes that encourage social integration by working with children from a range of backgrounds, abilities and races
- schemes that encourage past users to come back and help as volunteers

For further information and an Application form please contact Karin Hooper, on 020 7410 0330 or visit: Website: www.woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk

Wrexham Community Facilities and Activities Fund

AVOW is administering the Welsh Assembly's Community Facilities and Activities Programme for the Wrexham area. The fund totals £100,000 a year and will run until 2008. The Fund is for voluntary and community organisations operating in Wrexham for projects that contribute towards the regeneration of Wrexham County Borough through strengthening the existing capacity building and/or the development of initiatives that benefit and involve local communities. Grants of up to £10,000 can be made.

*For more information and an application form please contact: Lynda Ellison, Tel: 01978 312556.
Or e-mail: lynda.Ellison@avow.org.*

Wrexham County Borough Council.

Grants are made to voluntary and charitable organisations (acting for the direct benefit of the Wrexham County Borough area) for items of lasting benefit such as equipment and building renovations and repairs, not for current running costs.

*For more information please contact: Sarah Barton, Finance and Information Services Directorate,
PO Box 1295, Lambpit Street, Wrexham LL11 1WS, Tel: 01978 292747.*

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Children's Information Bureau (C.I.B)

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Cefn Road
Wrexham
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National Childminding Association (N.C.M.A)

Debbie Read (North Wales Co-ordinator)
Millwood House
Coed Afon Road
Wrexham Industrial Estate
Wrexham LL13 9UH
Tel: 0845 8801 316. Website: www.ncma.org.uk

National Day Nurseries Association (N.D.N.A)

Jackie Ryan (Network Chairperson for Wrexham N.D.N.A)

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31 Stansty Road, Rhosddu, Wrexham LL11 2BT

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Wales Pre-School Playgroups Association Wrexham (Wales P.P.A)

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Ideas for Fundraising.

Sustainability is a key issue for childcare providers across the County Borough. In addition to looking for external sources of funding, there are many ways in which childcare providers can raise funds within their group/organisation. Here are some ideas:

Fete Stalls

2	Treasure Island	3	Craftwork	4	White Elephant
5	Guess the number	6	Guess the name	7	Hot dogs
8	Bat the Rat	9	Toys/games	10	Bring and Buy
11	Cakes	12	Hook a duck	13	Jewellery
14	Tombola	15	Welly throwing	16	Lucky dip
17	Penalty shootout	18	Roll a penny	19	Babywear
20	Plants	21	Coconut shy	22	Records/tapes
23	Guess the weight	24	Nearly new	25	

Extra money can be made by charging ice cream and catering vans and fairground rides to come on your fete ground.

Sponsored events

Matchbox fill	Walk/toddle	sports day
pram push	Bike ride	puzzle sheet
teddy bears picnic	danceathon	

Competitions

Fancy dress	pet show	Easter bonnet
karaoke	Drawing	singing
dancing	Talent show	

General

Balloon race	bonus ball	barbecue
discos	concerts	Jumble sales
pancake race	bingo	raffle
Face painting	car boots	duck race
quizzes	Film shows	picnic
flag days		

CHILDCARE FUNDING SUPPORT OFFICER

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The main role of the Childcare Funding Officer is:

- To support childcare providers in identifying and securing sources of funding to ensure long term sustainability.
- To produce a guide to sources of funding for childcare providers.
- To signpost providers to local specialists who can provide in-depth business/management support.
- To manage the CYMORTH Funded Sustainability Grant Scheme, Childminder Start-up Grants Scheme, Sponsored Daycare Scheme and Assisted Places scheme.

If there are any amendments or additions that you would like to be included in the next edition, please contact the Childcare Funding Officer, contact details above.