

Social Value Opportunity for Sunderland VCSE Sector

Funding Opportunity for Sunderland-Based Community Organisations

Is your organisation making a real difference to the lives of people facing financial hardship? If so, we have an opportunity just for you.

A national company specialising in debt recovery for Local Authorities is giving back. They want to support the vital support work being carried out in Sunderland. As part of their Social Value commitment, they're offering a **£500 donation** to one local VCSE organisation that is helping residents with:

- Budget Planning/skills
- Money management
- Benefit checks
- Debt advice including managing existing debts in a sustainable, affordable way
- Referring into specialist services
- Liaising with creditors
- Support during financial crisis eg assisting in accessing emergency funds, food banks
- Help with online forms
- Accessing Digital Tools
- Early intervention/targeted support for vulnerable groups

Whether you're running budgeting workshops, offering 1-to-1 advice, supporting vulnerable people, or delivering community-led debt prevention projects — you could be eligible.

This donation is flexible and can go towards:

- Core running costs
- Project or service delivery
- Capital purchases
- Client expenses
- Or wherever it is needed most

Don't miss the chance to gain extra support for the work you are already doing.

What Next?

If you think this could be you, and would like to apply, you will need to complete and return our short application form, describing how you would use the offer and what difference it will make to both your organisation and your community. After the deadline date, a panel will meet to choose the winning organisation. Some organisations may be contacted by the company prior to the decision-making panel to discuss the feasibility and size of the project, or for further information.

How to Apply

If you would like to apply, please email us at <u>contactus@sunderlandvsa.co.uk</u> returning your application form by 26th July, 12 noon.

If you have any questions about this process, please contact Sharon Quinn via email: <u>sharon.quinn@sunderlandvsa.co.uk</u> or by mobile on 07770155710.