

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

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 and 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/>

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 projects . 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 and 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 enrol 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/>

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

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 ; and 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>

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>

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; and 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>

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; 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; and 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>

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, and 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

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 both capital and 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 and 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/>

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; and 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>

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 753 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

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/>

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 April 2009....

www.concertinamusic.org.uk

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