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Voluntary and Community Groups exist to meet many different needs. Funding bodies aim to provide funding to meet these needs - though very few are interested in responding to all areas of need. There are many different types of Grant making bodies, which collectively run thousands of grant giving initiatives. They include:

- The National Lottery Grant Schemes
- Grant Making Trusts
- The European Commission
- National Assembly Initiatives
- Local Government Initiatives
- Companies - Local and National

Identifying the most appropriate funders for your project can be the most important stage in the application process. Research at this stage will help to avoid wasting time in applying to funders who may not have any interest in your field of work.

There are resources available at PAVS to assist with this stage of the application process which include:

Grantfinder and Funderfinder

These are computer programmes into which the following details can be entered - the type of organisation applying for funds, the type of project, the amount of money needed and the area of benefit. Based on this information, the programme identifies potential Trust funds, Lottery Funds, Assembly Initiatives, Company grants and European Grant schemes for the project.

Specialist Funding Publications including:

- The Welsh Funding Guide, Alan French, John Smyth & Tom Traynor 2003
(Directory of Social Change)
- The Environmental Funding Guide, Susan Forrester & Dave Casson 1998
(Directory of Social Change)
- The Arts Funding Guide, Susan Forrester & Graeme Manuel 2000
(Directory of Social Change)
- The Sports Funding Guide, Nicola Eastwood 1999
(Directory of Social Change)
- The Directory of Grant Making Trusts 2003-2004 2003
(Charities Aid Foundation)

Access to Grantfinder and Funderfinder can be arranged on an appointment basis from the PAVS office in Haverfordwest. The publications listed above, and other resources, are available for groups to come in and use in the Pembrokeshire Centre for Voluntary Action at the PAVS offices or they can be ordered from the Directory of Social Change web-site -

www.dsc.org.uk

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Sources of help

PAVS

Tel 01437 769422
Fax 01437 769431
Email enquiries@pavs.org.uk

PLANED

Tel 01834 860965
Fax 01834 861547
Email information@planed.org.uk

Pembrokeshire College

Tel 01437 765247
Fax 01437 767279
Email info@pembrokeshire.ac.uk

Community Regeneration Unit

Tel 01437 775535
Fax 01437 775542
Email: sinead.henehan@pembrokeshire.gov.uk

Pembrokeshire County Council

Tel 01437 764551
Email: enquiries@pembrokeshire.gov.uk

Wales Council for Voluntary Action

Tel 02920 431700
Fax 02920 43170
Email enquiries@wcva.org.uk

Pembrokeshire Business Initiative

Tel 01646 695300
Fax 01646 697806
Email PBI@cityscape.co.uk

Further resources

Wales funding handbook
Published by WCVA

Apply yourself: Applying for a lottery grant

A thirty-minute video produced by the National Lottery Charities Board.
Available to borrow from PAVS

Apply yourselves

A free downloadable programme
Available from the funderfinder website www.funderfinder.org.uk or on floppy disk from PAVS

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