

Programmes Office 23/24 Update Report

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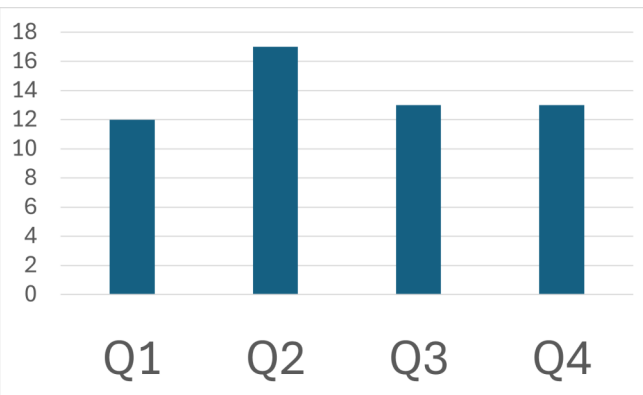
Total
enquiries:

55

Funding Bulletins

The Programmes Office (Formerly know as External Funding) produces a monthly Funding Bulletin, which provides a snapshot of grant funding available at that point in time. There are 7 sections: Strategic Funds & Council Significance (Borough-wide Significance); Youth, Schools & Colleges; Faith & Places of Worship; Health & Sport: Arts, Culture & Heritage and Miscellaneous.

Enquiries per Quarter



Annual Stats

Q1: £295,941

Q2: £291,000

Q4: £312,499

£899K

FUNDING SECURED

Projects Funded in 2023/2024

Catalyst SDC

£312,499

Arts Council England

LCRCA Runcorn

£291,000

Brownfield Land Release Fund 2

Open360

£192,071

National Lottery Community

St Berteline's PCC

£41,500

Various Funders

For further information contact: funding@halton.gov.uk or <http://www.halton.gov.uk/funding>

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Project Supported in 23/24

Catalyst Science Discovery Centre and Museum in Widnes, is delighted to announce that they have been awarded £312,499.00 from the MEND fund. This funding will be used to completely replace the flat roof of the fourth floor, glass-walled Observatory Gallery, a project that will be delivered in partnership with Halton Borough Council. Additional work to increase insulation at roof level will greatly improve the environmental performance of the museum.

Darren Henley, Arts Council England chief executive said: *'Museums make a huge contribution to the lives of people in towns and cities across England. The investment in the physical fabric of their buildings helps to make sure that our museums are able to carry on serving their communities for years to come. We're excited to be delivering the next round of the programme on behalf of the DCMS because we know the positive impact this investment has on helping museums make a real difference across the country'*.

Training Offer

BASIC BID WRITING TRAINING

Subjects covered in the course include: • Good bid-writing techniques • 10 key elements of a basic funding application • Top-tips to write a strong bid • Q&As

MONITORING AND EVALUATION

As an introduction to Monitoring and Evaluation, this course will help you to understand what monitoring and evaluation will mean for your organisation and why it is so important. It is best suited to small to medium community organisations. Topics covered will include: monitoring - compliance with grant conditions and collection of evidence / data for all organisations (not just grant funded groups); and evaluation - understanding what the evidence tells you and how to present this in an evaluation report.

MANAGING YOUR GRANT

This course will offer a basic introduction to the responsibilities of managing grant funding for those of you who are new to this, or would like to improve your skills in this area. Topics covered will include: compliance with your grant conditions, basic financial management, understanding your claim process and collecting evidence for project monitoring.

Role of the Team

Funding Searches
Bid Writing & Supporting Documents
Training
Dissemination of Funding Information
Developing Partnerships
Lobbying Funders
Participation in Key Forums
Claims & Monitoring

Website/Social Media

Our website <http://www.halton.gov.uk/funding> you can find details on the team and the latest funding bulletins and access to online forms.

We are also now on twitter <https://twitter.com/fundinghalton> (@fundinghalton) which is updated with the latest funding opportunities and information.

Meet The 23/24 Team

Steph Davies — Programmes Office Manager

Sara Wilson — Senior Funding & Monitoring Officer

Jonathan Patten — Funding & Monitoring Officer

Melanie Dodd — Senior Funding & Development Officer

Steve Bretherton — Funding & Development Officer

Robbie Arrowsmith — Funding Support Assistant

Project Supported in 23/24

Open 360 is a non-profit organization working with all residents in Halton, Cheshire and Merseyside to provide training opportunities and employment assistance for all: Young People, Single Parents, Unemployed, Senior Citizens and Local Businesses.

With the assistance and expertise of the Programmes Office, Open 360 were able to secure £192,071 of funding from the National Lottery Community Fund in 23/24. This funding will allow them to offer the Connecting People and Communities with Digital Project.

The project helps tackle issues around digital inclusion by teaching people in the local community how to use a keyboard, mouse, touchscreen, browse the internet safely and securely, correspond over e-mail and other digital basics.

This allows people to communicate over platforms such as Zoom, access online banking and shopping, order their repeat prescriptions and access Universal Credit facilities.