

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

Volant Charitable Trust (UK)

Registered charities whose purpose is to alleviate poverty and social deprivation with particular emphasis on children's and women's issues have the opportunity to apply for funding through the Volant Charitable Trust. The Trust which was set up by the author J K Rowling also supports research into the causes, treatment and possible cures of Multiple Sclerosis. However this funding stream is currently fully committed and is not considering further applications for funding in this area at the present time. In addition the Trustees will as and when appropriate, support disaster appeals. The Trust will support both capital and revenue funding. Applications for funding requests of £10,000 or less, for those projects based in Scotland only, are dealt with by the Trust's appointed agents, the Scottish Community Foundation. The closing date for applications is the 27th February 2009....

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

New £2.5 Million Fund for West Cumbria Communities (North West)

The Cumbria Community Foundation has announced that it will be managing a new £2.5 Million Fund to support community activities in West Cumbria. The funding is being provided by Nuclear Management Partners, which have been awarded a five year contract as the parent body for the Sellafield site. £500,000 a year will be available over the next five years will be available to local organisations from April 2009 and will be administered in conjunction with Cumbria Community Foundation. Further information on the criteria for the Fund will be posted on the Foundation's website in the New Year....

<http://www.cumbriafoundation.org/index.htm>

New £35m Business Start-up Programme for the North West (North West)

Business Secretary Lord Mandelson has given the go-ahead for a new £35m Business Start Up programme for the North West. The aim of the programme will be to support the start up of 12,700 new businesses and to create 23,000 jobs over 5 years. This new programme follows on directly from the current Northwest Business Start Up provision, which comes to an end on 31st March 2009. The new programme aims to narrow the productivity gap between the north west and other regions and has three inter-related aims; to increase regional economic output by reducing the 91,000 business 'gap' in the region, by increasing business start-up and survival rates; to target underrepresented groups such as ethnic minorities, women, over 50s, disabled and the social enterprise sector as well as geographic regions which under perform in terms of business start-up; and to deliver on the Government's commitment to simplifying business support, for start-ups and young businesses in the north west. The new programme will be delivered through Business Link....

<http://nds.coi.gov.uk/environment/fullDetail.asp?ReleaseID=389129&NewsAreaID=2&NavigatedFromDepartment=True>

VAF Announces Temporary Closure of its Community Chest Grants Programme (Scotland)

The Voluntary Action Fund (VAF) which provides grants to support the work of voluntary organisations in Scotland has announced that due to being heavily oversubscribed, its Community Chest Grant Programme has been temporarily closed. The Community Chest Programme is aimed at small community groups across Scotland. VAF are particularly keen to fund community groups from Clackmannanshire, Inverclyde and South Ayrshire. The Community Chest provides grants of up to £1,000 to help small community groups with an income of under £25,000 fund their activities. It is anticipated that the programme will re-open for applications during February or March 2009. It is also anticipated that the eligibility and funding criteria will change....

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

Partnership Fund (England)

The next deadline for schools wishing to apply for the Partnership Fund is the 28th February 2009. The Partnership Fund is designed to help schools which can demonstrate that, in spite of their determined efforts over time, they have not been able to raise the sponsorship necessary to apply for specialist school status. To be eligible for Partnership Fund support, schools will need to demonstrate that they have; made concerted efforts to raise external sponsorship for at least a year; established links with local business and community groups relevant to the specialist project, even if these have not resulted in offers of eligible cash sponsorship; undertaken substantial fundraising activities in-house; and made substantial efforts to raise awareness about its specialist plans....

<http://www.specialistschools.org.uk/schools/biddingsupport/thepartnershipfund.aspx>

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>

Partnership Charitable Trust Grant Programme (UK)

The EAGA Partnership Charitable Trust is a grant-giving trust that supports projects and research into the causes of fuel poverty and its impacts on health, in particular, the health of vulnerable consumers. There is no minimum or maximum grant level that organisations can apply for, however there is a strong preference for supporting large projects that can influence national policy. Previous projects funded include the development of a simple easy to use tool to help social housing providers in England and Wales identify homes that are energy inefficient and set targets for their improvement to ensure all homes are capable of delivering affordable energy; and the development of a methodology for predicting the level of fuel poverty in small areas. The Trustees meet three times a year to consider applications. The next application deadline is the 1st May 2009....

http://www.eaga.com/charitable/charitable_trust.htm

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 and 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 January 2009....

www.concertinamusic.org.uk

Funding to Promote Financial Inclusion (UK)

The Friends Provident Foundation makes grants of up to £200,000 to not-for profit

organisations for projects that address financial exclusion within disadvantaged communities. The funding is distributed through the Financial Inclusion Programme 2007 - 2009. The Foundation will consider applications for work that will make a strategic contribution to the overall outcome of financial inclusion in the UK. The Foundation will consider requests for capital or revenue funding, core funds or project costs. The Foundation is willing to consider applications from any type of legally independent organisation, but can only support work that is legally charitable. Actions previously supported through the Foundation include making money management advice available to young people via mobile phones and interactive digital TV; and a research project to look at the difficulties that people with a learning disability are having in gaining access to banking services. The next closing date for applications is the 30th January 2009....
http://www.friendsprovident.co.uk/common/layouts/subSectionLayout.jhtml?pageId=fpcouk/SitePageSimple%3Afriends_provident_foundation_landing+_page#

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 is generally 2 months before the date of a meeting....
www.trusthousecharitablefoundation.org.uk

