

### **Welcome**

School Fund Finder is a fundraising service for schools that provides a comprehensive guide to funding opportunities with one-to-one application support. We want to share our knowledge and experience with you to identify funding and write winning applications to make a real difference to your school community.

We work with primary, secondary and special schools, academies, local authorities and not-for-profit organisations, helping them to raise additional funds for projects like school buildings, playgrounds and sports provision. We can unlock your fundraising potential to help you achieve your goals - despite declining school budgets.



### **III** Find Grants

School Fund Finder is your comprehensive guide to grants, awards, competitions and free equipment available to UK schools.

- Grants from UK government, European Union, Lottery, trusts and foundations.
- Hundreds of grants for arts & heritage, environment, health & sport, ICT, professional development, school partnerships, school buildings & grounds and special needs education.

# **IIII** Gain Experience

We actively encourage our subscribers to achieve their goals by taking advantage of our knowledge and experience.

- One to one support from our helpful and friendly team of fundraising experts.
- Our fundraising workshops help unlock your fundraising potential; we'll come to you to deliver a hands-on session to develop your fundraising knowledge and bid writing skills.

## **Save Time**

School Fund Finder makes the entire process of fundraising more efficient, saving you time.

- Searches are tailored specifically to your school criteria.
- · Grants are presented in summary form.
- New grants are sent directly to your inbox.
- Our monthly newsletters contain fundraising news, new grants and deadline reminders, so you don't miss out on any opportunity.

## **IIII** Utilise Resources

We provide you with the necessary resources to support your fundraising campaign.

- We'll give you a personalised review of your application to make sure it's the very best it can be.
- Our handy 'how to' guides help with application writing.
- Fundraising factsheets provide an insight into raising money for your school in creative and innovative ways.

The service provided is fast and friendly and is a big support to any fundraising team.

Denise Wilcock, The Lighthouse Group





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# **IIII** Why School Fund Finder?

#### **Grant & Funding Search**



Find funds using the Grant Search. You can select your school type, geographical area and project type from a simple list of options.



#### How to Guides

Use our 'how to' guides to help you write winning applications. You can download and print project and application templates to help you communicate your ideas effectively.

#### **Fundraising Wall**



Join our community of like-minded school fundraisers on the Fundraising Wall. questions, share ideas and experiences and tell us about your fundraising successes.



#### Monthly Newsletter

Receive monthly newsletters to keep you up to date on all the latest news and grants, top fundraising tips and application deadline



#### **Fundraising Experts**

Speak to our fundraising experts who will guide you in the right direction. We'll also give you feedback on your grant applications in one to one sessions.



#### **Custom Email Updates**

Our email updates send you nuggets of fundraising information, new opportunities and details of competition launches matching your search criteria - all hot off the press.

## **IIII** Share our success

Having had some success in the past fundraising for our school, I was interested to find a quicker way to locate grants that were suitable for the many projects we undertake each year. After subscribing to School Fund Finder I was immediately impressed at how easy its grant search feature made identifying useful grants. Removing the time consuming process of researching and finding new grants has dramatically improved our fundraising success. In our first year of using the service we raised over £20,000 for a variety of projects at the school, with money coming from numerous sources, all of which we found through School Fund Finder.

Keith Wysner, Knockloughrim Primary School

I signed up to School Fund Finder to help with a number of initiatives at the school for which we were looking for financial support. I set up a simple "funding tracker" to allow me to keep tabs on what was where. By February 2011 we had obtained 24,000 euros from Comenius and a total of £18,392 either in the bank or promised from other funders. I see 24.000 euros and £18,000 pounds as a pretty good return for the initial investment in Pebble and 8 days of work don't you?

Steve Walker, Deputy Headteacher, The Lady Jane Franklin School

# **What Next?**

To find out how School Fund Finder can make a real difference to your organisation, please get in touch for a free consultation.

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