

Funding Bulletin – Week Beginning 31st January 2012

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Agriculture

Catchment Sensitive Farming Capital Grants

Due to its continuing success the Catchment Sensitive Farming Capital Grant Scheme will re-open in 2012-13. The scheme provides grant aid towards the improvement or installation of facilities that would benefit water quality by reducing diffuse pollution.

Applications may be made for grants up to a maximum of £8,000 per holding. There is no minimum amount of grant per holding. Two or more holdings managed as a single unit, or in single ownership, or which to some extent have common management, financial accounts, livestock, machinery and/or feeding stores, will be classed as one holding and subject to a single grant ceiling of £8,000.

It is expected that the funding mechanism will allow £21 million in capital grants to be awarded this year with an expected further £15 million for 2013/14.

All agricultural holdings/businesses within the boundaries of the 50 priority catchments in England will be eligible to apply for these grants. Support will be available on a first come, first served basis.

It has been confirmed that the 2012/13 scheme will be open for applications from 1 March with a deadline of 30 April 2012.

<http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/>

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The deadline for applications is 15 April 2012.

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<http://rpa.defra.gov.uk/>

Arts & Culture

DepicT!

DepicT! is an international short film competition provided by Watershed Media Centre which seeks to uncover up and coming film-making talent in the UK.

The contest is open to applications from film-makers with productions that last no longer than 90 seconds but still manage to show originality, imagination and the ability to engage audiences. Films can focus on a wide range of genres, including:

- Animation.
- Documentary.
- Drama.
- Experimental or artist film.
- Hybrid work.

All shortlisted film-makers will be invited to attend the [Encounters Short Film Festival](#) in Bristol.

The winning entry will receive a £1,500 cash prize plus UK distribution through the Digital Screen Network.

Film-makers in the UK may apply.

The deadline for entries to the 2012 competition is 9 July 2012.

<http://www.depict.org/>

YouTube Digital Innovation Award

The YouTube Digital Innovation Award aims to celebrate the creative talents of young filmmakers, rewarding those who submit a short film that is less three minutes in duration. First Light is asking for submissions of short films that could be described as 'digitally innovative'.

The three best entries will be invited to the First Light Awards at the BFI Southbank. The winning entry will receive £1,000 in cash. The money can be used towards future filmmaking projects.

Young filmmakers in the UK who are between the ages of 18 and 25 years on the closing date may apply.

The deadline for receipt of applications is 24 February 2012.

<http://www.firstlightonline.co.uk/>

Business & Economy

Orange Different Business Competition

Funded by telecoms provider Orange, the newly-launched Orange Different Business Competition has been set up to help entrepreneurs make their 'different' business idea come to fruition.

Entrants may have an idea for a new product or service, or just a fresh business approach that makes them stand out in the marketplace. The judges, who include some of the UK's most successful business leaders, are looking for 'the brightest and freshest ideas'; in particular:

- a business or project that is different;
- a different approach to running a business;
- a robust business model;
- a clear strategy for the project/business;
- evidence of a market for the project/business;
- a pitch that demonstrates the applicant has the necessary skills to succeed; and
- an idea that is worth funding and could be the UK's next 'different' business.

The following support package comprises advice and investment worth £200,000 delivered over the course of one year to help the business on the road to success:

- Business planning advice and mentoring from Kingston Smith.
- Mobile communications devices and plans from Orange.
- Marketing consultancy from Publicis Chemistry.
- Legal advice from Lewis Silkin.
- Investment capital.

The advisory support and investment capital can be used to help the winner plan and commence operations for their new business.

Only one entry per person can be submitted. Entry is open to residents of the United Kingdom aged 18 and over at the time of entry, whose actual or proposed business trading address is in the United Kingdom.

The deadline for receipt of applications is midnight on 31 March 2012.

<http://www.orange.co.uk/>

Fund101

Fund101 targets UK-based entrepreneurs looking to turn an idea into a new business and existing small companies wishing to purchase equipment to help take their enterprise to the next level.

Administered by Enterprise Nation, the programme is designed to assist those who are looking for relatively small amounts of capital support. The initial funding pool is £50,000 and this will be topped up each month with an additional £5,000. Individual grants ranging from £50 to £500 can be requested.

The grants can be used to fund miscellaneous capital costs associated with starting up a new venture and for existing small businesses to purchase equipment, promotional flyers, hardware etc, in order to boost their operations.

UK-based start-ups looking to commence trading and those who are already in business and need funding to further their enterprise may be eligible for assistance through Fund101.

To apply, entrants must complete an online application, explaining how much money they require and for what purpose. They must then raise an equivalent number of votes to the grant they are seeking – if they need £100, they must engage 100 people to vote for them online.

When the target is met, the funds will be deposited into the successful candidates' PayPal accounts. Grant recipients must agree to be profiled on the Fund101 webpage to explain how the grant has benefited their business.

The application process has re-opened for 2012 and bids may be submitted at any time.

<http://www.enterprisenation.com/>

Young Woman Engineer of the Year Award

The 2012 round of the Institution of Engineering and Technology Young Woman Engineer of the Year Award has opened to applications.

The Award highlights the achievements of women in engineering and encourages others to enter the profession. The Award is open to entries from women under the age of 30 holding a responsible position as a leading professional engineer in the UK.

The 2012 award categories comprise the following:

- ***The Young Woman Engineer of the Year Award*** - this category recognises a young woman who has firmly established herself as a dynamic and technically excellent professional. The prize is £1,000.
- ***The Mary George Memorial Prize*** - this category awards an outstanding female engineering apprentice who has made a contribution within the workplace beyond the realms of her normal duties and demonstrated dynamism in her approach to the solution of engineering problems. The prize is £750.
- ***The Women's Engineering Society (WES) Prize*** - this prize is awarded to the graduate engineer who is the runner-up in the Young Woman of the Year contest. The prize is £500.

Applicants all three awards will be females under the age of 30 who are currently employed in UK Apprenticeships, Young Apprenticeships or Advanced Apprenticeships within the UK.

The prizes will be presented at an awards ceremony to be held in London in late 2012.

The deadline for receipt of applications is 30 July 2012.

<http://conferences.theiet.org/>

Ben & Jerry's Join Our Core Competition

Ice-cream company Ben & Jerry's is searching for young, socially responsible entrepreneurs who are creating new models for sustainable business which will help make a difference in communities.

Those aged between 18 and 34 who have a sustainable business model that demonstrate the following are being encouraged to enter the Join Our Core Competition:

- **Strong financial sustainability** - long-term demand from local people and business for the product or service.
- **A positive social impact** - the business model leaves society better off for the next generation.
- **Environmental awareness** - the business ensures the local and global environment is looked after.
- **An innovate idea** - the approach is substantially different from similar initiatives in the field.

Winners will be assessed in London in spring 2012 and then travel to Uganda in the summer to take part in ten days of social business knowledge sharing and local development projects where they will live and work with local farmers.

The Prize package is as follows:

- **Early Birds Prize** - The first 100 competition entries will win a year's supply of Ben & Jerry's ice cream, redeemable at major retailers only for the value of a standard 500ml pint.
- **People's Choice Award** - Five winners from the 15 finalists will be chosen via a public vote to receive a People's Choice Award. Each winner receives a cash prize of €1,000. Winning the People's Choice Award doesn't affect the chances of winning the overall Join Our Core competition.
- **Winners** - There will be five overall winners who will each receive a cash prize of €10,000. Winners will also have their business idea promoted on a tub of Ben & Jerry's in 2013. The five winners will be chosen, one from each of the countries involved: United Kingdom, Ireland, Sweden, Denmark and the Netherlands.

Winners will also receive six months' mentoring from Ashoka, the company what coined the term 'social entrepreneur'. The mentoring will be delivered through telephone and online meetings and will look at any

challenges facing the business and provide advice to help the business grow and develop.

The prize money can be used to help with the start-up costs associated with launching a new socially aware business operation anywhere in the world.

The early bird deadline for the first 100 applicants is 15 March 2012. The final deadline for submitting competition entries is 15 April 2012.

<http://www.joinourcore.com/>

Community

Empty Homes Community Grants

Funding is available to bring long-term empty homes and other types of property, including commercial property, into use as affordable housing. The funding is for capital costs and can be used to fund eligible acquisition, works and on-costs.

No minimum or maximum level of grant has been set, but grant rates are likely to vary depending on the region, the size and type of property and length of lease/acquisition. Applicants must make the case for the amount of funding they are requesting.

Not-for-profit community and voluntary groups in England may apply if they are one of the following:

- A registered charity.
- A community interest company.
- A social enterprise that reinvests its surpluses for social benefit.
- A limited company, either a company limited by guarantee or a registered industrial and provident society. The latter should either be a society for the benefit of the community (housing association model) or one for the benefit of its members (housing co-operative).
- A small community based Registered Provider, with less than 150 permanent units who are not part of an existing development partnership and not in receipt of housing subsidy grant.

Applicants should be able to show how they will identify and bring forward empty properties, how these fit in with the local authority's wider housing strategy for the area, and how they would help to meet overall housing needs as identified by the local authority.

The deadline for applications is 17 April 2012.

<http://www.grantsadmin.co.uk/>

Barclays Community Finance Fund

Grants of up to £50,000 are available to Credit Unions and personal finance-focused Community Development Finance Institutions (CDFIs) in the United Kingdom to deliver services over the course of a 12-month period.

Grants will be made to organisations which demonstrate their ability to deliver against one or more of the following objectives of the Fund:

- To improve access to affordable credit to those people on low incomes and living in areas where the need for affordable credit can be demonstrated.
- To increase the existing community finance providers' capacity to deliver affordable credit to low income consumers and microenterprises or SMEs unable to receive credit elsewhere.
- To provide financial support to credit unions and CDFIs that are starting up, merging or forming partnerships in areas where public access to affordable credit is restricted.
- To support the organisations funded in developing and improving their business services through encouraging voluntary participation by Barclays staff.

Grants may be used for a variety of purposes including (but not limited to) marketing, infrastructure, product development, mergers between businesses and the delivery of financial capability or money advice services.

Beneficiaries must be members of Transact (membership is free) and have been nominated in writing by one of the following:

- An existing or previous funder.
- A provider of in-kind support (for instance, provider of the business's operating premises such as a local authority or housing association).
- An external evaluator who has previously evaluated the community finance provider.
- A Member of Parliament for the constituency the organisation operates in.
- An employee of Barclays.
- Possible other third parties on agreement with Transact.

The deadline for applications is 1 April 2012.

<http://transact.org.uk/>

European International

Civil Justice Programme

The DG Justice has published a new Call for Action Grants under the Civil Justice programme.

This Call is based on the JCIV annual work programmes for 2011 and 2012 and combines the priorities as well as the resources available for both years.

An indicative amount of €8.33 million is available with funding of up to 80% of overall eligible project costs available. The amount requested cannot be less than €75,000.

Projects require a minimum partnership of two eligible organisations from two different EU Member States; however, priority will be given to large-scale projects built on a wide partnership involving organisations from a significant number of EU Member States and offering a genuine European scope and relevance.

Projects can consist of the following:

- Studies.
- Research.
- Meetings and seminars.
- Exchanges between judicial authorities and judicial cooperation networks.
- Training.
- Dissemination of information on access to justice.
- Design, development and implementation of innovative IT solutions.
- Exchange of good practice.
- A combination of these activities.

Priority areas for funding under this Call are:

1. Projects aimed at promoting judicial cooperation in civil matters.
2. Projects aimed at promoting the elimination of obstacles to the good functioning of cross-border civil proceedings in the Member States.
3. Projects aimed at improving the daily life of individuals and businesses by enabling them to assert their rights throughout the EU.
4. Projects aimed at improving the contacts, exchange of information and networking between legal, judicial and administrative authorities and the legal professions.

The deadline for submission of applications is 3 April 2012.

<http://ec.europa.eu/>

Safer Internet Programme (2009 - 2013)

The 2012 Safer Internet Call for Proposals has now been launched.

Safer Internet is based on four actions:

1. Ensuring public awareness.
2. Fighting against illegal content and tackling harmful conduct online.
3. Promoting a safer online environment.
4. Establishing a knowledge base.

An indicative budget of €13.4 million is available for this Call. Applications are invited under the following Actions:

Action lines 1 and 2: European Network of Safer Internet Centres

- Action 1.1: INTEGRATED NETWORK: Safer Internet Centres
The programme promotes the set up of Safer Internet Centres all across Europe to coordinate activities and to bring together a variety of stakeholders to ensure action and facilitate transfer of knowledge. All Safer Internet Centres will develop awareness raising material, organise campaigns and information sessions for children and young people, parents, carers, social workers and teachers to enable children and young people to make responsible use of online technologies.

Action line 2: Fighting against illegal content and harmful contact and conduct online

- Action 2.1.: TARGETED PROJECT: Enhancing Law Enforcement Agencies' Identification and Analysis of Child Pornography
The programme invites proposals for a single targeted project.

Action line 3: Promoting a safer online environment

- Action: 3.1.: THEMATIC NETWORK: Promoting Positive Online Experiences for Young Children
The Programme invites applications to set up a thematic network for promoting positive online experiences for young children.

Action line 4: Establishing a knowledge base

- Action 4.1: KNOWLEDGE ENHANCEMENT PROJECT: Investigating the Impact on Young People of Convergence Technology
Proposals are invited for a knowledge enhancement project to investigate through a quantitative and qualitative methodology how the changing conditions of access and use (of mobile devices) bring greater or lesser risks to children's safety.
- Action 4.2: KNOWLEDGE ENHANCEMENT PROJECT: Identifying Child Friendly Search/Browser Tools
Proposals are invited for a knowledge enhancement project to identify the technical capability for being able to find content suitable for children and make it available through child-friendly search/ browser tools.

The deadline for submission of proposals is 29 March 2012.

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/>

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European Metrology Research Programme (EMRP)

The 2012 Call for the European Metrology Research Programme is now open.

Proposals are invited under the following topic areas:

- Metrology for Industry - budget approximately €34.4 million
- SI Broader Scope - budget approximately €34.4 million
- Open Excellence - budget approximately €8.6 million.

A further €9 million is available for Researcher Grants. The maximum eligible costs for any individual Joint Research Project is €4.5 million with an expected average total eligible cost of around €2.7 million. The funding provided by EURAMET will be approximately 45% of eligible costs, with the remaining resources provided by the participating institutes.

The 2012 Call will follow a two-stage process as follows:

- Stage 1 - Call for Potential Research Topics - now open with a deadline of 18 March 2012.
- Stage 2 - Call for Joint Research Project proposals and associated Researcher Excellence Grants - opens on 18 June 2012 with a deadline of 1 October 2012.

<http://www.emrponline.eu/>

Research

Ariadna (Space Research)

The Advanced Concepts Team of the European Space Agency (ESA) has launched a new Ariadna Call for Ideas and a Call for Proposals.

The aim of the Ariadna Scheme is to perform high-level research on advanced topics of shared interest and usually slightly outside the usual ESA and space horizon together with university research groups.

The Call for Ideas targets research proposals on novel wireless power transmission concepts. The objective is to perform research on either:

- Alternative, new concepts for transmitting power wirelessly, or
- Innovative ways to substantially (typically five times to one order of magnitude or more) improve already described WPT concepts. Small, incremental improvements are not targeted by this call.

This is a Standard Study offering up to €25,000. In principle, all scientific fields of potential relevance are encouraged to propose solutions.

The Call for Proposals includes five study topics:

1. Subsurface investigation and interaction by self-burying bio-inspired probes - Standard study, up to €25,000.

2. Kinetic modelling of the jet extraction mechanism in spherical IEC devices - - Standard study, up to €25,000.
3. Probabilistic Computing for Efficient Robotic Vision in Space - - Standard study, up to €25,000.
4. Mimicking the thigmotropic behaviour of climbing plants to design a tactile-based grasping device for the space environment - Standard study, up to €25,000.
5. Space Gaits - Standard study, up to €25,000.

The deadline for both Calls is 6 March 2012.

<http://www.esa.int/>

Joseph Rowntree Foundation - R&D Programme

This call is for proposals to critically review UK evidence (including both literature and data sets) to assess how housing of all tenure types can mitigate or exacerbate poverty. Households and individuals of both working age and pensioner age are of interest, including families with children and those with no dependents and/or caring responsibilities.

This call is for proposals for a research project which aims to answer the following questions:

- What is the relationship of households housing circumstances to their experience of poverty (including the triggers that put households in poverty and lift them out it)?
- What is the relative importance of housing cost, quality and locale in achieving a positive role for housing in alleviating the effects or impact of poverty on people's lives?
- What role does lower cost housing play in relation to work? This includes for example housing's relationship to decisions about work, the quality of local labour markets and the quality and affordability of local housing.
- What role does lower cost housing play in incentivising work and/or facilitating insecure working patterns?
- What gaps in the literature or evidence merit further exploration and why?

The aim for this research is to better understand the relationship between housing and poverty, and how best to use housing as a tool to mitigate poverty.

- Project timescale: 5 months, starting April 2012.
- Project budget: Up to £35,000 (including VAT and expenses) one project only.

The deadline for submissions is 5 March 2012 (11.59 pm).

Applicants are asked to inform Christine Appleton at christine.appleton@jrf.org.uk by 10 February 2012 if they are planning on submitting a proposal.

<http://www.jrf.org.uk/>

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