

NEWS RELEASE

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GRANTS AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT LOCAL CHARITIES

Voluntary and community groups working in Essex, Southend and Thurrock are encouraged to apply for grants from local grantmaking trust, Essex Community Foundation.

Grants of up to £10,000 can be applied for and the next deadline date for receipt of applications is 9 September.

"Our application form is very straightforward and simple and we welcome applications from small community groups" said Caroline Taylor, Programmes Manager at Essex Community Foundation. She added "the Foundation currently manages 33 funds, but organisations only need to complete one application form. Just tell us about your organisation and what you need funding for, and we will do our best to find the right fund for you".



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BRAINTREE PRESS ONLY

Two funds of particular relevance in the Braintree district are the:

Marion Ruth Courtauld Educational Fund - The Foundation would be very pleased to hear from organisations that would like to provide educational, training and development opportunities for young people.

William Julien Courtauld Medical Fund – The Foundation would like to hear from organisations requiring medical equipment for training purposes.

- For example, the Foundation recently awarded a grant of £916 to the First Responders in Hedingham and Great Yeldham to buy resuscitation equipment to help with the training of their volunteer responders. (Pic attached).

HARLOW PRESS ONLY

A fund of particular relevance in Harlow is the **Harlow Education Trust**. The Foundation would be very pleased to hear from organisations that would like to help young people in Harlow to develop their skills, knowledge and talent, through a variety of activities, such as teamworking, confidence building or training.

Essex Community Foundation has recently celebrated having distributed over £10 million in grants to voluntary and community groups in Essex who are helping people in our communities.

Application forms, together with guidelines, can be downloaded from the Foundation's website www.essexcommunityfoundation.org.uk or call the Foundation's grants team on 01245 356018 who will

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Patron: The Lord Lieutenant of Essex

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be happy to discuss an application. Deadline date for applications is 9 September.

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Notes to Editors:

Essex Community Foundation was set up in 1996 and has established a grants programme which has seen more than 2500 Essex based charities and community groups receive over £10million in grants. Funds are distributed on behalf of a wide range of donors who want their charitable giving to be accessible to local charities. www.essexcommunityfoundation.org.uk