

# DCA Top 5 Funding Updates

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**Dorset  
Community  
Action**



## **1. Lloyds Bank Foundation Fund**

- Priorities – Supporting people leaving care, young parents, people with mental health issues, people with learning disability and ex-offenders.
- Open to registered charities between £25k - £1m turnover.
- Rolling programme.

## **2. The Leche Trust**

- Priorities in performing arts for music, theatre, dance and conservation
- Grants between £1500 – 2500
- Deadline 7<sup>th</sup> May

## **3. Postcode Local Trust**

- The aim of Postcode Local Trust is to support smaller charities and good causes in the west of England to make a difference to their community for the benefit of people and planet.
- Funding round opening each month.



#### 4. The Esmee Fairburn Far Grants Programme

- Priorities - Our Natural World - improving the natural world., A Fairer Future, and Creative, Confident Communities.
- Grants from £30k (no upper limit)
- No application deadline.

#### 5. Trusthouse Charitable Foundation grants

- **Major grants** programme will focus on Family Support
- Grants between £10,000 and £100,000.
- **Small grants** programme will focus on community support
- Grants between £2,000 and £10,000



# FUNDING TRENDS 2021



2020 proved that the charity sector can be versatile and resistant but what do grant makers want to see?

- ✓ Grantmakers have become increasingly aware that they need to empower non profits and to diversify how they use (and not rely on) grants.
- ✓ An organization should strive for financial sustainability and *not* put the majority of its eggs in a grant basket.
- ✓ Many grant providers are now offering smaller pots of money meaning that applying for grants has become even more time consuming.

The charity sector has shown they can evolve and embrace new ideas so keep this up and consider the following:-



Hybrid events offer the best of  
both worlds



Move towards digital fundraising



# Use social media to increase outreach





Versatility is the new normal



The future can be bright

