



Sources of Funding for BB Companies

INTRODUCTION

This guide has been prepared in response to queries from Companies and Battalions in the Boys' Brigade NI District on how to source funding for their programme or perhaps to purchase a one off piece of equipment or run a specific project.

Periodically throughout the year NIHQ receives notifications about funding deadlines for example from the Education Authority, the Department for Communities, and others such as the Co-op and Coca-Cola community funds. We share this information immediately on Facebook and in our BBNI e news, so please check these regularly.

This list is not exhaustive so if you know of any sources of funding not listed here or in '**Signposts for funding for churches and faith based organisations**', by Diane Dodds MEP, please get in touch and we will add it and share the information accordingly.

If you require any help completing a funding application please contact Alison Irvine, Support Officer & Centre Manager at NIHQ: alison.irvine@boys-brigade.org.uk or T: 028 9268 8444

Please note that according to the Regulations of The Boys' Brigade UK & ROI all assets of a BB Company (including all monies) shall be vested in and under the control of the Church. Therefore any concerns and issues surrounding funds to run your Boys' Brigade Company or applications for funding should be prayerfully approached and discussed with your Church leadership. The Boys' Brigade Northern Ireland District does not endorse any funding from lotteries. Therefore we have not knowingly included any bodies where the monies come from lottery funding.

This has been primarily prepared for BB Companies but the sources of funding could be accessed by Battalions as well. It would be good practice for Companies to inform their Battalion if they are making an application to a funder and vice-versa.

Taking part in the Boys' Brigade is still one of the most affordable extra-curricular activities children and young people are involved in. National membership subscription per child/young person is approximately £20 each (equivalent to approx. 4 trips to the cinema). This is less than £1 per week for a company meeting for 22 weeks in the session; most Companies meet more than this.

List of funders valid at time of printing: July 2017.



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PREPARATION FOR FUNDING APPLICATIONS

Sometimes the time between a funding opportunity being announced and the deadline is quite short. For volunteers, juggling day jobs and family/church commitments this can be challenging so it is a good idea to have some prep work done in advance that can be quickly updated. Spend a bit of time drafting a few paragraphs to introduce your Company/Battalion, what you do, who benefits and what you hope to achieve with the funding. This can be easily reviewed, updated and customised for each application when the time arises.

Most funders will require some or all of the following supporting documents:

Generally if a Company is applying they should use the Church's charity number, and supporting documents such as annual accounts, child protection policy, annual report, AGM minutes, and list of office Bearers etc.

1. Annual report/minutes of most recent AGM.
2. Independently examined and signed accounts for the last financial year.
3. HM Revenue and Customs Letter of Recognition.
4. Constitution, signed by at least two committee members, one which must be an office bearer.
5. List of Office Bearers.
6. Letters of support from other organisations in the community, local MLA/MP etc.
7. Child Protection Policy – Companies should use the church's policy; Battalions should use the Brigade child Protection Policy.

FOR FURTHER REFERENCE:

Brigade Fundraising Guide – download from www.bbni.co.uk/niforms.htm

Signposts for funding for churches and faith based organisations, by Diane Dodds MEP (PDF booklet) www.dianedodds.co.uk/fundingdownloads.php

This booklet lists many grant making organisations relevant to the Christian Youth Work.

The following pages list some further grant making organisations that may be relevant to the work of The Boys' Brigade Northern Ireland.



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1. EDUCATION AUTHORITY (EA)

www.eani.org.uk/about-us/youth-service

Funding period runs 1 April – 31 March each year. You must register with EA to be eligible for yearly funding. (Usually register by end of February for that incoming year).

In order to be registered a youth unit must:

1. Have an appropriate constitution.
2. A Child Protection Policy and procedures, based on the Department of Education guidance.
3. Maintain appropriate insurance cover.
4. Have appropriate financial arrangements.
5. Provide assurances of the availability of appropriate leadership and a safe environment for children and young people.
6. Deliver a programme reflecting the general themes and core values of youth work, in accordance with the "Youth Work: A Model for Effective Practice" (DE 2003) (deni.gov.uk).

Contacts:

- Belfast Youth Section: (028) 90564090
- Ballymena Youth Section: (028) 25661330
- Dundonald Youth Section: (028) 90566938
- Armagh Youth Section: (028) 37512266
- Omagh Youth Section: (028) 82411481



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2. COCA-COLA THANK YOU FUND | www.coca-cola.ie/thank-you-fund

Your project should help with one (or more) of the following:

1. Bridging the divide between education and the workplace
2. Fostering diversity and inclusion among young people
3. Empowering young people to become the leaders of the future.

3. CO-OP COMMUNITY CAUSES: | www.causes.coop.co.uk

The 15 communities where you can apply are as follows

- Ballycastle
- Broughshane st, Ballymena
- Ballyholme
- Bushmills
- Castlederg
- Donaghadee
- Fivemiletown
- Moy
- Beverley road, Glengormley
- Larne/Ballynure
- Finaghy/Upper Malone
- Gilnahirk/Beersbridge/Sydenham
- Cregagh/Knockbreda/Rosetta
- Hillsborough/Longstone/Belsize road
- Old Park Road/Antrim Road/Windsor/Shankhill/Ballysillian Road

4. ANCHOR FOUNDATION | www.theanchorfoundation.org.uk

Supporting Christian charities concerned with social inclusion, particularly through ministries of healing and the arts. Grants range from £500 to £10,000. They will consider applications for projects abroad. Closing date: January each year.

5. THE HALIFAX FOUNDATION'S COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAMME

www.halifaxfoundationni.org | T: 028 9032 3000

This foundation supports charitable organisations within Northern Ireland to enable people who are disadvantaged or with special needs, to participate actively in their communities. The programme is open to registered charities with an income of less than £1 million. The average grant awarded is in the region of £3,000 - £4,000 and grants are awarded for one year only.



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The following list is a guide to the key areas the Halifax Foundation supports:

- Core costs
- Materials and equipment
- Salary costs
- Volunteer expenses
- Project costs
- Refurbishment
- Activities
- Training
- Disabled access
- Transport Costs

The Foundation operates a rolling grant programme, and an application can be submitted at any time.

6. THE JOHN MOORES FOUNDATION | www.jmf.org.uk

Awards funds to community organisations based in Merseyside and Northern Ireland. Grants are made towards running costs, volunteer expenses, one-off projects, equipment and salaries. Preference is given to organisations seeking funding for projects which fall within the Foundation's target areas for giving which are:

- local community groups
- black and minority ethnic organisations
- women including girls
- second chance learning
- advice & information to alleviate poverty
- grassroots social health initiatives
- training for voluntary organisations
- Joint working and trust-building initiatives
- equality and diversity

Priority is given to small, grass-roots and volunteer driven organisations. There is no deadline for applications in Northern Ireland. Application should be made by letter of no more than four A4 sides accompanied by a completed organisational details form which can be obtained from jmfni@btinternet.com / 028 2888 6161.

7. LEEDS BUILDING SOCIETY CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

www.leedsbuildingsociety.co.uk

The Charitable Foundation was established by Leeds Building Society to support the communities around its nationwide network of branches and is funded by an annual donation from the Society. Since its establishment in 1999 it has made total donations of over £1.3 million. Donations are normally in the range of £250 to £1000. The application must be for capital expenditure. Applicants do not need to have an account with Leeds Building Society.



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8. WESTHILL | www.westhillendowment.org

Westhill generally consider applications for grants requiring investment of between £1,000 and £20,000. Larger sums for projects running over two years are also considered but we would advise that you seek match funding in such cases. Westhill's primary focus is on providing financial investment and other resources to support formal and informal religious education projects and faith-motivated activities that enable people to transform their lives and the life of their communities.

Westhill also publish a list of alternative charitable funders for faith-motivated religious education and community transformation projects on their site.

9. VICTORIA HOMES | www.victoriahomestrust.com

The Victoria Homes Trust is a small independent grant-making trust based in Northern Ireland which funds only registered charities in Northern Ireland. The purpose of the Victoria Homes Trust is to assist the physical, mental and spiritual development of young people under 21 years of age.

The Trust's policy is to provide small grants in support of local projects which benefit children and young people.

10. ASDA COMMUNITY FUND | www.asdafoundation.org/applying-for-funding

'We are committed to developing stronger, better connected, sustainable communities across the UK. This programme allows colleagues to nominate initiatives which will make a real long term difference, benefitting the wider community with our vision to 'Transform Communities, improving lives locally.'

11. TESCO COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Each Tesco UK store holds a community donation budget to help support with requests from their community for local fundraising events. If you would like to be considered for a donation please write to the Community Champion at your nearest store ([Find your local store](#)).

Note Tesco do not sponsor events or individuals.

Tesco Bag Packing: Local Tesco stores also manage their own bag packing bookings. If you would like to arrange a session please write to the Community Champion at your local store. There is a list of community champions on the website here:

www.tescopl.com/media/1308/community_champions_aug_2015.pdf



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12. LIDL COMMUNITY WORKS | www.lidl.co.uk

Lidl asks customers across the province to nominate groups or projects in their local area that could benefit from its support by downloading a nomination form from their website or picking up a copy from their local Lidl Store. The deadline for applications is end of June each year. Customers in each store across Northern Ireland will then have the opportunity to decide from a shortlist of three which local community group or project should receive a £4,000 investment with the two runners up each receiving £1,000.

13. IRISH TEMPERANCE LEAGUE | www.irishtemperanceleague.com

The Irish Temperance League will support projects that:

1. Promote an alcohol-free and drug-free healthy lifestyle by the advocacy of total abstinence from alcohol and other drugs.
 2. Promote the discussion, consideration and research relating to the recreational use and abuse of alcohol and other drugs.
 3. provide other resource and development means to foster the increase of respect for the human family values to achieve physical, moral and spiritual well-being as a healthy alternative to alcohol and drugs
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