

HERN can help...

HERN links those in need with those with money. Its website is a first point of contact for sources and resources that support voluntary and community sector fundraising.

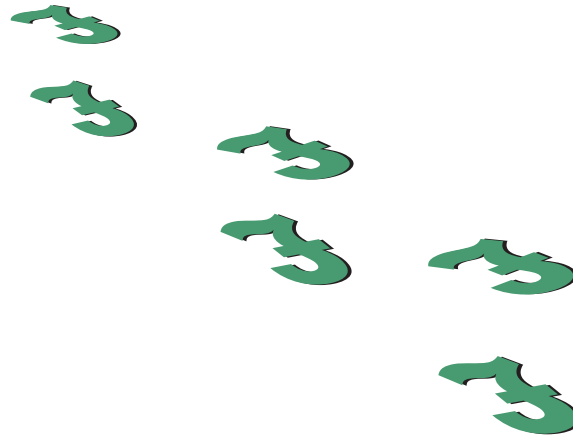
The Grantnet online funder search facility is provided free for organisations in Hertfordshire.

HERN supports joint funding applications and promotes other opportunities for partnership working within the county and across the East of England region.

The HERN Funding Fair is an annual gathering of funders, advisers and voluntary and community organisations, to explore funding trends, new funding sources, and to share techniques for effective fundraising.

HERN is the route to local advisers offering:

- assisted online funder searches
- training on writing funding applications
- advice on other sources of income
- feedback on draft applications.



HERN is a point of contact between local, regional and national fund-givers, and grassroots organisations in Hertfordshire.

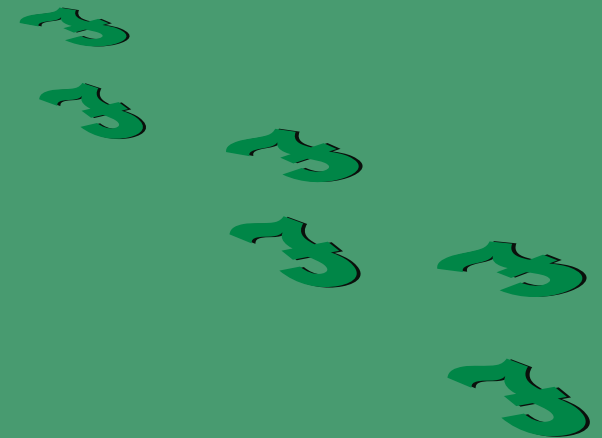
The network exists to attract new and increased funding from inside and outside the county by identifying need and making the case for support.

HERN shares with individuals and organisations across the county an overall aim of attracting and targeting resources to build stronger, more active and independent communities.

HERN

Your guide

to funding in
Hertfordshire



Why HERN?

There are more people in poverty in the East of England than the North East region* but, statistically, much of Hertfordshire is defined as affluent.

Those in need are relatively dispersed, making them less visible and their lives doubly difficult. For organisations working to meet needs in the community, making the case for support can be challenging.

Sharing information and pooling expertise is one way to attract a fair share of funding for Hertfordshire communities.

* ref Richard Ellis, Chair, East of England Development Agency, 2006

www.hertsdirect.org/hern

What's in it for you?

For funders, HERN is a direct route to the Hertfordshire voluntary and community sector. Materials and information can be distributed through local funding information points across the county. Local briefings and the annual HERN Funding Fair provide opportunities for face-to-face consultation.

For advisers, meetings with funders give insights into their funding priorities and access to news not found on their public websites. HERN is also a forum for sharing best practice in advice giving and promoting the latest resources for supporting this work.

"In just 3 hours I gathered more useful information and advice than I would from a week at my desk ... Invaluable!"

Funding Fair delegate

For voluntary and community groups, access to information and advice through HERN can increase funding success. The network also promotes joint funding applications, an approach which is increasingly attractive to many funders.

HERN is...

The HERN network unites funders and funding advisers to provide resources – tools, people and information - for the benefit of the Hertfordshire voluntary and community sector.

As a voice on sector funding HERN can represent grassroots interests at regional and national level through other networks such as Funding East and the national finance hub of expertise.

Next steps...

Go to www.hertsdirect.org/hern

Sign up for free e-mail funding updates – Grants Online and External Funding Alert – at the website

Find your nearest contact for free or low-cost funding advice and personal support

Look out for details about the annual HERN Funding Fair in the autumn