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Cash for Community Groups

Are you a local group needing money for a community project – running activities for a club; restoring a village pond or play area; improving facilities at your village hall, for example?

Well look no further! Funds are available from a variety of sources for groups requiring, £500, £5,000 or even £50,000 through grant-giving bodies operating locally.

East Northamptonshire Council (ENC) is holding a free information day about the sorts of funding streams available to community groups on Thursday 27 April.

The day, held at East Northamptonshire House in Thrapston, will be run in two halves. Entrance to both is entirely free:

- 10am – noon: presentations from funders, giving 'hints and tips' as to how best to apply for their grants. This is a sit down event, so places are limited and will need to be booked. Please try to send only one or two representatives, to make space for all.
- 1pm – 3pm: a Funders' Fair, where community groups can drop in any time to talk to funders and find out who could help with their projects. No booking needed.

Both sessions will run entirely independently, so come for as much, or as little, as you like.

Su Davies, External Funding Manager at ENC, will be present on the day to give funding advice to groups and signpost them to funders who can help their projects.

Su said: "The event will give community groups the chance to speak directly to funders, outline their projects and find out immediately whether they'd be eligible for funding support. This can save a lot of time when preparing a bid."

A wide range of funders will be attending the event, including The Northamptonshire Community Foundation; The Mick George Community Fund; Northamptonshire Sport; Tesco's Bags of Help; Charity Bank; Peterborough Diocese Historic Support and of course, the Council's own grant programmes. Voluntary Impact Northamptonshire and Northamptonshire ACRE will also be present to give advice.

If you are a not-for-profit body with a constitution and a bank account, you have a good chance of finding a funder who could help you!

To find out more about the day and/or to book a place for the morning session please contact Su Davies on 01832 742191 or sdavies@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk

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