

Voluntary Sector Commissioned Activity 2014-15

Sums shown in the Award column are just for this year

Organisation	Period of award	Activity	Award
Making Norwich a safe and clean city			
Friends of Norwich in Bloom	1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015	A grant to run local floral competitions and encourage wider support for horticultural or environmental improvements. As a group of volunteers working in partnership with the community and local businesses, it achieves recognition in national competitions demonstrating how Norwich manages its attractive and clean image.	£8,000
Norwich Foodbank	1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015	A grant to support the development of projects and expansion of services including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The development of signposting and referral systems • The development of holiday lunch and activity clubs for children from poorer families • The provision of more volunteering opportunities for ex-offenders 	£4,000
Sue Lambert Trust	1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015	A grant to support core costs of providing a helpline and counselling service for men and women survivors of sexual abuse, past and present.	£7,000
The Conservation Volunteers	1 April 2013 to 31 March 2015	A grant to operate practical environmental projects in Norwich to enable local people to help care for and improve their local environment, as well as develop practical conservation skills, life skills, experience and confidence.	£9,500
<p>In addition, Norwich City Council within specific partnership agreements, also contributes funding to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Norwich Fringe Project - £9696 to protect and improve wildlife and archaeological sites in areas accessible to the general public. The Project supports work within local communities to manage the countryside around Norwich • Norfolk Biodiversity Partnership - £5000 to conserve, enhance and restore Norfolk's biological diversity. The partnership provides advice and funding to voluntary conservation groups, organises and supports public events. 			

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Making Norwich a prosperous city (extended grants)			
Age UK Norwich	1 Oct 2012 to 31 March 2015	A grant to provide an income maximisation service aimed at a vulnerable section of the Norwich community.	£12,500
Citizen's Advice Bureau	1 Oct 2012 to 31 March 2015	A grant to provide an expert, free debt advice service for non-council tenants across Norwich.	£54,000
Money advice and budgeting service	1 Oct 2012 to 31 March 2015	A grant to provide an innovative debt consolidation and repayment service for families struggling financially, across the whole of Norwich.	£40,000
Norfolk community law services	1 Oct 2012 to 31 March 2015	A grant to provide a representation and advocacy service for people in Norwich, concerning access rights to welfare benefit decisions.	£12,500
Making Norwich a city of character and culture			
Black Culture and Heritage Norfolk	1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015	A grant to support the organisation of the annual Black History Month festival in October, including bursaries for small community groups.	£2,000
Britten Sinfonia	1 April 2013 to 31 March 2015	A grant to contribute towards core costs of delivering the orchestra lunchtime and evening series of concerts in Norwich and creative learning activity in the community.	£10,000
Chalk Circle Theatre	1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015	A grant to deliver an educational Black and Minority Ethnic led youth theatre project and performance.	£500
Community Music East	1 April 2013 to 31 March 2015	A grant to pump prime Sound and Vision activity to increase numbers of participants, and particularly increase the engagement of young people who are not in education, employment or training (NEET).	£10,000
Heritage and regeneration trust (HEART)	1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015	A grant as a contribution to costs of working in partnership to : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote and interpret the Norwich Heritage offer • Deliver heritage open days 	£25,000
Norwich and Norfolk Community Arts (NORCA)	1 April 2012 to 31 March 2015	A grant specifically to support core costs associated with delivering the Carnival project and the In Harmony music sessions within schools in deprived areas of Norwich.	£5,000
Norwich Puppet Theatre	1 April 2012 to 31 March 2015	A grant to support the only puppet theatre in England outside of London. The theatre offers comprehensive facilities for puppetry and animation.	£10,000
The Garage Trust	1 April 2012 to 31 March 2015	A grant to provide a programme of live performances and events by new, emerging and professional artists and companies relevant to the interests of	£10,000

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		young people, along with accredited vocational training courses for young people aged 11 to 25; in particular those from disadvantaged backgrounds.	
The Norfolk and Norwich Heritage Trust - Dragon Hall	1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015	A grant as a contribution to costs to promote and develop public access to Dragon Hall. The Trust is a custodian for the grade 1 listed building.	£15,000
<p>In addition the council, within specific partnership agreements, also contributes funding to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Norfolk and Norwich Festival - £120,000.00 to support provision of a diverse and inclusive annual programme of events. This is a significant arts organisation within the East of England and provides opportunities for greater collaboration with local, national and international partners. • Norwich Arts Centre - £37,000.00 to support provision of a broad range of performing and media arts to the community. The Centre offers a range of participatory workshops and activities that offer good access to the arts. • The Writers Centre Norwich - £37,800.00 to support provision of a range of performing and media arts to the community and pioneer collaborative projects with writers and other partners. The Centre led the successful bid for Norwich to become England's first UNESCO City of Literature- one of only six cities in the world to hold the title • Visit Norwich - £63,000 to market the area locally, regionally, nationally and internationally. VisitNorwich is a private/public sector partnership partly funded by Norwich City Council and South Norfolk Council. 			
Providing value for money services			
Voluntary Norfolk	1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015	A grant to provide capacity building support to voluntary and community sector organisations, providing the sector with a voice in Norwich. It provides specific services and training to organisations, and recruits and supports volunteers.	£38,835
Providing Norwich with decent housing for all			
Catch 22	1 April 2010 (ongoing)	A contract to provide independent mediation for people living in Norwich neighbourhoods to help resolve neighbour disputes. This service is provided where at least one of the parties in dispute is a council housing tenant or a tenant of one of the registered social landlords also signed up to the service.	£8,750
Leeway	1 April 2012 to 31 March 2015	A contract to provide a domestic abuse outreach service, to provide adults, children and young people in Norwich who are currently in an abusive relationship with the necessary advice and support to help them to live more safely in the most appropriate place for them. The main focus of this specialist	£30,227

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		service is to prevent the crisis of homelessness through advice and support. It also aims to empower clients to live independently and keep themselves and their children safe.	
St Martins Housing Trust	1 April 2012 to 31 March 2015	A contract to provide to provide individuals aged 16 or above with the necessary support to help them off the streets into suitable accommodation for their needs. The main focus of this service is to prevent people becoming entrenched in rough sleeping by quickly assessing the needs of the client.	£95,983
YMCA	1 July 2013 to 31 March 2015	A contract to provide emergency temporary accommodation for young people to provide safe, emergency short term accommodation for 16 to 24 year olds for a period up to five nights. The service will enable young people to start the process of re-engaging with family / support networks or be assessed for longer term accommodation.	£83,276
Through a partnership arrangement with the County court, Norwich City Council also contributes £5000 funding to Norfolk Community Law Service to reduce the number of public sector tenancy possession cases reaching court proceedings, by offering mediation services to help prevent eviction.			
Reducing inequalities			
BME consortium	1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015	A grant in aid to capacity build a consortium of emerging black and minority ethnic voluntary and community sector organisations.	£4,000
Interface learning	1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015	Grant in aid to encourage and promote cohesion through arts, education and cultural activities. Interface Learning runs programmes to engage marginalised individuals, families and communities. The funding will be for the core cost of administrative support.	£4,000
Norwich Access Group	1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015	A grant in aid to support a local pressure group of disabled people who are actively involved in trying to improve access for disabled people to all aspects of life in the city of Norwich and surrounding area.	£1,500
Norwich Door to Door	1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015	A grant in aid to fund core costs to deliver a subsidised 'dial a ride' type accessible bus transport, to disabled children and adults and older mobility impaired people.	£32,000
Norwich Mind	1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015	A grant to support delivery of the 2014 Festival of Cultures In the centre of Norwich.	£1,500

Norwich City Council also invests £9500 in small community grant awards of up to £500 to voluntary and community groups working in Norwich communities, and makes available a further £50,000 in capital grants. For more information on these and the grants awarded, please click **here**.