

Local Sustainability Fund Additional Advice and Support

The Local Sustainability Fund programme only offered one round of applications, so there is no opportunity to reapply.

However, we hope you are able to make good use of the report you will have received from the VCSE Diagnostic tool and the planning you have undertaken as part of the application process. We do wish you well with your efforts to become stronger and more resilient as an organisation.

To further support the development of your organisation we've listed some providers of support. This is by no means an exhaustive list.

- Your local Council for Voluntary Service - via the National Association for Voluntary and Community Action ([NAVCA](#))
- Your local Rural Community Council - via Action with Communities in Rural England ([ACRE](#))
- Social enterprise support organisations like Social Enterprise UK ([SEUK](#))
- Local individual consultancies and organisations with specialist expertise which advertise on provider platforms like [BIG ASSIST Big Potential](#) or the [Skills Platform](#)
- Networks of consultants, such as members of the [Management Development Network](#)
- National organisations, such as [the Directory of Social Change](#) and those listed on [our website](#) including the National Council for Voluntary Organisations ([NCVO](#))

If you think that another community organisation like your own has the expertise and track record to mentor and support you, you can consider approaching them for support.

Remember that some sources of support are free, such as services like [Pilotlight](#), the [Cranfield Trust](#) and the Foundation for Social Improvement ([FSI](#)).

[Lloyds Bank Foundation Enable Programme](#)

Enable provides a great opportunity to strengthen your charity so it can deliver more effectively. It can reinvigorate the charity by funding; organisational improvements; development of areas such as leadership and governance; improved systems; demonstrating outcomes etc. These developments will put the charity in a stronger position to be able to deliver services better and attracting funding.

ENABLE IS NOT A SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME AND IT IS NOT FOR COSTS WHICH WOULD BE CONSIDERED TO BE FOR THE CORE RUNNING OF A CHARITY.

Full details of the programme, including eligibility criteria and guidance can be found on their [website](#).

An electronic copy with links to all these organisations can be found here:
<https://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/lsf>