

EU funding

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EU Funding - intro

- Over 200 funding streams
- Wide range of thematic programmes and also geographic programmes (eg Interreg)
- Most cover period 2007-13
- BHCC International Strategy - Map EU funding opportunities to Corporate Plan, Community Strategy etc
- B&H - annually approx £4.5m EU funding (key sources include: Interreg IVa, Civitas)

EU funding – key principles 1

- Don't chase the funding – map the opportunities to your strategy/work plan
- International partners usually required – but not always – know your partners!
- Calls often give 8-12 weeks bid development time
- But, key info available beforehand in annual Work Programme etc
- Team approach works well

EU funding – key principles 2

- Intervention rate typically 50% of total eligible project costs
- Costs often refunded retrospectively
- Therefore match funding usually required
- Each programme has its own eligibility rules
- Staff time often used as match funding
- Preparation costs sometimes covered

Some key funding programmes

- ESF Community Grants
- Interreg IVa – 2 programmes currently
- Lifelong Learning Programme:
 - Grundtvig
 - Leonardo da Vinci
 - Transversal study visits
 - 2014-20 ‘Erasmus for All’ programme

ESF Community Grants

- Moving people closer to work – confidence-building and ‘softer outputs’
- Priority to groups working with people with health/disability issues
- Grants up to £12,000 – 100% funding
- Relatively simple application process
- Smaller third sector organisations are particularly encouraged
- Next deadline: 24 August 2012

Interreg IVa

- 2 maritime cross-border programmes: '2 Seas' & 'Channel' – each budget approx £150m
- Each project involve at least 2 countries (inc UK)
- Wide-ranging themes eg economic development, social inclusion, tourism
- cross-border partnership key
- 50% intervention rate (75% micro project)
- Retrospective claims
- 2 Seas – last round; Channel – 2 more deadlines?

B&H Interreg IVa project examples

- White Night (BHCC)
- Building Futures (BHCC/ City College)
- Communities & Families Tackling Addiction (BHCC)
- Great War: Between the Lines
- Care Co-ops – several projects
- Numerous university projects

Grundtvig – adult learning

- Over 25, or 18-25 yr olds no longer in formal school / HE - informal learning
- In-service training bursaries (seminars, job-shadowing, work placements, etc) Deadline: 30 April 2012
- Grundtvig Partnership project with 2 other EU countries – lump sum funding depends on no. of ‘mobilities’
- 4-24 mobilities (€10-25k)
- Preparatory visits up to €1,000

Leonardo da Vinci

- Vocational training including:
 - Preparatory visits – for meeting up with potential partners deadline: Dec 2012
 - Mobility actions eg EU work placements, teaching or management staff exchanges – Deadline: Feb 2013
 - Partnership projects on joint theme of interest. Lump sum funding calculated on no of visits. Deadline: Feb 2013

Transversal study visits

- Focus on policy – high success rate
- Open to education & vocational training specialists, and decision makers. Includes adult education organisations, voluntary sector & LAs
- Covers travel & accommodation
- Deadline: 30 March 2012
- 3 bids from B&H last year

BHCC International Team

- Funding info – website, targeted email lists, briefings, newsletter
- Partners searches – inward & outward
- Bidding support – application screening, 1-1 support for filling in training applications
- Links to EU institutions, networks (eg Eurocities), Brussels Office
- EU Programme development / delivery with regional/international programme partners eg Interreg IVa...Va