

News from Essex Community Foundation

Unlocking dormant assets

Community Foundations across the UK are hoping to unlock dormant assets, estimated to be between £1bn and £2bn, to incentivise local giving.

UKCF, in partnership with NCVO and ACEVO, has written to the Chancellor of the Exchequer ahead of the Autumn Budget to outline how he can help.



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These funds could **generate up to £40m** every year to support local communities with "no additional funding from the Exchequer." To read the proposal, [click here](#).

The High Sheriff calls for applications

Voluntary and community organisations are encouraged to apply for funding from the High Sheriff of Essex Awards Scheme.

These grants are to support those working to make their communities safer and better places in which to live.

For more information and to apply for a grant, [click here](#). **The deadline is 1 December.**



Essex Dog Day - A barking success

This year's Essex Dog Day **raised an amazing £65,746** to support the work of Essex charities.

Thousands of visitors attended the event held at Crix in Hatfield Peverel on 27 August. Dogs of all breeds and their owners took advantage of the full programme of competitions, events, stalls and displays on offer.

The funds raised will be channelled through the endowed Crix Charitable Fund, managed by ECF, which to date has awarded grants totalling nearly £60,000.



If you are a community or voluntary organisation in need of funding, [click here](#) for more information on how to apply for a grant or call the ECF grants team on 01245 356018.

Keeping the flow of support into local communities

Local voluntary and community organisations are encouraged to apply for grants from the **Essex & Suffolk Water Community Fund**.

Grants of up to £5,000 are available now to support voluntary and community organisations and activities which take place in areas supplied by Essex & Suffolk Water. Projects must relate to health and well-being, community support or the environment.



The closing date for grant applications is 31 October. To read more and apply, [click here](#) or call the grants team on 01245 356018 to discuss a potential application.

Search and explore our grants

ECF is pleased to be working with **360Giving** to highlight information about our grants.

During our financial year to 30 June 2017 we awarded grants totalling £2.3m. By publishing our grants data to this online platform we hope to share learning across charitable foundations.



If you would like to view the wide range of groups we have supported this year, [click here](#).

Foundations giving away more than ever before

ECF is pleased to have been included, for the second year in a row, in a recent report published by the Association of Charitable Foundations.

The report, which examined grant-giving in the UK, revealed that monies awarded from UK charitable foundations have reached a **record high of £2.9bn**, however corporate giving made up only 9% of these funds. To read the report, [click here](#).



If you would like to discuss how ECF can help you or your company to support local community activity, please call Jo Macaulay on 01245 355947 or [click here](#) for more information.

Healthcare grants are available

The deadline date for this year's applications to the Provide Foundation is fast approaching.

Grants are available for voluntary and community groups that need a funding boost for **health-related projects**.

Last year's recipients received a total of £90,000 for a range of charitable activities, including respite for carers, support for people with an acquired brain injury and an activity club for children with disabilities.



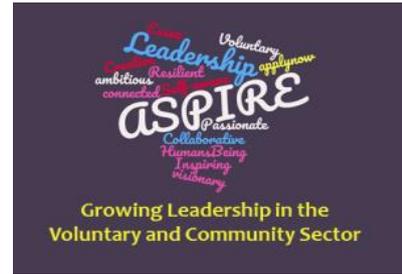
For more information and to apply, [click here](#) or call the grants team now on 01245 356018. **Applications must be received by 20 October.**

Growing leadership in the voluntary sector

Senior professionals working in the Essex third sector are invited to apply for a place on a new 12-month leadership programme called 'Aspire'.

The programme, commissioned by Essex Partnership, consists of workshops, personal coaching, group learning and networking and is most relevant for developing leaders who want to forge a leadership career in the sector.

To find out more and to apply, [click here](#). **Applications must be received by 12 noon on Monday 16 October.**



More information

If you would like more information about any of the stories featured in this Update or about Essex Community Foundation, please contact Kate Cornish on 01245 355947 or email kate@essexcf.org.uk.

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