

FUNDING INSIGHT

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New Funding Opportunities

Children in Need (UK)

Organisations working with disadvantaged young people aged 18 or under are able to apply for funding through the BBC's Children in Need Programme. Funding is available to organisations, (including schools) that work with young people who are suffering from:

- illness
- distress
- abuse or neglect
- are disabled
- have behavioural or psychological difficulties
- and / or are living in poverty or situations of deprivation.

The type of funding available includes:

- Capital
- Revenue grants.

There is no minimum or maximum amount when applying for funds from BBC Children in Need and organisations can apply for up to 100% of project costs.

Previous projects funded include:

- Home-Start Kettering Area which received a grant of £15,445 to run two support groups to work with disadvantaged children and their families on a weekly basis during term time.
- The Barnstaple Poverty Action Group which received a grant of £109,832 to help reduce homelessness and rough sleeping among young people through prevention, information, advice, support and emergency accommodation.

Organisations wishing to apply for funding need to complete the BBC Children in Need online grant application form no paper applications will be accepted. The next application deadline is 15 April.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/grants/>

Futurebuilder Launches Small Organisation Tender Fund (England)

Futurebuilder England, the national organisation that aims to develop the capacity of Third Sector Organisations, has announced the launch of the Small Organisation Tender Fund together with the National Programme for Third Sector Commissioning (NPTSC). This grant fund helps finance tendering costs or capacity building work - such as:

- legal costs
- advice from procurement specialists
- financial expertise
- bidding staff costs - to help small organisations win specific public sector contracts.

There is a pot of up to £220,000 for this fund, £150,000 of which has been contributed by the NPTSC. Grants will be offered for up to 10% of a contract value, up to a maximum of £15,000. Contracts being tendered for must hold a minimum value of £30,000. To be eligible to apply to this fund, organisations must have a turnover of less than £250,000 and must have been trading for a minimum of one year. There is no application form for this fund. To begin the application process please submit an enquiry, call Futurebuilders enquiry line on 0191 261 5200 or email info@futurebuilders-england.org.uk .

<http://www.futurebuilders-england.org.uk/our-products/small-organisation-tender-fund/small-organisation-tender-fund/>

EU Announces Next Call for Proposals under the ICT PSP Work Programme 2009 (UK)

The European Commission has announced that the next call for proposals under the ICT PSP Work Programme 2009 is now open for applications. The aim of the ICT PSP Work Programme 2009, which is part of the European Union's Competitiveness and Innovation framework Programme (2007 – 2013), is to stimulate innovation and competitiveness and accelerate the development of a sustainable, competitive, innovative and inclusive information society. It supports activities to accelerate innovation and implementation of ICT based services and systems through the wider uptake and best use of ICT and the exploitation of digital content by citizens, governments and businesses. Under the ICT PSP €99.5 million of funding will be available to consortiums of organisations consisting of national Governments, public administrations and private sector organisations from at least six different Member States or associated countries. The closing date for applications is the 2nd June 2009.

http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/activities/ict_psp/index_en.htm

Centre for Social Justice Awards 2009 (UK)

Charities, small voluntary groups, or other projects tackling poverty in at the local level are invited to apply for the Centre for Social Justice Awards 2009. With a prize fund of £50,000, the Award aims to recognise and reward effective poverty fighting groups from across the UK. In particular the Award is looking for activities that tackle poverty and which are people focused, tackling the causes as well as symptoms, practical, entrepreneurial, driven by conviction and motivated by compassion. There is no application form. Applicants need to describe in 500 words or less how their organisation makes an exceptional contribution to tackling poverty and turning lives around. Previous winners have included:

- A charity that is helping teenagers at risk of social exclusion gain mechanic skills and related employment.
- A supplementary school that works in Tower Hamlets and Yorkshire which helps children overcome their disadvantaged background.

The closing date for entries is the 17th March 2009.

<http://www.centreforsocialjustice.org.uk/default.asp?pageRef=296>

The Henry Smith Charity (UK)

The Henry Smith Charity makes grants totalling over £20 million per annum for a wide range of purposes across the UK, funded from investments. The charity covers areas such as hospitals and medical care (services operated by the NHS will not normally be funded); hospices and palliative care medical research; disability; elderly; young people; drugs and alcohol; family services; homeless; and holidays for children.

The Charity has three funding streams:

- The main grants programme which offers grants for more than one year, and up to three years. Grant applications must be for £10,000 or more per annum, and can be used towards core costs.
- The capital grant programme which offers grants of more than £10,000 for one year only for purchase/refurbishment of a building, purchase of specialist equipment, other similar capital expenditure, or one year's running costs.
- The small grants programme which offers grants of £10,000 or less to organisations with an annual income of less than £150,000, for one-off capital items such as equipment purchase, or one year's running costs.

There are no specific deadlines, although Trustees meet quarterly in March, June, September and December to consider applications, so these must be received at least 8 weeks prior to a meeting.

<http://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/index.html>

EU Launches Call for Proposals to Promote International University Cooperation (UK)

The European Commission has launched a new call for proposals under its new Tempus IV Programme (2007 – 13). The aim of Tempus IV is to support projects that facilitate cooperation in the field of higher education among Member States of the European Union (EU) and partner countries in the surrounding area. Tempus support two types of actions. Joint Projects, which are based on multilateral partnerships between higher education institutions in the EU and the partner countries. They can develop, modernise and disseminate new curricula, teaching methods or materials, boost a quality assurance culture, and modernise the management and governance of higher education institutions. Structural Measures, which contribute to the development and reform of higher education institutions and systems in partner countries, to enhance their quality and relevance, and increase their convergence with EU developments. Institutions and organisations which may participate in the Tempus Programme range from higher education institutions and organisations through to non-academic institutions and organisations such as non-governmental organisations, companies, industries and public authorities. The total amount of funding available for this call for proposals is €53 million and the financial contribution from the Commission cannot exceed 90% of the total eligible direct costs. The closing date for applications is the 28th April 2009.

http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/tempus/call09_en.html

Crisis –Changing Lives Programme (UK)

Crisis, the national Homeless Charity has announced that the Changing Lives Programme is now open for applications. The Crisis Changing Lives programme provides financial awards of up to £2,500 to solitary people who are homeless or settling into a home and looking for support so that they may achieve their vocational goals. The Awards can be used for:

- course fees
- equipment or materials for courses
- tools materials and equipment to get back to work
- to set up a business.

Applications can not be made by the homeless person, but rather by the support organisation providing ongoing help. This could be a key worker, someone providing guidance concerning training or employment, a housing support officer or someone like a mental health worker. The closing date for applications is the 13th March 2009.

<http://www.crisis.org.uk/page.builder/changinglivesawards.html>

Community Cash Awards (UK)

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 £250 to £5,000, 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
- Be a new or developing project.

Previous projects supported include:

- An amateur boxing project to give young people greater confidence.
- 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/Main%20Site%20v2/14-30%20and%20need%20help/grants%20for%20community%20projects.asp>

Emergency Grants Programme for Hospices in Financial Crisis (UK)

Help the Hospices are offering full UK member Hospices that are in significant and immediate financial crisis, and may have to reduce frontline services for patients and their families and carers within the next six months the opportunity to apply for funding through their Emergency grants programme. They are seeking to support programmes of work that are directly related to strategically moving a hospice towards a more secure and sustainable long-term future. They will not support core hospice costs, maintenance projects or specific short term fundraising initiatives. Grants are of between £5,000 and £10,000. There is a two stage application process. The deadline for stage one - Expression of Interest - is the 2 March 2009.

<http://www.helpthehospices.org.uk/our-services/grants/emergency-grants/application-guidance-notes/>

Civil Society Challenge Fund (UK)

The Department for International Development (DFID) is seeking applications from UK-based, non-profit organisations through their Civil Society Challenge Fund (CSCF). The CSCF supports activities that:

- Improve the capacity of Southern civil society to engage in the local and national decision making processes
- Improve national linkages through global advocacy
- Provide innovative service delivery
- Provide service delivery in difficult environments.

They offer grants of up to £500,000 for a maximum of 5 years. Projects where the UK organisation has secured a degree of funding from other sources or is making a contribution of its own are welcomed, however, up to 100% will be considered where no other funding is available. Previously funded projects include Royal Society For The Protection Of Birds for a project in the Taraba region of Nigeria to empower local people to improve their livelihoods by realising their rights to participate in and benefit fully from the management of the forests on which they depend; and TUC AID which received a grant of £400,000 to promote workers' rights and secure better living standards in Sierra Leone. The deadline for Concept Notes is 31 May 2009 and the deadline for full proposals are 31 July 2009.

<http://www2.dfid.gov.uk/funding/civilsocietycf.asp>

Music Grants for Older People (England & Wales)

The registered charity, Concertina makes grants to charitable bodies which provide musical entertainment and related activities for the elderly. The charity is particular keen to support smaller organisations which might otherwise find it difficult to gain funding. Since its inception in 2004, it has made grants to a wide range of charitable organisations nationwide in England and Wales. These include funds to many care homes for the elderly to provide musical entertainment for their residents. Some of the charities that have received grants from the charity include:

- Age Concern, Exmouth which received a grant for entertainments for the elderly in Exmouth and surrounding areas.
- Sue Ryder Care, Lancashire to fund access to music therapy workshops at Birchley Hall near Wigan and St Helen's.

The next application deadline is the 30th April 2009.

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

Yapp Charitable Trust Grants (England & Wales)

The Yapp Charitable Trust is an independent grant making trust that aims to make grants totalling £300,000 to about 50 small charities each year. Grants of up to £3,000 per year for up to three years are available to:

- Sustain the work of charities that work with elderly people
- Children and young people aged 5 – 25
- People with disabilities or mental health problems
- People trying to overcome life-limiting problems of a social, rather than medical origin such as addiction, relationship difficulties, abuse, and a history of offending.

Grants are also available to promote lifelong learning. Applications are processed continuously. To be eligible charities need to have a total expenditure budget of less than £60,000 a year for the whole charity. The time it takes to process an application and make a grant is usually between two months and six months. Previously supported projects include:

- The Association For Shared Parenting which received a grant of £6,000 over 3 years for running costs of a Saturday contact centre in Birmingham that enables children to meet the parent they no longer live with.
- Gainsborough Traveller Initiative which received a grant of £6,000 over 3 years towards educational support for Traveller young people and their parents.

The next grant-making meeting will be in early March 2009.

<http://www.yappcharitabletrust.org.uk/index.html>

School Grants Scheme (UK)

UK schools and colleges catering for pupils in the age range 5-18 are able to apply for funding from the Particle Physics and Astronomy Research Council for small-scale projects or events linked to the teaching or promotion of physics and, in particular, particle physics, astronomy and space science. Grants of up to £500 may contribute to costs such as running a science week activity, organising a visit to or from a working physicist, supply cover, transport, marketing and publicity, and materials/resources. Schools can normally only apply for one grant per year. Previous projects to receive funding include St Clements Danes School for a trip to the JET Fusion Research Facility; and St.Johns High School for a Practical Rocketry workshop to - design a water propelled rocket. Applications can be submitted at any time.

http://www.iop.org/activity/education/Teacher_Support/Grants/page_4712.html

Second Round of Show Scotland 2009 Grants (Scotland)

Museums Galleries Scotland, which represents over 340 museums and galleries throughout Scotland. have announced the availability of a second round of Show Scotland 2009 small grants. The grants which are available to full members of Museums Galleries Scotland are designed to help support events being organised for the 'museums and galleries big events weekend', which will take place from Friday 1st to Monday 4th May 2009. Please note that time is tight for this round, the deadline is the 9th February 2009. The maximum award per museum or gallery is £2,000.

<http://www.museumsgalleriesscotland.org.uk/news-2/news-article/172/second-round-of-show-scotland-2009-grants>

2012 London Cultural Skills Fund Second Round Open to Applications (London)

Arts Council England, London has announced that round 2 is open for applications through the 2012 London Cultural Skills Fund. This fund is designed to support the advancement of cultural and creative skills so that more people in London can have the chance to learn and develop through the arts during the Cultural Olympiad. Through the Fund grants of between £25,000 and £50,000 are available to:

- community groups
- third sector organisations and local authorities to support community-based skills
- training and employment support projects
- projects that will work with groups who are not usually involved in arts or cultural projects to explore the different cultures that exist in London.

The Arts Council would especially like to see arts and community organisations really stretching themselves to do things they've never done before. An example of this could be:

- Working with a new group of people from a different cultural or age group.
- Tackling the development of a new area of skills.

All applicants must first register on the CompeteFor website: www.competefor.co.uk by the 13 of February 2009.

http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/regions/news_detail.php?browse=homepage&rid=3&id=1061

Other Funding News

Biffaward Flagship Programme to Re-Open in March 2009 (UK)

Biffaward, which is one of the largest Landfill Communities Fund schemes, has announced that its Flagship programme will re-open for applications on the 2nd March 2009. Biffawards provides grants to support a range of community and biodiversity project. Through the Flagship programme grants of between £150,000 - £500,000 are available to support projects that have a regional or national impact. The Flagship Scheme supports two themes:

- Rebuilding biodiversity
- Cultural facilities.

Projects must be site-based, within 25 miles of a Biffa operation and ten miles of an active landfill. The organisation making the application must be eligible to enroll with ENTRUST as an Environmental Body. Previous winners of the Flagship grants include the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Northamptonshire & Peterborough who won a Flagship grant of £389,930 towards the Great Fen Project. This project, which demonstrates regional and national significance, with long term benefits for biodiversity and communities, will restore more than 3,000 hectares of wildlife habitat to the Cambridgeshire Fens. Biffawards usually support 2 to 3 Flagship projects per year.

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

Package of Support Measures Open to Third Sector Businesses (England)

The Government has confirmed that the package of measures unveiled by Business Secretary Lord Mandelson designed to address the cash flow, credit and investment needs of small and medium businesses is available to social enterprises and third sector businesses. The support package builds upon the commitments outlined in November's Pre Budget Report and aims to help companies struggling to access finance for working capital and investment. The measures released include: a £10bn Working Capital Scheme, securing up to £20bn of short term bank lending to companies with a turnover of up to £500m; an Enterprise Finance Guarantee Scheme, securing up to £1.3bn of additional bank loans to small firms with a turnover of up to £25m; and a £75m Capital for Enterprise Fund (£50m from Government augmented by £25m from the banks) to invest in small businesses which need equity.

http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/third_sector/news/news_stories/090114_berr.aspx

RBS to Review its Innovate Programme (UK)

The Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) has announced that it is reviewing its Innovate Programme. Under the Innovate Programme the RBS has been providing financial support of £100,000 per year to fund projects that test new approaches to financial inclusion and capability. In 2009 funding will continue to benefit some of the most vulnerable people, including people with learning disabilities and young people between the ages of 16 and 25 who are vulnerable to homelessness. It will support improvements to the infrastructure and co-ordination of existing financial inclusion services so that frontline staff are better equipped to provide advice and tenants are more aware of how to access the help they need. Previous projects supported include Off the Streets and into Work (OSW) who received a grants of £30,000 to develop two online calculators to help single homeless people make informed decisions about whether they are financially better off in work; and the AIRE Centre which received a grant of £10,000 from RBS Innovate to produce multilingual information for EU migrants on basic bank accounts, current accounts, and proving their identity at the bank.

<http://www.transact.org.uk/page.asp?section=000100010002>

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Local Food Programme (England)

Under the Local Food Programme a total of £50 million is available over the next five years to support a range of organisations such as voluntary and community groups, health agencies including hospitals and PCTs , schools, social enterprises, Parish and Town Councils etc., to carry out a variety of food related projects to make locally grown food more accessible and affordable to local communities. Grants are currently available through two funding streams.

- The small grants scheme which makes grants of between £2,000 and £10,000;
- The main grants programme which makes grants of between £10,001 and £300,000 to support projects such as growing, processing, marketing and distributing local food; composting and raising awareness of the benefits of such activities.

Projects supported through the programme include:

- Wirksworth Farmers Market . The project will set up a monthly Farmers' Market in Wirksworth that will involve fresh, local produce being brought into the town and offered for sale to both tourists and local people.
- Castle High's After School Club. Castle High's After School Club consists of children and parents who are working hard to learn about different foods and the effects on the body. The group will be making a video to promote awareness and understanding between food and healthy lifestyles.
- Grow your own Grub. A.P.P.L.E.'s 'Growing Our Grub' project is a new education and growing project which will deliver food related activities to children, young people and adult volunteers.

Applications to the Small and Main grants programmes can be submitted at any time.

<http://www.localfoodgrants.org/index.php/grants>

First Light Movies Announces New Application Deadlines (UK)

First Light Movies provides grants to projects that enable young people to participate in all aspects of film productions. Since launching in 2001, First Light Movies have enabled over 12,000 young filmmakers to write, act, shoot, light, direct and produce over 800 films. The funding is available to organisations such as schools, youth services, community and voluntary groups that work with young people aged between 5 and 18. Every year approximately £700,000 of grants are available through three funding streams: The Pilot Awards provides grants of up to £5,000 for the production of a 5 minute film. The Studio Awards provides grants of up to £30, 000 for between two and four films of up to 10 minutes. What's the Big Idea Awards provides grants of £3,000 to develop ideas and stories for films. Schools that have received funding include: Balfour Junior School in Brighton received funding to make an environmental documentary 'The Amazing Adventures of the Plastic Bag'. Mousehole County Primary School in Cornwall received funding for 'School of Fish', a film that looks at how the holiday trade affects the lives of people in Cornwall. Prudhoe Community High School in Northumberland received funding for 'The Legend of Long Lankin', an animated drama retailing the folktale of the local murderous villain Long Lankin and his female accomplice. A crew of 15 13 to 17 year olds will produce the film. The deadline for applications is the 31st March 2009 for the What's The Big Idea? Award and the Pilot Awards. The Studio Award is currently closed but the next deadline will be announced in early 2009.

<http://www.firstlightmovies.com/funding/>

Alcohol Education and Research Council – Small Grants Programme (UK)

Organisations such as community groups, universities and charities, etc are able to apply to the Alcohol Education and Research Council under its Small Grants Programme. Funding of up to £5,000 is available for projects that increase the capacity of individuals and organisations to deal with alcohol issues. Funding is available both for research and action orientated projects. The Alcohol Education and Research Council is very flexible in what is eligible for support and is looking for projects that are innovative and that make a difference. Applications can be made at any time.

<http://www.aerc.org.uk/grants.htm>

Grants to Promote Walking (Scotland)

The Paths for All Partnership has announced that it has funding available to fund new and innovative ways of promoting walking for health. The aim of Paths to Health is to increase the health and well-being of inactive people by promoting regular walking within local communities. The funding is available to any organisation, group or partnership within Scotland, which can demonstrate that it is working in the interests of the wider community. Funding is available through two funding streams:

- The small grants schemes for grant of up to £2,000
- The large grants scheme for grants of between £2,000 and £40,000 for projects lasting up to three years.

Applications should demonstrate the involvement of the local community in planning and running local projects. The development of volunteers within the community to help run the scheme is integral to achieving long-term sustainability of led walk programmes. In addition grants of up to £2,000 are available to businesses that introduce walk to work initiatives. The Paths for All Partnerships would encourage any potential applicant to discuss any proposals with the Paths to Health team as soon as possible. Applications for small grants can be made at any time and for large grants the application deadline is the 6th April 2009.

<http://www.pathsforall.org.uk/pathstohealth/grants.asp>

The Peter De Haan Charitable Trust Grants Programme (UK)

The Peter De Haan Charitable Trust supports charitable organisations which aim to improve the quality of life for people and communities in the UK. This year the charity expects to make grants of between £2 million and £3 million. The funding available is delivered through three programme areas; social welfare; the environment; and the arts. Grants can be for project-based applications or to subsidise core costs and can be available can be for up to three years. Applications are considered on a continuing basis throughout the year. However major grants are awarded at the trustee meeting held quarterly in March, June, September and December.

<http://www.pdhct.org.uk/home.html>

Wolfson Foundation Schools Programme (UK)

Schools that are looking for grants to fund building work, IT and other equipment (mainly for the teaching of science and technology) can apply for funding to the Wolfson Foundation's Schools Programme. The types of schools eligible to apply include; Independent schools, Foundations (in place for 5 years); Voluntary Aided schools; and Sixth Form Colleges (in place for 5 years). State schools are ineligible to apply. The main aim of the schools' programme is to support schools with a proven record of excellence. In addition, schools with a clear record of continuing improvement may also be considered. The Foundation is one of the UK's largest grant making trusts and distributes approximately £35 million for capital projects to registered charities in the UK (or organisations with charitable status) active in the areas of Science and Technology, Education, Arts and Humanities, and Health and Welfare. Grants will usually only be made when matching funding has already been raised or pledged. In 2008, the Foundation made grants in excess of £1.5 million through the Schools programme. The level of funding ranges from £20,000 to £50,000 per school. For example, Weald of Kent Grammar School was recently awarded £40,000 to help buy computers and other items as well as refurbishing two classrooms and to equip its new science laboratories. Applications to the Foundation can be made at any time and schools interested in applying should write to the Foundation to find out if their project is eligible

http://www.wolfson.org.uk/flash/grants_schools.htm

Society for the Assistance of Ladies in Reduced Circumstances (UK)

The Society for the Assistance of Ladies in Reduced Circumstances, which was founded in 1886 and provides support to women resident in the United Kingdom who are living alone in their own home (either owned or rented) and in genuine need, irrespective of age or social status, has announced that in 2009 it will make £50,000 available for grants to other organisations. Although the Trustees have decided that their principal charitable activity will remain the making of grants to individual women, applications will also be considered for funding towards projects which represent the complete work of a small organisation, or a particular undertaking by a larger one. In order to meet the requirements of the Society's governing document, the Trustees will only consider applications for support for projects which are for the exclusive benefit of women in financial need. The Society cannot consider projects which also benefit men; children; and women who are not in financial need. The closing date for applications is 15 March 2009.

http://www.salrc.org/institutional_grants.htm

Other Grants Online websites include :

Local Authority Local Funding Portals – www.grants4.info

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