

JIMBO'S EAST LEEDS ENTERPRISE FUND

BACKGROUND

In 2008, local businessman Jimi Heselden set up a Fund with the Leeds Community Foundation called the Hesco Bastion Fund. Over a 2-year period he invested £23m into the Fund which focuses on: projects in Leeds 9, 14 and 15; and health projects. Some of the money is invested in an endowment fund (with the income being distributed, each year, in grants) and some is available for immediate distribution.

In December 2011 we had a consultation meeting for local groups, to find out what the priorities were in East Leeds. This included some consultation as to whether or not building a new community centre or hub was appropriate. The key issues coming through were to do with unemployment, training, support for young people and vulnerable groups, supporting enterprising ideas and collaborative working. Ideas included: growing and selling fresh food; making products to sell; a range of care services for the elderly; and creating more volunteering opportunities. The results of the consultation are available on our website.

In response to this, the Leeds Community Foundation is doing two key things. One is that we are looking at what practical resources we may be able to provide to groups in East Leeds around volunteering, funding advice etc. The other is to launch a special fund through which we will support a number of organisations who will help us create a lasting legacy for Jimi in East Leeds.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITY

The key aim of the Jimbo's East Leeds Enterprise Fund is to support activity that can have a longer-term impact on local people by tackling some of the key issues in the area: enabling local people and communities to gain confidence, skills and work experience to help them move into work or self-employment; creating and developing enterprising / income-generating activity that meets community needs; helping people who are not in work; developing vocational skills; and supporting vulnerable people for instance.

You can apply for capital or revenue costs. Grants can be: to pilot or trial a new project/activity; or to expand current activities to benefit more people, or try new things. We are happy to support core costs such as salaries, rent etc as long as you are seeking funding to expand your current activities, or try something new. We are unlikely to provide funding purely for ongoing running costs (for this kind of project, you can still apply to the main Jimbo's Fund for grants up to £20,000). We will expect you to be able to demonstrate some specific outcomes as a result of the funding.

We will prioritise projects in the following areas:

- Volunteering activities that are directly linked to skills development for young people or long-term unemployed , for instance
- Work experience, work placements or internships with third sector hosts
- Vocational training projects, run by third sector organisations and support for training schemes, accredited and non-accredited
- Enterprise projects that help with skills development, setting up enterprise / trading activity or that provide the opportunity to create jobs / offer work placements

We will accept applications for partnership or collaborative work, where 2 or more organisations work together on a new idea, project or activity.

APPLICANTS

The Jimbo's East Leeds Enterprise Fund is open to:

- Charities, constituted community organisations and established social enterprises including: CIC's; Development Trusts; Industrial & Provident Societies; Co-operatives
- All applicant organisations must be based in Leeds 9, 14 or 15 (or, if not based there, have well-established links to the area). Your project must be able to demonstrate clear benefits to local residents.

We are not able to support projects that are:

- Run by individuals
- Set up to make profits for private gain
- Primarily for the advancement of religion or politics

We will not fund activities that would normally be funded from statutory sources e.g. Social Services, local or central Government, Local Education Authority or NHS. We will consider applications from third sector groups working in partnership with public sector partners.

SIZE OF GRANTS

We are looking to fund 5-10 projects that will receive between £25,000 and £50,000 for capital or revenue requirements over approximately a 12-month period from June 2012. For exceptional projects, and consortia applications, we will consider grants of up to £100,000. Our intention is to consider some level of continuation funding for those projects that are able to demonstrate the greatest impact on the target groups.

In addition to financial support, we would look to help the successful applicants in other ways during the course of the year. This might be to: help create links between some of the funded projects; access specific skills that your organisation might need over and above those you already have; help create links with the private sector for in kind, pro bono and / or practical support.

APPLICATION PROCESS

There is a 2-stage process, starting with an Expression of Interest (EOI) which is available on our website. The deadline for the receipt of completed EOI's is 5.00 pm on **Friday 23rd March 2012**.

We will then invite some of the applicants to complete a more detailed application form. We may also ask to come and see you to talk about your ideas in further detail. The deadline for the receipt of full applications is 5.00 pm on **Friday 20th April 2012**. The grants panel will meet in mid-May and all applicants will be informed of the decision of the panel.

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