

### Funding Databases

#### What is a funding database?

A database is an organised collection of data. Funding databases hold information on different sources of funding including grants from trusts and foundations, public sector grants and contracts and corporate funding which can be in the form of grants or gifts in kind. Some of these databases will hold information on one specific type of funding, others from a combination of sources. Funding databases operate by asking questions to establish information about your organisation. This can include your size, type, the geographical area in which you work and the nature of your activities. The database then matches this information with the information that it holds on funders. Many of these databases charge a subscription fee to users although some are free or can be accessed free of charge through local development agencies. This guide gives you information on the most popular databases.

My Funding Central – an Idox funding solution focused on providing charities, voluntary organisations, community groups and social enterprises with an affordable way to search for funding  
A website for charities, voluntary organisations and social enterprises providing access to thousands of funding and finance opportunities. The site offers a guided search for those new to fundraising and an advanced search option. You can also sign up for a funding newsletter to be sent to you every week. Funding Central is still free for organisations with an income of under £100,000, subscription rates for individuals and other organisations are listed below. Funding Central [www.fundingcentral.org.uk](http://www.fundingcentral.org.uk)

Type of subscription	Cost	No. of linked logins
Organisation (income under £100k pa)	FREE	Unlimited - within organisation
Organisation (income over £100k pa)	£100 + VAT	Unlimited - within organisation
Individual (not part of an organisation)	£50 + VAT	Single

**Directory of Social Change** is a source of information and training for the voluntary and community sector. They have recently launched a new funding database called Funds Online. This combines available funds from a range of sources including trusts and foundations, corporates and the statutory sector with an estimated value of £8 billion. A subscription to Funds Online costs from £360+ vat for a one-year subscription which may be prohibitive to many groups. Although there is a one-week option. Click here for more information on Funds Online.

**GRANTfinder**- GRANTfinder is a subscription only database that provides comprehensive information on UK and EU financial provision including grants, subsidies, loans, venture funding and other incentives to voluntary and community groups and charities. [www.grantfinder.co.uk/](http://www.grantfinder.co.uk/)

**Grantsonline**- a subscription only funding database which has information on trusts & foundations, government, European & lottery funding. They offer a free trial and rates start at £25+vat for a month's subscription. <http://www.grantsonline.org.uk/>

**Find National Lottery Funding-** this is a website that allows you to search information on current grants available. <https://www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk/funding>

**London Sport** – for physical activity & sport. <https://londonsport.org/funding/>

## Other Sources

**Richmond CVS** – send out regular e-newsletters and funding alerts. You can sign up for free by clicking here.

**Funding Directories:** In addition to their databases The Directory for Social Change publish several funding guides including 'The Directory of Grant making Trusts' and 'The Guide to the Major Trusts' vol 1&2. These can be expensive, the latest version is currently on sale for £125, however older versions can be purchased second-hand. Reference libraries will often hold a copy you can use within the library.

<https://www.dsc.org.uk/publication/the-directory-of-grant-making-trusts-2020-21/#buy-now>

**The Invisible Grantmaker-** is an annually produced report that identifies and profiles little-known grantmaking trusts that are not featured in the best known published and online directories. Because these trusts are relatively hidden, they receive fewer applications than trusts featured in the popular directories, giving fundraisers a greater than average chance of a positive response. Costs from £125.

**Charity Excellence Framework** – full of useful resources for charities including a section on fundraising which features a UK Covid-19 funding list, funder guides plus free tools and resources.

**Twitter:** follow funders accounts, search hashtags for funding and follow accounts like Funding Central. RPLC, The National Lottery Community Fund, Trust for London and City Bridge Trust are all active on Twitter.

**Newsletters-** some larger funders like London Community Foundation have a regular e-bulletin you can sign up for. A great way to stay in touch with the funder, be informed of deadlines, new funds and changes to priorities.

**Local Newspapers:** We all like to share good news, often local charities will publicise their funding success stories in local papers. This can be a good way to see which funders are funding locally and the type of projects they are supporting.

**The Charity Commission:** All the registered charities in England and Wales are listed on The Charity Commission website. This includes grant making trusts. You can find out information on their priorities and view their accounts for free. The advanced search function will allow you to search for charities who list grant making to other organisations as one of the ways they operate.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/charity-commission>

**Other Charities Like You:** Network, talk to other charities that do similar work. Find out which funders they have been successful in securing funding from. Look at their accounts online (see above) or check their websites to see who their funders and supporters are.

**Your Networks:** Don't forget your own networks of staff, trustees and volunteers. They may find funding opportunities for you. If they work for corporates may even be able to secure match funding for the volunteer time they spend with you.