

The Grants Online website has been updated with the following information:

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>

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. The type of projects funded in thApplications can be made at any time....

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

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 and 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>

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

Grantscape, 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; and 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>

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>

First Steps for Personal Health Budgets (England)

The Government has announced that it is seeking expression of interest from Primary Care Truets (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>

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; promoting racial justice, including empowering black and minority ethnic people to engage in decision making and policy development; developing 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; and 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/>

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; and human rights.. 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

£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>

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; and protection of victims. Priorities for this call for proposals include; trafficking in human beings; sexual exploitation of children; illegal use of the Internet; and 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. There are two closing dates for applications in 2009. These are the 16th March and the 31st July 2009.....

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

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>

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; 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/Main%20Site%20v2/14-30%20and%20need%20help/grants%20for%20community%20projects.asp>

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; and 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>

