WOMEN & GIRLS PROJECTS SHARE IN £3.4 MILLION OF NATIONAL FUNDING

Four local organisations that work with some of society’s most vulnerable women and girls have received a much-needed funding boost from our Tampon Tax Community Fund.

These small charities and community groups have received grants of up to £10,000 to work with women of all ages, focusing on preventative services for those at risk of crisis.

Over £25,000 was awarded to projects that will help women and girls to create and develop social networks, build skills and confidence, and offer mental health support.

As one of the UK’s largest grant-giving organisations, UK Community Foundations was asked by the government to distribute the largest share of the funding raised through the levy on sanitary products in 2017/18 to small, local projects, working with its network of Community Foundations across the country.

UKCF Director of Programmes and Development Vicki Papworth said:

“Community Foundations work with grassroots groups who are running vital services on a shoestring and supporting some of the most marginalised people in our society.

“This funding will enable them to run some amazing projects that make difference on the ground to the women and girls who need it most.”

The organisations being funded in Buckinghamshire are: Lindengate, Carers Bucks, Restore Hope, and The Dash Charity.

Community Foundations were oversubscribed in all areas for the Tampon Tax Community Fund. Only a quarter of the 1,500 applications for vital women and girls projects could be supported from this stream of funding.
St Andrew’s Church is an outward focused church that holds lots of events and groups to benefit the local community. This includes a lunch club for the elderly, a family support group for struggling mothers, and a toddler group. They also hold a Christmas Day lunch for those who would otherwise be on their own. All of these groups and events require the use of the church’s large dual fuel cooker.

This Christmas, their lunch was at risk of being ruined due to problems with the cooker.

Lydia Cook, who is the Church Manager said:

“We were in desperate need of a new cooker to replace the one that has served our needs well for many years. We have had the cooker repaired and looked at by different engineers on many occasions, but the problems are never resolved, making using the cooker effectively very difficult.

“The lady who cooks for our weekly lunch club struggles through each week, but we were very aware that our Christmas Day lunch was fast approaching, where we cater for people from our community who would otherwise be on their own. We were concerned it would be stressful for the team of volunteers to cook for a large number of people using an ineffective cooker.”

Due to the timing of the appeal, there were no suitable Heart of Bucks funds that St Andrew’s could apply to, as the deadlines had either passed or would be too late to get the cooker in time.

It is with a huge thanks to one of our fund-holders that a replacement cooker was able to be ordered for the church in time for their Christmas lunch.

Heather (pictured) who used the cooker for the Lunch Club Christmas lunch said:

“It was so fantastic having the new cooker in time for our lunch club Christmas lunch. We were able to provide a full Christmas dinner for 50 people without stress. It was great to have so many rings on the top, and two ovens that were versatile and could be set to different temperatures.”
The London Marathon Charitable Trust has joined forces with community foundations to distribute £250,000 to inspire physical activity across South Northamptonshire and the Aylesbury Vale District Council area.

The fund will provide a series of small grants of up to £20,000 to organisations that deliver the greatest possible impact for children, young people and those who are less likely to be active. All applications and grant giving will be managed by Northamptonshire Community Foundation, working in partnership with Heart of Bucks, LEAP, Northamptonshire Sport and other local partners.

The programme will open in January 2019 and run for two years. The closing date for applications in the first year will be in May 2019. The programme will then re-open in January 2020.

Examples of the types of projects that may receive funding include those that provide inclusive, accessible and sustainable facilities for physical activity. Organisations may have a successful track record of tackling inequality of access to physical activity or provide ambitious, innovative projects that encourage people to be physically active.

Sarah Ridley, Chief Grants Officer of The London Marathon Charitable Trust, said:

Our trading company London Marathon Events Ltd organised the Silverstone Half Marathon from 2010-2017. During this time, organisations in South Northamptonshire and Aylesbury Vale District Council areas became eligible for funding from The Trust.

We awarded more than £720,000 to several terrific local projects over this time. It’s been great to see the positive impact these grants have had on the community. We are so pleased be providing a final legacy contribution of £250,000 to enable even more projects to build, renovate or modernise their facilities and create opportunities for sporting activities over the next two years.

For more information and application details please click here
THERE’S STILL TIME TO DONATE TO OUR WINTER WARMTH CAMPAIGN

When the temperature drops, can you imagine not being able to put the heating on at home?

For some people this is a reality, with over 17,000 Bucks households living in fuel poverty.

The latest Government data shows that each year there are around 300 excess winter deaths in Buckinghamshire.

The Heart of Bucks Winter Warmth campaign will help vulnerable people across the county who struggle to keep warm during winter and are at risk of harm as a result of cold weather.

The Winter Warmth campaign will help those living in fuel poverty, older people, lone parents with children under five, or households requiring additional heating because of a household member with a disability.

What will your donation fund?

- Winter clothes - specifically coats and boots
- Kettles and hot water bottles
- Warm/winter-weight bedding - blankets, duvets, electric blankets
- Heating/boiler repairs or standalone additional heaters
- Excessive fuel bills

How will we reach those in need?

We will be partnering with community and statutory organisations across the county who are working with the most vulnerable members of our community, and will act as delivery partners to ensure funding reaches these people.

Donate online: www.totalgiving.co.uk/appeal/winterwarmth
Following the sudden and tragic death of Nic Willoughby, aged 22, his friends and family have set up a charitable fund in his name, in partnership with Heart of Bucks.

Nic loved nothing more than being involved in grassroots sports clubs in his local area and so those closest to him decided that the fund would support these invaluable clubs around the county, with a particular focus on small sports clubs in need of critical financial support on the small scale.

One of Nic’s close friends George Miller said:

“Nic would be thrilled to see a fund such as this aiding the improvement of grassroots sports clubs.”

The fund opened in October 2018 and has received hundreds of generous donations since then, reaching over £16,000.

Nic’s family and friends recently held their first fundraising event; a quiz night that included fun games and a raffle, which raised an additional £1,033 for the fund.

At the event, together with Catherine Miller, Grants Officer for Heart of Bucks, Chearsley Cricket Club were presented with a cheque for the first grant. They were awarded £500 which they will use to develop the junior section of their club.

Another two sports clubs and three schools also received grants of £500. These organisations were selected as they meant a lot to Nic and would be able to use the funding for sporting opportunities. Going forward there will be an application process twice a year for organisations to apply for funding.

Jackie Chandler, Nic’s mother said:

“Everyone directly involved with the Nic Willoughby Fund was ecstatic with the success of the first fundraiser. We never expected it to raise as much as it has, and will look to continue to host more events in the near future.

“I cannot fault the efforts of anyone involved, we’re all working so hard to raise funds for a fantastic cause. It was great to hear from Chearsley CC about what they will be putting the first grant towards - a little bit can go a long way at grassroots level.”

To donate to the Nic Willoughby Fund, please visit our [online giving page](#).
Heart of Bucks awarded a total of £254,778 in funding between 1st November 2018 and 31st January 2019.
This fantastic amount is great news for the Buckinghamshire charities and community groups that are working with some of the most vulnerable members of our society. During this period, 62 grants and one loan were awarded in total.

The funding comes from a range of sources including individual and corporate donors, but the most significant amount was a result of the Kop Hill Climb Festival. This annual event raised a record-breaking £110,000 this year, which was awarded in grants to 34 local organisations.

THE #IWILL FUND IS BACK FOR ANOTHER YEAR

We are pleased to announce we have secured funding for another year from the #iwill fund, which aims to increase overall participation of young people in meaningful social action from 40% to 60% by 2020, with a particular focus on deprived areas.

Social action involves activities such as campaigning, fundraising and volunteering and has huge potential to create enjoyable opportunities and skills development for young people, and in turn benefit the local people and places.

The #iwill fund looks to support activities that create opportunities for young people aged 10-20 to develop their character and their capacity to significantly contribute to their community.

Last year we awarded £40,000 to nine organisations in Bucks. More information on this fund will be available soon, please check our website for updates.
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR OUR CHARITY GOLF DAY

Thursday 23rd May 2019
Denham Golf Club

£600 per team of 4, includes:
- Bacon rolls & coffee on arrival
- Green fees
- 3-course carvery lunch
- Team & competition prizes

Supporting our work in the community

18 hole Stableford team competition
Sponsorship opportunities available

More information & booking form

FUNDING CONSULTATIONS

WYCOMBE DISTRICT
Monday 4th March
Wycombe Museum

WYCOMBE DISTRICT
Monday 1st April
Wycombe Museum

SOUTH BUCKS DISTRICT
Tuesday 23rd April
South Bucks District Council Offices

CHILTERN DISTRICT
Tuesday 28th May
Chiltern District Council Offices

By appointment only. For more information please email grants@heartofbucks.org
CURRENT VACANCIES

Finance & Accounting Manager

Part-time (15 hours p/w)
£45-48k p/a pro rata

As our Finance and Accounting Manager you’ll help us to keep an eye on the generous donations we receive from our supporters, ensuring that they are accounted for, invested responsibly and generate as much revenue as reasonable within our risk profile for our grants programme. You will also be responsible for the day to day management of financial processes and for reporting to our CEO and Trustees.

Click here to visit our website and download the job description

Grants & Loans Officer

Full-time
£22,000 p/a

As a Grants & Loans Officer working with our funding and outreach team you’ll be responsible for our grants programmes; supporting grant and loan applicants with information and advice. You’ll also carry out due diligence checks on applications, assess the impact achieved from grants awarded, and will support the independent grants and loans panels to make sound, informed decisions.

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