



# Health Inequalities Pool

## FOOD RESOURCE PACK



## Funding For Local Food Projects

In this fact sheet we examine funding sources that are local to Manchester, and food specific sources. One great aspect of community food projects is that they cross several themes of funding, and there are therefore many potential sources of funding for such projects. For example, community food projects can potentially fit in the following brackets:

- Health and wellbeing – including through physical activity and exercise from producing food, and diet and nutrition from cooking and eating
- Environmental improvement – transforming undervalued urban and peri-urban landscapes into diverse, and productive areas
- Community development – engaging and integrating local people, sharing knowledge, skills and resources
- Education and training – on an informal basis, or through more formalised basis such as Open College Federation (OCF) and NVQ accredited courses
- Social enterprise – producing healthy local produce for local market places

### Food Futures & Funding

#### Neighbourhood Renewal Funding

During 2005-06 the Health Inequalities Partnership supported Manchester Food Futures with Neighbourhood Renewal Funding (NRF). This was spent primarily on core funding for the project, plus a significant chunk was used to extend the contracts of the 5 A Day project workers, and to keep the 'Herbie' fruit and veg van on the road in North Manchester. In addition, a smaller proportion was calved up as small grants for other community projects.

#### Communities for Health

During 2005-06 the Department of Health was running a funding programme called Communities for Health. Food Futures were working on a bid for funding to support a portfolio of food and health related projects in the City, but unfortunately the Department of Health stopped the funding. It is thought that this was due to financial crises within the NHS. At the time of writing, it is rumored that the Communities For Health funding is available again, although it is uncertain whether Food Futures will be applying.

However, Food Futures are currently considering developing a portfolio of projects for an application for funding from the Big Lottery, under the Wellbeing Programme. See the Big Lottery section below for more information on this.

Food Futures will continue to receive NRF core funding during 2006-07, although there has as yet been no indication that any of this will be available as small grants for community projects.

Good news is that mainstream funding has been allocated by the Council, for the Food Futures Programme Manager post, which is currently occupied by Christine Raiswell. This allocation is set to continue for the foreseeable future.

## **Local Sources of advice, information and funding**

### **Voluntary Action Manchester / Community Chest**

VAM provide advice surgeries on setting up projects, and on fundraising, along with free access to searchable online funding databases. They also currently administrate the Community Chest and Community Learning Chest in Manchester, which are small grants up to £5,000 for supporting deprived communities. For more information on VAM and Community Chest visit: [www.vamanchester.org.uk](http://www.vamanchester.org.uk) / phone - 0161 234 2905 / Green Fish Resource Centre, 46-50 Oldham Street, Manchester, M4 1LE.

### **Community Foundation for Greater Manchester**

CFGM are a local grant awarding body that provide a variety of small grants for community based projects. For more information: phone - 0161 214 0940  
visit [www.communityfoundation.co.uk](http://www.communityfoundation.co.uk)  
email - [enquiries@communityfoundation.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@communityfoundation.co.uk)  
Beswick House, Beswick Row, Manchester, M4 4LA

### **Scarman Trust Manchester**

The Trust provide infrastructure support for community and voluntary sector groups in the city. This includes free advice surgeries for smaller groups. They can also provide bespoke training for groups if they can demonstrate that their is a need for support in a particular area. They have a page on funding at their web site: [www.thescarmantrustmanchester.org](http://www.thescarmantrustmanchester.org) (follow the link to 'funding support').

### **Environmental Network For Manchester**

The EN4M website has downloadable documents providing advice and support on funding for environmental projects, much of which is relevant to local food

initiatives. The information is useful although the documents have not been updated since 2004:

- Current Sources of Grants for Environmental Projects
- Funding Sources for Developing Open Spaces
- Sources of Support for Fundraising

[www.manchesterenvironment.net](http://www.manchesterenvironment.net) (follow links to 'Downloads', and 'Resources')

## **National Sources of Information**

### **Local Food Works**

This is a 'web gateway' to local food network's across England's regions, provided by the Soil Association. They provide a paper giving advice and sources for obtaining funding for local food projects:

- [www.localfoodworks.org](http://www.localfoodworks.org) (Follow links to 'Information library', 'Briefing Sheets' and download 'Funding Sources for Local Food Initiatives') (PDF)

For more information on Local Food Works: phone - 0117 914 2424 / email - [lfw@localfoodworks.org](mailto:lfw@localfoodworks.org) / 40-56 Victoria Street, Bristol, BS1 6BY

### **Cultivating Communities**

Funding advice and links for Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) projects and community food initiatives generally (this is another Soil Association project):

- [www.cuco.org.uk](http://www.cuco.org.uk) (Follow links to 'CSA Action Manual', and 'Financing CSA')

### **Making Links: A Toolkit for Local Food Projects**

This pack is produced by SUSTAIN, the alliance for better food and farming, and is stuffed with information and inspiration for starting up or developing a successful community food project. It contains an informative section giving advice on raising funds for projects. This pack can be downloaded from the SUSTAIN website at:

- [www.sustainweb.org](http://www.sustainweb.org) (follow link to 'Publications' and view by 'Food Poverty')

## **Federation of City Farms and Community Gardens**

The FCFCG produce a Community Garden Starter Pack, which is a general start-up pack, with good advice on raising funds. Revised 2005, price: £5.75.

- [www.farmgarden.org.uk](http://www.farmgarden.org.uk)

## **British Trust For Conservation Volunteers**

BTCV produces a yearly updated Grants & Awards Factsheet for affiliated groups. Since the grants included in the fact sheet are of an environmental nature, many of them will be relevant to food related projects. For more information about this, and becoming a member:

- phone – 01302 572236 / BTCV Conservation Centre, 163 Balby Road, Doncaster, DN4 0RH.

## **Food Standards Agency (Wales)**

The FSA is an independent Government department which protects the public's health and consumer interests in relation to food. The Welsh division have produced a publication called Funding Initiatives on Nutrition and Diet, which is a valuable source of information on funding, including funders, in Wales and the UK as a whole. For more information: visit – [www.food.gov.uk](http://www.food.gov.uk) / [www.eatwell.gov.uk](http://www.eatwell.gov.uk) / phone – 029 2067 8999 / email – [nutritionstrategywales@foodstandards.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:nutritionstrategywales@foodstandards.gsi.gov.uk) / 11<sup>th</sup> Floor Southgate House, Wood St, Cardiff, CF10 1EU.

## **National Lottery**

### **Awards For All**

This is a National Lottery small fund designed to support community groups and projects. It provides small grants up to £5,000, with a relatively simple application and monitoring process, and a fast turnover of grants. For more information visit [www.awardsforall.org.uk](http://www.awardsforall.org.uk)

### **Big Lottery Changing Spaces**

This is part of the Big Lottery Environmental Programme, and is currently available. The programme has three priority areas:

- community spaces – developing good quality, accessible community spaces which local people can take pride in
- local community enterprise – making the links between food, exercise and health, encouraging the sustainable use and reuse of resources and building sustainable local economy

- access to the natural environment – improving the natural environment and encouraging access.

### **Big Lottery Wellbeing Programme**

This programme is scheduled to be on stream by Spring 2006. It is a large fund, and applications are to be made by organisations that provide a co-ordinatory role, either at a regional or national level. Applicants are therefore expected to submit a portfolio of relevant projects. £10,000 'development grants' are available, to help organisation prepare their major grants.

The Healthy Lifestyles Initiative aims to:

- increase participation in physical activity including travel
- educate communities about healthy eating
- develop early intervention approaches to common mental health problems.

At the time of writing, Manchester Food Futures team are considering making an application, to support local food projects in the City. If you would like to be included in this portfolio, you must contact Christine Raiswell, Food Futures Programme Manager at the Joint Health Unit: phone – 0161 234 4268 / email [c.raiswell@manchester.gov.uk](mailto:c.raiswell@manchester.gov.uk) / Room 4042 Town Hall Extension, Manchester, M60 2LA.

- More information on the two Big Lottery programmes mentioned above can be found at the Big Lottery website at [www.biglotteryfund.org](http://www.biglotteryfund.org) (click on 'new programmes' and 'England and UK New Programmes 2006 –09')

### **Big Lottery Food Consortium Bid**

At the time of writing, a consortium of national organisations, including the Permaculture Association and the Federation for City Farms and Community Gardens have put together a food consortium, and a submission for permaculture / local food funding from the National Lottery. Sir Clive Booth, chair of the Big Lottery Fund is said to be very enthusiastic about the bid, and more news will be available in the near future. ***Watch this space...***

### **Funding websites**

The following are a selection of websites that provide non-specific advice and information on funding and grant awarding bodies:

- Government Funding: [www.governmentfunding.org.uk](http://www.governmentfunding.org.uk)
- Access Funds: [www.access-funds.co.uk](http://www.access-funds.co.uk)
- The Charities Information Bureau: [www.cibfunding.org.uk](http://www.cibfunding.org.uk)
- Directory of Social Change: [www.dsc.org.uk](http://www.dsc.org.uk)
- Funder Finder: [www.dsc.org.uk](http://www.dsc.org.uk)
- Funders Online: [www.fundersonline.org](http://www.fundersonline.org)
- Grants online: [www.co-financing.co.uk](http://www.co-financing.co.uk)
- RD Info: [www.rdinfo.org.uk](http://www.rdinfo.org.uk)
- Support 4 Learning:  
[www.support4learning.org.uk/community/comdev.htm](http://www.support4learning.org.uk/community/comdev.htm)



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