

FUNDING INSIGHT

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New Funding Opportunities

Match Funding Scheme for Volunteering (England)

V, the national charity that inspires volunteering amongst young people has announced the next application deadlines for its match funding programme. Through this programme v provides grants to charities that match up to 100% of any new private sector investment for youth volunteering projects in England. The aim of the fund is to inspire greater levels of investment in youth volunteering from private companies, charitable trusts and foundations and individuals. To date, v has pledged of £35m from the private sector – making a total of £72m that has and will be invested into diverse and high impact projects across England. The programme themes are:

- Health and well being
- The environment
- Supporting children and young people
- Community cohesion
- Poverty
- Human rights.

In addition, will be giving organisations that have not previously received funding from v the opportunity to attend an innovation workshop prior to submitting an application. They will take place in London. The workshop will offer a better understanding of the Match Fund and v's priority assessment criteria.

The following will be covered:

- An overview of the Match Fund
- Match Fund priority assessment criteria (youth involvement, direct delivery and quality opportunities)
- Innovative Ideas Generation to support the development of project proposals and volunteering opportunities

If you have successfully completed the online eligibility criteria and are interested in attending a workshop, please email matchfund@wearev.com to reserve a place.

The next closing dates for applications are the 8th May and 17th July 2009.

http://www.wearev.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=211

Action Grants for the Prevention of and Fight against Crime (UK)

The European Commission has issued a call for proposals for action grants through its programme "Preventing of and Fight against Crime". Not for profit and governmental organisations active in the general field of fighting crime are eligible to apply for action grants. This Call for proposals covers four themes:

- Crime prevention and criminology
- Law enforcement
- Protection and support to witnesses
- Protection of victims

Priorities for this call for proposals include:

- Trafficking in human beings
- Sexual exploitation of children
- Illegal use of the Internet
- Environmental crime, etc.

The Commission is seeking to support both national and transnational projects involving partners from at least two European Union countries. The total budget available for this call is €40,545,000. Project proposals seeking EU co-funding of less than € 50,000 will not be eligible. There is no maximum limit but the amount of Community co-financing requested will be assessed with regard to the expected results.

Previous projects funded through the programme include the London Probation Board which received a grant of €209,000 for project to reduce the influences that radicalise prisoners and the Avon and Somerset Constabulary which received a grant of €228,700 for a project to prevent the violent radicalisation, through enhanced community engagement in Islamic Schools, with Imams and young Muslims. For more information on previously funded projects please go to http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/funding/isec/doc/projects_2007_en.pdf

There are two closing dates for applications in 2009, these are:

- The 16th March 2009
- The 31st July 2009.

http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/funding/isec/funding_isec_en.htm

Biffaward Small Grants Programme Now Open (UK)

Biffaward, one of the largest landfill communities fund scheme has announced that they are now accepting applications through their small grants programme, for projects that enable communities to improve local amenities and to conserve wildlife. Grants are of between £250 and £5,000, but projects must not cost more than £10,000 in total. To be eligible projects must be site-based within ten miles of a Biffa operation and 10 miles of an active landfill. Biffaward seeks to support access and improvements to amenities such as furnishing community buildings; cycle paths; recreational facilities; playground equipment; park improvements; access improvements to nature reserves. They will not fund equipment or running costs. Some projects that have benefited from Biffawards small grants in the past are: Evigton village green, on the outskirts of Leicester; and Avon Wildlife Trust to make improvements to Willsbridge Valley Local Nature Reserve in Bristol. Applications can be submitted at any time.

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

Scottish Government Launches £1 Million Energy Efficiency Design Awards (Scotland)

A new £1 million pound annual prize fund to inspire innovative ways of improving the energy efficiency of Scotland's housing sector has been launched. The Scottish Government has announced that the Scottish Energy Efficiency Design Awards will be open to applications from April this year. The Scottish Energy Efficiency Design Awards are based on a manifesto commitment for a £1 million award to bring together designers, the construction and manufacturing industries to create the best energy efficiency solutions for Scotland. The Energy Saving Trust will manage the Design Awards. The awards will focus on innovation and design solutions to encourage the development of low carbon buildings, with a particular emphasis on housing. The aim is to drive innovation, research and development of new low carbon products and services for the retrofit market, as well as developing skills and capabilities of business and supporting local supply chains. Applicants to the Scottish Energy Efficiency Design Awards should contact Jennie Devlin at the Energy Saving Trust on 0131 555 7900.

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2009/02/03100504>

B&Q's One Planet Living Awards 2009 (UK)

B&Q as announced that the One Planet Living Awards for 2009 are now open for applications. Through the scheme, awards of up to £10,000 of B&Q products are available to environmental groups, community organisations, schools, charities or sports clubs, etc across the UK and Ireland which are working on projects that aim to enhance the local community or help return to the One Planet Living. One Planet Living aims to support activities to reduce the impact we are having on the world's natural resources. One Planet Living is based on the premise that if we continue to live as we do in the UK, we will need three planets to maintain our way of life. To be eligible, community-based projects must fall within one of the following categories:

- Save energy
- Conserve nature
- Support local culture & heritage
- Grow your own.

B&Q are looking to support 40 projects:

- 1 of £10,000
- 4 of £5,000
- 35 of £2,000.

The deadline for applications is 27 March 2009.

http://www.diy.com/diy/jsp/bq/templates/content_lookup.jsp?content=/aboutbandq/2004/social_responsibility/YCDI_Awards/main.jsp&menu=aboutbandq

Tesco Charity Trust Community Awards (UK)

The Tesco Charity Trust has announced that it is now accepting applications for projects that support the Elderly and Adults and Children with disabilities. The funding is available to community and voluntary groups who can apply for grants of between £1,000 and £5,000. 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 for projects that support children's education and welfare. The next application round to support children's education and welfare projects will re-open on the 1st May 2009. The closing date for applications for projects that support the Elderly and Adults and Children with disabilities is the 31st March 2009.

http://www.tescopl.com/plc/corporate_responsibility/local_communities/community_investment/charitable_giving/tesco_charity_trust/

Hilton in The Community Foundation (UK)

Organisations that work with young people have the opportunity to apply for grants of up to £50,000 per year through the Hilton Foundation. During 2006, the Foundation made grants totalling over £1.3m to numerous organisations including registered charities and schools for activities and projects that meet one of the Foundation's three chosen areas of focus:

- Young People – Education
- Young People – Health
- Disaster Relief and International Fund.

Previously supported projects by the Foundation have included:

- The Palmer Junior School, which received a grant of £2,740 to help send 11 young people on a school field trip, who could otherwise not afford it.
- The Red Gates School, which received a grant of £750 for specialist equipment at the school.

Examples of previously funded projects include; the Rett Syndrome Association UK, which received a grant of £3,000 towards an activities programme including family weekends, paediatric clinics with various therapies and transition; and the Rainbows Children's Hospice, which received a grant of £7,507 towards the refurbishment of facilities and purchase of AV equipment to create a cinema for the children. For more information on projects funded through the Hilton foundation please go to

<http://www.hilton-foundation.org.uk/who%20we%20support.htm>

The next closing date for applications is the 5th May 2009.

<http://www.hilton-foundation.org.uk/home.htm>

Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust (UK)

Within the UK, the Trust makes grants to both organisations and individuals for activities that:

- Relate to peace and conflict resolution
- Promote racial justice, including empowering black and minority ethnic people to engage in decision making and policy development
- Develop an appropriate relationship between people and the institutions that affect them, including the promotion of accountability, openness, responsiveness and a respect for human rights across the public and private sectors
- Quaker concerns which helps to deepen the spiritual life of the Society of Friends or that develops Quaker responses to problems of our time.

The Trust tends to fund work that is on a national level and there are no maximum grant limits although the Trust does stress that costings need to be realistic. The next deadline for applications is 6th April for the Ireland programme and the 27th April 2009 for all other programmes.

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

Sparks: The Clore Jewish Development Fund Opens for Applications (UK)

The Clore Duffield Foundation has announced that it is seeking applications through the Sparks: The Clore Jewish Development Fund. The Fund was launched in January 2007 and supports innovative cultural, educational and development projects in Jewish communities (excluding London). Applications are being accepted from not-for-profit organisations, limited companies and schools. The total fund available is £100,000 per year and Sparks are offering grants of between £1,000 and £20,000 to:

- Support cultural, educational and communal projects and events
- Outreach and access initiatives
- Interfaith projects
- Student activity if it benefits the wider community
- Capacity building and training.

Previous projects supported include the Exeter Hebrew Congregation to support a Community of Learners Course; and Salaam Shalom an Interfaith Radio Station Volunteer Training Project in Bristol. The deadline for applications is the 30 April 2009.

http://www.cloreduffield.org.uk/page_sub.php?id=72&parent=35

Funding to Develop the Sustainability of Young Social Enterprises (England)

The Adventure Capital Fund (ACF) has announced that it is accepting applications under its Business Development Grant scheme. The ACF offers a range of investments and support to develop stable and sustainable community based enterprises. Under the Business Development Grant scheme, funding of up to £15,000 is available to support community enterprises in their early stages of development by developing their skills and capacity. The aim is to improve their investment readiness and sustainability. The Adventure Capital Fund expects to make around 30 Business Development Grants a year to be distributed on a rolling basis. Approximately 3 or 4 grants will be made in each English region. Eligible costs could include: technical assistance and advice, legal or other fees relating to building purchase or development, business planning, training, feasibility studies, market research or product development. To be eligible for funding, organisations need to:

- Serve one or more clear communities – of place, interest or identity
- Be established within the community that they seek to serve and have members of that community involved in and represented in the management and decision-making processes
- Be looking to use entrepreneurial methods to achieve social goals.

The next closing date is the 14th March 2009 and will re-open for a second funding round from the 4th May until the 29th May 2009.

<http://www.adventurecapitalfund.org.uk/content/view/37/51/>

The Department for Children, Schools and Families Invites Bids for Music Partnership Projects (England)

The Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF), working with the Department for Culture Media and Sport and Arts Council England, is inviting bids from Regularly Funded Arts organisations (RFOs), Local Authorities and others currently working collaboratively, for extra funding to develop, or extend, music activity for young people delivered through partnership working. Support would be for one year and is expected to fund the project activity only. Bids will need to demonstrate that the main bid partners already have effective partnership arrangements in place, which are actively supported by established organisations with experience of delivering musical opportunities to young people. Partners should include at least one Local Authority and an RFO. Up to £1 million is available in total to support up to five projects in 2009/10. For further details including a specification please email: Catherine.Brown@dcsf.gsi.gov.uk no later than the 20 February 2009.

<http://www.youthmusic.org.uk/news/dcsf-invites-bids-for-music-project-funding.html>

Launch of Intermediate Labour Market Scheme (Wales)

WCVA has announced that on Thursday 5th February they will be holding an event at Venue Cymru between 9.30 and 13.00 for the launch of Intermediate Labour Market (ILM), a new procurement scheme that will make £13m of European funds available to organisations that provide target groups with a period of supported employment. The ILM aims to reduce economic inactivity in North Wales by investing in organisations to provide work experience and training for people facing barriers to employment. Any organisation is invited to tender for the ILM contracts, however activities must be delivered to participants in the areas of Anglesey, Gwynedd, Conwy and Denbighshire. The Intermediate Labour Market will issue contract up to a maximum of £150,000, but an element of match funding will be required. To find out more or reserve a place for the event contact WCVA on 01745 357573 or email ILM@wcva.org.uk.

http://www.wcva.org.uk/news/dsp_news.cfm?newsid=1253&display_sitedeptid=21&display_sitetextid=93

New Fund for Community Wildlife and Green Space Projects (London)

Grantsscape, one of the UK's largest grant making charities has announced that it has, in conjunction with the Church Urban Fund, launched a new pilot grant programme. The programme, "Believing in Your Local Community: Wildlife and Green Spaces", has been specifically designed to support faith-based community groups delivering nature conservation and green spaces projects with a community benefit in London. Social action groups and small voluntary organisations linked with a faith or belief and/or a church or place of worship based in a deprived area of London and with an annual income of less than £150,000 are now invited to apply for grants of up to £10,000. Projects should demonstrate:

- Community and social cohesion benefits and tackling local deprivation by improving people's access to nature and green spaces where there is a present deficiency
- Promoting awareness of and delivering benefit for the local natural environment
- Community involvement, engaging with volunteers and ensuring long-term sustainability
- Potential to be used by a wide range of local people and groups (e.g. schools and community groups).

The closing deadline is Tuesday 17 March 2009.

<http://www.grantscape.org.uk/home/news/latestnewsletter/outlookfebruary2009.htm>

Helping Creative Business Succeed Through Training Grants (East of England)

Beyond 2010 is a new European Social Fund and East of England Development Agency (ESF/EEDA) programme which targets ten employment sectors and is managed by the Essex Development & Regeneration Agency (ExDRA). The programme helps creative businesses succeed through a grant for training which will reimburse up to 50% of the cost for higher level courses. Beyond 2010 includes the Response to Redundancy programme which provides information, advice and re-training opportunities to individuals facing redundancy. This programme is managed by The Consultancy Home Counties (TCHC) on behalf of ExDRA. The sectors that are eligible for Beyond 2010 are:

- Automotive & high-tech manufacture
- Creative
- Financial services
- Food and drink processing
- Life sciences and healthcare
- Low carbon and sustainable technologies
- Social enterprise
- Sustainable communities and the built environment
- Tourism and Olympics 2012
- Transport gateways.

For further information on how to apply for funding from Response to Redundancy please contact: philip.shackleton@tchc.net.

<http://www.beyond2010.co.uk/>

ESF Community Grants Programme (East Midland)

The East Midlands ESF Community Grants programme was launch on the 2nd February 2009. The aim of providing small grants is to give community groups an opportunity to access funding, through a simplified process, to undertake activity that helps engage and progress disadvantaged individuals in positive community work. Projects should provide an opportunity for them to develop their confidence and skills and be more able to take advantage of further opportunities that help them progress towards the labour market. For this first application round there is a total of £586,000 funding available. Groups can apply for up to £10,000, with an expected average grant being £5,870. The applications deadline will be 30 March 2009.

<http://www.nottscommunityfoundation.org.uk/news/?id=86>

Neighbourhood Learning in Deprived Communities Fund (East Midlands)

The Learning and Skills Council (LSC) for the East Midlands has announced that it is seeking applications for capital funding through its Neighbourhood Learning in Deprived Communities Fund (NLDC) 2008/09 in Derbyshire. The purpose of the NLDC fund is to:

- Support local voluntary and community sector organisations (VCS) to develop their capacity to deliver learning opportunities for residents of disadvantaged neighbourhoods.

The LSC has a total of £35,000 available to support four or five projects of between £5,000 and £10,000. The target group is low skilled adults aged 19+, not currently in employment, but who want to work. Within this broad category, meeting the needs of local disadvantaged communities and individuals facing specific barriers and significant disadvantages are a priority. These barriers include:

- Being disabled
- Being from an ethnic minority
- Being over 50
- Being a lone parent.

The closing date for applications is 12 noon on the 20th February 2009.

<http://www.lsc.gov.uk/regions/EastMidlands/News/latestnews/Notice+to+Tender+NLDC+Derbyshire.htm>

Other Funding News

£10 Million Competition for Companies to Make Buildings Greener (UK)

The Government has announced a competition for companies to improve the green credentials of buildings across the UK. The 'Retrofit for the Future' competition will encourage companies to bid for a share of £10m in government funding to develop innovative solutions to improve the environmental sustainability of existing buildings, dramatically increase performance and reduce costs. The competition will consider what works and could be used effectively to 'retrofit' buildings including homes. Those that are successful could then be adopted by the Government through public procurement to help meet climate change goals. The competition and demonstration programme, to be launched in March 2009 under the Low Impact Buildings Innovation Platform, will aim to deliver a minimum of 50 demonstration prototypes and will be managed by the Technology Strategy Board in collaboration with social landlords.

<http://www.innovateuk.org/content/news/press-release-10m-grand-challenge-to-make-housing-.ashx>

First Steps for Personal Health Budgets (England)

The Government has announced that it is seeking expression of interest from Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) and Local Authorities that wish to submit a proposal to participate in a new Personal Health Budgets pilot programme. The launch of the pilot programme follows the publication of the Department of Health's "Personal health budgets: first steps" a document that outlines how personal health budgets might work in the NHS and sets out evidence from other health systems. Rather than a definitive guide or rulebook, First Steps encourages PCTs to take an innovative approach to personal health budgets and explore the opportunities they offer. The pilot programme will run from the end of 2009 until 2012. The closing date for applications is 27 March 2009.

<http://nds.coi.gov.uk/Content/Detail.asp?ReleaseID=390978&NewsAreaID=2>

Awards for All Wales - Important News (Wales)

Awards for All Wales has announced that Heritage Lottery Fund has decided to withdraw from the programme, therefore they will no longer accept applications to fund heritage projects. Awards for All Wales is supported by the Big Lottery Fund and award grants of between £500 and £5,000 for people to take part in community activities, and projects that promote education, the environment and health in the local community. Applications can be made at any time.

<http://www.awardsforall.org.uk/wales/index.html>

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Trusthouse Charitable Foundation (UK)

The Trusthouse Charitable Foundation has announced that funding is available to local and national charities or not-for-profit organisations that address rural and urban deprivation. Under Rural Issues grants are available for projects that could include for example providing transport for the elderly, disabled or disadvantaged; contact networks for young disabled people; projects which encourage a sense of community such as community centres and village halls; employment training schemes especially those promoting local, traditional crafts; projects addressing issues such as drug/alcohol misuse or homelessness. Under the Urban Deprivation grants are available for projects that could include for example youth clubs; training schemes to help people out of unemployment; drop in centres for the homeless. In addition, from July 2009, the Foundation will start a three year themed grant which will fund projects addressing mental health issues for prisoners and ex-offenders. The Grants Committee meets quarterly to consider applications at the beginning of February, May, July and November. The deadlines for submitting applications are generally 2 months before the date of a meeting.

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

Time Running Out to get Green Grants (UK)

The Government has announced that charities and organisations like schools and hospitals have until June 2009 to apply for grants through the Low Carbon Buildings Programme to install green energy generating equipment like solar panels, wind turbines or biomass boilers. Through the scheme charities and public sector bodies can apply for 50% of the costs of installing small scale energy generating equipment such as solar panels, wind turbines or biomass boilers. To date 367 schools have benefitted from Low Carbon Buildings Programme funds. Not only do schools have the opportunity to cut their fuel bills by generating their own energy, but pupils can learn about climate change. For example, Sandwich Technology School in Kent, was given a grant of £9,000 from the Low Carbon Buildings Programme to install a wind turbine. Homeowners can also apply for grants of up to £2,500 to help towards the cost of installing small scale energy generating equipment. Homeowners have until June 2010 to apply.

<http://nds.coi.gov.uk/Content/Detail.asp?ReleaseID=389255&NewsAreaID=2>

Nationwide Foundation Seeks Applications Under its Small Grants Programme (UK)

The Nationwide Foundation which works towards a just and caring society by enabling people to take part in building better futures in their communities is currently accepting applications for funding under its Small Grants Programme. Under the programme grants of up to £5,000 are available to registered charities with a yearly income of less than £500,000. The Small Grants Programme is part of Nationwide Foundation's Supporting Families programme and has the following aims; to promote the well-being of young men, women and children whose lives have been affected by domestic violence and to reduce the prevalence of domestic violence through increased service provision, education and awareness raising; to improve the quality of life of families with a member or members in prison, through the provision of services responsive to their needs; and to provide young people who are or have been involved with the criminal justice system with a rehabilitation programme designed to obtain the skills, confidence and personal support networks to enable them to lead fulfilled and successful lives . Previous projects funded include a grant of £5,000 towards the salary costs of a counsellor involved in the specialist support and advocacy service for women suffering domestic violence and a grant of £4,000 towards setting up workshops for women from Black and Minority Ethnic groups living in the London Borough of Newham, who are experiencing domestic abuse and difficulties in their relationships. There is no application closing date for the Small Grants Programme.

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

£9 Million Investment to Help Young People to Become Social Entrepreneurs (England)

The Department for Children, Schools and Families has announced £9 million for a new scheme to help young people spearhead and deliver ideas for positive activities, helping them at the same time to become young social entrepreneurs. Funding and practical support will be available for young people to think of new ideas for positive activities, which could be anything from sport to music to art, which they will then deliver in their local communities, on Friday and Saturday nights. Third sector organisations are invited to bid to run the scheme and support the young people involved. This scheme aims to be up and running in the first half of 2009 and will aim to tailor activities as much as possible to the needs of young people, giving them influence and control over the types of positive activities that emerge within their communities. The investment will initially be available in around 50 of the most disadvantaged neighbourhoods and communities. Organisations interested in running the scheme should submit their applications by the 13th March 2009.

http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/pns/DisplayPN.cgi?pn_id=2008_0298

Cemex Community Fund (UK)

The CEMEX Community Fund is a grant-giving fund established by CEMEX under the Landfill Tax Credit Scheme. Its aim is to support sustainable local community and environmental projects within 3 miles of a CEMEX operation. Each year Cemex makes available grants of between £1,000 and £15,000 to support a small number of projects in England, Scotland and Wales. Support is available for projects which provide and maintain public parks and amenities when the work protects the social, built and/or natural environment; and repair, or restore buildings or structures which are of religious, historical or architectural interest. Organisations wishing to apply, need to be enrolled as an Environmental Body with Entrust, the Regulator of the Landfill Community Fund. The deadline for applications is the 30th April 2009 for Stage 1 Expression of Interest forms.

<http://www.rmccf.org.uk/index.php>

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 type 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

Other Grants Online websites include :

Local Authority Local Funding Portals – www.grants4.info

Grants 4 Schools – www.grants4schools.info

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