

Potential additional or supplementary funding sources

Grant Details	Grant Amount	Deadlines	Comments
<p>Big Lottery www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/ 0845 10 20 30 There are a range of Lottery grant programmes available to Voluntary and Community groups currently including; Awards for All</p> <p>Reaching Communities Revenue and small capital fund (there is also a buildings fund providing funds of £100,000 plus for large capital projects).</p>	<p>£300 to £10,000</p> <p>£10,000 to £500,000 revenue and up to £100,000 for small capital projects.</p>	<p>On-going</p> <p>none</p>	<p>To improve local communities and the lives of people most in need. Parish Councils and schools can also apply.</p> <p>To help people and communities most in need.</p>
<p>Bernard Sunley Charitable Trust www.bernardsunley.org/index.html</p>	<p>80% of funding is via small grants of under £5,000. Medium and large grants (over £50,000) also offered.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Projects must relate to; children and youth, community, education, arts, health, elderly, social welfare, religion, emergency and armed forces, environment, animal welfare, amateur sport.</p> <p>Funding is available for capital projects and registered charities only.</p>
<p>Biffaward www.biffa-award.org/</p>	<p>Small grants - £250 - £10,000. Main grants - £10,000 to £50,000.</p>		<p>Grants are for projects that provide or improve biodiversity, community spaces, cultural facilities, and places for outdoor recreation. Projects must generally be within 10 miles of a Biffa operation and a landfill site (owned by any company) – on line eligibility checker.</p>
<p>Cemex CEMEX Community Fund www.cemexcf.org.uk/index.php?section=applic</p>	<p>£1,000 to £15,000</p>	<p>Two stage application process and two funding rounds pa Deadlines in</p>	<p>For projects within 10 miles (3 miles priority) of a Cemex site (postcode check on web site) that; Provide and maintain public parks and amenities when the work protects the social,</p>

ation		February and September	built and/or natural environment. Repair, or restore buildings or structures which are of religious, historical or architectural interest.
Comic Relief www.comicrelief.com/apply-for-a-grant/uk	£10,000+ (most grants range between £20,000 and £40,000)		Funding for work that aims to achieve at least one of five themes: Better Futures, Safer Lives, Healthier Finances, Stronger Communities, and Fairer Society. Young people and older people are particularly important, as are others who face disadvantage, particularly in areas with high levels of deprivation. proposals from projects that use sport transform lives are also welcome.
Community Foundation – Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland www.llrcommunityfoundation.org.uk/ 0116 2624 916	Up to £10,000	Various	The Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland Foundation administers various funds on behalf of donors – the fund administrator can advise.
Coalfield Communities Grants – Coalfields Regeneration Trust www.coalfields-regen.org.uk/what-we-do/social-investment/coalfields-community-grants/	Level 1 grants - £500 to £5,000	13 th Feb 2015. New round opens April 2015	For projects that will impact positively on people living in coalfield communities. Ward eligibility check is available via their website.
East Midlands Airport Community Fund www.eastmidlandsairport.com/emaweb.nsf/Content/CommunityFund	Grants of up to £2,000 - Fund of £50,000pa	Bi-monthly meetings	In order for an application to be successful it must meet at least one of the following objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To bring the community closer together through facilities for sport, recreation and other leisure time activities. • Offer environmental improvement and/or heritage conservation. • Improve awareness of environmental issues through environmental education. • Encourage and/or protect wildlife.

Esmee Fairbairn Foundation Esmée Fairbairn Funding www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk/	Average grant size £79,000		The funding focus is in the arts, education and learning, the environment and enabling disadvantaged people to participate fully in society.
Florence Turner Trust HARVEY INGRAM LLP 20-40 New Walk Leicester LE1 6TX Phone: 0116 2576129	Not specified. Annual spend c£200,000	None	Strong preference for Leicestershire. General charitable purposes supported.
Garfield Weston Foundation Garfield Weston Foundation www.garfieldweston.org/	Not specified Annual spend of c£40m	None but must allow 4 months for a decision.	<p>A substantial amount of funding is expected to be in place before making an application via letter, synopsis, finance and fundraising plans.</p> <p>Only provides grants for up to one year. Grants only to registered charities. Applicants should check clear list of exclusions before applying.</p>
Green Energy Trust www.scottishpowergreentrust.co.uk	Maximum £25,000 however most projects are awarded around £10,000	Trust meets twice a year during April and October	Funding to assist community based renewable energy projects. Project should include an educational element. On-line application.
George Ernest Ellis Foundation Further information and written applications to; Mathew Ellis, Secretary, GEE Foundation, PO Box 6272, Market Harborough, Leicestershire, LE16 8YN Tel; 0116 2581640	Generally up to £1,500	Applications by end of May each year	Supported activities include wellbeing and health, sport and recreation, environment, community connectedness and youth activity. Activity within Leicester and Leicestershire is supported.
Heritage Lottery Fund www.hlf.org.uk/Pages/Home.aspx There are a wide range of grant schemes available. Smaller grant programmes particularly aimed at voluntary and community groups are;			Heritage can take many forms including memories and experiences, traditions, buildings and wildlife.

Start up Grants	£3,000 to £10,000		Supports early stages of planning your activities
Sharing Heritage	£3,000 to £10,000	None	This HLF general small grants programme is for all types of heritage projects. It is a flexible programme particularly designed for voluntary and community groups and first-time applicants.
Young Roots	£10,000 to £50,000	None	This programme is for projects led by young people. It aims to involve 11-25 year-olds in finding out about their heritage, developing skills, building confidence and promoting community involvement.
Henry Smith Charity www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/	Main grants – over £10,000. County grants up to £20,000 – Leicestershire is one of 8 counties eligible for these grants.	None	Priority is given to work with groups experiencing social and/or economic disadvantage, for example, people with disabilities; and work that tackles problems in areas of high deprivation, i.e. those that fall within the bottom third of the National Indices of Deprivation.
Holiday Grants for Children	£500 - £2500		For schools , youth groups and community groups, - up to 2/3rds of cost of holidays and/or outings for disadvantaged children aged 13yrs and under who are from areas of high deprivation, suffering disadvantage or who are disabled.
Kibworth Harcourt Parish Council New Homes Bonus Grants 2015 www.kibworthharcourt.leicestershireparishcouncils.org/ clerk@kibworthharcourtparishcouncil.org.uk 07527 189669	Pot of £12,500 max grant £5000	Monday 23rd March 2015	Voluntary organisations in either Kibworth Harcourt or Kibworth Beauchamp
The J Reginald Corah Foundation Fund Harvey Ingram LLP	The average amount of funding available	None	Grants for general charitable purposes in the city of Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland,

<p>20 New Walk Leicester LE1 6TX Telephone: 01572 824000</p>	<p>for distribution per financial year is approximately £100,000. Previous individual grants have ranged from a few hundred pounds up to £10,000.</p>		<p>including support for a range of charitable purposes, from medical initiatives to general welfare, youth initiatives, education and training.</p>
<p>Leicester Charity Link www.charity-link.org</p>			<p>Administer a number of funds that cover Leicestershire as well as the City; Nicholson Memorial Fund (children and disadvantaged young people), R Daphne Plunkett Trust (project supporting people in need) and Poor's Platt Charity (groups, schools and charities working to benefit residents of Barwell).</p>
<p>The Leicestershire and Rutland Playing Fields Association Contact; Kevin Butcher Rural Community Council - Leicestershire & Rutland 133 Loughborough Road Leicester LE4 5LQ Telephone: 0116 268 9701 kbutcher@ruralcc.org.uk</p>	<p>Up to £500</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>A small grant to local community groups and clubs to help with the purchase of sports equipment that will benefit a new club starting out, or a club that is offering a new sport or a club that is opening a new section to encourage different groups to participate in their current sport.</p>
<p>Leicestershire and Rutland Masonic Charity Association www.ugle.org.uk/charity</p>			<p>Donations of around £20,000pa to local non-Masonic charities. There is a particular focus on care for the elderly, medical research and opportunities for young people.</p>
<p>Lloyds Bank Community Fund https://communityfund.lloydsbank.com/communityfund/cf_home.asp</p>	<p>Grants are made appropriate to the size and needs of the charity and funding is available for core costs, including</p>		<p>The Community programme focuses on funding core work that helps disadvantaged people to play a fuller role in the community. We are particularly interested in work that achieves this through: Improved social and community involvement</p>

	salaries and rent, as well as project costs but not capital costs.		Improved life choices and chances Helping people to be heard Applicants must be a registered charity.
Magna Park Community Fund www.lutterworth.magnapark.co.uk information available via the “download” tab gwyn.stubbings@brookfieldlogistics.com	A fund of £20,000 pa The amount of any grant awarded will not normally be less than £250 or greater than £2,500	Panel meets twice a year during April and October	List of eligible parishes available on website. Supported activities include education, well-being and health, sport and recreation, environment, community connectedness and youth activity. A strong preference will also be given to business and employment led projects. In
Market Harborough Building Society Charitable Foundation Market Harborough Charitable Foundation	The amount of any grant awarded will not normally be less than £250 or greater than £2,000.		The Foundation provides support for charitable and voluntary organisations in Leicestershire. Grant funding is normally for capital expenditure , i.e. to acquire or upgrade physical assets such as buildings, fixtures and fittings, machinery, furniture and other equipment.
Moto in the Community Trust Community Grants scheme http://motointhecommunity.co.uk/	Generally no more than £10,000		The programme is intended to support voluntary and community groups wishing to conduct community projects within a 25 mile radius of a Moto site or employee catchment area. The scheme is particularly keen to fund projects or activities that provide opportunities for Moto employees to get involved. Locations can be identified at; Moto Areas of Operation
National Forest Programme Development Fund National Forest Company - Also has programmes for landowners for the creation of woodland.	Generally up to £3,000	None	Projects must demonstrate a clear benefit for the people, woodlands, wildlife, landscape and/or historic features of The National Forest. Application forms are available from (www.nationalforest.org).
Parish Councils	Variable	None	Potential small contributions for community projects.

<p>P C Hickinbotham Charitable Trust www.hickinbothamtrust.org.uk</p>			<p>Grants for charities in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland, North Wales and Northern Ireland. General charitable purposes supported.</p>
<p>People's Postcode Trust – Small Grants Programme http://www.postcodetrust.org.uk/small-grants.htm</p>	<p>£500 up to £20,000</p>	<p>Four funding rounds per year for various UK regions.</p>	<p>Funding for projects of up to six months in length. To be eligible for funding, all projects must help:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To prevent poverty • To promote, maintain, improve and advance health • To advance citizenship or community development • To advance public participation in sport • To promote, improve and advance human rights, conflict resolution or reconciliation • To promote and advance environmental protection or improvement <p>Organisations that are not registered charities can apply for up to £2000. Applications over this amount are open to registered charities only.</p>
<p>Santander Foundation www.santanderfoundation.org.uk/</p>	<p>Up to £5,000</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Funding programmes are focused on assisting disadvantaged people.</p>
<p>Screw- Fix http://www.screwfix.com/jsp/landing.jsp?id=ScrewfixFoundation</p>			<p>Support projects that will fix, repair, maintain and improve properties and community facilities specifically for those in need in the UK.</p>
<p>SHIRE Climate Change Grants Leicestershire County Council www.leics.gov.uk/shiregrants Contact: Nailesh Ramaiya on 0116 3058111 nailesh.ramaiya@leics.gov.uk</p>	<p>Up to £5,000 and up to 50% of project costs (75% for energy audits).</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Available to Parish Councils/Meetings and Town Councils, local community groups, faith groups, charities and village/community building management committees. Grants can assist with a variety of schemes (energy audits, events and training for communities and practical installation projects) that help to improve energy efficiency and reduce the potential impacts of climate change.</p>

<p>SHIRE Community Grants Leicestershire County Council Contact: Andy Hayes on 0116 3057269 andy.hayes@leics.gov.uk</p> <p>SHIRE Community Solutions Grant www.leics.gov.uk/shiregrants</p> <p>Your SHIRE Community Grant Themed Grant Scheme; Supporting vulnerable people in the community Encouraging young people to achieve their potential Supporting older people to live independently Getting active in the community Eating healthy for less Supporting carers https://www.leicestershireforums.org/</p>	<p>Grant of up to £10,000</p> <p>Grants of up to £2,500</p>	<p>None</p> <p>October 2014 and February 2015</p>	<p>Grant schemes that support communities to provide sustainable services and activities that help vulnerable people and reduce demand for specialist services.</p> <p>Grants for community groups and Parish/Town Councils. For new initiatives that reduce demand for high cost services and support communities to deliver services and activities that develop sustainable initiatives to provide preventative and early intervention services that help reduce demand for high-cost services; develop alternative services to make up for public service reductions; and take over services that the County Council is no longer able to provide.</p> <p>Grants for community Groups, Parish/Town Councils, charities, schools etc. For projects that help communities to deliver sustainable preventative and early intervention activity and services. Two funding rounds Autumn 2014 and Spring 2015.</p>
<p>Sir Andrew Martin Trust www.sirandrewmartintrust.org</p>	<p>Up to £1,000</p>	<p>Three deadlines per year</p>	<p>Projects benefiting young people aged 12 to 21.</p>
<p>Stepping Stones Grants Leicestershire County Council www.leics.gov.uk/steppingstones/grants</p>	<p>Up to £2500 for larger projects that have significant community involvement and benefit for wildlife.</p>		<p>Available for community groups, landowners and farmers within the Stepping Stones project area (central Leicestershire). These grants help groups and individuals to improve their environment through schemes such as tree planting, hedge planting and the development</p>

	Funding of up to £500		<p>of nature areas.</p> <p>Connecting People and Wildlife Grant Schemes are particularly encouraged where the applicant can demonstrate that the scheme helps connect existing green spaces and habitats.</p> <p>Community Green Space Grant For small scale environmental improvements with community benefit.</p>
<p>Sport England Sport England - Funding Guidelines http://www.sportengland.org/funding.aspx For football projects see also the Football Foundation www.footballfoundation.org.uk Small Grants Programme</p> <p>Inspired Facilities</p> <p>Protecting Playing Fields Fund Community Sport Activation Fund</p> <p>Improvement Fund</p>	<p>£300 to £10,000</p> <p>£20,000 to £75,000 (up to £150,000 for statutory bodies)</p> <p>£10,000 to £50,000 £50,000 - £250,000 for up to 3 years</p> <p>£150,000 - £500,000</p>	<p>Funding rounds deadlines announced on an ongoing basis</p> <p>As above</p>	<p>To support not-for-profit organisations to help more young people (aged 14+) and adults take and keep a sporting habit for life.</p> <p>The Inspired Facilities fund can provide investment in most types of improvement or refurbishment work that will help develop sport in a local area.</p> <p>Revenue projects which focus on those aged 14yrs plus and focus on grassroots activities, and provide multi-sport opportunities, involve local partners and aim to increase and sustain participation. Several rounds over the next two years.</p> <p>For medium sized projects improving the quality and experience of sport. There will be several rounds over the next few years.</p>

Tesco Charitable Trust Tesco Charity Trust www.tescocharitytrustcommunityawards-applications.co.uk/	£1,000 - £4,000		Equipment and resources for projects that directly benefit children, the elderly and adults and children with disabilities.
Veolia The Veolia Environmental Trust www.veoliatrust.org	Not specified		The Trust funds projects related to; reclamation of land, remediation of pollution, public amenities, conservation of biodiversity and restoration of buildings of historic interest. Projects must be within 5 miles of a Veolia site (postcode check on web site).
Tudor Trust www.tudortrust.org.uk/	Not specified	Ongoing	The Tudor Trust makes grants, and provides other types of support, to voluntary and community groups working in any part of the UK. Assistance is particularly focused on help smaller, community-led organisations which work directly with people who are at the margins of society: organisations which support positive changes in people's lives and in their communities.
Peoples Health Trust Active Communities http://www.peopleshealthtrust.org.uk/	£5,000 - £25,000		Projects can run for up to 18 months. To be eligible group must have annual turnover below £200,000 per year. Aims to close the gap between those communities experience worst health and the majority of the population. Rotates throughout the country – register on the website to receive notification of when running in Leicestershire.
WREN www.wren.org.uk/ 01953 717165 info@wren.org.uk Small Grant Scheme	£2000 – £15,000 projects under £50,000	There are series of funding rounds with different closing dates for each county	WREN no longer has operations in Leicestershire, but is still present in surrounding counties. Projects must be within 10 miles of a WREN site. Small Grant Scheme - includes open space and community building improvements

Main Grant Scheme	£15,001 - £75,000		Main Grant - public open space and amenities
Biodiversity	£75,000 - £250,000		Biodiversity - projects to support target habitat and species action plans
Heritage	£15,001 - £75,000		Heritage – no direct applications accepted, need to come via one of 4 key partner organisations – details on website

DISTRICT SPECIFIC FUNDS			
Grant Details	Grant Amount	Deadlines	Comments
Blaby District Council Community Grants The grants are administered by Community Action Blaby District on behalf of the Council. www.blaby.gov.uk/resident/benefits-and-grants/community-grants/	Community Revenue Grants - up to £500 Capital Grants - up to £5,000 Staying Healthy Grants of up to £1,000	4 funding rounds pa.	There are three grant schemes aimed at not-for-profit community groups wishing to expand or develop services: Community Revenue Grants are to help develop projects or small capital purchases that benefit the community, requests over £250 must have matching funds. Capital Grants are for work to provide or improve facilities for the benefit of the community, matching funds are required. Staying Healthy Grants – towards one –off expenditure and not on-going costs
Charnwood Borough Council www.charnwood.gov.uk/contacts/charnwood-grants Community Development Grants Community Facilities Grants and Feasibility Studies Grants	Community Development Grants up to £10,000 Community Facilities Grant scheme - up to £20,000, to a	Funding meetings usually held 3 or 4 times per year.	This scheme provides revenue funding Including organisational running costs for community bodies, one-off contributions to projects with community benefit and grants to individuals. The Community Facilities Grants scheme provides capital funding for voluntary organisations, to assist with the renovation,

<p>Loughborough Community Grants</p> <p>Staying Healthy Community Grants</p> <p>Sports and Leisure Grants</p> <p>Historic Building Grants</p>	<p>maximum of 50% of project cost. Feasibility Studies Grant scheme - up to £5,000, to a maximum of 50% of the cost.</p> <p>Up to £2,000.</p> <p>Up to £2,000</p> <p>Various grant categories ranging from £50 to £1,500</p> <p>Up to £2,500</p>		<p>improvement and provision of community buildings, and small-scale environmental improvement schemes.</p> <p>The Feasibility Studies Grant scheme provides support with the commissioning of feasibility studies as part of the development plan to undertake substantial refurbishment or propose a new-build community facility. Loughborough Community Grants are revenue grants to cover the running costs of small projects run by voluntary sector organisations in Loughborough.</p> <p>Staying Healthy Community Grants are revenue grants for health-related projects in Charnwood.</p> <p>This scheme offers the following grants: Development Grants - to support new sports clubs or groups and existing clubs in developing their programmes Coach Education Grants – for the development of coaches and officials. Talent Support Fund – to support individual talented sports performers from Charnwood Facility Development Grants - To assist sports organisations with playing facilities and ancillary accommodation.</p> <p>Part-funding towards the preservation or enhancement of listed or historic buildings and buildings in conservation areas.</p>
<p>Loughborough University Community Donations Fund www.lboro.ac.uk/services/community/donations-fund/</p>	<p>Grants of up to £500</p>		<p>To support voluntary and community groups throughout the Charnwood region.</p> <p>The programme is available to fund projects in Charnwood that will benefit the local community, covering a broad range of activity areas including local sports clubs, music organisations, residents associations and women's groups and people with disabilities. In</p>

			particular, the programme wishes to support projects or activities that increase engagement between the University and the community.
Oadby and Wigston Community and Youth Grants www.oadby-wigston.gov.uk/pages/community_grant_scheme	None but small fund		Financial assistance for local groups and youth groups for one-off projects taking place within Oadby and Wigston that directly benefit local communities.
Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council Parish Community Initiative Fund http://www.hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk/info/200047/grants/509/parish_and_community_initiative_fund Staying Healthy Community Grant Scheme Contact: Karen Mason - Karen.mason@hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk Tel: 01455 255847 Summer Activities Fund Contact: Karen Mason – details above.	Maximum £10,000 per Parish area and maximum £10,000 per project Up to £700 per project Up to £200 per project	6 th February 2015 Projects must be delivered in school summer holidays	The Borough Council provides grants totalling £100,000 per year to support community projects in the parished areas of the borough. These grants fund a wide variety of projects such as play areas, village hall improvements, landscaping projects, new pathways, heritage trails and village signs. c50% match funding is required. For projects to improve health and wellbeing and reduce health inequality in areas of greater social need. Funding for delivery of activities for 6-11 year olds that are sports, arts, play or Olympic themed.

Searching for funding

Voluntary Action LeicesterShire provides free funding advice to community and voluntary groups in the county and has a group helpline for information and support on 0116 257 5050. <http://www.valonline.org.uk/>

In addition to the above selected possible funding sources the Leicestershire Funding Toolkit website effectively provides advice and information to community/voluntary groups and charities around accessing funding. Moreover, the website contains a searchable funding database, which can be used to identify sources of funding. The link to the website is www.fundingtoolkit.org. The step by step guide at Appendix A is a helpful guide to searching for potential funding opportunities for your project's activities.

For Sports groups and projects, funding advice is available from Leicester-Shire & Rutland Sport's website (<http://www.lrsport.org/funding>) or from their Sports Development Officer (Funding & Clubs), Annette Kendrick on 01509 564858 a.kendrick@lboro.ac.uk. Annette can support you to identify the most applicable sources of funding for your project and support you with the application process.

Funding can also be searched via the Funding central web site at <http://www.fundingcentral.org.uk/default.aspx> . Donated products can be acquired via www.inkindirect.org.uk and www.givingworldonline.com.

Loan and investment finance

Community Development Finance Institutions lend money to businesses, social enterprises and individuals that might not be able to get finance from high street banks and loan companies. www.cdfa.org.uk. Organisations specialising in finance for social enterprise, charities and community organisations include Charity Bank (www.charitybank.org) Deutsche Bank (www.db.com/unitedkingdom/content/en/social_investments.html), the Social Investment Business (www.sibgroup.org.uk), Triodos Bank (www.triodos.co.uk), The Keyfund (www.thekeyfund.co.uk).

Crowd-funding

Online crowd-funding platforms allow organisations to pitch their projects and attract donations and investment from the public. Examples include; www.buzzbank.org, www.ethex.org.uk, www.spacehive.com. Help with raising funds through community share offers is available from www.communityshares.org.uk and www.microgenius.org.uk.

Promoting and raising awareness of projects and services

Leicestershire County Council and Leicester City Council have partnered with a website developer (System Associates) to create a new website called www.choosemysupport.org.uk. It is an online marketplace for finding, buying and selling social care services and products and there is no charge for the provider. The website helps people to look at all the options available in Leicestershire, and find the services and products that can best meet their needs. It provides information on all sorts of opportunities including community activities, health and leisure, training etc and details are provided at Appendix B.

Appendix A

A Step By Step Guide To Using The Leicestershire Funding Toolkit

The **Leicestershire Funding Toolkit** contains a range of useful information for voluntary/community groups, including a Funding Database, which you can register on to search for potential sources of funding for your community group/project.

The following is a simple step-by-step guide to searching for funding, using the funding database (Leicestershire 4 Community):-

1. Go to the Funding Toolkit website www.fundingtoolkit.org.
2. Click on the box titled 'Search the Funding Database', which will take you to the Leicestershire 4 Community funding database.
3. This will open a new website - Leicestershire 4 Community (L4C). Before you begin searching for funding, you will need to register on this as a user.
4. To register as a user on the website, click the blue tab towards the top of the page which says 'Government and Other Funding' (or any of the tabs after this) – this will open a section where you need to provide your details, details of your organisation, an email address (which will be your username) and a password.
5. You will then be automatically registered on L4C and you can begin searching for sources of funding that may be relevant to your project by clicking on any of the boxes on the 'homepage', i.e. -
 - 'Government and Other Funding'
 - 'Lottery Funding'
 - 'Trust Funding'.
 - 'Local Support'
6. By clicking on any of these boxes, you will then be taken to another page with a wider range of categories to help you narrow down your search, e.g. Community; Heritage and the Arts; Young People and Youth Issues, along with many other categories.
7. It is also possible to filter the search results down further by clicking on the 'Filter results further' icon within each category box.
8. You can also use the funding database to do a more specific search for funding. To do this, click on the 'Search for Funding' box on the homepage or the 'Search for Funding' blue tab at the top of the page.

9. You will then be asked to provide specific details in relation to what you are searching for funding for, i.e. -
 - the focus of your project
 - your organisation type
 - how long your group/organisation has been active
 - what you are looking for funding for
10. Once you have entered your search criteria, click the 'Search now' orange icon at the bottom on the form.
11. You will then be provided with a number of potential sources of funding (i.e. the results of your search), broken down by Government Funding, Lottery Funding and Trust Funding.
12. You will need to click on each of the search results and go through the details of various schemes/funding programmes to see if you think you may be eligible for funding from any of these sources (these are listed in categories of Local, Regional and National funding programmes).
13. The details provided are very comprehensive and will also provide links to other websites with more information about the particular funding programmes.
14. This might be quite a time consuming exercise, but it is also highly worthwhile!!
15. If you feel your project does not meet the criteria for any of the funding programmes listed, try doing another search, using different criteria, e.g. for 'focus of your project' and/or 'what you are looking for funding for'.
16. There is also the option of saving your search results, by clicking on the 'Save Search' orange icon on the right hand side of the page.
17. You can also save selected schemes, by following the 'Select Schemes' section on the right hand side of the page.
18. Finally, you can also import details of funding programmes into Word to create a report, by clicking the 'Produce Report' orange icon on the right.
19. If you need any further advice at this stage, feel free to to contact Voluntary Action Leicestershire, email helpline@valonline.org.uk, or ring 0116 2575050.
20. Good luck!!

Appendix B

Choose My Support

Leicestershire County Council and Leicester City Council have partnered with a website developer (System Associates) to create a new website called www.choosemysupport.org.uk. It is an online marketplace for finding, buying and selling social care services and products and there is no charge for the provider.

This website helps people to look at all the options available in Leicestershire, and find the services and products that can best meet their needs. It is similar to other online shopping websites, like Amazon, or eBay, but it specialises in local social care services.

Everyone can use this website. This includes those with a Personal Budget from the Council, or anyone else who would like to find services. Customers can look for support for themselves, or for someone else.

Choose My Support provides the customer with choice and control over the services they need to support them. Without options there can be no real choice. **Choose My Support** can only be as good as the services and products it sells.

Over 300 providers have already registered onto **Choose My Support**. Please join into this new exciting and invaluable tool by registering today at www.choosemysupport.org.uk.

The site contains guidance notes to support you in registering your service but if you do experience any problems using the **Choose My Support** website, please contact <mailto:support@systemassociates.co.uk>. System Associates will provide support to new providers during their set up so please do contact them if you have any difficulties or queries.

As part of the registration all providers will be approved before appearing on the site, if you experience any difficulties or more support is required with the approval process the please contact emarketassurance@leics.gov.uk

We look forward to seeing you on ChooseMySupport in the near future.

If you would like further information about ChooseMySupport please contact Caroline.blankley@leics.gov.uk