

# Southwest Region

## FUNDING AND NEWS BULLETIN

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### South West Regional Funding Bulletin

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## SECTION 1 - GRANTS WITH DEADLINES

### Community and Community Development

#### Funding for active young people

Young People between the ages of 16 – 24 that wish to make a positive difference within their community, can apply for grants of up to £2,000 through the Starbucks Youth Action programme.

The programme is open to young people for projects in Greater London; Belfast; Birmingham; Bristol; Cardiff; Dublin; Edinburgh; Leeds; and Manchester. Previous projects supported include introducing bee-hives to an inner-city park in Manchester, tackling cyber-bullying in Cardiff; and supporting cheer-leaders in Kensington.

The closing date for applications is 9 am on the **5th March 2012**.

<http://starbucks.co.uk/responsibility/community/youth-action>

#### Rural Community Broadband Fund Opens

Defra and Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK) have announced that the Rural Community Broadband Fund (RCBF) is now open for applications.

Under the fund, £20 million is available in grants to communities to establish superfast broadband in hard-to-reach areas. The fund is open to Local Authorities; Social enterprises; Community Interest Companies; Community trusts; Charities; Private Businesses (non-ISPs); and Other formally constituted groups.

The RCBF will provide up to 50% of total 'eligible' costs to communities located in hard-to-reach locations who can demonstrate a local need and a demand for superfast broadband, and the ability to make it happen at a reasonable cost. Eligible costs would include; capital works costs; facilitation and technical support costs; and other service establishment costs, but not ongoing maintenance costs. There is no upper or lower limit to the size of project or grant investment. However, it is likely that below a certain threshold projects will not be economically viable, and projects will be subject to a value for money assessment.

Applicants need to submit an Expression of Interest form by the **31st January 2012**.

<http://rdpenetwork.defra.gov.uk/funding-sources/rural-community-broadband-fund>

#### Launch of New £60,000 Buy Better Together Challenge Fund – info only

The Government, together with Co-operatives UK, the trade association of co-operative enterprises have announced a new challenge prize and guide to enable communities to realise the benefits of community buying.

Community buying involves groups of people combining their buying power to purchase goods or services together and get better deals from shops and other suppliers. This can help businesses spread their overheads and in turn lowers costs for consumers. The 'Buy Better Together Challenge' is aimed at raising awareness of the benefits of community buying and sharing best practice amongst communities. A total of £60,000 is available through the prize fund. Support will be awarded to schemes that best demonstrate new and different models of group buying and which deliver real deals and social benefits for communities. Any group or organisation within the public, voluntary or business sectors is eligible to enter the competition. The Buy Better Together Challenge will be open for applications from January 2012. In May, shortlisted applicants will be asked to prepare a detailed business plan for the final stage, aided by a business mentor if they need it.

The overall winner of the prize will be announced in **October 2012**.

<http://discuss.bis.gov.uk/buying/>

### **Funding to improve community health – info only**

The People's Health Trust has announced that they will be announcing the first recipients of their Health Communities small grants programme.

The Health Communities small grants programme will make awards of between £5,000 and £10,000 to local projects which help people live longer healthier lives, and address health inequalities. The People's Health Trust are particularly keen to support grassroots activities through their small grants programme, which is currently open in 9 local society lottery areas.

Funding will be available from other local society lotteries in the coming weeks and months, and local charities and community groups are urged to check the People's Health Trust's website for details.

[http://www.peopleshealthtrust.org.uk/index.php/apply-for-funding/local-society-lottery?dm\\_i=10CZ,MFYW,57OTOG,1TGA5,1](http://www.peopleshealthtrust.org.uk/index.php/apply-for-funding/local-society-lottery?dm_i=10CZ,MFYW,57OTOG,1TGA5,1)

### **Funding from well known author**

Registered charities whose purpose is to alleviate poverty and social deprivation with particular emphasis on children and women's issues have the opportunity to apply for funding through the Volant Charitable Trust.

The Trust which was set up by the author J K Rowling also supports research into the causes, treatment and possible cures of Multiple Sclerosis. However this funding stream is currently fully committed and is not considering further applications for funding in this area at the present time.

In addition the Trustees will as and when appropriate, support disaster appeals. The Trust will support both capital and revenue funding. Applications for funding requests of £10,000 or less, for those projects based in Scotland only, are dealt with by the Trust's appointed agents, the Scottish Community Foundation. The Trustees have already committed funds for overseas projects, and are not, therefore, considering further applications for projects outside the UK at present.

The deadline for the meeting in September is the **27th January 2012**.

<http://www.volanttrust.com/index.html>

### **£90 Million Available to Bus Services – info only**

The Government has announced that Bus services across England are set to receive £90 million to make them greener, more efficient and easier to use. The £90 million package will consist of a new £50 million Better Bus Areas fund which is an initiative that will see bus operators working in partnership with local authorities to increase passenger numbers. Bids could include measures to reduce congestion, provide better information to passengers, make improvements to bus stations or encourage people to switch to buses from the car in densely populated urban areas. The Government is also announcing a further £10 million to support the development of Community Transport, which will provide funding to 76 local authorities. A further £20 million is available for a third round of the Green Bus Fund, to help bus operators and Local Authorities to buy low carbon buses. £10 million will also be available to fit pollution reduction technology to London buses.

<http://nds.coi.gov.uk/content/detail.aspx?NewsAreaId=2&ReleaseID=422402&SubjectId=2>

### **Community awards from supermarket**

The Tesco Charity Community Awards for grants for children and their education and welfare will re-open for applications on the 1st December 2011. Through the Awards, one-off donations of between £500 and £4,000 are available to local projects that support children and their education and welfare.

Previous projects supported have included:

- sensory garden or room projects;
- outdoor classrooms;
- breakfast and after school clubs;
- holiday play-schemes; and
- part funding to purchase minibuses.

The closing date for applications will be the **31st January 2012**. The Tesco Charity Trust has been in existence since 1987 and aims to provide approximately £600,000 in grants each year. In addition the Trust also provides grants to groups working with and supporting elderly people and/or adults and children with disabilities. This funding stream is due to reopen for applications on the 1st February 2012 with an application deadline of the **31st March 2012**.

The Tesco Charity Trust Trustees also consider grant applications at their tri-annual meetings. These grants range between £4,000 and £25,000 and are to support local, national or international projects in areas where Tesco operate. Through the Community Awards, Addington High School received funding towards the development of an outdoor classroom and Dyslexia Action received funding towards parent awareness courses.

<http://cr2010.tescopl.com/communities/tesco-charity-trust.aspx>

### **£100,000 Available for young people to improve their community**

Channel 4 Education, in partnership with high street bank Barclays have launched 'The Stake' - a competition.

The top 20 ideas with the most stakes by **11:59pm on the 23 December 2011** will be shortlisted and judged by a panel from Channel 4 Education and Barclays.

<http://www.channel4.com/info/press/news/channel-4-education-and-barclays-launch-the-stake>

## **Funding to Develop the Capacity of Community Groups to Bid for Empty Homes Funding**

Funding has been made available via DCLG for a £100m Empty Homes Programme and following extensive lobbying from HACT, a decision has been taken to ring fence some of this money specifically for community led housing organisations.

The programme will run from **April 2012–March 2015** and provides an opportunity for community led organisations to gain access to housing, either by leasing empty properties from their owners or by acquiring them if finances permit.

In order to ensure that the programme is as widely promoted as possible and to help organisations in bidding, Tudor Trust are funding HACT and [Self-Help Housing.Org](http://Self-Help Housing.Org) to run a capacity building programme aimed at maximising take-up.

Briefing sessions are taking place in January around the country for community-led organisations looking to bid, as well as this there will be online resources and one-to-one assistance available. Further information, including details of the briefings is on the [Self-help-housing.org website](http://Self-help-housing.org website).

To register interest in attending a briefing session, please email [linda.masetti@hact.org.uk](mailto:linda.masetti@hact.org.uk) with your name, role, organisation and contact details. <http://hact.org.uk/self-help-housing>

## **Financial inclusion grants**

The Friends Provident Foundation makes grants of up to £200,000 to not-for profit organisations for projects that address financial exclusion within disadvantaged communities. The funding is distributed through the Financial Inclusion Programme 2009-2012.

The Foundation will consider applications for work that will make a strategic contribution to the overall outcome of financial inclusion in the UK. The Foundation will consider requests for capital or revenue funding, core funds or project costs.

The Foundation is willing to consider applications from any type of legally independent organisation, but can only support work that is legally charitable. Actions previously supported through the Foundation include:

Making money management advice available to young people via mobile phones and interactive digital TV

A research project to look at the difficulties that people with a learning disability are having in gaining access to banking services.

The next closing date for applications is the **10th February 2012**

<http://www.friendsprovidentfoundation.org/page.asp?section=90&sectionTitle=Overview+of+the+Financial+Inclusion+Programme>

## **Funding for disadvantaged young people access the facilities, skills and opportunities to achieve their potential**

LandAid, the property industry's charity which supports projects that help disadvantaged young people has announced that its grants programme is currently open for applications. Grants of between £5,000 and £25,000 are available through two funding streams. The Training, Education and Support Fund aimed at disadvantaged young people aged 16-25 and the Capital Projects Fund which supports the refurbishment, conversion, extension or new build of facilities for young

and disadvantaged people. Previous projects include a grant of £8,800 to New Horizon Youth Centre in Kings Cross for workshops to educate young people about gun and knife crime and Robert Blair Primary School in Islington which received a grant of £7,500 for the refurbishment of school rooftop to create a safe play area for young children. The closing date for applications is 5 pm on the **31st January 2012**

<http://www.landaaid.org/grants/>

### **Funding to support deprived communities**

The Community Development Foundation (CDF) has announced the launch of the Communities First Fund.

The £80m government-funded programme that will run for four years, **until March 2015**, consists of a £30m Neighbourhood Matched Fund programme for some of the most deprived areas in the country and a national £50m Endowment Match Challenge.

Through the Neighbourhood Matched Fund, the 600 most deprived areas in England will be awarded between £17,000 and £200,000 to give out as grants within their locality. The CDF is currently seeking members for 600 grant-giving panels. The supermarket chain Asda will provide publicity and support for the programme at both local and national levels. In many areas, charities will also be able to access match funding from the Asda Foundation.

The £50m Endowment Fund will be available only once £100m in match funding has been raised from other sources. The target is to help donors create funds valued at £150m, £100m of which will be private donations topped up by £50m of government match. The fund is currently in the process of raising money and eligible organisations will be able to apply to the programme in 2015.

<http://www.cdf.org.uk/web/guest/community-first>

### **Re-open date given from well known UK charity – info only.**

Comic Relief has announced that its UK grants programme is due to re-open for applications on the **29th June 2012**. Through its UK grants programme voluntary and community based organizations can apply for grants through a number of different funding schemes. These include:

- Mental health
- Domestic and sexual abuse
- Refugee and asylum seeking women
- Sport for Change
- Young People aged 11 – 25 that are sexually exploited
- Suffer from alcohol abuse
- Suffer from mental health problems.

Comic relief will also re-open for applications on the 10th April 2012 under its older people and sport for change programmes.

Comic Relief provides both capital and revenue and can pay for up to 100% of projects costs but they encourage applicants to get some of their funding from other sources.

On average grants of between £25,000 and £40,000 are available.

In addition, Comic Relief operates a programme that support disadvantaged communities. This programme is devolved to the Community Foundation Network. Please contact your local Community Foundation directly for details of their funding application procedures. This will be the last funding cycle under their current grants strategy. The new strategy will launch in spring 2013 with grant making resuming in **summer 2013**

<http://www.comicrelief.com/apply-for-a-grant/apply-for-a-uk-grant>

## **(2) Sport, Culture and Leisure**

### **Funding to Connect Children with the Arts**

The Prince's Foundation for Children & the Arts is inviting applications from arts organisations that are interested in being part of their Start programme, and are looking to recruit 6-10 new partners for the 2012/13 academic year supporting each project for at least 3 years. Start seeks to support cultural venues (e.g. theatres, museums, galleries and orchestras) to enable them to build partnerships with selected primary and secondary schools in their local areas, enabling children to experience the very best of the arts. Local authority venues can also apply as can non-venues so long as they can demonstrate a committed partnership with a venue that will last throughout the three years of the project.

Examples of projects supported include: 'Dance East' involving young boys in dancing at Oaks Primary School; and the Ikon Gallery, a contemporary art gallery based in Birmingham, working with children from three local schools.

Children & the Arts will provide financial support to a maximum of £15,000 per project per year in years one and two, and a maximum of £10,500 in year three.

The deadline for applications is **5pm on the 1st February 2012**.

<http://www.childrenandarts.org.uk/our-projects/start/>

### **Funding for arts projects**

The Art Fund has announced that it will be accepting applications through the Jonathan Ruffer Curatorial Grants Programme from the **3rd October 2011** onwards. The aim of the programme is to help curators working with fine and applied art collections maintain and develop their specialist knowledge and expertise. The programme is open to curators who work across the full range of fine and applied art collections in museums and galleries that hold at least provisional accreditation and are open to the public. Applications may include requests to support: travel and accommodation training courses/programmes of study books and subscriptions to add to a museum's research resources or library translation, transcription and other similar services; etc.

The Art Fund will consider funding requests for a minimum of £200. There are two categories of grant: one up to £2000; the other above £2000.

<http://www.artfund.org/grants/the-jonathan-ruffer-curatorial-grants-programme#>

## Funding for talented young artists

Sky Arts is offering five young artists £30,000 each to fund their work for a full year as part of the Sky Arts Ignition: Futures Fund - in association with IdeasTap. The fund is designed to help bridge the gap between formal education and becoming a working artist. The Sky Arts Ignition: Futures Fund is open to individual artists working in visual art, theatre, performance art, film, music, dance or literature. To apply, you must be an IdeasTap member aged 18-30 on 24th February 2012 and be based in either the UK or Ireland. It's free to become an IdeasTap member and just takes a few minutes to sign up. Two winners will be selected during this round of funding.

Applications close at 5pm on **Monday 24th February 2012.**

<http://www.ideastap.com/Opportunities/Brief/6305b58b-81f6-4598-87b0-9fa400dc118e#Overview>

## Creative England Opens Two New Funds to Support Development of Regional Filmmaking Talent

Creative England, a British Film Institute delegated body for the distribution of National Lottery funds for film in the English Regions, has opened two new funding schemes.

The Development Fund is available for costs associated with developing a screenplay, and to support screenplays that are ready to be presented to potential financiers. The Development Fund totals £250,000 and applications are welcomed on a rolling basis. Awards will range from £2,500 to £25,000.

The Film Networks Fund is open to networks and organisations whose work supports and promotes filmmaking activities in the English regions. Funding will be available for a range of eligible activity including provision of support for emerging talent, delivery of events and master classes, and provision of peer-to-peer support, mentoring, training and advice. The Film Networks Fund totals £150,000. Awards will range from £2,500 to £25,000, and the deadline for applications is the **30th January 2012.**

<http://www.bfi.org.uk/news/145>

## Grow the Game Funding Programme

The Football Foundation has announced that it is accepting applications for funding through its "Grow the Game" programme.

Through the programme, funding of up to £5,000 is available for projects that increase participation by both players and volunteers within the game. Applications are welcome from organisations that are 'not for profit' and planning to set up two new football teams over the next two years. To be eligible for funding organisations must have a signed constitution (with a dissolution clause), child protection policy, equal opportunities policy, bank statement and income/expenditure records.

The type of activities that can be funded include (but are not limited to):

- Facility hire
- Hire of FA qualified coaches
- Referees fees
- CRB checks

- Affiliation fees
- Promotion and publicity; etc.
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The closing date for applications is the **6th March 2012**.

<http://www.footballfoundation.org.uk/apply/grow-the-game/>

### **Grants to Help Disadvantaged Young People to Participate in Sports**

Disadvantaged young people under the age of 18 who do not have the financial means to participate in sport can apply for financial support from the Dickie Bird Foundation.

The foundation aims to help disadvantaged young people to participate to the best of their ability in the sport of their choice irrespective of their social circumstances, culture or ethnicity. The Foundation grants can help with the cost of clothing and equipment and make a small contribution towards travel expenses within the UK. The Foundation will only accept applications from individuals not organisations. Applications can be submitted at any time and will be considered at Trustees meeting in February, April, June, August, October and December.

Past recipients range from young people who were awarded a grant for football, to swimming, rhythmic gymnastics, or archery.

<http://www.thedickiebirdfoundation.co.uk/home/grant-information/>

### **The Sustainable Investment in Communities Facilities Fund**

Sport England has announced that they are accepting applications through its new Sustainable Investment in Communities Fund. The fund is open to organisations, including applicants from sports clubs, voluntary or community organisations, local authorities, and education establishments, such as schools, colleges and universities. Sustainable Investment in Communities Facilities Fund will invest £10m a year of Lottery and Exchequer money into innovative projects capable of transforming the places where we play or take part in sport. The Fund is aiming to invest in projects that demonstrate:

Impact and the contribution to grow, sustain and excel  
Sustainability  
Ability to deliver.

Priority will be given to proposals that draw in funding from other sources. Priority will be given to projects with a collaborative or consortia approach which can demonstrate the potential to grow and sustain participation in community sport. The funding is for the development of the capital infrastructure, this can include:

Contributions to the costs of new build  
Modernisation

Major fixed equipment where it is an integral part of a project.

There will be a two-stage application process.

The closing dates are **30th June and 31st December each year**.

[http://www.sportengland.org/funding/sustainable\\_facilities.aspx](http://www.sportengland.org/funding/sustainable_facilities.aspx)

## **Funding for Schools to Purchase Musical Equipment**

Schools in the UK, that wish to purchase musical instruments and equipment can apply for funding of up to £2,000 through the EMI Music Sound Foundation's Instrument and/or Equipment Awards.

To date the Foundation has made awards to over two thousand schools, individual students and teachers improve their access to music through the purchase or upgrade of musical instruments and equipment. The funding has to be made for music education that is beyond statutory national curriculum music teaching. The Foundation cannot fund retrospectively and schools are not eligible for financial assistance under this scheme if they have already purchased their instruments or if they do so before their application has been approved.

The closing date for applications is the **10th February 2012**.

<http://www.emimusicfoundation.com/index.php/site/awards/>

## **(3) Education and Lifelong Learning**

### **Funding for special needs projects**

Charitable organisations (and schools specifically for children and young people with disabilities or Special Educational Needs) working towards educating young people, especially young people with disabilities and/or from disadvantaged backgrounds can apply for funding of up to £30,000 through the Equitable Charitable Trust. The Trustees award approximately £1 million a year and seeks to identify and support good projects that address needs not adequately met at present, including those with potential to be introduced to large numbers of schools.

Grants made by the Trust fall into three broad categories.

- Education projects or services that support the learning and development of disabled children and young people in the UK;
- Education projects for disadvantaged children and young people in the UK, particularly those that support delivery of the National Curriculum or vocational learning opportunities; and
- Education projects that will help increase participation in, or improve the quality of, education for disadvantaged or disabled children and young people in developing countries.

The length of funding can range from one to three years. Previously supported projects include supplementary Maths, English and Science classes for disadvantaged 5-18 year olds; education projects to reduce teenage pregnancies; capital grants for the renovation and refurbishment of facilities for children with complex needs and disabilities; and music education projects for children and young people with profound and multiple learning difficulties. For example, the Down Syndrome Support Group in Bradford received £5,500 towards the salaries of speech and language therapists at a project providing support to children and young people with learning disabilities in Bradford.

Applications can be submitted at any time and are considered on a rolling basis by the Trustees.

<http://www.equitablecharitabletrust.org.uk/Grants/GuidelinesforApplicants/tabid/317/language/en-GB/Default.aspx>

## **(4) Health and Social Welfare**

### **Funding to tackle violence against women and children**

The European Commission has launched a new call for proposals under the Daphne III Programme 2007 - 13.

The overall aim of Daphne III is to contribute to the protection of children, young people and women against all forms of violence including sexual exploitation and trafficking in human beings. Under this call for proposals a total of €25.8 million of funding is available to support transnational projects that meet the objectives of the Daphne III programme. Projects require a minimum partnership of 2 organisations from 2 different Member States and cannot have an initial duration exceeding 24 months. Funding under the Daphne III Programme is available to non-profit private organisations and public authorities and institutions (local authorities at the competent level, university departments and research centres). EU funding cannot constitute more than 80% of overall eligible project cost and requested amount under this call cannot be less than €75,000.

The closing date for applications is the **23rd March 2011**.

[http://ec.europa.eu/justice/newsroom/grants/daphne\\_call\\_for\\_proposals\\_action\\_grants\\_2011\\_2012\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/justice/newsroom/grants/daphne_call_for_proposals_action_grants_2011_2012_en.htm)

### **Funding towards the enablement of young vulnerable people to attend boarding and independent day schools**

Vulnerable children can receive help from the Joint Educational Trust (JET) towards attending boarding and independent day schools. Eligible young people include:

Those aged between 7 and 13 years old

Those that have suffered tragedy or trauma, or be at risk in some way  
Those from families who cannot meet the cost of such education unaided.  
Referrals for support are often received from education, medical and social work professionals. Schools also refer cases directly to JET.

The next closing date for applications is the **1st February 2012**

<http://www.jetcharity.org/index.html>

## **(5) Green issues**

### **Grants Available for Community Tree Planting**

The Big Tree Plant, a campaign to encourage people and communities to plant more trees in England's towns, cities and neighbourhoods has announced that its funding programme is currently open for applications.

A total of £4 million is available to support community groups to plant trees in towns, cities and residential areas throughout England. The funding is for community and civic groups, or other non-profit organisations to establish community-led tree planting projects in areas that would benefit most. The trees must be planted in streets or in green places that are open to all to visit or where local people will benefit from them. Groups working in areas where more trees would help to improve residents' quality of life are strongly encouraged to apply for the funding.

The deadline for submitting applications is the **14th March 2012**.

<http://www.forestry.gov.uk/england-bigtreeplant>

### **Community Renewable Energy Grants**

The Government has announced funding of £10 million for local community energy projects, and a £20 million boost to the existing public sector energy efficiency loan scheme.

The new £10 million Local Energy Assessment Fund, managed by a number of community networks and administered by the Energy Saving Trust, will be run as a competition, with the chance for around 200 community organisations to get to grips with energy efficiency and renewable energy generation. Organisations including parish councils, voluntary associations, development trusts and faith groups are all eligible to apply.

There is around £50,000 available for each successful community to be used to help assess the potential for energy efficiency and local renewable energy generation and get things started in local communities. This work can include energy surveys of buildings, practical energy saving measures and demonstration projects, workshops to help local people take action to save energy and reports on what more needs to be done in the area. If much of this work has been done already, then there is the potential to use the fund to further develop work on renewable energy systems. This is a short term scheme where work will need to be completed by end of March 2012. Interested communities can apply via the Energy Saving Trust from 9am Wednesday 7 December and money will be allocated in two rounds.

The first round closes at noon on 22 December 2011 with successful applicants notified in the week beginning 9 January 2012.

The second round will close to applications at noon on **20 January 2012 with successful communities notified at the end January 2012**.

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

### **Funding round to install heat generating technologies and energy efficiency measures**

The Building Research Establishment has announced that it is inviting not for profit organisations such as community groups, charities, schools, colleges and faith groups, etc to apply for last funding round to install heat generating technologies and

energy efficiency measures. The Community Sustainable Energy Programme has to date awarded £8.5 million to community-based organisations for the installation of microgeneration technologies, such as solar panels or biomass boilers and energy efficiency measures including loft and cavity wall insulation. It has provided £1 million for project development grants that has helped community organisations decide if they could benefit from a microgeneration and energy efficiency installation. Please note that this funding round provides capital grants for heat generating technologies and energy efficiency measures only. The deadline for the receipt of completed applications will be **5pm Friday 29 February 2012**

### [Community Sustainable Energy Programme \(England\)](#)

#### **Funding for habitat protection**

The CIWEM Living Wetlands Award s2012 are now open for entries from UK projects that are either work-in-progress or complete. To be eligible projects must; contribute to the delivery of priority UK Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) species and habitat targets for wetlands; demonstrate sustainability and delivery of multiple benefits e.g. flood alleviation, wastewater treatment, recreation, eco-tourism, water resource security; ensure no priority BAP species or habitats are harmed by the project. In addition to the criteria above, it is desirable that projects; contribute to increases in numbers of breeding wading birds and/or other threatened wetland species; contribute to the restoration of floodplain functions; include a programme for education or promotion/dissemination of the work; constitute a new area of work for the entrant, or add value beyond the normal remit of the organisation. The winning project will receive amongst other things a cheque for £1,500 to be used to fund the delivery of further UK Biodiversity Action Plan targets, publicity of the project and/or related education. Previous winners include; The Itchen Navigation Heritage Trail Project, managed by the Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust (HIWWT). The Moray Council with their entry 'The Wards Wetlands Wildlife Site' an urban wetland site situated in the city of Elgin in Morayshire. The closing date for entries is the **20th January 2012**

<http://www.ciwem.org/competition-and-awards/living-wetlands.aspx>

#### **Awards for water reduction**

Grants of between £300 and £5,000 are available to voluntary or community organisations, schools, parish or town councils for projects that significantly reduce their reliance on single-use plastics and the amount of plastic waste. The funding which is being made through the Tap Water Awards aims to support projects that develop new solutions to replace pre-existing systems that rely on plastic, that promote the use of tap water, or other related themes. Projects can have a community, local or national impact. In the case of applications from schools, the Tap Water Awards expect projects to take place before or after school, during lunch or in the holiays, unless the school can provide a good reason in your application why this is not possible (for example, you are in a remote rural area). Projects should help children learn about new things that are not part of the school day. This may be achieved by working with a local community group or local people. The Tap water Awards will accept applications for projects working solely with children with special needs where it may not be appropriate to involve the wider community. Organisations wishing to apply are strongly advised to contact tapwater.org before applying.

<http://www.tapwater.org/grants>

### **Funding for Environmentally Friendly Projects**

The Green Insurance Company has announced that its Grimple Green Grants Scheme will open for applications in October 2011.

Through the scheme the Green Insurance Company will be seeking applications from individuals and not-for profit organisations for funding for environmentally friendly projects. The Green Insurance Company have up to £40,000 to give away to environmentally friendly projects. They are offering funds of up to £2,000 to small projects and organisations with a special £10,000 grant available to one project voted for by the public. The type of projects that can be supported for example include:

Raising awareness of environmental issues

Educating the younger generation so that they develop good habits early

To improve the energy efficiency of buildings.

<http://www.greeninsurancegiving.co.uk/grants.php>

### **Waste prevention loan fund**

WRAP (Waste & Resources Action Programme) is launching the new £1 million Waste Prevention Loan Fund (WPLF). Loans of between £20,000 and £100,000 are available to businesses, social enterprises and local authorities and aims to reduce waste at source by supporting organisations to introduce business models and processes which make more efficient use of material resources.

Examples include product reuse, repair and upgrading services (e.g. through leasing), and materials recovery and reuse by the manufacturer. Applicants will need to demonstrate new approaches which offer substantial resource savings and can be scaled-up and replicated to have significant benefit at the national level. During phase 1 of the fund, loans are available to help introduce solutions where commercial funding is otherwise not available. The Waste Prevention Loan Fund is now open to Expressions of Interest (EOI).

All applications must start with an EOI, which WRAP will use to evaluate the strategic fit with the objectives of the Loan Fund and initiate a dialogue with applicants. Following this initial screening, WRAP will send further details including the application form to candidate propositions which fit with Loan Fund objective.

The closing date for submitting applications is the **28th February 2012**.

[http://www.wrap.org.uk/retail\\_supply\\_chain/home\\_electrical/wplf.html](http://www.wrap.org.uk/retail_supply_chain/home_electrical/wplf.html)

## **(6) Economy**

### **Food Retail Industry Challenge Fund**

Organisations within the food retail sector can apply for funding through the Department of International Development's Food Retail Industry Challenge Fund to develop profitable business models that will increase demand for food sustainably produced by African farmers and agribusiness.

Previous bidding rounds attracted several projects involving products from Kenya, Ghana, Rwanda, and Malawi. All food products are eligible (including fish and meat) but projects must be focused on UK import of a food product or products from Africa. Previous projects supported include:

Bettys & Taylors of Harrogate who developed a programme to assist Rwandan farmers in increasing the amount of their tea that goes into the company's Yorkshire Tea and premium Yorkshire Gold blends, helping raise their incomes and compete more effectively in global markets by meeting high ethical, environmental and quality standards.

UK and European retailers and brands are eligible to apply for funding. Grants requested from FRICH must be between £150,000 and £1 million and bidders must demonstrate the financial wherewithal to provide finance of an amount at least equal to the grant. Eligible initiatives now include partnerships designed to turn successful pilots into larger scale projects.

The closing date for applications is the **20th February 2012**.

<http://www.dfid.gov.uk/work-with-us/funding-opportunities/business/frich/>

### **Farming and Forestry Improvement Scheme**

Farming, forestry and horticultural businesses in England that wish to improve their efficiency at using resources have the opportunity to apply for funding of between £2,500 and £25,000. This scheme aims to help make rural businesses more profitable and resilient whilst reducing the impact of farming on the environment. The total funding available is £20 million until December 2013. The grants are for capital items and the grant rate available is up to 40% in non upland areas, and up to 50% in upland areas. To be eligible for funding under FFIS the project must fall within one of the following key areas of activity:

- Nutrient Management
- Energy Efficiency
- Water Resource Management
- Animal Health and Welfare
- Forestry.

The closing date for applications is the **17th January 2012**

<http://rdpenetwork.defra.gov.uk/funding-sources/farm-and-forestry-improvement-scheme>

### **Funding for Intellectual Property and Knowledge Transfer Projects**

The Intellectual Property Office has announced that the 2012 Fast Forward competition is now open for applications. for Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) and Public Sector Research Establishments (PSREs). The Fast Forward Competition is open to and encourages Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) and Public Sector

Research Establishments (PSREs) to work collaboratively with business and local communities to share research, innovation and intellectual property (IP) thereby creating new companies or services which benefit both the UK economy and society. A total of £760,000 is available and the Intellectual Property Office is looking to support at 12 successful projects with individual awards between £10,000 and

£100,000. This is not funding for research or commercialisation of individual products, but awards for projects that improve management of IP and knowledge exchange.

The closing date for applications is the **30th December 2011**.

<http://www.ipo.gov.uk/fastforward>

## **Funding for Building Performance Evaluation**

The Technology Strategy Board has announced that up to £8m is available to fund the costs of building performance evaluation studies on domestic and non-domestic buildings. The funding is available to individual companies and other organisations responsible for buildings for the total cost of evaluating the performance of case study buildings they design, build, own and/or operate. This will help builders and developers to deliver more efficient, better performing buildings. In this latest tranche, in the non-domestic stream, the TSB are particularly keen to receive initial applications focused on retail, hospitality and industrial buildings and buildings in any sector that are of small (<1000m<sup>2</sup>) or medium (<5000m<sup>2</sup>) in treated floor area or are refurbishments. Applications from first time applicants are particularly welcome. The closing dates for applications are the 14th September 2011; 18th January 2012, and for Domestic projects only 23rd May 2012.

<http://www.innovateuk.org/content/competition/building-performance-evaluation-.ashx>

## **Initiative for mature enterprise / support for the over 50s**

People over the age of 50 who wish to become self employed or set up their own business can apply for a loan of between £500 and £10,000 through the Prince's Initiative for Mature Enterprise (PRIME) new loan scheme. PRIME is a member of the Prince's Charities group. It was set up on the personal initiative of HRH The Prince of Wales in response to letters he was receiving from people desperate to work but unable to find anyone to employ them – because of their age. To be eligible applicants need to be over the age of 50; must be either unemployed (not in paid employment), facing redundancy (within the next six months) or be self-employed (but still in your first year); and must be a UK resident for at least three years.

The loans are for up to three years and the interest charged is 12% APR. Applications can be made at any time.

<http://www.primebusinessclub.com/loans/prime-business-start-up-loan/>

## **(7) EU/International**

### **Funding to Develop Educational Links with Other EU Regions**

Through the Comenius Programme, schools and local education authorities have the opportunity to develop partnerships with other local and regional education authorities within the European Union.

Funding of up to €45,000 will be available through the Comenius Regional

Programme to promote joint cooperation activities between local and regional education authorities. The aim of the programme is to strengthen the European dimension in school education and to offer European learning experiences to teachers and pupils and administrators. The partnerships will give educational authorities, in cooperation with schools and other actors in education, the opportunity to work together on topics of mutual interest. These might concern for example the organisation of school education, cooperation between schools and other local partners (e.g. providers of formal or non-formal learning), or common problems in school education (e.g. new approaches in the organisation of schooling, disadvantaged pupils and early school leaving, teacher qualifications and competence).

To be eligible for funding, each partnership will need to consist of 2 partner regions, each of which must involve:

A local or regional authority with a role in school education

At least one school

At least one other relevant local partner (e.g. youth or sports clubs, parents' and pupils' associations, local teacher training institutes, other learning providers, further education institutions and local employers, community organisations, museums and advisory services).

The deadline for applications to the Comenius Regional Programme will be the **21st February 2012**.

<http://www.britishcouncil.org/comenius-regio-partnerships.htm>

### **Funding for Innovative Vocational Education and Training Projects**

Organisations involved in Vocational Education and Training (VET) have until the 2nd February 2012 to apply for funding through the Transfer of Innovation strand of the Leonardo Da Vinci Programme.

The Leonardo da Vinci programme is one of the four programmes that make up the European Commission's Lifelong Learning Programme and is designed to build a skilled workforce through European partnerships. Through the Transfer of Innovation strand grants of up to €150,000 are available to improve the quality and attractiveness of the European VET system by adapting and integrating innovative content or results from previous Leonardo Projects, or from other innovative projects. Projects focus on customising training materials for the needs of learners and businesses in the partner countries.

Although any organisation involved in VET can apply for a Leonardo TOI project, proposals led by or including the following organisations are particularly encouraged: Voluntary and community organizations

Employers (especially SMEs)

Trade unions and other professional bodies.

To be eligible, applications must consist of a partnership of at least three eligible countries.

<http://www.leonardo.org.uk/page.asp?section=0001000100540006&sectionTitle=How+to+apply+for+Transfer+of+Innovation+funding>

### **Support for the Development of On- and Off-Line Interactive Works**

The European Commission has announced a new call for proposals under its Media 2007 programme. A total of €2.5 million is available to support the development of

up to a first playable application) of digital interactive content complementing an audiovisual project (drama, creative documentary or animation). The maximum financial contribution which may be awarded is between €10 000 and €150 000. The financial contribution awarded will in no event exceed 50 % of the eligible costs submitted by the producer (60 % for projects presenting an interest in promoting European cultural diversity).

There are two application deadlines:

- **The 25th November 2011**
- **The 13th April 2012.**

<http://eurlex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:C:2011:279:0033:0035:EN:PDF>

## **Financial Support for European Environmental Organisations**

The European Commission has announced that it is seeking applications to support the work of Environmental organisations operating on a European wide level. A total of €9 million is available to support the work of organisations which are primarily active in the field of environmental protection. Proposals will be assessed on policy relevance and potential impact on following priority areas:

- Climate Change
- Nature and Biodiversity
- Environment and Health
- Natural Resources and Waste
- Horizontal or cross-cutting issues (such as standardisation).

Awareness raising and international aspects will also be assessed. The maximum grant available per applicant is €900,000. Applicant organisations should be operating at a European level either singly or in the form of several co-ordinated associations with a structure (membership base) and activities covering at least three EU Member States.

The closing date for applications is the **5th December 2011**

[http://ec.europa.eu/environment/ngos/finansup\\_12.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/ngos/finansup_12.htm)

## **Funding for projects with Japan**

Educational establishments and community based organisations that wish to develop projects and events related to Japan and Japanese culture are able to apply for funding through the Japan Society awards. The awards support projects with an education or youth focus, which include an element of participation or which are community or regionally based. Most awards are of £1,000 or less and should not, in principle, cover more than 50% of the total budget. Previous projects supported include Parklands High School in Chorley which is a Modern Languages Specialist School received an award from the Japan Society to run a ten-week course to introduce Japanese language and culture as part of its Family Learning Programme and Kirkham Grammar School, Preston, received an award to set up a weekly lunchtime club for pupils interested in learning Japanese and working towards the WJEC Level 1 Certificate. Applications may be made at any time and applicants are informed of the decision within 4 weeks of receipt of the application.

[Japan Society Awards \(UK\)](#)

## **Smart Cities Funding**

The European Commission has launched a call for proposals under its Smart Cities and Communities Programme. The programme encompasses a broad range of energy related topics such as energy efficiency, energy networks and renewable energy. A total of €40 million is available for projects that replicate successful solutions by bringing together cities with similar framework conditions and similar ambitions. To enhance this replication potential; ensure an EU-wide impact of the measures; and to facilitate the exchange of knowledge, cities from at least three Member States and/or Associated Countries must participate in the programme. Financial support will be given to proposals that have the potential to help cities to substantially reduce greenhouse gas emissions in an innovative and integrative manner and represent a high replication potential.

The closing date for applications is the **1st December 2011**

[Smart Cities and Communities \(UK\)](#)

## **(8) Miscellaneous**

## SECTION 2 – ONGOING GRANTS

### Community and Community Development

#### Support for Projects Working with Disadvantaged Young People, Offenders & Ex-offenders

The Worshipful Company of Weavers has announced that its Benevolent Fund is open to applications.

The Fund is available to small registered charities and seeks to support:

- Projects working with disadvantaged young people aged from 5 to 30 years of age, to ensure they are given every possible chance to meet their full potential and to participate fully in society
- Projects that addresses the social and economic problems faced by offenders, and ex-offenders and their families, and provide them with support, life skills training and a way back into education, training and/or employment.

Grants available are of up to £15,000.

The Charitable Grants Committee meets in February, June and October of each year to consider applications.

<http://www.weavers.org.uk/charitable-grants/grant-application-guidelines>

#### Support for the poor and marginalised

Porticus UK is inviting registered charities in England, Wales and Scotland to apply for grants of up to £25,000. Porticus UK's mission is to have solidarity with the poor and the marginalised, reflecting Christian responsibility and support for the social teaching of the Roman Catholic Church.

It aims to provide high quality charity advice, grant assessment and administration, and services to donors and partners that promote organisational effectiveness.

Porticus UK seeks to support projects that fall under the following categories:

- strengthening family relationship;
- enriching education;
- transformation through faith;
- ethics in practice.

Grants under the 'Enriching education' strand include projects that focus on Pastoral care in education focused on projects which deal with character building, conflict resolution and values

Grants can be used towards core or project costs, these may include staff salaries and overheads; however they will not generally fund buildings or equipment.

Applications can be made at any time.

<http://www.porticusuk.com/index.php>

### **Funding for kids clubs**

The Field Studies Council is an independent educational charity committed to raising awareness about the natural world. The Council works through a network of 17 residential and day Centres in the UK providing courses for schools and colleges at all levels in addition to adult Individuals & Families courses, outreach education, training and consultancy. The Kids Fund aims to bring environmental understanding to disadvantaged young people by attending a course at a Field Studies Council centre. It helps disadvantaged young people to attend a course who may otherwise be excluded due to some form of disadvantage - health, mobility, deprivation or financial.

Funding will normally be up to 80% of the cost of your group's course to an FSC Field Centre to a maximum of £3000.

Applications can be submitted at any time with decisions being made in February, June and October.

[http://www.field-studies-council.org/supporters/kidsfund\\_application.aspx](http://www.field-studies-council.org/supporters/kidsfund_application.aspx)

### **Funding from national bakery**

The Greggs Foundation breakfast club programme supports young people of primary school age who live in disadvantaged areas of the UK. The Greggs Foundation currently supports 164 breakfast clubs throughout England, Scotland and Wales. The Greggs Foundation has announced that its Breakfast Club Programme is currently heavily oversubscribed. As a result, applications are currently being invited from schools in London (within the M25). In other areas the Foundation are inviting schools to apply to be on our waiting list, pending the availability of further funds in their area. Schools that are interested in opening a breakfast club at your school must be able to show that at least 50% of your pupils qualify for free school meals and that the school serves a disadvantaged community. School should be able to attract adult volunteers to help run the scheme and attendance at the club must be free for all pupils. Recently set up breakfast clubs include clubs at Hillside Community Primary School, in Skelmersdale which received funding of £600 for its breakfast club which around 45 young people attend each day. Swalwell Primary School, in Gateshead where nearly 50% of school children are entitled to free meals received a grant of £1,100

[Greggs Foundation Breakfast Club Grants \(England, Scotland & Wales\)](#)

### **Community Cash Awards**

Young people are being given the chance to claim a share of £1 million to help tackle the dangers of drugs, crime and play a positive role in their community. The Royal Bank of Scotland Community Cash Awards will see £1 million of grants being distributed by youth charity "The Prince's Trust" to young people who want to run community projects in some of Britain's poorest areas. The Awards, worth up to

£3,000, are available to disadvantaged 14 to 25-year-olds who want to transform their area and learn practical skills.

Projects could range from improving local youth facilities to sex education workshops in schools. Projects must:

- be run and managed by people between the ages of 14 and 25;
- clearly benefit the local community;
- benefit the people running the project; and
- be a new or developing project.

Previous projects supported include:

- an amateur boxing project to give young people greater confidence; and
- a media project to promote community cohesion and greater understanding between the local community and asylum seekers.

Applications can be made at any time.

[http://www.princes-trust.org.uk/need\\_help/grants/community\\_cash\\_awards.aspx](http://www.princes-trust.org.uk/need_help/grants/community_cash_awards.aspx)

## **£1 Million Available to Support Youth Projects**

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be run and managed by people between the ages of 14 and 25  
clearly benefit the local community  
benefit the people running the project  
be a new or developing project.

Previous projects supported include:

An amateur boxing project to give young people greater confidence, and a media project to promote community cohesion and greater understanding between the local community and asylum seekers.

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[http://www.princes-trust.org.uk/need\\_help/grants/community\\_cash\\_awards.aspx](http://www.princes-trust.org.uk/need_help/grants/community_cash_awards.aspx)

## **Funding from Cliff Richard for charitable purposes**

Charities working in medical research, with children and the elderly, and those involved with the physically and/or mentally disabled are able to apply for funding to the Sir Cliff Richard Charitable Trust. The Trust aims to support around 200 different charities a year. Only registered charities in the UK are eligible to apply for funding and the level of grants awarded is variable.

Applications are considered on a quarterly basis with about 50 different charities benefitting each time.

<http://www.cliffrichard.org/fanzone/links.cfm>

## **Special Grants Fund for Civil Society Organisations and Commonwealth Associations**

The Commonwealth Foundation has announced the launch of a Special Grants Fund for Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) and Commonwealth Associations (CAs) to undertake strategic and innovative projects that will promote the Commonwealth theme for 2011, 'Women as Agents of Change'. Applications from registered CSOs and CAs across the Commonwealth are being invited to undertake projects lasting between three to six months which meet at least two of the following criteria:

Foster collaboration and learning between women's organisations in more than one Commonwealth country

Involve collaboration with national women's machineries (NWMs) and governments in promoting women and girls' social, economic and political empowerment;

Showcase the achievements of women in addressing social, economic and political change at national or regional levels

Projects which will have an impact on women at a regional level

Bring together women from different geographical, social and ethnic background to promote national and regional priorities.

Priority will be given to applications which address one or more of the following areas:

Capacity enhancement for Women's organisations in policy development and implementation

Implementation of the Commonwealth Gender Plan of Action (PoA)

Women's leadership and participation in democratic governance

Social protection and girls' development

Opportunities for rural women and girls

Women's social, economic and human rights.

Available grants are of up to £2,000. To request a copy of the application form, email

Shabinah [s.ossman@commonwealth.int](mailto:s.ossman@commonwealth.int).

<http://www.commonwealthfoundation.com/NewsArticle.aspx?articleID=162>

## **Funding from Andrew Lloyd Webber for charitable purposes**

The Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation aims to promote the arts, culture and heritage for the public benefit. As well as providing Musical Theatre scholarships and supporting projects through The Architectural Heritage Fund, the Trustees welcome applications to support projects in the areas of culture, heritage and the arts.

Trustees seek to support projects that make a real and ongoing difference to people's lives. Priority is given to the area of performing arts (music, dance and drama) but other areas will be considered.

Previous projects supported include:

Nordoff Robbins, a specialist music charity, delivering music therapy and other music services to a broad range of people in a broad range of places including schools, hospitals, care homes, prisons etc; and the Orpheus Centre, a unique performing arts college for disabled young adults, based in Surrey. In November 2010 the Trustees of The Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation agreed to fund arts bursaries over a three year period at The Orpheus Centre. Applications can be submitted at any time.

<http://www.andrewlloydwebberfoundation.com/what-we-do.html>

### **Funding from Caron Keating Foundation for charitable purposes**

The Caron Keating Foundation was set up by Gloria Hunniford and her sons to help all types of cancer charities across the country. The Foundation also supports individuals and families who are affected by the disease. Projects that the foundation is keen to support are those that make a difference such as:

Contributing towards pieces of machinery which detect faster

Counselling services; many different types of hospice care, both at home and in the Hospice itself

Drivers to take cancer patients to and from treatment centres

Complementary therapies to help with pain control

Bereavement counselling.

Projects the foundation has supported include:

The Variety Club of Great Britain which received £11,950 to help children with cancer related illnesses.

Pembrokeshire Cancer Support Wales which received £3,000 towards the cost of reflexology therapy and relaxation classes for cancer sufferers.

Applications can be submitted at any time and are assessed annually by the Trustees in December.

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

### **Funding to Help Tackle Knife Crime**

The Prince's Trust has announced that the 'Ben Kinsella Fund' is now accepting applications. The fund is aimed at supporting young people aged 14 to 25 in England (excluding the East of England) and Wales, to start up their own project to help promote anti-gun, knife and gang violence messages to their local community.

The projects the fund is seeking to support should:

- promote anti-knife crime messages in schools, colleges or youth clubs;
- promote positive stories about young people;
- encourage positive engagement between young people and the police;
- encourage young people to get involved in their local community.

They are also encouraging projects that target the following groups in the community; girls; children of 12 years and younger; parents. Available grants are of up to £3,000.

For more information about The Ben Kinsella Fund at The Prince's Trust or to apply, please call 0800 842 842 or text "Call Me" to 07983 385418.

[http://www.princes-trust.org.uk/need\\_help/grants/ben\\_kinsella\\_fund.aspx](http://www.princes-trust.org.uk/need_help/grants/ben_kinsella_fund.aspx)

## **DIY store's waste donation scheme**

B&Qs waste donation scheme is co-ordinated in store either by the environmental champion, duty or Warehouse manager who will keep a Waste Donation Form on file for interested groups.

Before any materials are donated, the form must be signed by a representative of the group, and proof that you are a member of that group must be provided. This means they can donate waste materials, for example slightly damaged tins of paint, off-cuts of timber, and end of range materials, to community groups, charities and schools.

Please note that it is company policy that health and safety is taken into consideration, therefore electrical, petrol and gas items are not available for donation. Any waste or surplus stock donated must not be re-sold.

[http://www.diy.com/diy/jsp/corporate/content/environment\\_ethics/ethics/community/waste\\_donation.jsp](http://www.diy.com/diy/jsp/corporate/content/environment_ethics/ethics/community/waste_donation.jsp)

## **Foundation seeks applications under its small grants programme**

Following the review of its funding programme, the Nationwide Foundation has announced that it is currently accepting applications for funding under its Small Grants Programme. Under the programme, grants of between £500 and £5,000 are available to registered charities with a yearly income of less than £750,000. The Small Grants Programme support projects that:  
tackle financial exclusion affecting disadvantaged groups across the UK  
address housing issues & homelessness among vulnerable groups across the UK.  
Applications can be submitted at any time.

<http://www.nationwidefoundation.org.uk/grants.asp>

## **Support for community projects**

The Garfield Weston Foundation offers support to organisations that are registered charities and excepted or exempt charities such as churches, hospitals, educational establishments, museums and housing corporations. Founded in 1958 the Garfield Weston Foundation is a UK based, general grant-giving charity that makes grants in the areas of the Arts, Community Education, Medical, Environment, Health, Religion, Welfare and Youth.

- Applications are considered individually by the Foundation and the following issues are taken into consideration:
- The financial viability of the organisation;
- The degree of need for the project requiring funding;
- The amount spent on administration and fundraising as compared to the charitable activities;

The ability to raise sufficient funding to meet the appeal target;  
Whether the organisation has appropriate priorities and plans in place to manage its activities.

There is no limit on the size of grant.  
There are no application deadlines.

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

### **Support towards educating young people, especially young people with disabilities and/or from disadvantaged backgrounds**

Charitable organisations (and schools specifically for children and young people with disabilities or Special Educational Needs) working towards educating young people, especially young people with disabilities and/or from disadvantaged backgrounds can apply for funding of up to £30,000 through the Equitable Charitable Trust.

The Trustees award approximately £1 million a year and seeks to identify and support good projects that address needs not adequately met at present, including those with potential to be introduced to large numbers of schools. Grants made by the Trust fall into three broad categories.

Education projects or services that support the learning and development of disabled children and young people in the UK;

Education projects for disadvantaged children and young people in the UK, particularly those that support delivery of the National Curriculum or vocational learning opportunities; and

Education projects that will help increase participation in, or improve the quality of, education for disadvantaged or disabled children and young people in developing countries.

The length of funding can range from one to three years. Previously supported projects include supplementary Maths, English and Science classes for disadvantaged 5-18 year olds; education projects to reduce teenage pregnancies; capital grants for the renovation and refurbishment of facilities for children with complex needs and disabilities; and music education projects for children and young people with profound and multiple learning difficulties.

For example, 'Art room' received £5,000 towards ear one of a three year project to pay for salary costs of an education project at a school in a deprived area of Oxford; and 'Math'a'Magic' tour received £17,745 to tour schools in disadvantaged areas of Northern Ireland. Applications can be submitted at any time and are considered on a rolling basis by the Trustees.

<http://www.equitablecharitabletrust.org.uk/Grants/GuidelinesforApplicants/tabid/317/language/en-GB/Default.aspx>

### **Funding for IT Projects Supporting Disadvantaged Groups**

Funding is available to organisations with innovative IT related project ideas that can make a positive difference to disadvantaged and vulnerable groups - in the UK, developing countries and around the world. The funding is available through the Nominet Trust. The aim of the Trust is to fund innovative Internet projects that make a positive difference to the lives of disadvantaged and vulnerable people, primarily in terms of education, safety and inclusion. The Trust is particularly interested in funding projects that can be scaled up and replicated. There is no minimum grant application and applications for over £100,000 require an interview. Organisations wishing to apply need initially to complete an online eligibility questionnaire. Those organisations deemed successful will be provided with a link to a more detailed application form.

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

### **Funding for worthy causes related to the motor industry**

Easi-Drive, the accident management company has announced a new £60,000 community fund for 2011, designed to support worthy causes related to the motor industry, wheels or transport. In 2010 the fund supported a number of 'wheel' based projects such as; £10,000 to the Motor and Allied Trades Benevolent Fund; Fix-It, the Wigan-based charity that runs vocational training courses in motor mechanics for disadvantaged 14-19 year olds; an Olympic wheelchair for Myles Pearson. Applications can be made online and there is no closing date for application.

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

### **Funding to enjoy the great outdoors**

The Andy Fanshawe Memorial Trust (AFMT ) supports projects that allow disadvantaged young people the chance to develop an existing interest in the great outdoors. The Trust usually supports programmes that are run by schools or youth groups, but welcomes applications from individuals, but these must have a referee. The AFMT support a wide range of projects, but are unlikely to support foreign trips. Projects the fund has supported in the past include;

A £300 grant of a Youth Forum in Lancashire to support a programme of outdoor activities; £500 grant for a group of young people from Bradford to go on a residential outdoor activities course in Scotland.

Applications can be made at any time.

<http://www.andyfanshawe.org/index.php>

### **Funding for faith community work**

This programme provides grants of up to £5,000 to enable churches and faith-based organisations, working in very deprived communities, to engage in social action through supporting them to initiate or develop community work. This will then enable groups to either undertake larger pieces of work or significantly improve the existing provision.

The project must be directly tackling the effects of profound poverty and should be working in the 10% most deprived areas in England. Mustard Seed Grants can pay for specific activities but not for on-going revenue expenditure, existing salary costs, deficit funding, or retrospective spending. It is expected that work supported under the Mustard Seed Programme will grow into more substantive or developed activities. This is a rolling programme where there are no deadline dates.

<http://www.cuf.org.uk/act/cuf-funding>

### **Landfill operator Biffa main grants scheme**

Under this scheme, Biffaward looks to award grants to projects that provide or improve community spaces, cultural facilities and places for outdoor recreation. You may have a building that needs improvement in order to increase the range of services on offer to the local community. Or maybe an open space such as a park, play area or woodland that needs transforming to benefit local people of all ages. In a

nutshell, they want to make sure that everyone has access to high quality local community facilities. Grants between £5,000 and £50,000 are available. Over the past 11 years Biffaward has awarded funding to over 2,000 projects. They receive a continuous high number of Expression of Interest forms, resulting in strong competition when granting full applications.

The main criteria for the Main Grants Community Scheme:

- The project's site is within 10 miles of a Biffa operation.
- The project's site is also within 10 miles of a landfill site (owned by any company).
- There will be a minimum of 104 days of full public access to the project per year.
- Any Biffaward grant will be used for site-based improvement work, not for equipment or running costs.
- Biffaward is unable to fund requests to help an existing facility meet the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act.
- Biffaward is unable to fund retrospectively, so you should only apply for money for work that will take place in the future.

To find out if your area is eligible and to apply for funding, please visit

<http://www.biffaward.org/about/soverview>

### **Landfill operator Biffa small grants scheme**

Often groups only need a small amount of money to make a difference to a local facility, be it a community building, nature reserve, cultural facility or outdoor space. The Small Grants Scheme offers quicker access to lower levels of funding to make these projects happen.

Over the past three years Biffaward has supported nearly 300 small grants projects. A large number of applications are received, resulting in strong competition when awarding funding.

You can apply for between £250 and £5,000. Your project must not cost more than £10,000 in total.

The main criteria are:

- The project's site is within 10 miles of a Biffa operation (the proximity checker on website below will tell you this);
- The project's site is also within 10 miles of a landfill site (owned by any company);
- The project is eligible to be registered with ENTRUST under category D. Please note that your organisation does not have to enrol with ENTRUST as an Environmental Body;
- There will be a minimum of 104 days of full public access to the project per year;
- Any Biffaward grant will be used for site-based improvement work, not for equipment or running costs;

□ Biffaward is unable to fund retrospectively, so you should only apply for money for work that will take place in the future.

To find out if your area is eligible and to apply for funding, please visit

<http://www.biffaward.org/about/soverview>

### **Support for older persons in need**

Aid for the Aged in Distress (AFTAID) welcomes applications from individuals, or their family and neighbours, of state pensionable age (60 years old for women and 65 for men), that are UK citizen and resident, on lower income and have minimal savings.

AFTAID aims to help older persons that are financially stretched beyond their means to the point of genuine distress. AFTAID can provide grants for many varied items such as:

- mobility scooters
- walk-in showers
- radiators
- Cleaning
- central heating boiler
- Video intercom
- 'blind' software for PC.

AFTAID to not make grants for ongoing or retrospective payments, nor can they consider repayment of debt. Referrals can also be accepted on behalf of members of the caring professions and voluntary organisations.

Applications can be made at any time.

<http://www.aftaid.org.uk/grantapp.html>

### **Supporting disadvantaged people in need**

The Andy Fanshawe Memorial Trust (AFMT) supports projects that allow disadvantaged young people the chance to develop an existing interest in the great outdoors. The Trust usually supports programmes that are run by schools or youth groups, but welcomes applications from individuals, but these must have a referee. The AFMT support a wide range of projects, but are unlikely to support foreign trips. Projects the fund has supported in the past include:

A £300 grant of a Youth Forum in Lancashire to support a programme of outdoor activities. A £500 grant for a group of young people from Bradford to go on a residential outdoor activities course in Scotland.

Applications can be made at any time.

<http://www.andyfanshawe.org/index.php>

## **Supporting general charitable purposes**

The Steel Charitable Trust is a grant-making trust supporting general charitable purposes.

Grants of between £1,000 and £25,000 are made to registered charities in the UK within the areas of:

- arts and culture
- environment
- health
- education
- disadvantaged.

Grants are made at regular intervals during the year and the total level of grants is approximately £1,000,000, 30% of these grants will be made to organisations in the Luton and Bedfordshire area.

Applications can be made at any time as there are no application deadlines.

[http://www.steelcharitabletrust.org.uk/grant\\_policy.htm](http://www.steelcharitabletrust.org.uk/grant_policy.htm)

## **Social Enterprise Investment Fund**

Big Issue Invest (BII), a specialist provider of finance for social enterprises has raised £3 million for its pioneering Social Enterprise Investment Fund and is looking to invest in more successful social enterprises looking to scale-up their social impact. BII can provide a range of financing options, from loans to equity from £50,000 to £500,000 and with terms of up to ten years. Loans may be unsecured and repayments may be tied to future income, profits or surpluses. Typically, organisations most suitable for investment will already have a trading history and must be able to demonstrate the capacity to deliver while generating sustainable trading income and long-term profitability and social impact. BII is keen to hear from social enterprises and the trading arms of registered charities needing investment.

For details, see [www.bigissueinvest.com](http://www.bigissueinvest.com) or call the team on 020 7526 3431.

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

## **Funding for Community Shops**

The Village Retail Services Association in partnership with Esmee Fairbairn Foundation and Co-operative and Community Finance have funding available to support the start up of new Community owned shops in rural areas of England or to save an existing shop by transfer to community ownership. The funding which will be available over the next three years will provide up to £40,000 per shop. This will be made up of a grant of £20,000 together with a loan of £20,000 from Co-operative and Community Finance.

Eligible applicants will include community based organisations located in rural communities of not less than 300 residents. The community is required to raise match funding through community contributions, which could take the form of share capital, donations raised through community fundraising events and grants obtained from other sources to the same or greater value than the grant requested from the

Village CORE Programme. At least some of the funds raised should have been provided by the community itself and not solely through external grants.

The application process commences with a telephone interview with one of the programme managers. If the community appear to meet the criteria within the programme timeframe and if Village Core funds are available, application forms are sent electronically where possible to the main contact person on the committee. The forms must be returned within 6 weeks of the telephone interview.

<http://www.plunkett.co.uk/whatwedo/core/Core.cfm>

## **Networking and Empowerment Fund for Communities**

The Networking and Empowerment Fund is provided by Creating Excellence in partnership with the South West Foundation which administers the grant. Funding is intended to support a variety of networking activities, including give people a voice and influence decisions in their communities and to support funding advice worker networks.

The priority of the fund is to support existing or new networks of funding advice workers that provide funding advice and support free at the point of contact to third sector organisations. 50% of the fund is ring fenced for this purpose.

To be eligible, applicants must:

Be located within South West England.

Have a bank account in the name of the organisation.

Have a set of rules or constitution.

Be able to provide a copy of their latest accounts. (New organisations should

Be able to provide a copy of their latest bank statement or the inside pages of their building society pass book.)

Be able to demonstrate their commitment to equality of opportunity.

For further information on how to obtain this grant locally, please contact the following:

Grant Administrator  
South West Foundation  
Westway Farm  
Bishop Sutton  
Somerset  
BS39 5XP  
Tel: 01275 333 666  
Email: [info@southwestfoundation.org.uk](mailto:info@southwestfoundation.org.uk)

## **Supporting projects that support disabled children and their families on a daily basis**

Trustees of the Trust are committed to supporting a large number of excellent local organisations and projects that support disabled children and their families on a daily basis. The Trust has a small grants programme, open to application at any time, which provides grants of up to £10,000, usually for one-off purposes, to help smaller organisations develop and deliver programmes for children, their siblings and families.

The Trustees are particularly keen to support:

- Hydrotherapy pools;
- Multi sensory rooms;
- Mini buses;
- Young carers projects;
- Sibling projects; and
- Bereavement support.

Applications are via an on-line application form accessible through the website:

[www.truecolourstrust.org.uk](http://www.truecolourstrust.org.uk)

The True Colours Trust | Allington House (1st Floor) | 150 Victoria Street | SW1E 5AE Tel: 0207 410 0330 | Fax: 0207 410 0332

### **Supporting the disadvantaged**

Percy Bilton Charity provides grants to registered charities who are focusing their activities at the following target groups:

- Disadvantaged/underprivileged young people - Aged under 25
- People with disabilities
- People over the age of 60

There are two main types of funding: Large grants (One off payments for capital expenditure of £2,000 and over) and Small grants (Providing funding of up to £500 towards furnishings and equipment for small projects). Favours bids from small charities.

There is no set deadline and bids can be submitted at anytime but Board meetings are held quarterly in March, June, September and December to consider large grants.

[www.percybiltoncharity.org.uk](http://www.percybiltoncharity.org.uk)

### **Awards to recognise individuals, businesses, charities, community groups and other organisations that are demonstrating the Big Society in their work or activities**

The Prime Minister has launched a series of awards to recognise individuals, businesses, charities, community groups and other organisations that are demonstrating the Big Society in their work or activities.

The Big Society Award will be given to 2-3 organisations every month, winners will receive a certificate and be invited to a reception at 10 Downing Street. Anyone, including people who benefit from the group, organisation or individual activities, may make an online nomination, at any

<http://www.number10.gov.uk/big society awards>

## **Funds projects that give disadvantaged young people the chance to develop an existing interest in the great outdoors**

The AFMT funds projects that give disadvantaged young people the chance to develop an existing interest in the great outdoors.

The AFMT doesn't fund taster sessions or one-off residential trips and they prefer that applicants have done some fund-raising. They are unlikely to support foreign trips or capital projects. Previous grants include:

- Money for an initiative by Carlisle firefighters to take 'last-chance' teenagers on a climbing and personal development course
- Financial support for a young man with ASD to develop his interest in climbing.

They usually support organisations, but an individual can apply.

Grants are usually in the region of £300-500.

[www.andyfanshawe.org](http://www.andyfanshawe.org)

## **Help for underprivileged children**

Wooden Spoon is a children's charity dedicated to helping underprivileged children (disadvantaged physically, mentally or socially) and young people to live happier, richer lives. Previous support has been capital toward medical treatment and recovery centres, sports and activity areas, sensory rooms and gardens, playgrounds (includes schools).

Outreach programmes for children and young people in their communities can also receive funding through Wooden Spoon. Further information can be found at

Previously funded projects:

[http://www.woodenspoon.com/projects/project\\_history.php](http://www.woodenspoon.com/projects/project_history.php)

Website: [www.woodenspoon.com/](http://www.woodenspoon.com/)

## **Funding for local good causes from bakery company**

Local Not for Profit Organisations such as charities, charitable companies, churches and schools can apply for grants of up to £2,000 through the Greggs Foundation regional grants programme.

The Greggs Foundation was established in 1987 by Ian Gregg, founder of the Greggs bakery retailer. The regional grants programme is administered by committees of volunteers from Gregg shops, bakeries and offices who are based in England, Scotland and Wales. They use their knowledge of the local area to make small grants to local organisations, in particular those that make a difference to people in need in the heart of Greggs' local communities.

The Greggs Foundation prioritises local organisations that help people in need in their local area. Many charitable causes can be supported through the programme. Most of the grants are to support an identifiable cause such as trips, activities and equipment.

Additionally the Foundation prioritises the following people:

- People with caring responsibilities;
- People with disabilities;
- Homeless people; and
- Older people.

Past recipients include:

- £2,000 to the Grange Day Centre in Newcastle – the grant was used to provide outdoor activity sessions for older people; and
- £2,000 to the Sunbeams Music Trust in Cumbria. This charity uses music as therapy for people with disabilities.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

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

### **Support for under privileged children's trips**

Breaks 4 Kids is a charitable fund, run by YHA (Youth Hostel Association) that supports under-privileged young people under the age of 18, travelling as part of an organised group such as; school class, youth club, church group, or a group organised by a body such as the Youth Offending Group or Connexions. They offer grants for up to 50% of the cost of accommodation and food.

Trips can be organised or there is a YHS School Trip package available which includes organised activities, linked to the national curriculum which offers social and educational benefits. Applications for funding can be made at any time but must be made at least 8 weeks before the trip commences.

[Breaks 4 Kids \(England and Wales\)](#)

### **Funding for a wide range of projects in the community**

The Marsh Christian trust supports a wide range of projects/general charitable purposes. Areas which have been funded include: social welfare; literature, arts and heritage; environmental causes; conservation and animal welfare; healthcare and medical research; education and training; and overseas appeals.

Grants are only made to registered charities that are experienced in their chosen field of work with particular consideration given towards charities displaying a Christian emphasis.

There is no deadline for receipt of applications. The Trustees meet monthly, but due to the volume of appeals received responses to new appeals may take up to three months to arrive. However, a response is made to every appeal. Grants are given towards core-funding and range between £250-£4,000 with new applications at the lower end of this scale. Further information can be found on

[www.marshchristiantrust.org](http://www.marshchristiantrust.org)

## **Funding for rural community buildings**

The Rural Community Buildings Loan Fund aims to fill temporary gaps in funding for specific projects or urgent work on community buildings. The Fund is managed by Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE) and enables building, renovation and refurbishment work that would otherwise not take place, to be carried out.

Loans will be made available on the basis that:

The property in question is freehold or leasehold with a minimum of 21 years left on the agreement.

Local funds can contribute at least 10% of the overall project costs.

The loan repayment, together with interest, can be repaid within either 5 or 8 years.

There are no penalties for early repayment of grant; additional payments are welcomed by ACRE.

Eligible costs include:

- Provision of a new building either to replace an existing one or provide one where none exists.
- Extending, renovating and converting an existing building.
- Upgrading a building to meet fire standards, building regulations, security needs and similar legislative requirements.
- Improving accessibility and making other similar changes that will enable new uses and services.
- To support measures that increase energy efficiency.

Applications are submitted on rolling basis, no deadline is set. Although the maximum value of funding is £20,000, it can be flexible.

Applications are made by submitting an application form, which is available on request. Questions regarding eligibility should be directed to local Rural Community Council, who will make an initial assessment of the project based on their local knowledge. They will then submit the form to ACRE for processing and for a decision to be made.

Contact ACRE or the local Rural Community Council for further information.

For further information on how to obtain this grant locally, please contact the following:

Village Hall Information Officer  
Action with Communities in Rural England  
Somerset Court,  
Somerset Road  
Cirencester  
Gloucestershire  
GL7 1TW  
Tel: 01285 653477  
Email: [acre@acre.org.uk](mailto:acre@acre.org.uk)

## **Funding for the Scouts**

Over the years Scouting has been extremely fortunate to receive generous donations from many individuals and organisations who wish to support our work at a national and local level.

The result of these donations is that there are a range of funds available, particularly to support local Groups/Units and individual members who require financial assistance in undertaking their Scouting.

To see what grants are available and to apply, please see the following website:

Website: <http://www.scouts.org.uk/developmentgrantsboard>

## **Funding for a wide range of projects to benefit community life**

Clore Duffield Foundation's Main Grants Programme does not fund individuals, but it can match lottery funding, support capital redevelopments and learning space initiatives, and provide project, programme and revenue funding.

Application procedures are straightforward, and the Foundation continues to maintain a balance between supporting large-scale projects, with far-reaching effects, and small-scale community endeavours. Grants range from below £5,000 to in excess of £1m.

All grants are awarded at the Trustees meeting, held twice a year. As there is no fixed schedule for these meetings, applications are reviewed on an ongoing basis.

The Foundation welcomes submissions to the Main Grants Programme for projects from the following sectors:

- Museums, galleries and heritage sites (particularly for learning spaces)
- The arts
- Education
- Health, social care and disability
- Jewish charities with interests in any of the above areas

### **Learning Spaces**

The Clore Duffield Foundation has funded museum, gallery and heritage learning spaces across the UK for over 15 years, from £2.5m Clore learning centres in national museums, to donations of less than £5,000 for single rooms in local history heritage buildings.

In light of this experience, the Foundation provides learning space applicants with basic guidance on cost; lighting levels; location, use and nature of space; dimensions; programming; display; architect's plans; and best practice examples (small- and large-scale).

Applicants should also read *Space for Learning: A Handbook for Education Spaces in Museums, Heritage Sites and Discovery Centres* (2004), which can be downloaded on the website before applying for funding.

For more information or to apply to this fund, please see

<http://www.cloreduffield.org.uk/page.php?id=35>

## **Christian community project support**

The Gibbs Trust supports:

Innovative undertakings by Methodist churches and organisations;

- Other Christian causes, especially of an ecumenical nature; and

A wider category within the fields of the creative arts, education, social and international concerns.

Grants given are usually between £1,000-£3,000.

[www.gibbstrust.org.uk](http://www.gibbstrust.org.uk)

## **Sport, Culture and Leisure**

### **Football Facilities Grant**

The Football Foundation has announced that its Facilities Grant Scheme is now open for applications for projects that improve facilities for football and other sport in local communities.

Organisations that are eligible to apply for funding include football clubs, multi-sports, local authorities, all educational establishments, registered charity organisations & not for profit organisations.

Grants of up to £500,000 are available to support projects that:

sustain or increase participation amongst children and adults, regardless of background age, or ability; and

help children and adults to develop their physical, mental, social and moral capacities through regular participation in sport.

The types of facilities the fund provides grants for include:

- grass pitches drainage/improvements;
- pavilions, clubhouses and changing rooms;
- artificial turf pitches and multi-use games areas;
- fixed floodlights for artificial pitches.

Before submitting applications, the foundation strongly recommends submitting an expression of interest form. For example, St Augustine's RC High School received a £117,446 grant from the Football Foundation towards seven grass pitches. The new pitches allow St Augustine's, a school with a strong tradition of sporting achievements, to continue to produce successful sports teams. The vastly improved site now contains two 11-a-side pitches, one full-size dual rugby/football pitch, two junior 11-a-side pitches, two Mini Soccer pitches and training grid areas. Applications can be submitted at any time.

<http://www.footballfoundation.org.uk/apply/facilities-grants/facilities-grant/>

### **Community Sports Award**

The Barclays Community Sports Award is a new award to recognise the outstanding

achievements of individuals and groups that use sport to benefit communities. If you would like to nominate a person, group or not for profit organisation which has used the positive power of sport to make a real and lasting difference in their community then please complete the online form.

Each monthly winner will receive £1,000 for their group or organisation, a limited edition trophy and will be entered into the end of season award to win a further £5,000, all donated by Barclays Spaces for Sports. The end of season award winner will also receive a VIP trip to London to receive their award from Gareth Southgate. Before entering the award, please read carefully the terms and conditions on <http://www.barclayscommunitysportsaward.com/> as there are certain exceptions.

### **Classical grants**

The Classical Association awards grants in the region of £50,000 each year to classical projects and conferences, mainly in the UK. The Association will consider applications for:

- subventions to summer schools and to institutions offering extra-mural courses in Greek, Latin and classical civilisation;
- bursaries for teachers attending courses abroad, notably the British School at Athens Easter Course;
- support of Greek and Latin reading competitions arranged by CA branches;
- support of regional Greek or Roman days or of school conferences;
- subventions to academic conferences, particularly when of broad appeal and held in major centres, with a view especially to assisting students, teachers and East European scholars to attend.

The CA runs its own bursary scheme for students (undergraduate, graduate, PGCE) and teachers attending the annual CA Conference held in April each year. Decisions on grant applications are normally made by Council which meets at the start of April and in mid-November each year. There is no formal application form but if you would like to make an application please write to the Classical Association with as much information as possible about the project/conference.

Applications can be made at any time.

<http://www.classicalassociation.org/Grants/Grants.html>

### **Funding for netball**

The All England Netball Association Youth Trust is open to individuals and organisations in the development of sport for young people under the age of 21. The Trust supports the development of netball in both inner-city and rural areas and aims to support the; provision and maintenance of netball equipment and facilities; promotion and provision of courses, lectures, demonstrations and coaching for pupils, students and teachers involved in netball; provision of facilities for physical

recreation in the interest of personal development of young people; promotion and provision of research and study for the development of netball.  
There is no specific minimum or maximum, but, as the Trust's funds are limited, the maximum is likely to be approximately £5,000. Project must demonstrate a long-term impact/benefit, e.g. facilities will encourage sport, coaching/umpiring qualifications will facilitate participation. Trustees meet three times a year.

Applications can be made at any time.

[http://www.EnglandNetball.co.uk/About\\_Us/AENA\\_Youth\\_Trust.php](http://www.EnglandNetball.co.uk/About_Us/AENA_Youth_Trust.php)

### **Funding to encourage young people in the exploration and pursuit of educational, cultural or therapeutic benefits emanating from music**

The BRIT Trust seeks applications which encourage young people in the exploration and pursuit of educational, cultural or therapeutic benefits emanating from music. Organisations with a charitable status are eligible to apply. Applications should be received by The Trust no later than August for consideration at their Trust meeting in September for projects planned for the following year.

Further information can be found at [www.brittrust.co.uk/funding](http://www.brittrust.co.uk/funding)

### **Funding for sports clubs – equipment, coaching, facilities**

Local grassroots community sports clubs in the UK that require funding for equipment, facilities or coaching can apply for grants of between £250 and £1,000 through Cash-4-Clubs. The Cash 4 Clubs scheme is funded by Betfair and is supported by SportsAid, the charity for sports people. No preference is given as to the types of sport or the age range accessing the activity; however clubs should play an active role in the community, encourage social interaction and fitness, and be registered with their sports' National Governing body.

Previous projects supported include:

Strictly Wheelchair Dancing which received a grant of £750 to purchase new wheelchairs and Solihull Cycling Club which received a grant of £600 to provide coaching staff undertake additional training.

The fund is open to any sports club that is registered with its sports' National Governing body or local authority.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

<http://www.cash-4-clubs.com/>

### **Funding for enterprising sports projects**

The Daily Telegraph, in partnership with the Royal Bank of Scotland have launched a new grants programme to support community and amateur sports clubs across the country. For the next two years, community and amateur sports clubs such as village cricket clubs, the lawn bowls clubs, badminton club, amateur boxing clubs, etc, will be able to apply for a £1,000 Amateur Sports Clubs Grant packages.

Five grants will be awarded on a monthly basis. The funding can be used for a wide range of purposes such as improving facilities, setting up tournaments, etc. To apply

for the grant, clubs need to submit an application of no more than 250 words why your community sports club needs a £1,000 grant and what use you would put it to.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/sport/othersports/amateur/8281316/A-1000-amateur-sports-club-grant-could-be-yours.html>

### **Small grant scheme for sport**

Sport England is committed to the creation of a world-leading community sport system. This means focusing the investment on organisations and projects that will grow and sustain participation in grassroots sport and create opportunities for people to excel at their chosen sport. In addition there are funding programmes open to a wide range of organisations.

These include sports clubs, voluntary or community organisations, local authorities, schools, colleges and universities. The Sport England Small Grants Programme has been set up to support local community sport projects which seek to increase participation, sustain participation or develop opportunities for people to excel at their chosen sport. For example, we might help a sports club expand its age range by helping it to buy extra team kit or pay additional coaching fees. Or we may help youth clubs work together with local sports clubs to get more young people playing sport. It is open to any bona fide not-for-profit club or association, statutory body or educational establishment.

Grants of between £300 and £10,000 are available for revenue and small capital projects. The total project costs must not exceed £50,000.

Application is via a single-stage online form.

They offer advice and support to applicants, and the whole process, from receipt of application to decision, will take no longer than six weeks.

[http://www.sportengland.org/funding/small\\_grants.aspx](http://www.sportengland.org/funding/small_grants.aspx)

### **Funding for Cricket festivals, schemes and competitions**

The Lord's Taverners Grants for Other Cricket Projects are provided and administered by the Lord's Taverners Charity and are available for TSOs active in the UK. The scheme is intended to support organisations which seek to encourage youth participation in cricket and other sporting and leisure activities.

In particular, the scheme wishes to fund organisations involved with young people who have social, environmental, physical or learning disadvantages.

The application process is ongoing and interested applicants may apply at any time.

Eligible Expenditure:

Eligible expenditure includes:

- Youth cricket festivals.
- Tournaments.
- Regional competitions.
- Youth special coaching schemes.

Funding will not be provided for:

- Refreshments.
- Trophies.
- Overseas tours.
- Clothing.

Individual or team sponsorship.

For further information on how to obtain this grant locally, please contact the following:

Richard Anstey  
The Lord's Taverners  
10 Buckingham Place  
London  
SW1E 6HX  
Tel: 020 7821 2828  
Email: [richard.anstey@lordstaverners.org](mailto:richard.anstey@lordstaverners.org)

### **Bowls Green Loans Scheme**

The Green Loans Scheme is provided by Bowls England, the national governing body for Flat Green Lawn Bowls.

Loans worth up to £4,000 are available for affiliated bowls clubs and county associations to maintain and improve their bowling surfaces. Funding can cover refurbishment work, such as new banks and ditches, along with purchasing new equipment such as lawnmowers and aerators.

Key Criteria: Loans are available to all Bowls England-affiliated clubs and county associations.

Eligible Expenditure: Costs and equipment associated with improving bowling greens, including:

- New banks and ditches.
- Automatic sprinkler systems.
- New equipment such as lawnmowers and aerators.

Application Procedure: Contact Bowls England for further information.

Addresses and Contacts: For further information on how to obtain this grant locally, please contact the following:

Arnold Goad  
Bowls England  
Lyndhurst Road  
Worthing  
West Sussex  
BN11 2AZ  
Tel: 01926 612280  
Email: [arnold.goad@ukonline.co.uk](mailto:arnold.goad@ukonline.co.uk)

## **Funding for Lacrosse**

Eligible Expenditure: Examples of eligible expenditure include

- Training for volunteer coaches and officials.
- Equipment.
- Salary costs of professional staff.
- Paid coaching time.

Enquiries  
English Lacrosse  
The Belle Vue Centre  
Pink Bank Lane  
Longsight  
Manchester  
M12 5GL  
Tel: 0161 227 3626

[info@englishlacrosse.co.uk](mailto:info@englishlacrosse.co.uk)

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

## **Grants to support healthy hearts – supporting exercise programmes**

Heart Research UK is now inviting applications under its Healthy Heart Grants Scheme. Heart Research UK Healthy Heart Grants support innovative projects designed to promote heart health and to prevent or reduce the risks of heart disease in specific groups or communities. Grants of up to £10,000 are available to community groups, voluntary organisations and researchers who are spreading the healthy heart message.

The types of projects supported in the past have included:

The Foresight Project in Grimsby which encourages visually impaired people to take regular exercise using tandem bicycles

The Ross-shire Bravehearts project in Inverness which educates adults with learning difficulties about heart health so they can take part in physical activities Superleague team, Wakefield Wildcats, which uses star rugby players to educate children about heart health.

There are two applications rounds per year. Applications are only accepted during January and February for the May round of grants and July and August for grants awarded in November, each year.

[http://www.heartresearch.org.uk/healthy\\_heart\\_grants.htm](http://www.heartresearch.org.uk/healthy_heart_grants.htm)

## **Monthly sporting awards from high street bank**

Barclays Spaces for Sports has announced the launch of its new Community Sports Award. The Award is a new award to recognise the outstanding achievements of individuals and groups that use sport to benefit communities across the UK. Each month, the winner of the award will receive £1,000 for their group or organisation, a

limited edition trophy and will be entered into the end of season award to win a further £5,000. Nominations can be made for any individual, group of individuals or not-for-profit organisation. All entries must be made via [www.barclayscommunitysportsaward.com](http://www.barclayscommunitysportsaward.com) on or before 5.00 p.m. on the 20th of each month.

### **Supporting a broad range of the arts**

Old Possum's Practical Trust supports charitable organisations that work to increase the knowledge and appreciation of aesthetic interests.

Its main areas of interest are:

- History
- Arts
- Architecture
- Literature
- Music and
- Theatre

Further information can be sought through e-mailing

[generalenquiry@old-possumspractical-trust.org.uk](mailto:generalenquiry@old-possumspractical-trust.org.uk) or looking online at

<http://www.old-possums-practical-trust.org.uk>

### **Funding for sport and other areas from high street bookmakers**

Funds are directed towards a wide range of causes, including: schools, hospices and hospitals, youth support, medical, social sciences, arts, environment and animals, sports.

How To Apply:

In the first instance, the support of a local shop should be secured in raising funds on behalf of a cause. Any monies raised are then banked with the trust, with consideration of additional funds being added by Ladbrokes taken by the trust's grants committee.

When To Apply:

The grants committee meets monthly to consider applications.

Catchment Areas:

UK (communities in which the shops and businesses of Ladbrokes Betting and Gaming Ltd or Ladbrokes eGaming Limited operate). Shops in Corsham and Chippenham, Swindon, Bristol, Exeter, Exmouth, Falmouth, Newquay., Penzance, Tiverton, Gloucester, Stroud, Cheltenham, Bridgewater, Yeovil, Taunton, Crewkerne, Bridport. See website for full listing.

General Notes:

Funding comes not from the Ladbrokes company, but via the fundraising efforts of head office and shop staff, customers and 'Event Days'.

### LADBROKES IN THE COMMUNITY CHARITABLE TRUST

Ladbroke Betting and Gaming Ltd  
Imperial House  
Imperial Drive  
Harrow  
Middlesex  
HA2 7JW

#### **Bursaries available for youth sport and disability**

The Torch Trophy Trust offers bursaries to help volunteers improve their skills as coaches or officials in youth sport and sport for the disabled. A bursary will cover 50% of costs up to £1,000. Awards can be used for: Providing funding for volunteers; or encouraging and helping club workers at voluntary level. The trust doesn't have deadlines – all applications are looked at as they are sent in.

[http://www.torchtrophytrust.org/ttt\\_site.htm](http://www.torchtrophytrust.org/ttt_site.htm) for more details

## **Health and social welfare**

### **Healthy Hearts Grants**

Heart Research UK Healthy Heart Grants support innovative projects designed to promote heart health and to prevent or reduce the risks of heart disease in specific groups or communities. Grants of up to £10,000 are available to community groups, voluntary organisations and researchers who are spreading the healthy heart message. The types of projects supported in the past have included; the Foresight Project in Grimsby which encourages visually impaired people to take regular exercise using tandem bicycles; the Ross-shire Bravehearts project in Inverness which educates adults with learning difficulties about heart health so they can take part in physical activities; and Superleague team, Wakefield Wildcats, which uses star rugby players to educate children about heart health. There are two applications rounds per year.

<http://www.heartresearch.org.uk/grants/healthyheartgrant>

### **Foundation makes a considerable difference to many individuals and families affected by cancer**

The Caron Keating Foundation makes a considerable difference to many individuals and families affected by cancer. It targets and financially assists small but significant cancer charities, professional carers and support groups. All enquiries and applications for funding should be sent to Gloria Hunniford, PO Box 122, Sevenoaks, Kent TN13 1UB.

More information can be found at:

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

## **Funding for social welfare projects**

The Noel Buxton Trust focuses on three main areas:

- Welfare of children in disadvantaged families/children in care - Available for families with children of primary school age and younger, children in care can be considered up until they leave care
- Penal reform - Welfare of prisoners and their families, rehabilitation of prisoners and work with young people at risk of offending.
- Sustainable development and education in Eastern and Southern Africa.

Applicants are usually expected to be registered charities.

The maximum grant is £4,000 but is usually for much less.

Applications may be made at any time. Successful applicants will normally hear from the Trust within six months.

Go to [www.noelbuxtontrust.org.uk](http://www.noelbuxtontrust.org.uk) to find out more.

## **Funding for alcohol education projects**

The Drinkaware Trust "Ideas Fund" awards small grants of between £100 and £2,500 to local community (and occasionally national) initiatives designed to promote responsible drinking and reduce alcohol related harm. The Trust funds projects ranging from public education campaigns, peer-led education schemes, educational theatre work, conferences, provision for educational materials, training, workshops to other educational events.

In particular the Trust welcome applications that aim to further the strategic objectives of the Trust, which are:

- To reduce alcohol misuse amongst under-18s; and
- To raise awareness about long term health harms caused by hazardous or harmful levels of drinking.

The Trust accepts applications from; registered charities; other voluntary organisations; and statutory organisations and partnerships. In addition the Trust also makes grants of up to £25,000 for larger projects that undertake direct, hands-on work with individuals and the community as well as grants of up to £100,000 to help larger scale projects pack a more powerful punch or reach a wider audience.

An example of a previously funded project is "Party Safe" a partnership project between Rivington School and a local group called Youth Express. Young people from the latter organisation worked together to produce a ten to twenty minute DVD demonstrating the dangers of drinking to excess and showing how quickly things can get out of control.

Another example is 'Early Break' in Manchester that uses a bus which acts as a one-stop shop, providing a place where young people can learn more about alcohol safety and talk openly about alcohol.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

[www.drinkaware.co.uk/grants](http://www.drinkaware.co.uk/grants)

### **Grants for enhancing quality of life for those in need**

Individuals in need and charities that work to enhance the quality of life for people in need (specifically the mentally and physically disabled) can apply for funding the ACT Foundation's grant programme.

The Foundation makes grants to support:

- the modifications to homes, schools, hospices etc;
- the provision of specialist equipment such as specialised wheelchairs, other mobility aids and equipment including medical equipment to assist independent living; and
- financial assistance towards the cost of short-term respite breaks at a registered respite centre.

Grants can range from £100 to several millions.

Examples of grants that the ACT Foundation has made are:  
Woodlands School – Hydrotherapy pool for disabled children; and  
Whizz Kids – Mobility aids for children.

Applications can be made at any time.

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

## **Education and Lifelong Learning**

### **Funding for schools and charities**

Registered Charities and Schools, working within education and who are seeking funding specifically for numeracy and/or - financial literacy projects can apply to the Britannia Building Society Foundation for grants of between £1,000 and £25,000. Over the last six years the Foundation has made grants totalling £3 million.

Applications can be submitted at any time and there is a simple application form which is available on request by e-mailing [charitable.foundation@britannia.co.uk](mailto:charitable.foundation@britannia.co.uk) or telephoning on 01538 391806. In addition voluntary groups, charities and schools can apply for grants of up to £1,000 through the Britannia Community Fund. The Fund also supports individual members wishing to achieve personal development goals that support the fund's our key priorities with a donation of up to £100. The Community Fund will support any voluntary organisation, school or charity working within Foundations key priorities of numeracy and/or -

financial literacy, that operate within a local community where the Building Society has a high density of members.

Applications to the Community Fund can be submitted at any time

<http://www.britannia.co.uk/site/corporate/social-responsibility/index.html>

### **£125 Million to improve the performance of the lowest performing schools**

The Government has awarded £125 million to the Sutton Trust as the lead charity in partnership with Impetus Trust to establish a new major programme to boost the attainment of some of the country's most disadvantaged children. A new charity will be established by the Sutton Trust to deliver the Education Endowment Fund (EEF) which will be used to both initiate grants and seek innovative and bold proposals from schools, teachers, local authorities and charities, to help them improve the performance of poor pupils in the country's lowest performing schools and narrow attainment gaps in the classrooms. For the first two years of the Fund, applications will only be accepted from, or in partnership with, underperforming primary and secondary schools in England. Information on eligibility and criteria is expected to be available from early summer when the new charity will officially be launched, and the first round of grants will be made in the Autumn. **The programme is expected to run for the next 15 years**, delivering as much as £200 million. For further information click on the link below.

<http://www.suttontrust.com/news/news/125-million-to-boost-the-attainment-of-poor-children/>

### **Funding for teaching Christianity in religious education**

The Jerusalem Trust makes available to schools a number of grants to support the purchase of resources for teaching Christianity in Religious Education.

These can include textbooks, teacher resources, artefacts, videos, tapes and CD-roms for use in RE lessons.

The fund is open to all primary and secondary schools in the UK, although priority will be given to non-church state secondary schools. Occasionally grants will be awarded to primary schools who have experienced the loss of resources through critical incidents such as fire or flood.

The maximum size of any grant is £500 and applications can be submitted at any time.

<http://www.stapleford-centre.org/resources/re-grants-for-schools>

## **Supporting environmental education in the UK**

Not for profit organisations and organisation with a charitable purpose can apply for funding through the Mark Leonard Trust. The Mark Leonard Trust is one of the Sainsbury Family Charitable Trusts and focuses on environmental education in the UK.

In particular the Trust seeks to support projects that focus on:

- finding practical ways of involving children and young adults;
- sustainable agriculture and bio-diversity;
- sustainable transport, energy efficiency and renewable energy; and
- youth work that supports the rehabilitation of young people involved in anti-social or criminal activities.

Projects supported in the past have included:

a grant of £10,000 to the Federation of City Farms and Community gardens towards a pilot project in Coventry to develop food growing activities in schools; a grant of £10,000 for 'Web of Hope', towards the Youth Prints environmental learning project with disadvantaged young people in Worcester; and a grant of £10,000 to Plumpton College to complete the construction of an environmentally friendly classroom.

Applications to the Trust can be submitted at any time.

[http://www.sfct.org.uk/mark\\_leonard.html](http://www.sfct.org.uk/mark_leonard.html)

## **Funding offered for numeracy and literacy projects**

The Britannia Foundation offers grants and donations between £1,000 and £25,000 to registered charities and schools working within education, particularly numeracy and/or financial literacy.

Their focus is to support local communities where there are higher densities of Britannia employees and customers.

The Foundation prefers buying specific items of equipment but in some circumstances will consider capital expenditure and salary costs.

<http://www.britannia.co.uk/site/corporate/in-the-community/foundation.html>

## **Funding for educational projects for the young and disadvantaged**

The Equitable Charitable Trust is an education charity. It makes grants totaling up to £1 million each year towards projects for children and young people under the age of 25 who are from disadvantaged backgrounds or disabled.

The Priorities of the Equitable Charitable Trust are:

- Education projects or services that support the learning and development of disabled children and young people;
- Formal education projects for disadvantaged children and young people that support delivery of the National Curriculum (i.e. curriculum enrichment projects) or that deliver accredited vocational learning that will increase employability;
- Education projects that will help increase participation in, or improve the quality of, education for disadvantaged or disabled children and young people in developing countries.

For overseas projects, Trustees particularly wish to support projects with potential to deliver benefits over the medium to long term.

Grants can be made for project costs, capital expenditure, equipment and/or the salary costs of a post.

The majority of projects funded by the Trust take place at local or regional level, though national projects and those benefiting children or young people overseas (in developing countries only) are also supported. Grants for overseas projects are only made through UK registered charities.

The length of funding can range from one to three years with grants of more than one year paid in annual installments, with installments beyond the first year dependent on receipt of progress reports that are satisfactory to the Trustees.

The size of grants ranges from £2,500 to £30,000. Most are for sums between £5,000 and £20,000. It is rare for a multi-year grant to exceed £10,000 p.a. and most multi-year grants will be for sums between £5,000 and £7,500 p.a.

Applications can be submitted at any time and are considered monthly by the Trustees. The Trust does not have an application form, but recommends that organisations follow the guidelines on [www.equitablecharitabletrust.org.uk/](http://www.equitablecharitabletrust.org.uk/)

## Green Issues

### Nature Improvement Areas – Competitive Grants Scheme

Natural England has announced that its Nature Improvement Areas (NIA) grant scheme is now open to applications. The scheme aims to support partnerships that achieve the shared vision of a coherent and resilient ecological network in up to 12 Nature Improvement Areas (NIAs). Partnerships that are successful in applying for funding will plan and deliver significant improvements for wildlife and people through the sustainable use of natural resources, restoring and creating wildlife habitats, connecting local sites and joining up local action.

Eligible applicants must be part of a partnership that is made up of two or more of the following types of organisations; local government/planning authorities ; significant private landowners; environmental Non Government Organisations (NGOs) with land holdings such as the Wildlife Trust, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, Woodland Trust etc.; other NGOs or environmental bodies; community and social enterprises; town and parish councils; and the private sector, with involvement from Environment Agency (EA), Forestry Commission and Natural England . A total budget of £7.5million is available over a three year period to March 2015.

Interested partnerships, initially will need to submit **an Expression of Interest by the 30th September 2011.**

<http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/conservation/biodiversity/funding/nia/apply.aspx>

### **Renewable Heat Premium Payment Scheme**

The Government has announced that its new £15 million 'Renewable Heat Premium Payment' scheme is now open for applications. Under this scheme, Householders across the country could get up to £1,250 of government funding to help towards the cost of installing renewable heating systems such as biomass boilers, air and ground source heat pumps and solar thermal panels.

The scheme will be mainly focused at around 4 million households in Great Britain not heated by mains gas, who have to rely on higher carbon forms of heating which also tend to be more expensive than gas, such as heating oil and electric fires to keep warm.

The scheme will be open until March 2011 and aims to support up to 25,000 installations.

[http://www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/news/pn11\\_064/pn11\\_064.aspx](http://www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/news/pn11_064/pn11_064.aspx)

### **Free solar panels for schools**

British Gas has announced that its "Free Solar Panels" programme is due to re-open in the near future and is inviting schools in England, Scotland and Wales to register their interest in receiving free solar panels. In total, British Gas is looking to install up to 750 free solar panel systems in primary and secondary schools and sixth form colleges that are located in England, Scotland and Wales. These will not only generate electricity for the schools but also help cut their carbon footprint. The money generated will then be used to install more solar panels in more schools. Each winning school will win the following prize (subject to a satisfactory technical site survey). One Solar Photovoltaic Panel system (worth between £20,000 and £40,000 per School) and installation; one Smart meter; and one Solar Panel Display Unit.

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

### **Grants for wildlife friendly ponds in schools**

The British Dragon Fly Society has announced the re-launch of the Peter Miller Memorial Fund. The purpose of the fund is to support the creation of wildlife friendly ponds within school grounds or within the immediate area of a school for the sole use of school based groups. Ideally the grant of up to £250 would contribute towards the cost of purchasing necessary equipment for pond construction and/or towards the cost of materials used in the course of the pond project. Persons over 21 may apply for a grant on behalf of a specified school, but they must have the support of the Head Teacher. In the first instance a letter briefly outlining the proposed project and the possible use of funds should be sent to the Dave Smallshire Dragonfly Conservation Group (DCG) Convenor, 8 Twindle Beer, Chudleigh, Newton Abbot, Devon TQ13 0JP.

<http://www.british-dragonflies.org.uk/content/grants>

## **Specialist support to business and the public sector to help cut carbon emissions**

The Carbon Trust, which provides specialist support to business and the public sector to help cut carbon emissions, has announced it is now accepting applications under its new Entrepreneur Fast Track Programme. The Fast Track Programme, which brings together the Carbon Trusts Applied Research Programme and its Business Incubation schemes aims to support the most commercially viable and innovative carbon saving technologies. Under this programme, the Carbon Trust will offer a customised package of support to companies and organisations that may include; research and development grants up to £500,000; expert commercialisation advice (up to a value of £70,000), and investor and business network opportunities. Applications can be submitted at any time.

[www.carbontrust.co.uk](http://www.carbontrust.co.uk)

## **Support for a wide range of project including support for the environment and countryside projects**

Registered charities, schools and not-for-profit wishing to encourage young people's interest either in the countryside and the environment, the arts or aiming to raise levels of literacy and numeracy can apply for funding to the Ernest Cook Trust (ECT).

The Trust operates two grant making programmes:

1. The small grants programme (under £4,000) supports state schools and small registered charities which would like to undertake projects which meet the Trust's objectives and require a small amount of pump-priming in order for such projects to take place.
2. The large grants programme (Grants over £4,000) is aimed at more comprehensive education programmes.

In 2008/09, the ECT Trustees gave £1.7m to support over 450 educational projects. Grants awarded range from supporting children's literacy and numeracy, to teaching young people how to manage money in London schools, to helping to keep the ancient craft of coppicing alive by supporting apprenticeships in the North West.

Grants are normally awarded for one year only. Trustees meet several times a year to consider applications.

<http://www.ernestcooktrust.org.uk/grants/index.html>

## **Economy**

### **New £50 Million Business Angel Fund**

The £50m Business Angel Co Investment Fund has announced that it is now open for business.

The fund has been created with a grant from the Regional Growth Fund has been designed and established by a consortium of private and public bodies with expertise in business angel investment. It is a private sector body with clear objectives to boost the quality and quantity of business angel investing in England, and to support long-term, high quality jobs in high growth companies. The fund is able to make initial equity investments of between £100K and £1M to SMEs alongside syndicates of business angels, subject to certain geographical restrictions and an upper limit of 49% of any investment round.

The fund is not open to direct approaches from individual businesses and those seeking investment should first secure the interest of the business angel syndicate or network.

Businesses seeking investment can find more information on business angels, syndicates and networks from the British Business Angels Association website.

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

### **Funding for Young People to Start their Own Business**

Launched to coincide with Global Entrepreneurship Month, the TeenBiz scheme aims to provide teenage entrepreneurs with the tools needed to start their own enterprise. The objective is to help 100 young people to start their own business over the next three years. Each month two students will receive up to £500 of funding.

One student per month must be a social entrepreneur (a business which makes money whilst their work helps other people). The funding can be used towards a wide range of start-up costs. In addition to the funding successful applicants will receive a mentor and a 'Business in a Box' startup pack including a virtual PA service, business cards and the loan of office space.

TeenBiz is open to young people aged from 13 to 18-years-old. Applicants are reviewed by the TeenBiz team on a monthly basis and five short listed applicants are passed to the sponsor who will then choose the winners.

Awards start from the 1st of January 2012.

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

## **Funding from bank to support businesses**

The Lloyds Banking Group has announced the launch of a new awards programme, to search for the small business star ups that are emerging through Universities in England, Scotland and Wales. Organised by Lloyds TSB Commercial and supported by the National Consortium of University Entrepreneurs (NACUE) the Awards offer prize packages to help nurture and grow your business including an overall cash investment of £50,000 to the national best enterprise; cash investment prizes of up to £5,000 in the initial heats; enhanced mentoring support packages at regional and national level; and business networking and promotional opportunities. The search will take place across England, Scotland and Wales with two awards – Best Enterprise and Best Start Up. A series of regional heats will be then be held, with winners of both awards in each heat to be announced in February 2012. The regional winners will then move forward into a national final, in March 2012, where they will compete for national titles. The deadline for admissions is the **30th January 2012**

## **Research Funding for SMEs**

The Eurostars Programme, which is the first European funding and support programme to be specifically dedicated to Small and Medium sized Enterprises (SMEs) has announced that the next deadline for applications is the 1st March 2012.

Under Eurostars, funding is available to SMEs to undertake research and development in any technological area, but must have a civilian purpose and be aimed at the development of a new product, process or service. Eurostars supports collaborative projects involving at least two participants (legal entities) from two different Eurostars participating countries. In addition, the main participant must be a research-performing SME. Eurostars will support projects that are market-driven and that have a maximum duration of three years. In addition projects must be within two years of completion and ready for launch onto the market. The exception to this rule applies to biomedical or medical projects, where clinical trials must be started within two years of project completion.

<http://www.eurostars-eureka.eu/what.do>

## [SECTION 3 - LOTTERY UPDATE](#)

### **Parks for People**

The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) has announced that the next closing date for applications to the Parks for People programme is the 28th February 2012. Launched originally as a joint initiative with the Big Lottery Fund full responsibility for the programme has now passed to the Heritage Lottery Fund Local Authorities as well as not for profit organisations that own public parks and gardens can apply for grants of between £250,000 and £5 million for the regeneration of parks and public gardens (including squares, walks and promenades). To be considered for funding, applicants need to show that the community values the park as part of their heritage; the parks meets local social, economic and environmental needs; and the park management actively involves local people.

Recent awards include:

A £1.84 million grant to restore Castle Park in Cheshire back to its original historic landscape and to improve sports facilities, the play area, and cafe and kiosk facilities.

A £3.5million grant to restore the historic landscaping and buildings, upgrading footpaths, entrances, furniture and signage of Brockwell Park which is located between Brixton, Norwood and Dulwich.

<http://www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/programmes/Pages/parksforpeople.aspx>

### **Heritage Grants - £50,000 plus**

This programme offers grants of £50,000 or more. Projects should conserve and enhance the nation's diverse heritage or encourage more people to be involved in their heritage or both. Projects should also make sure that everyone can learn about, have access to and enjoy their heritage.

Applications can be made at any time.

For applications where the grant request is £5 million and over there are application deadlines twice a year, at the end of December and the end of June.

<http://www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/programmes/Pages/heritagegrants.aspx>

### **A funding lifeline of at least £50 million to support hundreds of vital Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) projects and services in England is being announced today by the Big Lottery Fund (BIG).**

The full impact on the VCS of cutbacks is still to come according to the National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO) which estimates that voluntary and community groups will face a reduction in public funding of over £900 million by 2016, losing a total of £2.8 billion in that period.

Demand for services is expected to increase and BIG is planning its £50million cash injection in response to be awarded before the end of the financial year, bolstering the sector as it deals with the developing impact of funding cuts.

As part of the funding package, BIG has made £17million available to fund an additional 650 charitable and community projects through its two main open grants programmes, Reaching Communities and Awards for All. The grants, which have been made to a range of projects from family support schemes to employment and debt advice services, are designed to help the sector meet increased demand for support from communities and individuals most in need.

Over the next few months, BIG will also be offering grants of up to £10,000 to close to 1,000 existing BIG grant holders in the last 18 months of their projects to review the way they work and explore ways of becoming more sustainable. Activities could include developing a more effective operating model, partnership working, or finding new ways to deliver activities in future.

Projects that are having a particularly significant impact will also receive an additional year's worth of funding to continue their project and carry out plans to make their projects more sustainable in the long term.

Nat Sloane, Chair of BIG's England Committee, said: "We have listened to the sector who have made it very clear that the next few months are going to be a very difficult. There is likely to be a gradual and cumulative impact as services reduce or are withdrawn, and household income for some of the poorest and most vulnerable people and families in our society reduces further still.

"We have put a package together in response that allows us to support these services and projects to ensure they are getting the funding when they need it and to help them prepare for the increasingly difficult funding environment.

Sir Stuart Etherington, Chief Executive of National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO) said: "This funding will provide some welcome relief for the sector during these challenging times, and help voluntary organisations to continue providing vital services."

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

## **Big Lottery Fund - Big Decision**

The Big Lottery Fund in association with Channel 4 are asking the British public how they would spend £10 million of lottery money. The results of this nationwide debate will help directly determine which projects or charities will benefit from a huge cash injection. From caring for the world around them, to helping people learn the skills they need to make the most of their lives, to tackling local issues— for the first time, the general public are being asked to decide the themes that best represent their priorities for Lottery funding in the current climate. The results will help BIG to find five inspirational projects across the UK, each to receive a multi-million Big Lottery Fund cash injection as part of its Millennium Now grant programme. The Millennium Now programme, builds on the findings of the Millennium Now report launched in May 2011 to mark the legacy of the Millennium projects ten years on. It will aim to fund inspirational projects reflecting the five Millennium themes of:

- Encouraging Environmental Sustainability
- Investing in Education

- Places - tackling issues related to rural areas, urban or coastal areas
- Connecting Communities
- Promoting Science, Technology and Health.

<http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/index>

## **BIG International Programme**

UK based non-governmental organisations working with overseas partners in Africa, Asia (including the Pacific and Central Asian countries), the Middle East, Central and South America, the Caribbean, and parts of Eastern Europe can apply for grants through the Big Lottery Fund's (BIG) £25 million International Communities programme. The programme which will run until 2015 aims to help disadvantaged communities overseas by supporting work that tackles the causes of poverty and deprivation and brings about long-term differences to the lives of some of the most disadvantaged people in the world. BIG will provide grants of between £50,000 and £500,000 to fund projects which will improve education, health, allocation of natural resources, human rights, and/or livelihoods.

Applications can be made at any time until the 31st March 2014.

[http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog\\_international\\_communities?tab=1&regioncode=-uk&](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_international_communities?tab=1&regioncode=-uk&)

## **People's Postcode Trust**

The People's Postcode Trust, a trust set up by the "People's Postcode Lottery" in April 2009, has announced that its grant making programme is open for applications. Funding of between £500 and £10,000 (£2,000 if not a registered charity and £5,000 if based in Wales) is available to small organisations and community groups operating in the areas of:

- Poverty Prevention
- Advancement of Health
- Community Development
- Public Sports
- Human Rights
- Environmental Protection.

Within England, the fund accepts applications from the North East; Yorkshire and Humber; Liverpool and Merseyside; and the Midlands (including East Midlands and West Midlands). Projects supported can last for up to 3 months.

Previous projects supported include:

Fairbridge Scotland, which received a grant of £8,877 to run two courses to aid in citizenship skills and raising participants awareness of the conflicts and barriers that they may have with others in the wider community.

Scottish Native Woods, an organisation that exists to rescue, restore and expand Scotland's native woods- woodlands that are natural to Scottish landscape. The organisation received a grant of £9,958 to thin out trees, reinstate and repair paths and reinstall drainage systems.

The closing date for applications is the 11th November 2011.

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

## **HLF Announces Launch of £30 Million Catalyst: Endowments programme**

The Heritage Lottery Fund has announced that it is inviting applications for funding under its Catalyst: Endowments programme. Through this programme organisations or collaborating groups of organisations can apply for grants of between £500,000 and £5,000,000 to match-fund the creation, or further development, of an endowment fund with the aim of providing an annual income over the very long term. Successful applicants will be expected to achieve or exceed the agreed targets for match funding from:

private donors

increase the number of donors in their area and the amount that existing donors give invest the capital to generate income to fund the applicant organisation's whole work, or an element of it, as defined in the application

comply with all HLF's conditions associated with that investment

make and present plans for the endowment after the end of the programme, showing how the endowment will be developed to attract further funding, and managed to ensure a permanent impact on the heritage organisation.

If you want to apply in the first round, you will need to register by 16 December 2011 and submit your application and all supporting documents by 16 January 2012.

<http://www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/programmes/Pages/Catalyst.aspx>

## **The BIG Lottery Fund is announcing its biggest single investment in older people with a £110 million package of Lottery good cause funding.**

The BIG Lottery Fund aims to help older people manage life-changing events and encourage them to get more involved in their communities whilst recognising the positive contribution older people make to society today.

The first tranche of the multi-million investment, the £10million [Silver Dreams Fund](#) is being launched today by the BIG Lottery Fund in association with the Daily Mail.

The £10 million Silver Dreams Fund investment for England opening today will shape the deployment of BIG's further £100 million investment of Lottery good cause money for older people between 2012 and 2015.

From today the Fund is looking for applications to the Silver Dreams Fund for up to 30 innovative ideas for schemes that will help older people. The top five flagship ideas will receive up to an additional £1 million to scale up their project.

A survey\* commissioned by BIG reveals that older people most fear suffering from ill health (42%) and their loss of independence (25%) as they grow older.

BIG's survey also revealed that over half of older people (51%) believe they make a valuable contribution to society but 40% feel under-valued.

BIG wants to support older people as they move into new stages of their lives and encourage those who are most active to volunteer to help others less able.

BIG's Silver Dreams Fund envisages receiving applications from voluntary and community organisations which will trial new ways of working with older people and inspire them to help themselves and their peers cope with life-changing events. Interested organisations have until Friday 28 October to submit outline ideas for the Silver Dreams Fund. Successful applicants will receive between £50,000 and

£200,000 to test and develop their ideas over the next 12 to 18 months. Up to five projects will then be chosen to receive up to £1 million each to carry their ideas forward.

[http://news.biglotteryfund.org.uk/pr\\_300911\\_eng\\_sd\\_funding\\_for\\_a\\_brighter\\_age?regioncode=-uk](http://news.biglotteryfund.org.uk/pr_300911_eng_sd_funding_for_a_brighter_age?regioncode=-uk)

### **Village SOS Competition Deadline Extended – Lottery funded**

Village SOS has announced that the application deadline has been extended to the 20th October 2011.

A total of £5.3 million in funding is available through the competition to support the setting up of 250 community businesses with awards of between £10,000 and £30,000 . Village SOS are particularly interested in giving money to enterprising ideas that will use the skills of local people, and the area's natural resources, land and buildings. The competition will be open to Village SOS members and to be eligible entrants must be SOS members; be a community enterprise and the village must be in a rural area and have fewer than 3,000 people living in it.

For information on how to join Village SOS and further information on the funding available please click on the link below.

<http://www.villagesos.org.uk/get-involved/business-essentials>

### **Support for Projects Working with Disadvantaged Young People, Offenders & Ex-offenders**

The Worshipful Company of Weavers has announced that its Benevolent Fund is open to applications. The Fund is available to small registered charities and seeks to support projects working with disadvantaged young people aged from 5 to 30 years of age; to ensure they are given every possible chance to meet their full potential and to participate fully in society; and projects that addresses the social and economic problems faced by offenders, and ex-offenders and their families, and provide them with support, life skills training and a way back into education, training and/or employment. Grants available are of up to £15,000.

The Charitable Grants Committee meets in February, June and October of each year to consider applications.

<http://www.weavers.org.uk/charitable-grants/grant-application-guidelines>

### **Big Lottery Fund - *Consultation* on Proposed Policy Directions**

The Government has opened a 12-week consultation on proposed new policy directions for the Big Lottery Fund. The Big Lottery Fund, which was set up in 2004, is the largest distributor of funding from the National Lottery to good causes and aims to bring real improvements to communities, and to the lives of people most in need. The consultation invites views from a wide range of stakeholders which include the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector and other government departments.

Schools can currently apply through a number of Big Lottery Funds. These include:

- Awards for All (UK)
- Reaching Communities (England)
- People's Millions
- Fair Share

The consultation closes at midnight on **Friday 18 November 2011**.

<http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/resource-library/big-lottery-fund-consultation-proposed-policy-directions>

### **BIG Lottery Fund Launches New Programme to Improve Financial Confidence**

The Big Lottery Fund has launched a new £30 million funding programme to support projects within the social housing sector that help tenants become more confident in and more aware of how to take control of their finances. Grants of between £500,000 and £1 million are available to partnerships led by the voluntary and community sector and must also include at least one housing association and the relevant local authority. The fund targets 69 local authority areas that suffer the greatest degree of financial exclusion and will support projects that:

- targets social housing tenants moving in and out of work
- first time social housing tenants
- young people in social housing.

The deadline for applications is the **16th September 2011**.

[http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog\\_improving\\_financial\\_confidence?tab=1&regioncode=-uk](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_improving_financial_confidence?tab=1&regioncode=-uk)

### **BIG Selects Preferred Partner for its New Realising Ambitions Programme**

The Big Lottery Fund (BIG) has appointed a consortia as its preferred UK partner to lead the Fund's UK-wide Realising Ambition programme which will focus on support for young people at risk of offending. The consortia is led by Catch 22 and includes the Young Foundation, Dartington Social Research Unit, Rathbone, and Substance, to deliver the £25million Realising Ambition programme. The UK-wide programme will focus on outstanding projects across the UK that have already proven their effectiveness in diverting young people from crime with the aim of providing support to young people at risk, helping them to realise their potential for a meaningful life and avoid pathways into offending.

[http://news.biglotteryfund.org.uk/newsroomuk/pr\\_090811\\_uk\\_ra\\_25\\_million\\_youth\\_ambition\\_?regioncode=-uk&status=theProg&title=BIG gets closer to realising its £25 million youth ambition](http://news.biglotteryfund.org.uk/newsroomuk/pr_090811_uk_ra_25_million_youth_ambition_?regioncode=-uk&status=theProg&title=BIG gets closer to realising its £25 million youth ambition)

### **Big Society Bank Launched**

The Big Lottery Fund has announced that the Big Society Bank – now officially named Big Society Capital - has become a reality with the establishment of two expert boards. In addition the first investment from dormant accounts has gone to the Private Equity Foundation, an organisation whose mission it is to support disadvantaged young people into employment, education or training. Big Society Capital will be run independently from government with decisions around funding being made by an impartial investment committee. It will play a critical role in speeding up the growth of the social investment market. Socially orientated financial organisations will have greater access to affordable capital, using an estimated £400million in unclaimed assets left dormant in bank accounts for over 15 years and £200million from the UK's largest high street banks

[http://news.biglotteryfund.org.uk/pr\\_280711\\_bsb\\_uk\\_big\\_society\\_bank\\_launched?regioncode=-uk&status=theProg&title=Big%20Society%20Bank%20launched](http://news.biglotteryfund.org.uk/pr_280711_bsb_uk_big_society_bank_launched?regioncode=-uk&status=theProg&title=Big%20Society%20Bank%20launched)

### **Transforming Local Infrastructure Fund Opens for Applications**

The Big Lottery Fund has announced that its new Transforming Local Infrastructure Fund is now open for applications. A total of £30 million is available to provide better support for front line civil society organisations by transforming partnerships of local infrastructure organisations.

Local Infrastructure Organisations are defined as those voluntary and community organisations whose main or only purpose is to support the work of other groups in the voluntary and community sector.

The Fund will support activities such as

- local collaboration and consolidation;
- redesign and integration of services to meet the changing needs of groups and communities; better links with local business;
- more peer to peer support within local voluntary sector, and stronger partnership with the local statutory bodies,;
- and sustainability in the long-term without ongoing support from central government.

Grants of £250,000 to £400,000 are available.

Organisations must register their interest in applying for funding by 5 August. After that date, organisations must contact the other groups in their local authority area that have registered an interest to agree on one partnership, as only one application can be accepted from a local authority area. For further information on the fund and the application process please click on the link below.

[http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog\\_transforming\\_local\\_infrastructure?tab=1&regioncode=-uk&](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_transforming_local_infrastructure?tab=1&regioncode=-uk&)

### **Changes to Awards for All**

Following feedback from funding advisers and applicants some small but important changes to our Awards for All programme have been made:

Groups can now apply for up to £10,000 per year as long as they only hold one Awards for All grant at a time

- Groups can apply for an existing activity if the activity hasn't taken place within three years
  - An eligibility checklist is on the new application form. This will make the application process easier for applicants
  - Successful applicants that have provided a bank or building society details form in the last two years will not need to resubmit this form as long as they are using the same bank or building society account
- Please note that Awards for All will still be accepting the old application forms until the end of June 2011. The new application form and guidance notes are now available at <http://www.awardsforall.org.uk/england/apply.html> or by calling the BIG advice line on 0845 4 10 20 30.

### **BIG Lottery Reaching Communities message**

BIG has warned potential applicants about the high level of competition for Reaching Communities grants in a 'Key Message'.  
The **Key Message** includes the following statistics, in 2010/11 BIG received:  
5,730 outline proposals requesting over £1 billion (many not eligible for funding)  
1,322 eligible full applications asking for £354,713,780.

BIG made:  
500 grants totalling £124,127,283.  
The average grant size awarded was £248,255.  
The message goes on to warn that 'cuts in funding elsewhere are likely to mean a further increase in competition' and gives advice to charities looking for funding.

[http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/reaching\\_communities\\_key\\_messages.pdf](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/reaching_communities_key_messages.pdf)

### **BIG announce “Millennium Now” funding programme**

The Big Lottery Fund (BIG) has announced an £11 million funding programme to invest in five UK projects that the public will help to choose.

A spokeswoman for BIG said no further details about how the fund would be distributed were yet available.  
She said 'The Millennium Now programme will allow the public to decide the themes that best represent their priorities for lottery funding in the current climate and will help to find five inspirational projects across the UK, each to receive a multi-million Big Lottery Fund cash injection'.

**To join the discussion should visit the project's [Millenium Now website](#).**  
The new fund was announced as BIG published a report assessing the impact of projects supported by the Millennium Commission, such as the Eden Project and Tate Modern.

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

### **Helping the ‘most vulnerable’ with Climate Change**

The Big Lottery Fund has pledged up to £50m to help the "most vulnerable" in England tackle the potential impacts of climate change by 2015. It has also launched consultation on how the funding could best be used.

The fund is needed because vulnerable people, such as older people on low incomes

and those with disabilities, might be the "most challenged" by the need to reduce carbon emissions and adapt to new climates.

They are more likely to live in low-quality housing, would be worst affected by the impact of floods and heat waves, and would have fewer resources to reduce their carbon footprint and pay higher fuel bills.

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The BLF will distribute up to £10m of the funding in the next year, with as much as £50m available by 2015.

<http://bigblog.org.uk/2011/03/17/biglf-ahead-of-climate-week-big-lottery-fund-pledges-up-to-50-million-to-tackle-the-effects-of-climate-change-on-vulnerable-groups-httpwp-mepgtpy-lz/?fromsearch=-uk>

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<http://www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/programmes/Pages/parksforpeople.aspx>

## **WWII veterans funding**

The Big Lottery Fund is committing over £1 million in extra good cause funding in the year ahead for the country's WWII veterans, to make sure they can make their personal battlefield commemorative journeys to the places they saw action.

The additional funding for the scheme comes on the day the Fund is naming the 50,000th individual to benefit from the Heroes Return grant schemes.

The extra funding for the scheme will help ensure veterans still to apply are able to journey in the year ahead to revisit the scenes of WWII events, such as the forthcoming 70th anniversary of the Battle of Crete.

The current Heroes Return2 programme was scheduled to close in January but now remains open until **31st January 2012**.

More information and details of how to apply for a Heroes Return 2 grant are available by calling 0845 0000 121 or visiting

[www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/heroesreturn](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/heroesreturn).

### **BIG's International Communities Programme**

BIG announced that their International Communities programme is now open to applications and will run from 2010-2015. The programme aims to help disadvantaged communities overseas by supporting work that tackles the causes of poverty and deprivation and brings about long-term differences to the lives of some of the most disadvantaged people in the world. Voluntary and community organisations who are working with partnerships with NGOs overseas will be able to apply for grants of between £50,000 and £500,000 to fund projects in all parts of the developing world which will improve education, health, allocation of natural resources, human rights, and/or livelihoods. Applications can be made at any time until the **31st March 2014**.

[http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/index/fundinguk/new\\_programmes.htm#newproguk](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/index/fundinguk/new_programmes.htm#newproguk)

## SECTION 4 – AREA FAN NEWS

### **Cotswolds Conservation Board Sustainable Development Fund**

The Cotswolds Conservation Board Sustainable Development Fund has been set up to encourage innovative projects that help to achieve more sustainable ways of living in areas of countryside of great natural beauty and diversity. Projects may enhance and conserve local culture, wildlife, landscape, land use, economy or the quality of local community life. They will seek to ensure an improved quality of life for everyone, now and for future generations.

The level of grant support varies. For example, voluntary sector applicants can be considered for a grant of 75% of total project cost. Whilst larger grants can be considered; these will only be available in exceptional circumstances and in most cases this will require a considerable contribution in kind, such as volunteer time or loan of equipment, premises, land etc. Local authorities will only be considered for grants of up to 50% of project value. Currently the maximum grant we can consider giving is £13,000. However, most offers are much smaller than this; which enables more projects to benefit from the Fund.

Proposed projects should have the demonstrable support and involvement of the local community, and demonstrate partnership working and social inclusion.

#### **Who can apply?**

Public, private, voluntary sector, individuals, businesses or community groups can apply. Individuals or businesses can only be beneficiaries where the project shows a clear benefit to the wider community.

#### **Eligibility**

Successful projects will demonstrate they meet ALL of the essential criteria AND at least one of the desirable criteria. Whilst they do not have to be located within the Cotswolds AONB, projects must demonstrate how they will benefit the AONB.

It will not be possible to give grants to every project which satisfies the criteria; due to its small size. Therefore it is a competitive process. The Grants Sub-committee will decide which projects will receive grants. Future dates of Sub-committee meetings and the deadlines for receipt of completed applications are available on our website.

Visit the website for further eligibility information, to get an application pack and access a map of the AONB which includes areas of Gloucestershire, Oxfordshire, Wiltshire, BANES, Worcestershire, Warwickshire, and South Gloucestershire:

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

Before you complete your application you should first speak to the Sustainable Development Officer on 01451 862035 (available on Mondays and Thursdays only) or email [anne.powell@cotswoldsaonb.org.uk](mailto:anne.powell@cotswoldsaonb.org.uk)

## **Helping hand scheme supports local groups**

Each year Wilkinson Hardware Stores make contributions from company profits to community initiatives within the company's trading areas through the Helping Hand Scheme. The scheme offers vouchers and financial support to local groups, charities and organisations within the store's catchment area and is particularly interested in supporting education, family, sports and arts projects.

Please note, as of June 2009, funds have all but dried up / very limited funds are available.

To apply for funding, write to:

Lesley Banks  
Sponsorship Administrator  
Wilkinson Hardware Stores Ltd  
J K House  
Roebuck Way  
Manton Wood  
Worksop  
Nottinghamshire  
S80 3YY.

Tel: 01909 505505.

## **SECTION 4b - COUNTY NEWS – DEVON**

### **DEVON (DEFAN)**

**FAN contact details – Richard Pears ([richard.pears@exeter.gov.uk](mailto:richard.pears@exeter.gov.uk))**  
**Tel: 01392 265348 or 07921 941101**

**Bulletin contact details – Eddie Gooding**  
**([eddie.gooding@devon.gov.uk](mailto:eddie.gooding@devon.gov.uk))**

**Tel: 01392 382076**

#### **North Devon Council – Community Councillor Grants**

Current Status:

Open for Applications

Description:

Financial assistance is available for projects or services which benefit the North Devon Community.

Maximum value: £1,500

There is no set limit on the size of the grant which can be applied for. However, the size of grant usually awarded is as follows:

- For projects covering an electoral ward - up to £1,500.

Extended Description:

North Devon Council's Community Councillor Grants scheme is in place to support community and voluntary groups to help develop activities and facilities that will benefit the socio-economic culture and environment of North Devon. These are awards for a specific project such as an event, a new or re-furnished facility or a pilot of a new service. The grant seeker will approach the district councillor of their ward for support in their application. They are time limited. All project grants will be subject to a funding agreement. The budget will be split equally amongst the district councillors.

Latest Information:

Applications are accepted and considered throughout the year.

Key Criteria:

Organisations eligible to apply include:

- Voluntary organisations.
- Community organisations.
- Village hall committees, Parish Councils, other community and voluntary sector organisations.

Proposed projects and activity should fall under one of the following headings:

- Sports.

- Culture and heritage.
- Environment and sustainability.
- Social welfare.
- Community.

The project must demonstrate:

- A need for the activity.
- A need for financial assistance.
- Local community support.
- Local benefit in accord with corporate strategies.
- Measurable benefit.
- Environmental sustainability.

Applicants to this fund should have the following:

- A constitution
- A bank account.
- Independently signed off accounts.
- Not-for-profit aims.
- Open access (within target group).

Eligible Expenditure:

Eligible expenditure includes:

- Core running costs.
- Specific projects such as an event, a new or refurbished facility, new equipment or the pilot of a new service.
- Equipment.

Restrictions:

Funding for the following will not be considered:

- Donations.
- Projects which cover an area which is primarily the responsibility of another funding agency.
- Double funding from North Devon District Council sources.
- Out of area activities.
- Fund-raising events.
- Projects which promote religious belief or political activities.
- Twinning.
- Civic events.
- Memorials.
- Retrospective funding.

Application Procedure:

Contact North Devon Council for further information and application forms.

Links

[Community Grants:](http://www.northdevon.gov.uk/index/lgcl_community_and_living/lgcl_grant_schemes/nonlgcl_community_grants_intro.htm)

[\(http://www.northdevon.gov.uk/index/lgcl\\_community\\_and\\_living/lgcl\\_grant\\_schemes/nonlgcl\\_community\\_grants\\_intro.htm\) »](http://www.northdevon.gov.uk/index/lgcl_community_and_living/lgcl_grant_schemes/nonlgcl_community_grants_intro.htm)

[North Devon District Council: \(http://www.northdevon.gov.uk\) »](http://www.northdevon.gov.uk)

Useful addresses and contacts for this scheme:

Lucinda Tomlinson Grants Officer  
North Devon Council  
Community and Leisure Services  
Civic Centre  
Barnstaple  
EX31 1EA

Tel: 01271 388433

### **Contact North Devon Council**

Application Form and guidance –

[http://www.northdevon.gov.uk/community\\_councillor\\_grants\\_application\\_form\\_07.08.doc](http://www.northdevon.gov.uk/community_councillor_grants_application_form_07.08.doc)

### **Dartmoor Sustainable Development Fund**

The Dartmoor Sustainable Development Fund has been set up to encourage innovative sustainable development projects that help to improve the quality of life for current and future generations. The Fund will support proposals that focus on environmental, economic, social and cultural aspects of life.

The level of grant support will not normally exceed 50%. For the voluntary sector it will not normally exceed 75%. Up to 100% will be available in exceptional circumstances and in most cases this will require a considerable contribution in kind, such as volunteer time or loan of equipment, premises, land etc. Although there is no prescribed maximum or minimum grant, the average to date has been around £6,000.

Proposed projects should change the attitude and behaviour of individuals and communities in ways that enhance understanding of sustainable development and the role of Dartmoor National Park Authority, while promoting co-operation and social inclusion.

Priority will be given to eligible projects that:

1. involve young people and combat social exclusion;
2. encourage links between urban groups and those resident in Dartmoor National Park;
3. demonstrate innovation or best practice;
4. lever in contributions from other sources;
5. add value or new dimensions to existing sustainability projects; and/or
6. have little access to alternative public funding; and/or
7. bring organisations together to co-operate in tackling problems or promoting new ideas.

Visit the website for further eligibility information and to get an application pack:

<http://www.dartmoor-npa.gov.uk/index/livingin/li-dartmoorsustdev.htm>

Before you complete your application you should first speak to the Sustainable Development Officer on 01626 831067 or email [dsdf@dartmoor-npa.gov.uk](mailto:dsdf@dartmoor-npa.gov.uk).

## **Fund for innovative ideas**

Springboard is an investment fund created to support the development of innovative ideas that will have a significant impact on the economy of Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.

Seedcorn funding to support early-stage development, feasibility studies or step change activities

There is no set intervention rate; investments will typically be between £50,000 and £250,000

The Springboard Fund will not provide displacement funding if there is another source that will provide the funding.

Public, private or voluntary sector organisations are eligible to apply in Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.

Applications can be made at any time and projects will be assessed on viability, value for money and the overall impact it will make. Grants are discretionary.

Application forms are available to download from the website, supported by proof that the recipient is compliant with current UK legislation.

South West Regional Development Agency  
Tel: 0845 600 9966

Email: [enquiries@springboardfund.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@springboardfund.co.uk)

Website: <http://www.springboardfund.co.uk>

## **Small grants programme for Devon**

The Devon Community Foundation, which is an independent charity committed to supporting local community causes and providing grants to support local causes, has announced a new grassroots small grants programme for local community groups and charities. Community Groups and Charities in Devon, that are volunteer led and with an annual income of up to £30,000 are eligible to apply for a grant of between £250 and £5,000 over three years.

The grant can be used for activities that increases or develops the capacity of small voluntary and community groups. Examples of the type of activities that can be funded include:

- Staff costs to enable employment;
- Training for volunteers;
- Putting on local events or workshops;
- Measures to achieve a quality award or improved standards;
- Activities to support community activity;

Additional activities to expand an existing funded project; The purchase of equipment to benefit the group such as a computer, oven or furniture, etc.

The foundation is quickly running out of funds for the Grassroots Grant Scheme - apply now to avoid disappointment! It is likely that the next round in September maybe the last standard round to be held, as almost all of the funds available have now been awarded. Therefore, if you are planning to apply to the Grassroots Grants Scheme make sure you apply now. We have Outreach support available should you require help with your application - go to the Grassroots Grants page for further details.

[http://www.devoncf.com/applying\\_for\\_a\\_grant/index.htm](http://www.devoncf.com/applying_for_a_grant/index.htm)

### **Sir John and Lady Amory's charitable trust**

Funding for good causes, with a particular emphasis on Devon.

Apply in writing.

Catchment Areas: Devon, and elsewhere in the UK.

Donations in institutions exceeding £1,000 each went to: Knightshayes Garden Trust (£17,000); Relief for the Elderly and Infirm (£1,400); Tiverton Market Centre (£2,000); and Churches Housing Action Team, Dorchester Abbey Appeal, Queen Alexandra Hospital.

Sir John and Lady Amory's Charitable Trust

The Island

Lowman Green

Tiverton

Devon

EX16 4LA

Tel: 01884 254899

## **SECTION 4c – DORSET (DOFAN)**

**FAN contact details – Eleanor Porteous ([E.Porteous@dorsetcc.gov.uk](mailto:E.Porteous@dorsetcc.gov.uk))**  
**Tel: 01305 221246**

### **Dorset AONB Sustainable Development Fund**

Funding for projects that will help to care for the Dorset AONB and the people who live and work in it. You will need to check whether your project lies within the AONB boundaries, although in some cases projects from outside these areas can be supported. Broadly, AONB is looking to support projects that:

- Conserve and enhance natural beauty and heritage
- Support the social and economic well being of communities in a sustainable way
- Add value to local products
- Improve the quality of life in rural areas
- Have the support and involvement of local people or meet a recognised local need

In particular projects that encourage everyone to get involved, including young people, remove barriers to all people's enjoyment and involvement in the countryside and encourage links between urban groups and those resident in the AONB. Grants of up to £20,000 are available; please see the website for deadlines.

<http://www.dorsetaonb.org.uk/default.asp>

Tel: 01305 756782

### **East Dorset community development grants**

Funding is available to a wide range of voluntary organisations in East Dorset that work with, and for, the community. The council's Grant Aid Schemes are designed to assist voluntary organisations and individuals who would not otherwise be supported. Groups working on lifelong learning projects, supporting young people and the elderly, the disabled and those disadvantaged by social exclusions will be given greater priority. Grants of up to £10,000 are available to cover both capital and revenue costs, other funding will need to be secured.

<http://www.dorsetforyou.com/index.jsp?articleid=387693>

### **West Dorset**

Advice and various capital grants are available to community or voluntary groups working to generate, develop and promote economic and social wellbeing within West Dorset. Will give funding for new projects, including capital items, and a contribution towards running costs.

Tel: (01305) 251010

<http://www.dorsetforyou.com/index.jsp?articleid=387697>

### **Wessex Watermark**

Support community and voluntary projects that will directly benefit the environment in the Wessex Water Region. Grants of between £100 and £1,500 are available for project costs, with an additional award of £2,500 which is made to a selected special project. Other funding will need to be secured.

Tel: (020) 7591 311

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

<http://www.wessexwater.co.uk/watermark>

### **The Community Foundation Bournemouth, Dorset, Poole**

The Community Foundation administers a variety of funds which aim to support not for profit voluntary and community groups across the whole of Dorset. Funds include

- Sports Relief
- JP Morgan
- Burning Issues

Grants vary from £150 - £10,000 depending on fund. Applications can be sent **at anytime**. For any further information or an informal chat please call.

<http://www.localgiving4dorset.org.uk/home/home.php>

Tel: 01202 292255

[bdpfoundation@btconnect.com](mailto:bdpfoundation@btconnect.com)

## **SECTION 4d – GLOUCESTERSHIRE (GeFAN)**

**FAN contact details – Barbara Pond ([bpond@grcc.org.uk](mailto:bpond@grcc.org.uk))  
Tel: 01452 528491**

### **PERFORMANCE REWARD GRANT**

A new fund of £500,000 is open to applications from voluntary and community groups in Gloucestershire. The Gloucestershire Performance Reward Grant fund will be used to invest in long term services that will produce improvements and benefits for the wider voluntary and community sector, not just individual organisations.

The minimum grant will be £10,000, and groups can apply individually or with other organisations as part of a consortium. £150,000 of the fund will be for capital projects, such as buildings, IT equipment or vehicles. £350,000 will be for revenue projects which could include running costs for a project such as salaries or training.

More details on who can apply can be found in the Guidelines for Applicants which can be found on the Gloshub website: <http://www.gloshub.org.uk/our-work/performance-reward-grant>. The application form is also available to download from this website, and Frequently Asked Questions can also be viewed here. Updates will be given via the website and Twitter @PRGfundglos.

**The deadline for applications is 5pm on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2011.**

### **Windsor Family Trust – Gloucestershire based**

This is a new donor-led named fund being offered through the Gloucestershire Community Foundation with effect from October 2010. The programme will support youth development work with young people up to the age of 18 years. Grants of between £250 and £5000 are available

The trust will accept applications from any group working in Gloucestershire but are particularly keen to receive applications from the Dursley and Stroud areas of the county. Applications may be submitted at any time and a decision made within 4 to 6 weeks.

The Windsor Family Trust's focus is on informal education, youth development and measures to overcome disadvantage. All applications must demonstrate this key element to their work.

#### ***You will also need to show that:-***

You are a registered Charity, Social Enterprise\* or a voluntary or community group with a constitution, whose aims contribute to the alleviation of disadvantage in Gloucestershire.

Your organisation/group is well managed and has recent, approved, accounts that can be made available to the Foundation.

The activity for which you are making the bid is well planned and achievable within your stated timescale.

Your grant is primarily for the benefit of Gloucestershire people.

Beneficial outcomes that address local disadvantage and/or identified need, and a lasting impact for your group members or community.

Outcomes that enhance the personal, social or learning development of young people aged up to 18 years.

The Trustees will consider bids for:

New activities, facilities or ways of working that meet needs identified by your group members/ beneficiaries.

Core funding to maintain existing service provision of well managed and effective groups.

Projects that improve relationships in our communities.

Services that improve equality of opportunity for minority groups and those disadvantaged geographically.

Training and equipment, where it can be clearly shown that this is essential for the better running of your organisation.

Small pieces of renovation work or fitting out with equipment following building improvement.

Applications from religious organisations, providing the project work does not seek to promote religious beliefs. Applications from 'Churches Together' organisations are accepted.

Applications will be considered for sole funding or for match funding, provided there is clear evidence that the full funding package has been identified & applied for.

If your application is approved, you would have 12 months in which to spend the grant – starting from the date on which you receive your cheque payment.

We would expect that you would start your funded activity within six months of the approval – and indeed would be looking for evidence in your application that such a start date is realistic.

For more details and application form please contact The Gloucestershire

Community Foundation

Jane Jarman, Grants Development Manager , on 01452 656386 or e-mail

[jane.jarman@edf-energy.com](mailto:jane.jarman@edf-energy.com)

### **Funding for good causes – with a preference for Gloucestershire**

D G Albright Charitable Trust provides funding for various causes including medical and children's charities.

Funding NOT For: Individuals

Apply in writing

Catchment Areas:

UK with a preference for Gloucestershire

General Notes:

Donations included those to: St Mary's School - Bromesberrow (£6,000); Maggie's Centres (£5,000); Bromesberrow Parochial Church Council (£2,500); British Empire and Commonwealth Museum, the Countryside Foundation for Education, the Family Haven – Gloucester, Game Conservancy Trust, Gloucester Family Support, Gloucestershire Macmillan Cancer Service, SSAFA Gloucester Branch and St. Luke's Hospital for the Clergy (£2,000 each); Butterfly Conservation, Dean and Chapter - Gloucester Cathedral, Gloucestershire Association for the Blind, Gloucestershire Life Education Centre, Swaziland Charitable Trust, Taste for Adventure Centre and the Three Choirs Festival 2008 (£1,000 each); Castle Gate Family Trust and Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust (£500 each); Bibles for Children (£300); and Breakthrough Breast Cancer (£250).

D G ALBRIGHT CHARITABLE TRUST

Old Church School  
Hollow Street  
Great Sommerford  
Chippenham  
Wiltshire SN15 5JD  
Contact: Richard G Wood, Trustee  
Tel: 01249 720760

## **SECTION 4e – SOMERSET (SOMFAWN)**

**FAN contact details – John Skrine**  
**([john.skrine@creatingexcellence.org.uk](mailto:john.skrine@creatingexcellence.org.uk))**

**Tel: 01823 250805**

### **Small grants for communities**

The Somerset Community Foundation is a local independent charity that raises funds and distributes grants to a wide range of community projects and voluntary groups that benefit local people.

We support children, youth groups and older people, those with special needs or disabilities, sports groups, and art and drama projects; aiming to build stronger communities for the benefit of everyone in Somerset

The Foundation administers a variety of funds for grant making and will be able to advise on which grants programme fits your needs or recommend an alternative funder if the project falls outside the Community Foundation's criteria. Please call 01458 833133 to talk to a member of the grants team.

Jocelyn Blacker  
Grants and Finance Manager  
T: 01458 833133  
E: [jocelyn.blacker@somersetcf.org.uk](mailto:jocelyn.blacker@somersetcf.org.uk)

### **The Wellbeing of Yeovil Association**

The Wellbeing of Yeovil Community Association was founded in 1980 by local businessmen to support worthy causes which benefit those living in Yeovil and surrounding communities. Over £400,000 of grants have been awarded towards projects large and small in recent years. Grants are contributed towards the capital element of projects such as building costs or equipment.

As a matter of policy the Association does not normally contribute to the running costs (revenue) of projects.

A committee chaired by Tim Chappell MBE meets in January, March, June and September each year to consider applications for grants. In the last couple of years the Wellbeing has made over 30 grants including contributions to projects at West Coker School, East Coker Pavilion, Sutton Bingham Canoe Club, Nether Compton village hall, Yeovil Amateur Boxing Club, Time Out Together playgroup, Yeovil Shopmobility, St Peters Church hall, Urban Warriors Yeovil and Yeovil Hospital's Flying Colours appeal.

If you have a worthy cause or project from which the local community will benefit then consider applying to Tim Chappell 01935 812922 or email [tim.chappell1@btinternet.com](mailto:tim.chappell1@btinternet.com) for help from the Yeovil Association. Alternatively if you or your firm would like to make a donation or join the Association then they would be very pleased to hear from you.

## **SECTION 4f – WILTSHIRE & SWINDON (WSFN)**

**FAN contact details – Jane Butler ([jane@cibwilts.org.uk](mailto:jane@cibwilts.org.uk))**

**Bulletin contact details – Damian Wood ([damian.wood@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:damian.wood@wiltshire.gov.uk))**

**Tel: 01225 713217**

### **FROGNAL TRUST**

Funders Overall Aim:

To benefit older people, people with disabilities or sight loss, youth, medical research and environmental heritage.

Funding Type: Between £200 and £3,500

Funding For:

Buildings, capital one-off projects, research and start-up costs.

Who Can Apply:

Registered charities only

When To Apply:

Applications should be received by February, May, August and November for consideration at trustees meeting the following month.

FROGNAL TRUST  
WILSON SOLICITORS LLP  
STEYNINGS HOUSE  
SUMMERLOCK APPROACH  
SALISBURY  
SP2 7RJ

Contact: Mrs Susan Hickley

Tel: 01722 427536

### **Gannett offering grant aid**

THE Gannett Foundation, the charitable arm of the publishers of the Wiltshire Gazette & Herald and the Wiltshire Times, is inviting applications for grants from local good causes.

Over the last ten years, the foundation has given grants amounting to £4million throughout the UK and applications are invited for sums for specific projects between £5,000 and £10,000.

A spokesman for the foundation said: "We value projects that bring lasting benefits to the communities and neighbourhoods served by our newspapers.

"That includes schemes for neighbourhood improvement and local problem-solving, economic development, youth development, education and cultural creativity, help for the disadvantaged or disabled and environmental conservation."

For the first time, this year applications from uniformed youth groups like the Scouts and Guides are being allowed. Applicants must be registered charities and not have received a grant from Gannett within the last two years. The foundation will not fund salaries, professional fees or day-to-day running costs. Schools and political and religious groups are also excluded.

Application forms are available by ringing Sue Cockrem at the Devizes office of the Gazette & Herald on (01380) 723501, or emailing [scockrem@newswilts.co.uk](mailto:scockrem@newswilts.co.uk).

They can also be downloaded from the website at [www.gazetteandherald.co.uk](http://www.gazetteandherald.co.uk) Closing date for applications is Friday, October 14.

### **North Wessex Downs AONB Sustainable Development Fund**

The SDF supports projects that bring environmental, social and economic benefits to the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). The SDF is intended to develop and test new ways of achieving a more sustainable way of life in this area of great beauty and diversity. Projects are encouraged that have a positive impact on the AONB, demonstrate best practice or present imaginative ideas for achieving sustainability.

### **The North Wessex Downs LEADER programme**

The North Wessex Downs LEADER programme aims to improve the rural economy and quality of life for people living and working in the North Wessex Downs. LEADER is available to farmers, foresters, businesses and communities. Favoured themes for projects include local food, local tourism, mitigation for climate change, farm diversification, business transformation and new small enterprise start-ups.

Further information: Oliver Cripps  
Acting Assistant Director  
North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty  
Denford Manor  
Lower Denford  
Hungerford  
Berks  
RG17 0UN

Direct Line: 01488 680457  
[www.northwessexdowns.org.uk](http://www.northwessexdowns.org.uk)

### **Mike Slade Scholarship (Sports funding in the community for Wiltshire)**

The Sports Development Team of Wiltshire Council has launched a talented athlete grants scheme to help identify and support those young people living in the county, who are training and competing at a minimum of national level. Five grants of £1000 are being made available which will help young people to achieve their goals and work towards gaining success at the highest level in World and Olympic Games. For junior residents specifically in the South of the County we are also administering the [Mike Slade Sports Scholarship award](#) which is now open for application. For full details of both schemes please email [tamzin.ewers@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:tamzin.ewers@wiltshire.gov.uk)

### **Wiltshire and Swindon Intelligence Network website (WSIN)**

A new website has been created to provide access to a wide variety of information and research for Wiltshire. The new site, [www.intelligenenetwork.org.uk](http://www.intelligenenetwork.org.uk), is available to all and aims to support planners and policy makers, community leaders and politicians, voluntary groups and the general public in using accurate data. More information can be viewed [here](#).

This site includes the ability to search for funding (see Wiltshire & Swindon Funding Network section) and replaces the Grantnet search facility that Wiltshire Council previously offered.

This service is in addition to the excellent database run by the Charities Information Bureau. The WSIN offers three sites with information for businesses, community groups and social enterprises. These portals give access to:

- 60 second funding search or category browse for easy and quick access
- 24 hour update for comprehensive funding information
- Full scheme & contact details linking you directly to funding providers
- Local information, support and contact details to help your organisation meet is potential
- Local news bulletins on community issues in your area

Your ability to access individual schemes depends on the nature of your organisation and the activities it is engaged in.

### **Village Hall Grant Scheme for Wiltshire**

Community First administers the Village Hall Grant Scheme on behalf of Wiltshire Council . The scheme is for local communities wishing to provide, extend or refurbish Village Halls.

Grants are available for major capital projects of £10,000 or more.

Funding For:

Major repairs such as a new roof or heating system.

Funding NOT For:

Normal repairs and redecorations.

Catchment Areas:

County of Wiltshire. Not Swindon.

VILLAGE HALL GRANT SCHEME

Carol Southall

Village Halls Adviser

Community First

Wyndhams

St. Joseph's Place

Devizes

Wiltshire SN10 1DD

**Tel: 01380 722475**

[csouthall@communityfirst.org.uk](mailto:csouthall@communityfirst.org.uk)

**Wiltshire Community Facility & Biodiversity Grants £1,000 - £45,000**

Most of the county falls in an area eligible for Landfill Communities Fund grants for capital spending on community facilities or biodiversity projects.

Eligible projects include:

- Community centre / Village hall improvements
- Play areas, skateboard parks, BMX tracks
- Conservation & Biodiversity projects including village pond restoration and community gardens

And applicants can be:

- Community organisations
- Parish or town councils

Applications are considered for:

- normally no more than 40% of the total project cost
- average £10,000-£25,000
- projects where the remaining funds needed have been mostly identified.

Call or email the Grants Office at Community First to find out if your project may be eligible & for details of the application process.

Community First on 01380 722475 or [grants@communityfirst.org.uk](mailto:grants@communityfirst.org.uk)

## **Wiltshire Council - Community Area Grants**

Funding Type:

Up to £5,000 available

\*Up to and including £1,000 may be available for small projects, where there will be no need for you to find matched funding and applications for the whole project can be considered.

\*For funding requests over £1,000 financial support from other sources must be identified (matched funding), which can be made up or in part by contributions in kind. No more than 50% of the total cost of a project will be awarded.

Funding For:

To help provide facilities, equipment and activities that are important to the local community. Projects should demonstrate a link to local priorities/community plan and evidence of an identified community need. Involvement of your local Councillor is desirable. To find out the name of your Councillor please see [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk) or contact the Council on 0300 4560 100

Funding is not for:

Political or Religious activities; Statutory bodies to fund their core services (includes direct funding for schools/PTAs); Sole benefit of individuals; private - profit making/commercial organisation; Running costs - e.g. rent, rates, electricity etc; Work which has already started.

This includes projects where orders/instructions have been agreed and resources committed; Projects which could reasonably be expected to secure finance by other means.

How To Apply:

Applicants are encouraged to discuss their project with the Community Area Manager in advance of submitting an application. A list of Area Managers is given in the Guide to Funding Community Awards at the above webpage.

Applicants are encouraged to make electronic applications which may be found on the Council's website [www.wiltshire.gov.uk](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk)

Otherwise paper applications remain acceptable. Submit your application to the relevant Community Area Locality Team. A full list of the Teams and maps of the area covered are given in the Guide to Funding Community Awards at the above webpage.

#### When To Apply:

Applications will be considered at each Area Board meeting, applications must be received a minimum of 6 weeks before the relevant

#### General Notes:

\*Where the total cost of a project is over £50,000 a business plan should be provided.

\*Where the total cost of the project is over £10,000, three quotes must be provided (with your preferred supplier identified in Section 3 of the application form). Where the total cost of the project is under £10,000, some financial evidence e.g. a quote which you intend to use must be provided.

\*Contributions In kind either as volunteer time or materials may be costed into your project calculations, based on a maximum of £50 per day for general volunteers and £100 per day where professional/technical advice is provided e.g. architect drawing up plans. Please include this information in section 3 and 6 of the application form.

\*Applications from Town and Parish Councils will not normally receive more funding than that contributed by that Town or Parish Council, since they are able to raise funds through the precept.

\*If your project requires planning permission, building regulations or any other form of licence or approval, this must be obtained before submitting your application.

#### \*CONTACT DETAILS:

General enquiries: Tel: 0300 456 0100

Northern Locality Area Board: Tel: 01249 706448

Email: [areabaordsnorth@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:areabaordsnorth@wiltshire.gov.uk)

Central Locality Area Board Team: Tel: 01225 18441

Email: [areaboardscentral@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:areaboardscentral@wiltshire.gov.uk)

Southern Locality Area Board Team Tel: 01722 434236

[areaboardssouth@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:areaboardssouth@wiltshire.gov.uk)

[www.wiltshire.gov.uk/communityandliving/areaboards/areaboardscommunitygrantsscheme.htm](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/communityandliving/areaboards/areaboardscommunitygrantsscheme.htm)

## **Support for older people**

Support is available for elderly people through Age Concern (Wiltshire). The trust aims to promote the well-being of older people in order to make later life a happy, fulfilling and enjoyable experience.

Age Concern Wiltshire Services include:

- \* Support service.
- \* Activity projects.
- \* Community safety, public education, presentations and campaigning.
- \* Gardening service.
- \* Home support.
- \* Nail care.
- \* Products and services.
- \* Research and consultation.
- \* Technology club.
- \* Traders scheme.
- \* Volunteering.

Following the national merger of Age Concern and Help the Aged to form Age UK, Age Concern Wiltshire has changed its name to Age UK Wiltshire.

Our contact details have been changed too:

[admin@ageconcernwiltshire.org.uk](mailto:admin@ageconcernwiltshire.org.uk) has become [admin@ageukwiltshire.org.uk](mailto:admin@ageukwiltshire.org.uk)

[www.ageconcernwiltshire.org.uk](http://www.ageconcernwiltshire.org.uk) has become [www.ageukwiltshire.org.uk](http://www.ageukwiltshire.org.uk)

### **Salisbury City Almshouse and welfare charities**

Elderly people - primarily those who have been resident within the Salisbury District for more than 5 years, and are assessed to be in need of sheltered or very sheltered accommodation.

Three units of accommodation are available for consideration for elderly women who are resident outside of the Salisbury District. Young families, with preference given to single parents, and already resident within the Salisbury District can also be accommodated in a small number of general needs houses/flats. People of all ages who are referred by Social Services, medical practitioners or other similar bodies are also considered for grants for relief in need.

Applicable to those in the Salisbury District

Areas of interest include clothing, equipment, heating, furniture and holidays. Education: schoolchildren for clothing; college students for study/travel abroad, books, equipment and instruments; people starting work for uniform/clothing, books, equipment and instruments. Elderly - to provide sheltered almshouses for needy elderly people and a small number of general needs accommodation for young families.

Minimum of £100, maximum of £300. Grants given in 2003 was £21000.

Apply by application form, which should be sponsored by a social worker or other professional.

Applications are considered month relief in need grants are related to the needs of each applicant. Must be reasonable, and must take into account assistance available from other sources.

Clerk to the Trustees,  
Trinity Hospital,  
Trinity Street,  
Salisbury,

SP1 2BD

Tel: 01722 325640

[clerk@almshouses.demon.co.uk](mailto:clerk@almshouses.demon.co.uk)

### **The Salisbury Diocesan Aid in Sickness Fund**

Aim: To give assistance to those in need who are suffering from severe illness and where income from other sources is not sufficient to provide a standard of comfort which appears necessary in any individual case.

Funds Distributed:  
£4,000 (2008/09)

Funding for: Medical; health; sickness; relief of poverty.

Children/young people; Elderly/old people; people with disabilities.

Application in writing.

Catchment Areas:  
Salisbury and 25 mile radius

The Salisbury Diocesan Aid in Sickness Fund  
Mrs Meg Able  
36 Moberly Road  
Salisbury  
Wilts SP1 3BY  
Tel: 01722 329677

### **SECTION 4g – FORMER AVON (FANWOE)**

**FAN contact details – Balbir Nirwan [balbir@blackdeva.org.uk](mailto:balbir@blackdeva.org.uk)  
Tel: 0117 939 6645**

#### **Funding Bristol's youth community groups**

Bristol Children & Young People's Partnership Fund is a new fund set up by the Council providing grants for small voluntary and community sector organisations **working in Bristol** with 8-12 year olds, for the purposes of improving the transition from primary to secondary school.

The aims of the fund are as follows: To increase confidence and self-esteem in children; to increase positive social and communication skills and ability to make and maintain friendships and narrow the gap in achieving positive outcomes between those children who are disadvantaged and children overall.

The maximum grant is £5,000.

Applications can be made **at any time**.

<http://www.quartetcf.org.uk/showcontent.asp?CollectionID=@0000000606>

## **Express Programme**

**Description:** Grants from the Express Programme are awarded to small, local voluntary and community organisations where a small amount of funding can make a difference in disadvantaged areas. The work of your organisation must benefit people who are disadvantaged or isolated. People may be isolated due to poverty, disability, age, location or culture. Priority is also given to groups that:

- \* Enable people to take opportunities that would otherwise not be available to them.
- \* Involve local people in improving their community.
- \* Reflect the concerns and priorities of people living and working in the area.

**Area:** West of England (Bristol, Bath & North East Somerset, North Somerset, South Gloucestershire).

**Amount:** The maximum grant is £2,000.

**Closing Date:** We accept applications to the Express Programme at any time and there are no closing dates. Applications are considered as and when they are received and applicants should be notified of the outcome within six weeks.

**Guidelines:** Please download and read the guidelines below before applying for a grant.

**To apply:** Read the guidelines then apply online or download an application form, complete it and return it to us by post or email.

Quartet Community Foundation supports small, community-based charities and voluntary groups in the West of England whose work benefits local people. We give grants to a broad range of causes and welcome applications from both new and established groups. For more details of all the funding streams available from Quartet Community Foundation or for an application form visit [www.quartetcf.org.uk/apply](http://www.quartetcf.org.uk/apply) or call Ronnie Brown at Quartet Community Foundation on 0117 989 7705. You can also register to receive their monthly bulletin by clicking on the E-newsletter link in their home page.

[www.quartetcf.org.uk](http://www.quartetcf.org.uk)

## SECTION 4h – NORTH SOMERSET

**FAN contact details – Angi Lewis (angi.lewis@vansmail.org.uk)  
Tel: 01934 836952**

### **Grass roots**

The Quartet Community Foundation has announced that it will launch a £1.3 Million Grant Funds for Local Groups on the 1st September 2008. The Grassroots Grants scheme will support local community groups with an annual turnover of less than £30,000 to develop and run projects that meet a range local needs. Grants of up to £5000 will be available to support activities that will make a difference in local neighbourhoods. The funding is divided across the four unitary authorities of the West of England according to population and need levels and the three year totals available include; £582,000 for Bristol groups; £197,000 for Bath and North East Somerset groups; £241,000 for North Somerset groups; and £280,000 for South Gloucestershire groups. In addition, the Foundation has issued the Grassroots Endowment Challenge. This provides individuals and companies with an opportunity to increase the impact of their giving by 50% - at no extra cost to themselves. For every two pounds donated to the challenge, an extra pound will be added by **government until March 2011**. Money raised will be invested in a fund that will support local community projects.

<http://www.quartetcf.org.uk/showcontent.asp?ShowSiblings=N&ParentID=@0000000163&CollectionID=@0000000621>

## SECTION 4i – BATH AND NE SOMERSET

**B&NES** – Formerly FAB, now part of FANWOE.

Contact: Katherine Tanko – Tel: 01225 33 00 90 or 07725 433 110.

### **Bath & North East Somerset Local Strategic Partnership (LSP)**

#### **Performance Reward Programme: Small Grants Fund**

Grants of up to £5,000 are available with a total budget of £300,000 over 2 years. Awards will be made through the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) process. The scheme is designed to help local groups play a greater part in helping their community and to get involved in projects that help deliver the Sustainable Community Strategy. Over the two year life of the fund, £150,000 is available for capital spending such as equipment whilst the remaining 50% is for other costs such as training: groups can however apply for a mixture of both. Organisations applying will not need to be registered charities but must have a formal constitution or set of rules. Applications must also demonstrate evidence of community support.

The application form and guidance notes can be found at

[www.bathnes.gov.uk/cef](http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/cef) or by emailing [cef@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:cef@bathnes.gov.uk) or calling 01225 477278. If you are unable to access the application form and guidance electronically, then please call 01225 477278 and they will arrange for you to receive hard copies.

### **Bath & North East Somerset Supporting Communities Fund**

Grants of between £200 and £2,000 are available for groups who are working to tackle some of the causes of mental ill health, social isolation and distress, and to promote and improve people's mental wellbeing. The grant will primarily fund capital items, although ongoing or recurring costs will be considered over a short period of time if the project can be shown to be sustainable. There are two funding cycles, with the intention of awarding half of the fund each time. **Funding deadlines are: Friday 27 May and Friday 14 October 2011.** To read the full guidelines and apply online visit:

<http://www.quartetcf.org.uk/fundresults.asp>

**Healthy Lives, Healthy People Fund:** This fund is provided by NHS Bath & North East Somerset (B&NES) for community work to reduce health inequalities and improve the health and mental wellbeing of people in B&NES. Grants of up to £2,000 are available. Bids are likely to promote services, spread key health messages and/or provide opportunities for people to be part of activities which will promote good health and wellbeing. **Funding deadlines are: Friday 13th May and Friday 14th October 2011.** To read the full guidelines and to apply visit: <http://www.quartetcf.org.uk/fundresults.asp>

### **£1000 for Energy Efficiency Improvements to Community Buildings**

Western Power Distribution Community Chest is offering community venues in Bath and Northeast Somerset up to £1,000 to facilitate energy efficiency improvements to community buildings. The scheme will fund the installation of simple energy saving improvements including:

- Lighting upgrades
- Heating system upgrades (in particular improved heating controls)
- Insulation
- Draught proofing
- Minor repairs (for example to door and window frames)

For full guidance on how to apply visit

<http://www.cse.org.uk/projects/view/1152>

Bridget Newbery on Tel: 0117 934 1413. The Fund is administered by Centre for Sustainable Energy [wpdcc@cse.org.uk](mailto:wpdcc@cse.org.uk)

## **SECTION 5 – OTHER REGIONAL FUNDING INFORMATION**

**BBC Children in Need, PO Box 76, London W3 6FS. Tel: 020 8576 7788**

[www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey](http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey)

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