

# Working with GRANTfinder – An RCT Homes Perspective



RCT Homes was established in 2007 as Wales' first community mutual housing organisation – a unique model promoted by the Welsh Government to produce community-owned-and-controlled housing.

Meadow Prospect is the charitable arm of RCT Homes, Wales' largest social landlord and winner of the 'Business in the Community Welsh Government Responsible Large Business of the Year Award 2014'. Here, Grant Manager Hayley Teague talks about how GRANTfinder has supported the work of RCT Homes and Meadow Prospect...

## Why does your organisation choose to subscribe to GRANTfinder?

We have subscribed to GRANTfinder for several years now, and truly believe that the service is far superior to other tools we have used. It provides far more than just grant searches, offering high-quality and timely content and a host of intuitive functionality in one all-encompassing system which saves our organisation time and allows us to support our organisational goals of empowerment, successful project outcomes, community engagement and sustainability.

## Key service benefits

- > **Helps maximise and secure external funding opportunities.**
- > **Provides up-to-the minute information.**
- > **Convenient one-stop shop of funding and policy information keeps staff up to date with the changing grants and policy landscape.**
- > **Saves resources through efficiency.**
- > **Ensures you are aware of all current funding streams.**

**It is the grants solution for organisations in the UK.**





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In particular, the service allows us to maximise funding potential – important for us as funders, as it provides other funding streams to match-fund with, in turn enabling us to spread our fund further.

### **How does your organisation capitalise on your access to GRANTfinder?**

GRANTfinder is an essential tool for our team; it is a major part of our working day. Without it, our work would be undoubtedly more difficult.

For my team, usability is a key function, as the volunteer grants assistants have little or no computer skills. GRANTfinder is easy to use and always delivers the results we're looking for.

Most staff are aware of our access to GRANTfinder and many request grant searches for groups they work with in their areas. As well as searching for match funding, we use it as a source of information gathering for sharing, and to keep up with new policies. Important things that are of interest within the organisation will also be emailed to all staff, creating a hub of funding knowledge.

### **Has your GRANTfinder subscription provided clear return on investment?**

Yes – definitely. We are aware of over £1 million of funding that has been secured. This is in the three years that I have been in post and this is only the information we know about.

We have supported everything from providing sports kit to building legacy projects. RCT Homes' constitution commits the organisation to promoting community involvement and to supporting economic regeneration and development of the communities it serves. GRANTfinder has supported us in realising this work.

We recently supported the building of a gym onto a local sports hall, which is run by volunteers in a rural community. This has created employment for a gym trainer. We also found funding for this person to be trained in all aspects of gym and fitness training.

GRANTfinder has a big part to play in our funding remit, we wouldn't be without it!

For more information on how your organisation and its beneficiaries can gain from a new approach to funding information, please contact us on: 0844 874 0739 or visit [www.idoxgrantfinder.co.uk](http://www.idoxgrantfinder.co.uk)

