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New Funding Opportunities

Funding Sports in the Community (England)

Sport England has announced the investment programmes that will be available to organisations delivering grassroots sports from April 2009. Sport clubs, voluntary and community organisations, local authorities and education establishments will be able to apply to the following four open-access funding streams worth £45m per year:

- Up to £30 million will be invested via regular themed funding rounds that meet specific needs of community sport
- £7 million will be available in small grants of between £300 and £10,000 to support sporting projects across England
- £3 million will be distributed through Sportsmatch
- £5 million will be invested through a new Innovation Fund.

Sports England will also invest £10 million per year of capital funding in projects that promote a sustainable approach to community facilities. A maximum of £158 million will be distributed to specific organisations with specific objectives related to community sport. This will include:

- £120 million for 46 NGBs based on four-year plans they submitted for developing their sport
- £10 million to be invested in county sports partnerships, which will support NGBs to deliver their outcomes and Sport England programmes
- £10 million to be distributed to other national partners such as Sporting Equals and the Women's Sport and Fitness Foundation to support the delivery of agreed outcomes
- £18 million of Exchequer funding to be invested in programmes and organisations that contribute to the Government's five hour sports offer for 5- to 19-year-olds.

http://www.sportengland.org/index/news_and_media/news_pr/funding_sport_in_the_community.htm

Home Office Seeks Application throughh the European Integration Fund (UK)

The Home Office has announced that it is now accepting applications for funding under the European Integration Fund (EIF). A total of £5 million is available to support innovative projects that support the integration of third-country nationals of different social, cultural, religious, linguistic and ethnic backgrounds within the UK. The Fund aims to contribute to the following policy objectives;

- facilitation of the development and implementation of admission procedures relevant to and supportive of the integration process of third-country nationals;
- development and implementation of the integration process of newly-arrived third-country nationals in Member States;
- increasing of the capacity of Member States to develop, implement, monitor and evaluate policies and measures for the integration of third-country nationals;
- exchange of information, best practices and cooperation in and between Member States in developing, implementing, monitoring and evaluating policies and measures for the integration of third-country nationals.

Proposals are also invited from Local Authorities Adult, Further Education and Community Colleges wishing to offer, or expand capacity for, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) courses that are intended to help legal migrants to become fully functional in UK society. The Home Office is conducting a pre-application workshop for prospective bidders. This will be held in Central London on the 4th February 2009. The closing date for applications is 4pm on the 6th March 2009.

https://homeoffice.bravosolution.com/esop/toolkit/notice/public/tender.do?caller=0&tenderId=tender_24097

The Joanies Trust (UK)

Registered charities working with young people aged 11 to 25 are eligible to apply for grants through the Joanies Trust. Each year, the Trust makes approximately 30 grants with an average value of £1,000 to support projects that offer intensive support to young people as well as those that promote preventative work, and especially those that are designed to lead to individual development through integration, work opportunities or accreditation. In particular the Trust is looking to support projects that show innovation and imagination as well as evidence of close consultation with young people in developing their project. The next deadline for applications is the 30th April 2009.

<http://www.joaniestrust.org.uk/index.htm>

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>

Funding to Tackle Knife Crime (England & Wales)

The Government has announced that it is seeking funding applications for projects that tackle the issues of guns, gangs and / or knives among young people. Grants of up to £10,000 per year for up to three years are available through the Home Office Community Fund. The fund is open to community groups and other not for profit organisations within the Tackling Knives Action Programme (TKAP) police force areas and supports projects that address one or more of the following themes:

- reducing knife crime among young people
- reducing gun crime and gang-related violence among young people
- combating and changing the negative influence of delinquent peer groups
- preventing young people from initially becoming involved in gun, knife and gang related crime
- breaking the cycle of re-offending among young people.

The Tackling Knives Action Programme (TKAP) police force areas cover include Metropolitan, Essex, Lancashire, West Yorkshire, Merseyside, West Midlands, Greater Manchester, Thames Valley, Nottinghamshire, South Wales, Northumbria, South Yorkshire and Bedfordshire. The closing date for applications is the the 3rd April 2009.

http://grantsadmin.co.uk/homeoffice_communityfund/

Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation Announces Changes to its Grant Making Programme (UK)

The Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, which is a major grant making trust in the areas of social wellbeing, culture and education has announced significant changes to its grant making activities in 2009. Instead of inviting applications, the majority of the Foundation's funding will be proactive and they will identify and work with partners whose activities will best meet their aims for 2009. The only fund open to applications will be a new Innovation Fund. Under the Innovation Fund grants of between £10,000 and £25,000 are available to not-for-profit organisations for R&D activities to scope a new idea which enables them to work together with other organisations or experts outside their usual practice, or to enable them to undertake active research into areas they would not normally have the time or money to explore. The Foundation may occasionally give funding for projects that are developed as a result of an Innovation grant, however the Foundation stress that they do not guarantee continued support. Applications can be submitted at any time and will be considered at one of their three annual Trustee Meetings

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

The Britannia Building Society Foundation (UK)

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 or telephoning on 01538 391734. 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. Whilst the Britannia Community Fund focuses on buying specific items or equipment, eg educational toys, books, it will also support small projects in support of our key priorities. Applications to the Community Fund can be submitted at any time

<http://www.britannia.co.uk/home/membership/community/index.html>

EU-CANADA Transatlantic Exchange Partnerships Programme (UK)

A new call for proposals has been launched by the European Commission together with Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC) to fund joint study and/or training Programmes allowing transatlantic exchanges between European and Canadian education institutions. The transatlantic mobility activities will be of benefit to higher education students, vocational education and training learners and teachers/trainers/administrative staff. Transatlantic Exchange Programme projects must be student-centred rather than oriented towards research collaboration between partners. The main focus of activities must be on transatlantic rather than intra-European or intra-Canadian interactions. The budget available for the co-financing of projects is estimated at €1.104 million. It is anticipated that approximately 11 projects will be funded in 2009. The maximum amount of funding on the EU side will be EUR 138.000 for a 3-year consortium project. Projects activities are planned to start in October 2008 and last for 36 months. The closing date for applications is the 1st April 2009

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:C:2009:007:0010:0012:EN:PDF>

Climate Challenge Fund (Scotland)

Communities across Scotland have been awarded over £4 million from the Climate Challenge Fund to help reduce their carbon footprint and save residents money. Launched by the Scottish Government with the Scottish Greens in June 2008, the Climate Challenge Fund totals £27.4 million available over three years (2008-2011). The fund is open to applications from community organisations working in partnership with voluntary bodies, charities, colleges, universities, local authorities and housing partnerships to fund projects which demonstrate a significant reduction in emissions. It is part of a wide range of efforts by the Scottish Government to reduce Scotland's carbon emissions by 80 per cent by 2050. Successful projects include using wool to insulate homes, a local food network in Fife and Community Power Down, the first cross-community project awarded cash from the Fund. The Fund is currently open to applications and projects can involve a range of actions from helping communities to use less energy, walk and cycle more, to local sustainable food production. They can also have an environmental, social and economic dimension to the projects, that give people new skills, improve health, help them to work together or provide better community facilities, but carbon reduction must be at the heart of every proposal and the community at the centre of the decision making

<http://www.infoscotland.com/gogreener/61.html>

New Fund Announced to Support Credit Unions (Scotland)

A fund to help credit unions grow and weather the global downturn has been launched by the Scottish Government. The £250,000 scheme, to be delivered as part of the new Third Sector Enterprise Fund, will offer grants of up to £25,000, helping credit unions - financial co-operatives owned and controlled by their members - build capacity and become more sustainable organisations. A total of £250,000 will be invested from 2008-09 to 2010-11. The Scottish Government will offer funding of up to £25,000 for Credit Unions based on an assessment of an application form, current business plan and social outcomes. The Scottish Government's minimum investment will be £2,500. It is envisaged that there will be around 20 grants over the period 2008-2011.

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2009/01/12103218>

€50 Million Made Available for Peace and Reconciliation (Northern Ireland)

€50 Million has been made available to local and county councils as part of the EU programme for Peace and Reconciliation (PEACE III). PEACE III is aimed at reinforcing progress toward a peaceful and stable society and promoting reconciliation in Northern Ireland and the Border Region. The Special EU Programmes Body will be holding different meetings to outline the opportunities for the funding projects across location and county council areas. To find out dates and venues for the different meetings please click on the link below.

http://www.seupb.eu/PIII_roadshows.htm

Funding to Boost Research on Older People (Northern Ireland)

The Centre for Ageing Research and Development in Ireland (CARDI) is inviting applications to fund cross-border research or to create networks of academics and the public, private and voluntary sectors that will examine issues that arise out of an ageing society in Ireland, north and south to help improve policies and services for older people. The priority themes for research proposals are: Health; Inequalities; and policies and services. The total budget for this call is €200,000. CARDI expect to fund up to 15 projects with a maximum of 12 months of duration up to €15,000, and one project lasting a maximum of 15 months up to €50,000. The deadline for applications is the 9th March 2009. CARDI are expecting to announce up to two further calls in the future.

<http://www.cardi.ie/grantprogramme>

£250,000 Innovation Support Grants for Drink and Food Enterprises (East Midlands)

The Food and Drink iNet, which is a region-wide initiative co-ordinating specialist support for businesses, universities and individuals working in the food and drink sector and is funded by East Midlands Development Agency (emda) has announced that it is seeking applications from small and medium-sized businesses that want to turn new ideas into new business through the development of new technologies and products. They offer Innovation Support Grants of up to £10,000, providing that 50% match-funding is given either in 'cash' or in 'time'. The money can be used to fund external expertise and knowledge to help manage innovation projects more effectively – giving businesses a route to some of the most up-to-date and comprehensive information available to help them kick-start their idea.

<http://www.emda.org.uk/news/newsreturn.asp?fileno=3515>

Lloyds Charity Trust Donates £50,000 to E-Learning Foundation (London)

Lloyd's Charities Trust has donated £50,000 to the e-Learning Foundation to provide children from low income families with computers at home and access to their schools' online networks for their studies. The e-Learning Foundation is this year's recipient of Lloyd's Special Award 2008, a donation which goes to a charity working to address issues of interest to the Lloyd's market. The Special Award donation from Lloyd's Charities Trust will be directed towards supporting e-learning projects in schools in East London where Lloyd's has long-standing links through Lloyd's Community Programme. The project will provide children in each selected school with laptop computers to use at school and home, enabling over 500 pupils across the project schools to have the e-learning tools they require for their education. East London schools are welcome to get in touch with the e-Learning Foundation by calling Jane Warren on 0782 6844708 or by emailing jane@e-learningfoundation.com

<http://www.e-learningfoundation.com/News.aspx?id=49150eb8-856b-4554-be99-5e4b18337bc3>

Other Funding News

New £29m Gateway Scheme (Wales)

The new £29m Gateway Scheme managed by WCVA, aims to reduce economic inactivity in Wales and improve the employability of disadvantaged people furthest from the labour market. The Gateway will invest in organisations that target people who may be out of touch with mainstream services, or at high risk of long term benefit dependency. The Gateway will offer contracts of less than £25,000 up to £150,000 to organisations providing services that result in individuals making progress toward employment through building skills and confidence, leading to a 'next step' which may include referrals to other projects, volunteering, training, supported employment or employment. The Gateway will operate throughout the Convergence areas of Wales:

- Anglesey
- Conwy
- Denbighshire
- Gwynedd
- Blaenau Gwent
- Bridgend
- Caerphilly
- Carmarthenshire
- Ceredigion
- Merthyr Tydfil
- Neath Port Talbot
- Pembrokeshire
- Rhondda Cynon Taf
- Swansea
- Torfaen.

The Gateway will invite tenders for activities with specific groups of people or in specific areas of need.

http://www.wcva.org.uk/news/dsp_news.cfm?newsid=1238&display_sitedeptid=21&display_sitetextid=93

Government Announces Increase in the Number of Career Development Loans (UK)

The Government has announced that the number of career development loans available for people who want to undertake training, develop their skills and realise their full potential will treble under plans announced today as part of the Government's New Opportunities White Paper. The increase over the next two years will mean 45,000 new and rebranded Professional and Career Development Loans will be made available in 2010/11, up from the 15,000 currently available this financial year. The new loans are also being made more attractive by reducing the headline interest rates and allowing people to apply for loans of up to £10,000 to study at colleges, universities and private training providers - an increase from the current limit of £8,000. Anyone aged 18 or over and who is ordinarily resident in Great Britain and has an unlimited right to remain in the United Kingdom can apply for a Career Development Loan

<http://nds.coi.gov.uk/environment/fullDetail.asp?ReleaseID=389474&NewsAreaID=2&NavigatedFromDepartment=False>

Grants for the Arts Seminars (Yorkshire)

The Arts Council England, Yorkshire has announced that they will be running monthly seminars for potential applicants to Grants for the arts. The seminars will explain the Grants for the Arts programme and provide support for those who are thinking of making an application. The seminars will take place at Arts Council England, Yorkshire offices in Dewsbury (unless specified) on the following dates:

- 23 January 2:00-4:30pm
- 9 March 10:00-12:30pm
- 16 April 2:00-4:30pm
- 4 June 5:00-7:00pm (Treasure House Room, Beverley)
- 17 July 10:00-12:30pm
- 31 August 2:00-4:30pm
- 15 October 5:00-7:00pm (Richmondshire)
- 3 December 2:00-4:30.

To pre-book a place please contact Natalie Faal on natalie.faal@artscouncil.org.uk or call 01924 486219.

http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/regions/news_detail.php?browse=homepage&rid=9&id=1052

Funding Reminders

Young Roots (UK)

Young Roots offers grants of between £3,000 and £25,000 for projects that involve 13-25 year-olds in finding out about their heritage, developing skills, building confidence and promoting community involvement. To receive a Young Roots grant, a project must relate to the varied heritage of the UK and:

- provide new opportunities for a wider range of young people aged 13 to 25 to learn about their own and others' heritage;
- allow young people to lead and take part in creative and engaging activities;
- develop partnerships between youth organisations and heritage organisations; and
- create opportunities to celebrate young people's achievements in the project and share their learning with the wider community.

To be eligible a project must also create either:

- opportunities for young people to volunteer in heritage; or
- new opportunities for young people to gain skills in identifying, recording, interpreting or caring for heritage.

Young Roots is a rolling programme and there are no deadlines for applications.

<http://www.hlf.org.uk/English/HowToApply/OurGrantGivingProgrammes/YoungRoots/>

CAF Venturesome (UK)

The scheme provides mezzanine funding – loans and investment support that fills the gap between grants and bank loans – to charities and other social enterprises. The scheme cannot be used to finance start-up organisations or those based overseas. Support ranges in value from £20,000 to £350,000 and can be provided in the form of underwriting, unsecured loans or equity-type investments. The type of finance available includes bridging finance for capital projects, working capital to ease cash flow concerns and Development capital for projects to help build income generation capacity. Application can be made at any time.

<http://www.cafonline.org/Default.aspx?page=6903>

Communities First Partnerships Invited to Bid for £25 Million Regeneration Funding (Wales)

The Welsh Assembly has announced that it is seeking applications from Community First Partnerships under a new £25 million regeneration fund. The Outcomes Fund, which will be in place from April 2009 onwards, will seek to support projects that deliver real improvements at local level in terms of tackling key priorities for Communities First such as child poverty, economic inactivity and job creation. Proposals from partnerships must demonstrate the positive change and improvement for the community concerned as well as demonstrate community involvement. As well as formally opening the Outcomes Fund to new bids from Communities First partnerships, the Welsh Assembly also announced the proposals that have been successful in the first stage assessment of their applications to deliver Demonstration Projects under the Communities First Outcomes Fund.

<http://new.wales.gov.uk/news/latest/2801401/?jsessionid=qjpQJH1QnvGf3gGWDLIn51pGhnrW92w5fsJ1PQ1b6pxJ3stspfSG!649662111?lang=en>

Funding Through Local YouthBanks (UK)

YouthBank is an innovative UK-wide grant making initiative run by young people for young people. Local Youth Banks provide small grants to young people for activities of benefit to the community and that also benefit the young people taking part. YouthBank is unique in that it is young people themselves who make decisions about how local YouthBanks are managed and run and, through a Board of young people, also direct the UK-wide programme. Grant making criteria and processes are decided by each individual YouthBank. Local areas can also receive funding, advice and support from YouthBank UK, the national umbrella body, to set up local Youth Banks. For example a grant of £75,000 was recently awarded to set up a Youth Bank in Cambridge. Applications can be made at any time.

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

Supergrounds for Schools (UK)

Supergrounds is a £6 million community investment programme, funded by the Royal Bank of Scotland group (Royal Bank of Scotland, NatWest, Ulster Bank or other RBS group company) and delivered through Learning through Landscape, that helps primary schools improve their school grounds. Over six years, 900 primary schools from around the UK will have the opportunity to transform their existing school grounds into attractive and stimulating places where children can learn and play in safety. Schools cannot apply directly but must be nominated by a Royal Bank of Scotland) group employee. Schools that win a Supergrounds award will receive a package of support worth £7,000 including:

- Supergrounds cash award of £4,000
- 4 days of a Supergrounds Project Advisor's time
- A Supergrounds Project Guide & Membership to the Supergrounds Learning Network
- 'Create your Playground' Teaching Resource.

The period for Royal Bank of Scotland group employees to nominate schools runs from January to March each year.

<https://www.rbssupergrounds.com/>

The Baily Thomas Charitable Fund (UK and Republic of Ireland)

The Baily Thomas Charitable Fund is a registered charity which was established primarily to aid the research into learning disability and to aid the care and relief of those affected by learning disability by making grants to voluntary organisations within the UK and the Republic of Ireland working in this field. The Trust consider under learning disability the conditions generally referred to as severe learning difficulties, together with autism. In this area, they consider projects concerning children or adults. Learning disability, thus defined, is a priority for funding. They will not offer grants for research into or care of those with mental illness or dyslexia. Funding is made available through it general grants scheme; small grants scheme ; and research grants scheme. During 2007 the Fund awarded 264 grants for a total of £4,700,629. Grants are available to cover both revenue and capital costs. The next deadline for applications is 1st May 2009.

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

Joint International Development Grants Programme 2009 (UK)

The Baring Foundation and John Ellerman Foundation have announced that the Joint International Development grants programme 2009 is open for applications. The aim of the programme is to improve the effectiveness of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and community-based organisations (CBOs) in Sub-Saharan Africa to address problems arising from the long term forced migration and displacement of people. The Foundations will accept applications from registered charities; voluntary and constituted not-for-profit organisations in the UK which have had an income of over £150,000 and less than £15 million for each of the last two years.

Such UK charities will need to have close working partnerships with non-governmental and community-based organisations in Sub-Saharan Africa and to seek to benefit people disadvantaged or marginalised by long-term migration and displacement. Applicants can apply for grants of up to five years and the Foundations have a preference for applications of at least three years duration.

Previous grant recipients have included:

- **Akina Mama Wa Afrika** which received a grant of £152,330 to raise awareness and to build the capacity of women led organisations to enhance services for displaced people in Guinea, Sierra Leone, Liberia., Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Burundi, Kenya, Uganda, and Tanzania. To promote networking between them to encourage lesson-learning and information sharing.
- **Camfed International** which received a grant of £155,410 to promote the ability of people displaced by long-term forced migration to access education for girls and participate in its provision and to provide support for school leavers to transition to safe livelihoods in Zimbabwe.
- **Peace Direct** which received a grant of £115,247 to work with a local partner to find ways to provide security for internally displaced people, assist them to return home, minimise the risk of further conflict through the demobilisation of militia and work with communities in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Further information on previously funded projects can be accessed at <http://www.baringfoundation.org.uk/grantsawarded.htm>

The maximum size of a grant is £250,000 and the deadline for submitting applications is the 27th March 2009.

<http://www.baringfoundation.org.uk/program.htm>

The Links Foundation (England, Scotland and Wales)

The Links Foundation, which was formed by 'Working Links', an organisation that delivers services to tackle social exclusion and poverty by helping disadvantaged individuals and communities, provides grants to disadvantaged communities. Since its launch in 2003 it has distributed over £3 million in grants to over 40 projects. The type of activities that the Foundation seeks to support include projects that advance people's education; reduce significant disadvantage; assist those in conditions of poverty, need or distress ; and provide for recreational or other leisure time occupation. The Foundation can fund new or existing projects and can help meet costs such as salary, rent and stationery as well as capital costs. The average grant per project is about £20,000. Previously funded activities include arts, crafts and drama facilities for residents on a deprived estate; funding part-time caseworker to support vulnerable and disadvantaged young people; and supporting people with disabilities to become self-employed. The Board meets every four months. The closing date for applications is four weeks before the Board meeting

<http://www.linksfoundation.org/Default.aspx>

Green Energy Trust (UK)

Local community groups and not for profit organisations and charities within the UK can apply for grants for the installation of renewable technologies. The funding which is available through the Green Energy Trust will provide grants of up to 25,000 (but most projects receive around £10,000) for up to half the cost of the chosen renewable technology. The maximum amount would only be awarded to exceptional projects that tick all the boxes and demonstrate real value for money. Projects also need to have a really strong community benefit and wider educational element. The Trust considers all kinds of renewable technologies, including small-scale hydro, wind power, biomass, landfill gas, solar energy and ground source heat pumps. Applications involving other technologies may also qualify for support. Grant requests must be to support the capital and installation costs of a renewable energy project. Trust meets three times a year to consider applications – usually during the first week of September and December then April 2009. Applications should be submitted as soon as possible. Applications will be screened for eligibility and completeness as long as they are received seven weeks prior to the Trustees' meetings, with the final deadline being four weeks before the meeting.

<http://www.scottishpowergreentrust.co.uk/content/>

Other Grants Online websites include :

Local Authority Local Funding Portals – www.grants4.info

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