Top Tips

Need

- Focus your application on one or two social or community issues
- Ensure you link your need to your outcomes and the funders outcomes
- Reuse your answers in future applications
- Just because you don't have something doesn't mean you need one
- Research local, regional and national evidence
- If you believe a national issue exists you can usually find some evidence to support it

Budget

- Use accurate costings
- Don't use too many round figures
- Create your budget on a separate spreadsheet
- If you say you have quotes, make sure you have them!
- Use budget space to further explain your project
- Breakdown your budget into as many items as the form will allow
- Match the budget to your project not the grant maximum

Making Fundraising Easier

- Fundraise from a Business Plan
- Reuse good wording and information
- Keep good records of applications
- Avoid rushing the application
- Spend time on the applications you've got a better chance with
- Be aware of your costs

General

- Speak to the funder
- Be aware of the monitoring requirements
- Don't be put off by rejections, everyone else gets them too
- Use language of funder wherever possible
- Use Bullet Points
- Answer the questions!