



Almost £20m has been made available to small voluntary and community groups in the Northwest via the Grassroots Grants scheme.

The scheme which began last Summer is asking community groups to come forward and get their hands on essential funding.

Whether it's helping local clubs get hold of new kit, coaching new volunteers or simply giving the local hall a fresh lick of paint, Grassroots Grants aim to make a real difference to the work of the Northwest and more specifically, Warrington.

The scheme gives out grants between £250 and £5000 to voluntary and community groups with an annual income below £30,000.

If that is you or you know of an organisation that could benefit then contact the Warrington Council for Voluntary Service and find out more about how you can apply or visit our website at www.warringtoncvss.org.uk

Grassroots Grants Starts to Sow its Seeds

£31,000 has been awarded to the Warrington community from the Grassroots Grants scheme since its launch in September 2008. Warrington Council for Voluntary Service is one of the 67 funders selected across England to distribute the Government's groundbreaking Grassroots Grants to small, local community and voluntary groups.

Groups such as Warrington Open Door at Christmas, Shooting Stars Dance Drama Group and the Older People's Forum are just some of the 24 community groups that have benefited from the scheme so far.

"Warrington is full of small groups and individuals who work tirelessly to tackle local problems and this fund is dedicated to supporting their efforts" says Nigel Bacon, Chief Executive of Warrington Council for Voluntary Service. "Grassroots Grants is exciting as it provides help direct to community groups now and into the future. That is why we are urging local leaders, businesses and individuals to make an investment in the future of their community by contributing to the Warrington Grassroots Endowment Challenge."



"The support given by the Grassroots Grant was invaluable this year, especially with the unforeseen extreme weather we had, we were able to provide a wide range of services to our homeless community at a difficult time of year."

John Campbell
Warrington Open Door at Christmas



Warrington Grassroots Endowment Challenge



The National Government's Office of the Third Sector has challenged various organisations around the country to raise funds for an endowment to support small, local voluntary and community projects, once the Grassroots Grant Scheme finishes in 2011.

In Warrington, the Warrington Council for Voluntary Service has won the contract to manage the Grassroots Grant and we have set ourselves a target to raise £400,000 within the first

year. If we achieve this, then the Office of the Third Sector will

"The monies we have received from the Grassroots Grants is allowing us to make changes to our meeting venue. and to allow better access to the building, especially for those with disabilities. We are really grateful for the support given."

Alf Clemo
Older People's Forum

increase the Endowment Fund to nearly £600,000 through match funding which will go direct to the Warrington community.

A charitable endowment works by creating a capital pot which when invested wisely, generates an income. We can then distribute this income to the voluntary and community sector in Warrington via grants.

If you would like to know more about the scheme or wish to make a donation to the scheme (including increasing your contribution via gift aid), then please do not hesitate to contact us on 01925 246880.

We can accept donations from both companies and individuals. You can donate regularly via your bank, or you can send us a cheque. If you would like to start a fund for something in particular that you are passionate about then this can be arranged.

Grants Issued So Far

Warrington Council for Voluntary Service has been managing and distributing grants since November 2008, the following organisations have benefited from grants since then, they are:-

- Culcheth Methodist Church
- Warrington Open Door at Christmas
- Stay and Play Group
- Fearnhead Mothers & Toddlers Group
- Senior Citizens Welfare Club
- Khalsa Ladies Club
- Warrington Arts Council
- Robson Street Community Bingo Group
- Warrington Cassette Talking Newspaper
- St. Anne's Luncheon Club
- Stars Drama
- Rylands Sharks Under 14s ARLFC
- Shooting Stars Dance & Drama Group
- Older People's Forum
- Crafty Crafters
- King's Tots, King's Church
- Watkin Street Tenants & Residents Association
- Warrington Craftworkers Guild
- Kingsway Allotment Society
- Oulton Court Residents Association
- Old Orford Residents Association
- Black Bear Allotment Association

