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Success stories

Heritage Lottery Fund – Skills for Life

The East Sussex Archaeological and Museum Project (ESAMP) have just been awarded £126,000 for a heritage traineeship programme.

Reaching Communities

Lewes

Newick Village Hall £30,000

This project will demolish the existing toilets and narrow entrance space in this village hall and construct a larger, purpose built entrance hall and toilet and cloakroom facilities to improve access.

Wealden

Sussex Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus £86,198

This project supports people with hydrocephalus and spina bifida through a work experience programme. Beneficiaries will complete an initial assessment to determine their needs and capabilities and select activities that are appropriate for them. They will receive direct supervision from trained support officers. Beneficiaries will also receive practical training in job application techniques, such as CV writing and interview skills and support in obtaining relevant qualifications such as NVQs.

Events

Charityfair

Join 1,000 visitors in two packed days of learning and networking at Charityfair 2010 on Monday 21 & Tuesday 22 June, Hilton London Metropole Hotel.

With nearly 100 sessions covering every angle of charity learning, you'll struggle to cram it all in. Come and gain new skills, update your sector knowledge, make valuable contacts and check out the latest products and services.

Entry to Charityfair is free and if there are spaces you can book sessions on the day. Book online now to ensure you get a place on the sessions you want. If you book in advance, you reap the benefits of our progressive pricing structure - the more sessions you book, the more you save. Sessions cost as little as £20! Sessions last for one hour and provide you with the core information you need to develop your skills in key subject areas. Most of these sessions are practical, interactive and information-based. Masterclasses are high level sessions that last for two hours and take a more detailed look into the topic.

Full information and bookings on Website: <http://www.charityfair.org.uk>

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Free Clean Energy Cash Back Scheme Workshop

- Are you an SME (small or medium sized business) working in the construction sector in the South East of England?
- Have you heard about the Feed in Tariff (Clean Energy Cash Back Scheme)?
- Do you want to find out how the scheme could create real business opportunities for you?

If so, you can participate in a free workshop which provides come along to one of three free workshops, which will give:

- Introduction to the Feed in Tariff – High level legislation
- FIT for purpose – Study of existing FIT European success
- Information about the technologies involved
- The business story behind FIT
- Case Studies – focus on SMEs who are already benefiting from the FIT market
- Ideas about marketing your business and FIT – help and insight into how you and your business can access this potential market opportunity
- Sustainable action planning

The Feed in Tariff (FIT), also known as the Clean Energy Cash Back Scheme, was introduced on the 1st April 2010 and will provide financial incentives for people and businesses to install renewable electricity-generating technologies such as solar electricity panels and wind turbines.

It will do this by guaranteeing a minimum payment for the electricity generated, as well as the electricity exported to the national grid.

This scheme will benefit and appeal to a wide range of renewable energy producers, ranging from the domestic market to community collectives installing a wind turbine, to a factory deciding to install PV panels on its roof.

The workshops will take place on:

- 24th June 2010 The Lightbox, Woking, Surrey
- 15th July 2010 Holiday Inn Reading West, Berkshire
- 14th October 2010 The Oxford Centre, Oxfordshire

To book a place, see www.eventssoutheast.co.uk/environment, call: 08457 22 66 55 or e-mail: events@bsk-cic.co.uk.

Funding Training Session at Hastings Voluntary Action

An advanced funding training session, covering evidence of need, outcomes outputs and milestones, and multiyear budgets will take place on 22 June at Hastings Voluntary Action. Details can be found at

<http://www.hastingsvoluntaryaction.org/index.php?q=node/112>.

For more information and to book your place, please contact Peter Thorpe at Hastings Voluntary Action

31a Priory Street, Hastings, East Sussex, TN34 1EA

Telephone: 01424 444010

Email: peter@hvauk.org

Web: www.hastingsvoluntaryaction.org

Guidance and advice

Green Grants Machine

Green Grants Machine are the UK's most comprehensive source of information on grants, loans and awards available to help your business go green and save on energy bills.

The directory contains information on over £1.2 billion of funds available to help you ... purchase hybrid fleet vehicles, install solar panels, introduce a recycling scheme in the workplace or to invest in green packaging to name just a few.

So why not run a search now and find out what money you could be eligible for? Registration is completely FREE and gives you full access to all the features of the website, including information on over 350 funding schemes and their weekly green funding e-newsletter.

Website: <http://www.greengrantsmachine.co.uk>

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Guidance for Faith-based bodies and religious organisations

Faith-based bodies and religious organisations make a significant contribution to the well-being of society. They are eligible, like any other suitably qualified bodies, to be awarded a tender to deliver publicly funded services, or to be given a grant to carry out a project of benefit to the wider community or to their own members or constituency of supporters.

However, a number of myths surround the funding of faith-based bodies to deliver publicly funded services and can obstruct the fair access of such bodies to public funding and tendering opportunities as part of the third sector. Some of these myths, followed by the facts in each case, are set out in a document on Website: <http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/communities/pdf/15073411.pdf>

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HMRC and Gift Aid - Tax relief for charities

Gift Aid is an easy way to help your charity or CASC maximise the value of its donations, as you can reclaim tax from HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) on its 'gross' equivalent - its value before tax was deducted at the basic rate. This is 20 per cent from 6 April 2008. You can work out the amount of tax you can reclaim by dividing the amount donated by four. This means that for every £1 donated, you can claim an extra 25 pence.

In addition, HMRC will automatically pay your charity or CASC a further three pence for every pound donated. This 'transitional relief' - to adjust to the fall in basic rate tax (from 22 per cent to 20 per cent) - is available on Gift Aid donations made from 6 April 2008 until 5 April 2011. This means that for every £1 donated, your charity or CASC can receive 28 pence, so the total value of the donation is £1.28.

Full information is on Website: http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/charities/gift_aid/basics.htm

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South East Planning Aid

South East Planning Aid is a charity, part of the Royal Town Planning Institute, which provides free and independent planning advice to individuals, groups and communities who cannot afford a planning consultant. Get more details at:

www.planningaid.rtpi.org.uk/.

Awards

Children & Young People Now Awards

The Awards aim to recognise and celebrate the innovative and inspiring initiatives taking place by professionals who are working daily to improve the life chances of children and young people.

There are 22 categories including Volunteering and Participation, Children and Young People's Services Team, Financial Capability, Play, and Anti-bullying Awards.

Work launched or current between 1 July 2009 and 30 June 2010 will be eligible for entry.

Any organisation, setting or individual project anywhere in the UK can enter relevant work, whether public, voluntary or private sector, including projects delivered by a partnership of organisations and where appropriate, entries may be made by individuals.

The deadline for entries is 18 June 2010. To get more information, see www.cypnow.co.uk/awards.

Stelios Award for Disabled Entrepreneur of the Year 2010

Sponsored by Sir Stelios Haji-Ioannou and administered by Leonard Cheshire Disability, the Award seeks out and celebrates business ability by recognising an exceptional disabled entrepreneur. It is open to disabled entrepreneurs on the management board, and with ownership, of any business in the UK. Eligible businesses must have an annual turnover above £10,000 and have been trading for between one and five years.

The winner will receive a prize of £50,000 to fund the further growth of their business, to be awarded by Stelios on 25 November 2010 at the Growing Business Awards.

The deadline for entries is 3 September 2010 (5pm).

<http://www.stelios.com/entrepreneurship/disabled-entrepreneur-award.html>

The Epic Awards 2010

This award scheme is designed to recognise and shine a spotlight on the excellent work taking place within the 50,000+ voluntary and amateur art and craft groups operating throughout the country.

The epic awards invite voluntary and amateur art and craft groups to nominate themselves in four categories; engagement, partnerships, innovation and creativity, with the winners receiving a package of benefits including training, equipment and publicity as well as being invited to a winners' reception towards the end of the year.

The deadline for applications is 10th September 2010. For further information and to nominate your own voluntary/ amateur art and craft group see www.epicawards.co.uk.

Government

Communitybuilders

Communitybuilders supports organisations at the heart of your community with finance, training and resources.

Communitybuilders is a £70m investment fund which takes forward a commitment within the Communities in Control: real people, real power White Paper to build more cohesive, empowered and active communities.

The fund, which is being managed and delivered by Futurebuilders England (on behalf of the Adventure Capital fund) and The Community Alliance and is jointly run by Communities and Local Government and the Office of the Third Sector. The Communitybuilders Fund is designed to strengthen the resilience of 'community anchors' (multi-purpose, community-led organisations) across England through a mixture of financial and advisory support.

The Fund is available to not for profit organisations that:

are based and working in England operate for the benefit of a defined neighbourhood
are locally controlled by local people or representatives of local groups responsible for decision making around priorities, staffing and spending.
are looking to become more financially independent, and less dependent on grant finance.
are multi-purpose and provide activities in the areas of social welfare, education, recreation (including culture and sport), environmental activity, economic or vocational services, voice and advocacy and are inclusive of all sections of their community

are seeking to empower your community through development and community-led action.
can demonstrate how you can empower your community through development and action
have a track record of providing services to the local community

To find out if you are eligible for the Communitybuilders Fund please launch our eligibility checker on website below.

Together for communities programme - Key "community anchor" organisations and social housing providers are invited to demonstrate the value of the existing or emerging partnerships that they have built or may be building.

Designed as an important element of the Communitybuilders programme, the opportunity exists for the partners to develop or extend a programme of joint activity that will contribute to the achievement of strong and sustainable communities. Communitybuilders support for the "Together for Communities" programme will run until March 2011.

If you have a query please call our enquiries line. Lines are open 10am-4pm Monday to Friday except for Thursday when they are open 10am-1pm. Tel: 0191 2692278
Email: info@communitybuildersfund.org.uk

Website: <http://www.communitybuildersfund.org.uk/>

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DSC Report: Over one-third of grant applications are ineligible

DSC research shows that over the latest financial year over one-third of all applications to charitable grantmakers were ineligible – over 361,000 went in the bin. Did you know that if each application took 10 minutes to write (a very conservative estimate) it would add up to nearly 7 years of wasted effort every year? And if each one were posted first class, that amounts to around £141,000 just in postage stamps?

They're not talking about projects which just weren't up to scratch, or which were good but couldn't be funded due to lack of money. They're talking about applications which just didn't meet the funder's stated criteria. For example, applications for work in England going to trusts which state they only fund in Scotland. Or a foundation which funds respite breaks for carers receiving requests to support scientific research.

Individually it might seem of little importance, but when you view it collectively it's clearly a waste of time and effort that the voluntary sector cannot afford. Think about this: even if it's only the time spent opening an envelope and throwing it away, the administrative burden for the funder adds up.

Fewer ineligible applications could mean quicker responses to the eligible ones, better feedback or engagement with applicants, or even more resources to allocate as grants.

Of course a certain amount of this is unavoidable, and there are plenty of reasons for why things are as they are. Demand for funding will always outstrip supply, with the result that people ask for money where they think there might even be the slightest chance of success.

Understandable as that is, surely we can do better – because as pressures on funding increase, we are going to have to find ways of making limited resources go further. We are going to have to find ways to better match funders with the right organisations and projects, to build good relationships between them which work in the interests of both.

Their first step is to try and get a rough sense of the scale of the problem – which their research has done. You can read all the details in a new report on their Website: www.dsc.org.uk/greatgiving

Next they want to get a discussion going about the causes and possible solutions. The specifics will vary from funder to funder and from fundraiser to fundraiser, but from our experience it seems clear that there are a number of causes for ineligible applications:

Lack of clear and accessible information from the funder, leaving the issue of eligibility open to interpretation
Lack of an available contact point for the funder to respond to queries, or not enough resources devoted to answering queries
Lack of constructive feedback or help from funders, which could help fundraisers to better target their efforts
Applicants submitting requests without having fully researched the funder's criteria
Lack of experience or knowledge about how to research and approach funders
Applicants taking a quantity not quality approach (i.e. blanket appeals which target large numbers of funders inappropriately)
Unclear or missing information from applicants

East Sussex Downs and Weald NHS Health Improvement Grant

Grants of up to £500 available for voluntary and community groups in the Lewes District which contribute to the 'Choosing Health' programme which support one or more of the following priorities:

- Tackling obesity (food & physical activity)
- Reducing alcohol harm
- Encouraging a varied and nutritious diet
- Reducing substance misuse
- Stopping smoking
- Improving mental well being
- Improving sexual health
- Reducing health inequalities

Application forms and guidance notes from 3VA Lewes Office, at www.southdownscvs.org.uk/funding/ or phone 01273 483832. For support with your application please contact Jackie Blackwell at 3VA Lewes on jackie.blackwell@3va.org.uk or 01273 483832. The deadline for completed applications is Friday 25th June 2010.

Lewes & Wealden Food & Physical Activity Group

The Lewes & Wealden Food & Physical Activity Group has a small amount of funding available for 2010/2011 to fund food and physical activity projects that support the following priority areas:

- To improve access to healthy food for residents of Lewes and Wealden, prioritising those who experience significant health inequalities
- To increase access to physical activity opportunities for residents of Lewes and Wealden, prioritising those who experience significant health inequalities
- Improve knowledge of the importance of diet and physical exercise in Lewes and Wealden

Details and Funding request forms can be obtained from 3VA Lewes or Barbara Pratt, Barbara.pratt@esdwpct.nhs.uk. Funding requests up to the value of £2,500 will be considered.

Completed forms should be returned electronically to Barbara.pratt@esdwpct.nhs.uk no later than close of business Wednesday 30 June 2010. Forms received after this deadline may not be considered in the current funding round."

Lewes & Wealden Accident Prevention Group

The Lewes & Wealden Accident Prevention Group has a small amount of funding available for 2010/2011 to fund food and physical activity projects that support the following priority areas:

- To maintain a partnership approach to accident prevention in Lewes & Wealden
- To support community based accident prevention work

Details and Funding request forms can be obtained from 3VA Lewes or Barbara Pratt, Barbara.pratt@esdwpct.nhs.uk. Funding requests up to the value of £2,500 will be considered.

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Low Carbon Buildings Programme Closed to New Applications

The Government has announced that it is committed to delivering over £6 billion of departmental spending cuts in 2010/11, and the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) is contributing £85 million to this total.

The cuts will come from two sources, as follows:

About half will come from efficiencies and other savings across DECC's central spending and that of its arm's length bodies. The DECC has focused on making efficiencies in its back office functions first but some efficiencies in its programmes of work are also possible. This will amount to approximately £42 million.

The other half will come from cutting or slowing down planned expenditure. This will amount to approximately £43 million.

DECC has, therefore, announced that the Low Carbon Building Programme (LCBP) will close to all new applications. Approximately £3 million of savings will be taken from the programme's closure.

The closure is for new applications only. Applications that were received before the programme was closed will not be affected by the closure and current valid grant offers will be honoured.

Screen South - RIFE Production and Development

RIFE funding comes from the Department of Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) via the UK Film Council and is available through the following awards: large awards; international festival attendance awards; script assessment awards; script development awards; and project hardship awards.

Support is provided for feature film pre-production, production, post-production, and distribution and marketing, to attend a specific market or festival, for script assessments of projects, and unexpected additional expenditure with imminent consequences for a project.

The following amounts are available to producers, writers, directors and production companies: large awards up to £5,000 for individuals and up to £10,000 for companies; up to £350 for international festival attendance awards; £55 for script assessment awards paid directly to a designated script reader; and up to £500 for project hardship awards.

2010/11 deadlines for the awards are as follows:

- Large awards: 22 October 2010.
- International festival attendance awards: 28 July 2010; 15 September 2010; 3 November 2010; 20 December 2010; and 18 February 2011.
- Script assessment awards: 28 July 2010; 15 September 2010; 3 November 2010; 20 December 2010; and 18 February 2011.
- Script development awards: applications must be invited and deadlines will be set on an individual basis.

- Project hardship awards: applications have a rolling deadline and applicants should contact Screen South as soon as a need to apply to the fund is anticipated.

<http://www.screensouth.org/content.aspx?parent=4&page=49>

Lottery

Community Wildlife

The Community Wildlife scheme celebrates the year of Biodiversity by allowing local groups and communities to get more involved in their local wildlife. Community Wildlife will fund projects that bring local people together to discover, enjoy or protect the wildlife in their local area.

The programme will fund between £300 and £10,000 for projects that:

- improve rural or urban environments for people to enjoy, for example by:
 - protecting wildlife habitats
 - creating a nature trail, woodland walk or wildlife garden for people to enjoy
 - improving natural community spaces, such as rivers, ponds and woodlands.

- get people more active and healthier, for example by:
 - exploring parks, rivers and the countryside to look for rare or endangered species
 - encouraging people to take up gardening or go on nature walks
 - providing opportunities for children to learn about nature through play.

Groups eligible to apply are:

- not for profit groups,
- local councils,
- schools and
- health bodies.

The programme has 3 deadlines for applications: 21st July 2010, 22nd September 2010 and 24th November 2010.

Heroes Return 2

With the anniversary of VE day just passed, a reminder that the Heroes Return 2 programme is still accepting applications. Veterans of the Second World War can apply for a grant to visit the areas they saw active service. The programme closes for applications on 31 January 2011.

http://www2.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_heroes_return?regioncode=-uk

Improvements to Reaching Communities

Big Lottery Fund recently introduced a series of improvements to the Reaching Communities programme designed to make it easier to apply. Reaching Communities continues to be one of the major programmes and most of its grants will go to the voluntary and community sector. The Big Lottery Fund has a target that 80 per cent of funding should go directly to voluntary and community groups.

There is no change to who can apply, what will be funded, or the difference BIG wants to make with this programme. The programme will continue to make awards between £10,000 and £500,000 and will continue to provide funding for up to five years.

At least £300 million will be awarded to projects making a difference to the lives of individuals and communities most in need through this programme until 2013.

The following improvements have been made to Reaching Communities:

- If you apply for less than £40,000 for each year there will be a simpler application process and quicker decision making than if you are asking for more than this. This improvement should benefit smaller organisations in particular.
- You will have a better chance of being funded if you are invited to complete a full application form.
- more support will be provided for applicants at every stage of the application process, particularly in those areas, and for those groups, that have received less funding than would have been expected.
- If you are not successful, you will be given better, more detailed feedback on your application.

The new improved outline proposal form is now available to download. You will be told if you are invited to complete a full application form within 20 working days.

If you are not invited to submit a full application, you will receive detailed feedback. Areas that you will need to improve to enhance your chances of being invited to complete a full application will be highlighted, should you decide to reapply. If you are not successful at the outline proposal stage, you can resubmit when you are ready, but must take the feedback into account.

If you are invited to proceed to a full application, you will need to submit your form within four months. It is anticipated that if you are invited to submit a full application you will have a much better chance of success than in the past.

The assessment process for smaller projects has been speeded up so if you are asking for less than £40,000 per year you will be told whether or not your project will be funded within 9 weeks. For larger projects, you will be told within 17 weeks.

Further improvements in the pipeline:

- a community buildings programme which will launch later this year is currently being developed.
- sustainable development will be built into all future programmes.
- networking and learning opportunities for grants recipients to learn from each other and encourage to share good practice will be supported.

http://www2.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_reaching_communities?fromsearch=-uk

LATEST - It has been decided that BIG will continue to ask for SMART outcomes in the first 6 months of the new Reaching Communities programme and review this during that period.

Parks for People

Local Authorities as well as not for profit organisations that own public parks and gardens can apply for grants of between £250,000 and £5 million for the regeneration of parks and public gardens (including squares, walks and promenades).

Applicants will need to raise at least 30% of the project costs from their own sources and partnership funding, either as cash or non-cash contributions. The 'Parks for People' programme has a two-stage application process; the next deadline is 31 August 2010. To learn more, see www.hlf.org.uk.

Support for arts, heritage and sport as Lottery to be restored to original shares

Legislation that could see arts, heritage and sport each receiving an extra £50 million a year will be placed before Parliament in September, the Secretary of State for Culture, Olympics, Media and Sport recently announced.

Under the proposals the share of money going to each of the arts, heritage and sport good causes will increase to 20 per cent with the Big Lottery Fund receiving the remaining 40 per cent. Another change will see the Big Lottery Fund focus its support exclusively on the voluntary and community sectors.

There will be three key principles to underpin future policy:

- a mixed economy of public and private support for the arts, with stronger incentives to promote philanthropy;
- access to high quality arts for as many people as possible, through continued free admission to national museums and galleries and continued education programmes; and
- a reaffirmation of the arm's length principle, with no politicisation of funding decisions.

Positive steps will be implemented to make private giving – philanthropy - to arts and culture easier through steps to:

- reform Gift Aid;
- explore ways to build on the successful Acceptance-in-lieu Scheme to make it possible for donors to give works of art to the nation during their lifetimes; and
- reward high-performing arts organisations through longer-term funding deals, so reassuring sponsors and donors that their support would complement public investment.

At the moment sports, arts and heritage receive a 16.66 per cent share each of lottery funding with the Big Lottery Fund receiving the remaining 50 per cent. The proposal is to move to a share of 46 per cent for Big Lottery Fund in 2011-12. This reflects the proportion of the Big Lottery Fund's funding that went to the voluntary and communities sector in the most recent year. The Big Lottery Fund's share would then move to 40 per cent in 2012-13, when diversion of funds to the Olympics ends. Shares for arts, sport and heritage would rise to 18 per cent in 2011-12 and then 20 per cent in 2012-13.

The change in shares requires an Order in Council approved by both Houses.

A three-month consultation on the proposals with interested parties is now available at:

<http://www.dcms.gov.uk/consultations/7070.aspx>

Trusts and Foundations

Action Earth

Action Earth provides grants of up to £50 to assist groups in carrying out environmental projects. Promotional material such as stickers, tabards and certificates may also be provided.

Examples of projects include:

- Planting up a wildlife area;
- Erecting bird/bat/hedgehog boxes in a nearby wood;
- creating a community garden; and
- Cleaning up a local area.

Projects are accepted from charitable organisations, trusts, voluntary or community groups, schools, residents' groups and parish councils.

Deadline for applications are 23 June and 7 July 2010. See www.actionearth.org.uk for further information.

BBC Children in Need raises record £39m

Appeal has raised £18.7m since November broadcast and expects to hit £40m target.

Last year's BBC Children in Need appeal raised a record £39m.

The appeal raised £20.3m during the TV broadcast in November and has collected an extra £18.7m since. Its fundraising total in 2008 was £38.2m.

A spokeswoman for the charity said it expected to meet the £40m target by the end of its financial year in October.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/grants/>

Comic Relief – UK Grant Programme

Comic Relief's UK Grant Programme aims to bring about positive and lasting change in the lives of poor and disadvantaged people in the UK by investing in work that addresses people's immediate needs, as well as tackling the root causes of poverty and injustice.

Registered charities and voluntary organisations are invited to apply for grants of between £25,000 and £40,000. Grants are available to cover running or capital costs of organisations or projects under the following programmes:

- Mental Health
- Domestic and Sexual Abuse
- Refugee and Asylum Seeking Women
- Sexually Exploited and Trafficked Young People
- Young People and Alcohol
- Young People with Mental Health Problems
- Local Communities

http://www.comicrelief.com/apply_for_a_grant

Co-operative Charitable Foundation

The Community Fund is the Cooperative Charitable Foundation grant scheme that helps local communities throughout the UK.

The way the scheme works is by committed members of The Co-operative Group who want to help improve the lives of others, donate part or all of their share of the profits. These members have already raised millions of pounds each year for all kinds of community projects, and last year alone we gave away £1.2 million in donations.

If your community, voluntary or self-help group needs a grant of up between £100 and £2,000, you can apply using the online form.

Website: <http://www.co-operative.coop/membership/local-communities/community-fund/>

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Cotton Trust

This funder offers small grants for the relief of suffering and elimination and control of disease, disabled and disadvantaged people of all ages.

Applicants should be registered charities and grants are offered from £250- £5,000. Funding towards running costs are only given in exceptional circumstances or for charities which are less than one year old. Bids will be considered at the end of January and the end of July.

Applications should be in writing including a short summary of the project; proof of registered charitable status and latest balance sheet.

For more information, call Mrs Joanne Burgess Congdon 01455 440 917 or write to her at: The Cotton Trust PO Box 6895, Earl Shilton, Leicester LE9 8ZE.

Elephant Trust

The Elephant Trust was created in 1975 to develop and improve the knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the fine arts in the United Kingdom.

Grants of up to £2,000 are available for artists and institutions presenting their work. The Trust is committed to helping artists and institutions that depart from the routine and signal new, distinct and imaginative sets of possibilities.

The Trust gives priority to artists working in the visual arts or small supporting institutions and galleries working with them.

The deadlines for applications are 28 June 2010 and 27 September 2010.

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

Elton John AIDS Foundation

During the next strategic cycle, EJAF seeks to support programmes that demonstrate value for money and fully involve people living with HIV for which multi-year funding is available:

- Gay and bisexual men living with HIV (MSM)

- Long Term Survivors and older people
- Employment and training
- Children affected by HIV
- Poverty and nutrition
- Regional Grants Fund

NB: All programmes will need to ensure that beneficiaries are central to the design and implementation of the programme and be able to demonstrate their impact on the beneficiary group.

To be eligible to apply to them for a grant in the UK your project must fit within the strategy outlined here and you must be applying on behalf of a registered non-profit or charitable organisation.

If this is the case, please go to website below and provide them with the information required via Email: grants@ejaf.com

There are no set deadlines for submission of this information.

Elton John AIDS Foundation, 1 Blythe Road, LONDON W14 0HG Tel: 020 7603 9996
Fax: 020 7348 4848

Website: <http://www.ejaf.com/Ourwork/Countries/UK/UKGrantStrategy>

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E-Skills UK – Make IT Happy

Primary and junior schools across the UK are invited to enter this technology competition, which aims to reward innovative and creative use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) resources for the benefit of the school, pupils and the local community.

A cash prize of £1,200 will be available for the winning school from each of the English regions and Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. From these entries, £4,000 (first place), £2,500 (second place) and £1,500 (third place) will be awarded to three overall winners.

The theme for 2010 is 'Get your community online'. It is all about rewarding the good work that primary schools are doing to show their communities how to make use of the exciting possibilities of the Internet.

Entries may be in any format, for example, podcasts, flyers or a website.

The ICT project must be undertaken by a group of pupils aged 9-11.

The closing date for entries is 30 July 2010.

<http://makeithappy.cc4g.net/Whos-Involved/e-skills-UK/>

Flexibility and Innovation Fund

The main purpose of this Fund is to promote and support innovative projects that have the potential to yield significant improvements in learning and skills sector practice or performance.

Learning and skills providers, such as colleges and work-based learning organisations, may bid for funding, individually or in consortia, of up to £90,000 for projects which are

innovative and have the potential to drive up standards across all providers in the learning and skills sector.

The Fund is only open to organisations in England whose primary function is as a provider of further education and training.

The only eligible higher education institutions would be those with learning and skills provision funded by the Learning and Skills Council.

Applications are welcomed on a broad range of topics/themes and ideas.

Round Three will open to application on 1 June, with a deadline for bids of 2 July 2010.

<http://www.lsis.org.uk/Services/ProgrammesServices/Pages/Flexibility-and-Innovation-Fund.aspx>

Football Foundation Facilities Grant Scheme

This scheme's aim is to provide funding to build develop and/or refurbish facilities in order to sustain and/or increase participation in football and other sporting activities.

The types of facilities that can be funded include, grass pitches drainage/improvements, changing rooms, floodlights, artificial turf pitches, pavilions and clubhouses. Funding is also available for revenue purposes e.g. a football development officer.

Schools as well as other educational establishments, local authorities and other not-for-profit organisations are eligible to apply. The Foundation will usually fund up to 50% of eligible costs but can in exceptional circumstances fund up to 90% of eligible project costs.

Applications can be submitted at any time and further information can be found at www.footballfoundation.org.uk/our-schemes/facilities-scheme/.

Golsoncott Foundation

This Foundation aims to promote, maintain, improve and advance the education of the public in the arts generally and in particular the fine arts and music, including providing access to the arts for young people and developing new audiences.

Applications should include the following: a clear and concise statement of the project; whether the award sought will be for the whole project or a component part; whether the applicant organisation is of charitable status; evidence that there is a clear benefit to the public; the amount requested should be specified; whether this is the only source of funding being sought (if not, all other sources of funding should be indicated, including those that have refused funding).

Wherever possible an annual report and accounts should accompany the application along with any other supporting information deemed relevant.

Grants vary but are unlikely to exceed £5,000. All applications for awards should be sent by post by the end of the month preceding the month of the Trustees meeting (February, May, August and November).

For more details, contact Golsoncott Foundation, 53 St Leonards Road, Exeter EX2 4LS; Tel: 01392 252855.

Health Foundation - Closing the Gap

Closing the Gap is the Health Foundation's annual award scheme dedicated to bridging the gap between best practice and routine delivery of care. By tackling known gaps between the routine delivery of care and best practice, Closing the Gap aims to support demonstrable improvements, build the knowledge and skills of the workforce, and create approaches to transform the quality of healthcare in the UK.

Each year, Closing the Gap has a distinct focus. This year we will fund eight awards of up to £400,000 each. The Health Foundation is currently looking for teams to be part of this year's Closing the Gap.

The Closing the Gap awards are open to applications from across the UK, and we're looking for proposals involving working partnerships with a real commitment to long-term change.

They will give preference to applications from partnerships of organisations bringing together complementary talents, knowledge, expertise and leadership. Teams could include partners such as local clinical leaders, commissioners, providers, service users, national change agencies, professional bodies or the voluntary sector. Successful applications will include clear strategies for embedding best practice so that it becomes routine, and for encouraging the spread of improvement.

They are inviting proposals that focus on one or more of the following three areas of interaction:

the dynamic between communities and the wider healthcare system
the dynamic between the person using services and the wider healthcare system
the dynamic between the person using services and those who work in health provision.

They recommend you take part in a Closing the Gap information call, there are three of these in May and June:

Monday 17 May at 11.30am Thursday 10 June at 2.30pm Wednesday 30 June at 3.30pm

The first stage of the process is to complete our online screening tool. This consists of a set of questions that checks the 'fit' of your idea against the scope and parameters of the scheme. Once the screening tool has been successfully completed, you can access the application form. The deadline for submission of your electronic application is 12 noon on Tuesday 13 July 2010.

Interview and assessment of shortlisted teams will take place during the week commencing 20 September 2010.

The Health Foundation, 90 Long Acre, London WC2E 9RA Tel: 020 7257 8000 Fax: 020 7257 8001

Website:

http://www.health.org.uk/current_work/open_for_applications/closing_the_gap_2010.html

Deadline: 13 July 2010

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Health & Social Care Volunteering Fund

This fund is designed to provide funding to enable third-sector organisations to achieve long term sustainability.

Third-sector organisations selected to receive a Volunteering Fund grant will need to commit to working closely with the Volunteering Fund Managing Body and should have adequate capacity available within their organisation to receive and embed support.

The Volunteering Fund will provide two distinct grant funding schemes:

- A local grant scheme aimed at supporting volunteering in health and social care.
- A national portfolio scheme - National organisations will be able to apply for more substantial awards to deliver more strategic or developmental volunteering programmes.

In addition to the grant investment, successfully selected organisations will also receive the support of the Volunteering Fund managing body, to build organisations' best practice and financial sustainability beyond the end of the grant.

The deadline for the South East/East & London is 5th July 2010.

Guidance notes for local project applications can be downloaded from <http://www.volunteeringfund.com/current-funding-rounds.html>

For the latest information, call 0845 172 8058, e-mail volunteeringfund@ecotec.com
Or see <http://www.volunteeringfund.com/current-funding-rounds.html>.

Healthy Heart Grants

Supports innovative projects aimed at promoting heart health and to prevent or reduce the risks of heart disease in specific groups or communities. Grants of up to £10,000 are available to community groups, voluntary organisations and researchers promoting the healthy heart message.

Applications are only accepted during January and February for the May round of grants and July and August for grants awarded in November, each year. Applications received at any other time of year will be returned. The next deadline is 31 August 2010.

See www.heartresearch.org.uk/healthy_heart_grants.htm for more details.

IdeasTap Ideas Fund Innovators

Open all year, with four deadlines for submissions, this Fund offers £1,000 awards for projects from any creative discipline to young people aged 16-25. The focus is on innovation and the fund provides cash injections for original ideas. In the past the Ideas Fund Innovator has funded performances to photography collectives, visual artists to filmmakers.

The next deadline for applications is 30 June 2010. Get more details from www.ideastap.com/.

John Lewis Golden Jubilee Trust

Under the Golden Jubilee Trust programme, selected John Lewis or Waitrose staff complete secondments at charities either part time or full time for up to six months.

An additional 10 charities will be able to take John Lewis staff on free secondments after the retailer decided to increase the number of placements it will offer this year.

Charities of all sizes are encouraged to apply. To get more information see www.johnlewispartnership.co.uk.

Joseph Rowntree Foundation

The Joseph Rowntree Foundation (JRF) has launched a new Call for Proposals: 'The future UK labour market: skills, jobs and poverty'.

This programme seeks to understand the links between skills, the labour market and income in order to develop coherent strategies that minimise future poverty and inequality in the UK. A key question concerns the impact of the likely future labour market on poverty and inequality.

In order to meet this aim, there are two associated questions JRF is seeking to answer:

- What is the nature of the links between training, skills, qualifications, jobs, pay and poverty/inequality at the household level?
- What can we learn from the experiences of other countries about their labour markets, migration levels, relevant policies and practice and their levels of poverty and inequality over time?

Projects will be expected to begin in August 2010 and to be conducted over a period of no longer than six months.

A budget of up to £40,000 has been allocated for this work and funding is expected to cover both research and associated project expenses (including VAT if applicable).

The deadline for receipt of full proposals is 8 July 2010 (2pm). For more information, see www.jrct.org.uk/.

Live UnLtd

Live UnLtd is a £5m programme of resources for young people, part-funded by the Big Lottery Fund and the Millennium Awards Trust. The programme aims to help young people turn their innovative projects ideas into reality.

Those working in music, sport, arts or traditional business may be assisted to "change the world around them for the better".

Live UnLtd will help young people to start up their own businesses, sports teams, and recreational groups, and host events with funding of up to £2,000 per individual, coupled with a model of non-financial support from a designated development manager in their region. The programme is currently only accepting applications from young people aged 16 to 18 until July 2010. Applications may be submitted at any time.

Get more information at www.liveunltd.com/.

Lush

Lush have a range of ways to support voluntary and community groups including:

Lush Charity Pot Grants

This programme supports small, grassroots charities, non-violent direct action groups and other organisations working in the following areas:

- Environment/conservation
- Animal protection
- Human rights.

Grants are available to up to £10,000, although the majority of grants are for £3,000.

Charity Pot Scheme

Customers buying Charity Pot products can nominate organisations to receive support. All the money (minus the VAT) goes into the fund, which is then passed on to good causes.

Nominations can be made by contacting lush by email or phone:
Tel: 0772 579 0474; Email: charitypot@lush.co.uk

Product Donations

These requests are dealt with through their shops. Please take a printed request on your chosen organisation's letterhead paper (or if you cannot get the letterhead paper provide the address, charity number, if applicable, and a contact name and number) with information about the organisation and your fundraising event to your local Lush shop.

It is suggested that you call them first to check.

Organisations working outside of the above priorities may be supported as long as they:

- Are not involved in any way with animal testing or any other practices harmful to animals
- Are committed to non-violent action if a direct action group
- Are environmentally responsible
- Are respectful of human rights.

Applications for health charities (medical research, hospices etc), religious causes, and those working with children and young people are a low priority.

Applications can be made at any time.

See www.lush.co.uk/ for more information.

NCVO - Cracking the Code

Cracking the Code is a bursary scheme for small infrastructure organisations to improve their governance based on all, or any, of the principles set out in Good Governance: A code for the Voluntary and Community Sector.

They will provide up to £500 for your organisation to improve its governance based on all or any of the principles of the 'Code'. In return we ask that you write a case study

and develop a method to share your knowledge and experience with others in your local area.

This scheme is open to infrastructure organisations based in England only. To check your eligibility for the scheme go to the applicants page.

There are many different ways the bursary can be used to improve your governance. What you do and how you use the bursary depend on the needs of your organisation. Visit our Cracking the Code ideas and inspiration page.

It is easy to apply for a bursary scheme. Visit the applicant's page to check your eligibility on the website below, read the application instructions and make your application. The closing date for the next round of applications is the 30th June 2010

There are lots of sources of helpful information and support to help you review and improve your organisation's governance:

Download your copy of the Good Governance a Code for the Voluntary and Community Sector Download a copy of the Summary Code Implement the 'Code' using the Code of Governance Toolkit Do you comply with the 'Code'? Sign-up to the 'Code'. Interested in reviewing your organisation's governance? Learn more about governance reviews.

Join the Governance and Leadership network for infrastructure organisations to receive regular newsletters, updates and information.

Cracking the Code bursary scheme is funded by Capacitybuilders as part of the Leadership and Governance National Support Services (NSS). Find out more about more about the work of the National Support Services.

If you have any questions or queries regarding the scheme Email: governanceandleadership@ncvo-vol.org.uk with 'Cracking the Code' in the title.

Website: <http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/crackingthecode>

Deadline: 30 June 2010

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Neville Shulman Challenge Award

The aims of the Neville Shulman Challenge Award are to further the understanding and exploration of the planet: its cultures, peoples and environments, while promoting personal development through the intellectual or physical challenges involved in undertaking the research and/or expeditions.

It is open to individuals or groups and one award of £10,000 is made annually.

Supported projects may be desk or field based, carried out in the UK or overseas.

Field and desk geographical researchers are eligible to apply, providing applicants are UK nationals and over the age of 25.

The 2010 deadline is 24 September. For further information, please see www.rgs.org/nevilleshulmanchallengeaward.

Prince's Trust Community Cash Awards

Community Cash Awards are grants to help you set up a project that will benefit your community. You can receive a grant of up to £5,000, support to help plan your project, research your budget, set goals and learn about your community

To apply, you must be either aged 14-16, and achieving or at risk of achieving less than 5 GCSEs grades A* - C, or aged 16-25 and not in education, training or work (or working less than 16 hours a week)

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.

Grants are not for formal groups or organisations, expeditions or overseas travel, fundraising activities for charity, trips and outings, unless they have educational value. To apply fill in their online form or call Tel: 0800 842842 or see http://www.princes-trust.org.uk/need_help/grants/community_cash_awards.aspx.

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PRS for Music Foundation Launches New Music 20x12 Scheme

The PRS for Music Foundation has launched New Music 20x12, a programme which will be part of the UK-wide celebrations of the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, placing new music centre-stage at the Cultural Olympiad.

The Call for Proposals invites music organisations, festivals, ensembles, promoters or venues from England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales to present ideas for a new work, in any musical genre, that they would like to commission from a UK-based composer.

The 20 new works, each lasting 12 minutes, will enable audiences across the UK to enjoy exceptional new music inspired by this celebration.

Grants of up to £10,000 are available. However, the average award is not likely to exceed £8,000 and funds will be allocated according to the scale of each project, the applicant's funding needs and the experience of the commissioned composer.

The deadline for applications is 1 October 2010.

<http://www.prsformusicfoundation.com/newmusic20x12/index.htm>

Reach for IT grants

Funded by the Nominet Trust, Age UK's Reach for IT grants programme aims to promote the digital inclusion of older people in care homes and improve their Internet security.

Grants of up to £20,000 are available for 5 organisations to build the capacity of existing digital inclusion projects by using volunteers for outreach work.

Each organisation must be able to demonstrate one or more of the following project outcomes:

- Improve ability and confidence or to socialise using social media platforms;
- Improve awareness of Internet security and reduce anxiety about using the Internet safely

- Improve access to technology
- Increase project capacity as a result of the funding for volunteering.

Age UK will give successful applicants a training day as well as publicity materials. Projects should commence by November 2010 and be completed by the end of May 2011. The deadline for applications is 28 June 2010.

You can learn more about this fund at www.ageuk.org.uk/professional-resources/reach-for-it-programme/.

Screen South – uScreen Exhibition

This Fund aims to increase access to cultural films and learning opportunities in film, in particular for young people with disabilities, encourage critical engagement and understanding of film and to stimulate creativity for all audiences.

The grant is available for events and festivals that can deliver at least one of the following criteria:

- has national or international significance or impact.
- seeks to put disabled people at the heart of the project by employing or partnering with disabled film-makers, artists and schools, community organisations and groups across the region.
- has a strategic partnership with their local authority or other local partners and long-term viability with some match funding that supports this element of the event.
- fulfils a significant need in film or cultural access or provision to a local community.
- has shown real innovation, original artistic vision or creativity in its concept, delivery, programming or marketing.
- proposes to fill a gap in film exhibition provision in the South East or nationally that is currently not being met or met adequately.
- can demonstrate partnership/alignment with uScreen and Accentuate.
- can demonstrate public need, a breakdown of projected audience, artistic direction, financial plans and partnerships.
- creates local economic inward investment.

Applicants must first attend a Screen South Information Day about the project, have a one-to-one with a Screen South Executive or discuss the application with a Screen South Executive.

Grants will be given of up to £7,500 and projects will require a minimum of 20% matched funding (can include in-kind).

The deadline for applications is 9 September 2010. See www.screensouth.org for more information.

Souter Charitable Trust

This trust provides revenue funding for projects that engage in the relief of human suffering in the UK or overseas, particularly those with a Christian emphasis.

No maximum or minimum grant levels are specified but currently the average grant is around £2,000. Apart from July when no applications will be considered, deadlines are usually the last Tuesday in each month. Further information can be found at www.soutercharitabletrust.org.uk/The_Souter_Charitable_Trust/Guidelines.html.

Terrence Higgins Trust

The East Sussex Terrence Higgins Trust service offers a Positive Grant for individuals living with HIV and on a low income to substantially improve their quality of life, specifically:

- Improve their health and well-being
- Improve their economic well-being
- Improve their skills and knowledge through accessing educational opportunities
- Improve their skills and knowledge through voluntary work.

The grant is not an emergency fund and is focused on supporting individuals to identify actions that have long term implications.

The maximum grant that can be received by any individual is £400.

To find out more please contact Marie Tomblin, East Sussex Centre Manager, on 01323 649 927, email marie.tomblin@tth.org.uk, write to Terrence Higgins Trust's Eastbourne office at: Rooms 38-42, 110 South Street, Eastbourne, BN21 4LZ or see <http://www.tth.org.uk/>.

The Swan Trust

This fund gives money for general, arts, culture and recreation themed projects and gives preference for East Sussex, Kent, Surrey and West Sussex.

To apply, send a letter explaining your cause and project idea to Laura Gosling, The Swan Trust, Pollen House, 10-12 Cork Street, London, W1S 3LW. Acknowledgements will only be sent if a grant is being made.

For more details, call Laura Gosling 020 7439 9061 or e-mail charity@mfs.co.uk.

The Big Arts Give

The Big Arts Give is a new £500,000 challenge fund scheme designed to help arts organisations build and develop their income from individual giving by motivating donors through creation of a matched funding pot to potentially double their online donations.

The scheme is operated by a partnership of Arts & Business, The Reed Foundation and The Big Give. It is aiming to help between 80-140 charities running arts projects.

To participate in the Big Give charities should first submit an application by the 9 July 2010.

E-mail Ashley Bowe, ashley.bowe@theBigGive.org.uk for further information.

UnLtd - BIG Challenge

It's your turn to Imagine, Inspire and Involve now! If you can think of a project idea that inspires other young people then submit your idea to Big Challenge before 6th July to be in with a chance of winning part of the £65 000 prize fund to make it happen. BIG Challenge gives YOU the opportunity to tackle the BIG issues that we face in the UK.

If you are aged 16 to 25 then you can apply for part of the £65,000 prize fund to tackle the Big Challenge theme for 2010. The Big Challenge Youth Leadership Team are

looking for original project or campaign ideas that will have a big impact and inspire other young people. This is your chance to make a difference!

You can apply on your own or in a group with other young people and all applications will be shortlisted by our Youth Leadership Team before going on to a final online public vote. If you win part of the Challenge fund, you will receive cash and support to help make your ideas a reality.

Contact them with any questions Email: bigchallenge@unltd.org.uk

Website: <http://www.bigchallenge.org.uk/default.aspx>

Deadline: 6 July 2010

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Village Core programme

The Village CORE Programme is a dedicated support programme for communities looking to set up and run a community-owned rural shop.

It provides advisory support along with a £40,000 funding package comprised of a £20,000 grant matched with a £20,000 loan which is also matched by the equivalent community contributions.

The Village CORE Programme is a partnership between the Plunkett Foundation, Co-operative & Community Finance and the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation and is supported by the LankellyChase Foundation. Grants will be awarded to rural communities of at least 300 people which are planning to set up a community-owned shop.

The Village CORE Programme application process consists of the following stages:
Stage 1: Initial telephone enquiry - Any community interested in applying for the Village CORE programme should telephone Donna Smith or Harriet English on 01993 814377 for an informal discussion of their project and to assess their eligibility as a beneficiary of the Village CORE Programme.

Stage 2: Grant application - The community is then required to formally submit an application which will be sent out following the initial telephone enquiry. For information, full guidance notes can be downloaded.

Village CORE Programme, Plunkett Foundation, The Quadrangle, Oxfordshire, OX20 1LH

Website: <http://www.plunkett.co.uk/whatwedo/core/Core.cfm>

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Virgin Media Shorts Competition

This competition is open to filmmakers and gives them the chance to show their work in cinemas, on TV, online and on mobile (via the mobile internet).

Films must be in English or subtitled in English and be of a duration of up to 2 minutes and 20 seconds. Prizes include:

- 12 film makers win a chance to show their work on 214 cinema screen nationwide;
- £30,000 to make their next film;

- a People's Choice winner will take home thousands of pounds worth of new film kit;
- the college or school with the most entrants will be given loads of new kit.

The deadline for entries is 28 June 2010. Details can be found at www.virginmediashorts.co.uk/.

Wells Sports Foundation

The Wells Sports Foundation is a new sporting charity created and entirely funded by entrepreneur, Barrie Wells, to provide financial and motivational support to sustainable grassroots sports projects.

They provide grants to qualifying sports clubs to help fund legacy projects that will increase participation in sport both now and in the future.

They also have a team of world class athletes who visit schools and sports clubs throughout the country so that young people can engage with and be inspired by some of Britain's most accomplished and promising athletes.

The closing date for grants is the 10th of every month. To find out more about application requirements, please see <http://www.wellsportsfoundation.org/grassroots-sport/sport-grants.aspx>.

International

Ambient Assisted Living Call

The Commission has issued a call for funding for projects in ICT-based Solutions for Advancement of Older Persons' Independence and Participation in the "Self-Serve Society".

The deadline is 30 July. For further information please see

<http://www.aal-europe.eu/calls/aal-call-3-2010/call-3-2010-closing-at-30-of-july-at-17-00-cet/>.

British Council: Connecting Classrooms

Grants are given by the British Council to support the development of partnerships with schools in India, Sri Lanka, Near East and North Africa and to cover project-related costs.

The British Council also offer grants to local authorities and other coordinating bodies to cover the costs of coordinating the project for their cluster of schools.

Schools, local authorities, clusters of schools and coordinating bodies are invited to apply. The next deadline for application is 8 October 2010. See

<http://www.britishcouncil.org/learning-connecting-classrooms.htm>.

Collaboration Grants

The European Cultural Foundation (ECF) is an independent non-governmental organisation that promotes cultural participation and cooperation in Europe and beyond.

Collaboration grants fund transnational, cross-sectoral activities by artistic and cultural organisations working together or with organisations from other sectors. Up to 80% of project costs will be supported. The average grant awarded is €15,000 and the maximum is €30,000.

The main applicant must be a cultural or artistic independent organisation from Europe which can collaborate with partners from the same field and/or with transnational partners from other sectors, i.e. the leading cultural organisation can decide to develop a partnership with, for example, an environmental organisation, an activist group or an academic body.

The second 2010 deadline for the receipt of completed application forms is 6 September.

<http://collaborationgrants.eurocult.org/>

Future of the European Commission's Culture Programme

The European Commission will launch an online public consultation towards mid-September to gather the opinions of cultural stakeholders on the next generation of the Culture programme.

The consultation will stay open until mid-December 2010. In January 2011 the European Commission will hold a public hearing and consult Member States representatives.

All these opinions will feed into the Commission proposal on the continuation of the programme after 2014, which will be presented to the other European institutions by autumn 2011.

http://ec.europa.eu/culture/news/news2624_en.htm

DFID - Development Innovation Fund (DIF)

DFID's White Paper, "Eliminating World Poverty: Building Our Common Future", outlines DFID's approach to working with civil society. It highlights the fact that DFID recognises that the work of governments alone will not be enough to eliminate world poverty and that to achieve further and faster poverty reduction, governments must work closely with citizens and civil society groups.

The White Paper states that over the next few years DFID will increase its work with organisations in the UK and overseas who play an important role in development. This will include groups with who do not currently benefit from DFID support. Many of these groups are involved in supporting very small scale, often localised activities which do not meet the criteria we have for our existing centrally managed civil society funding schemes, such as the Partnership Programme Arrangements (PPA) and Civil Society Challenge Fund (CSCF).

To address this, DFID has established a new funding stream aimed at community based organisations involved in providing specific small scale, one-off support that directly targets poverty in the developing world and includes a significant development awareness component in the UK. The Fund will be operational for an initial 16 months from 2010.

The Fund is intended to offer funding opportunities to not for profit organisations but is not intended to replace or overlap with other DFID funding mechanisms. An application form and a frequently asked questions paper are available from the links on website below.

Helpline Tel: 0845 300 4100 Email: enquiry@dfid.gov.uk

Website: <http://www.dfid.gov.uk/dif>

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Erasmus for young entrepreneurs

Funding has been made available for the "ERASMUS for young entrepreneurs" programme. A call for proposals is currently open, with a deadline of 28 June 2010. The ERASMUS for young entrepreneurs was set up as a pilot programme in 2008 to "create an environment in which entrepreneurs can thrive and entrepreneurship is rewarded."

The programme aims at helping new entrepreneurs (NEs) to acquire relevant skills for managing a small to medium-sized enterprise by spending time in an enterprise with a host entrepreneur (HE) in another EU country. It contributes to improving their know-how and fosters cross-border transfers of knowledge and experience between entrepreneurs.

The European Commission is now calling for:

- 1) Public and/or private entities to act as intermediary organisations (IO) that will be tasked with successfully matching NEs and HEs and organise entrepreneurs mobility
- 2) One single body to coordinate the activities of the selected Intermediary organisations.

To learn more about the "ERASMUS for young entrepreneurs" programme look at:
<http://www.erasmus-entrepreneurs.eu/>

Preparatory Action in the Field of Sport

The main objective of the Preparatory Action in the Field of Sport is to prepare future EU actions in this field. This Call for Proposals will support transnational projects put forward by public bodies or civil society organisations in order to identify and test suitable networks and good practices in the field of sport, in the following areas:

- Fight against doping.
- Promoting social inclusion in and through sport.
- Promoting volunteering in sport.

The budget available for this Call for Proposals is €2,500,000. There are no minimum or maximum grant levels stated in the guidelines.

Under this Call, the following two categories of UK applicants are eligible:

- Public bodies.
- Civil society organisations.

Projects must start between 1 December 2010 and 31 March 2011 and end no later than 30 June 2012.

Applications must be submitted by 31 August 2010. For more information, see
http://ec.europa.eu/sport/preparatory_actions/doc866_en.htm.

International Polartec Challenge

Polartec Challenge is an international grant programme that supports the spirit and practice of outdoor adventure. It assists frugal, low impact expedition/adventure teams that respect the local culture and environment and serve as role models to outdoor enthusiasts worldwide.

Awards are financial and/or product. Although no minimum and maximum levels of support are defined, in the past, grants have ranged from USD 2,000 to USD 8,000 (approximately £1,000 to £4,100).

The Challenge supports diverse, self-propelled expeditions and journeys to remote locations of the world. Applications are evaluated on the basis of their vision, commitment and credibility. Prior winners have explored mountains, forests, caves, rivers, oceans and deserts around the globe in many different ways.

The closing date for applications is 1 November 2010.

<http://www.polartec.com/#/polartec-challenge/>

INTERREG IV A –Two Seas Programme

The '2 Seas' maritime cross-border INTERREG programme, which is financed through the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), enables cooperation between regional and local organisations from the Channel coastal territories of Northern France, England, Belgium (Flanders) and the Netherlands (Western areas).

The areas in England that are eligible to participate as lead partners are Norfolk CC, Suffolk CC, Southend-on-Sea, Thurrock, Essex CC, Brighton and Hove, East Sussex CC, West Sussex CC, Portsmouth, Southampton, Hampshire CC, Isle of Wight, Medway Towns, Kent CC, Bournemouth and Poole, Dorset CC, Cornwall and Isles of Scilly CC, Plymouth, Torbay and Devon CC. Adjacent areas in England where the ERDF regulation allows participation-only partners comprise the counties of Somerset, Wiltshire, Surrey and Cambridgeshire.

The programme supports projects in which these authorities are invited to develop the competitiveness and sustainable growth potential of the programme area's maritime and non-maritime assets, through building and advancing partnerships of cross-border cooperation.

The sixth Call for Proposals is open for applications until 9 July 2010.

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Funding Diary

Fund	Deadline
June 2010	
Children & Young People Now Awards	18/06/2010
Action Earth	23/06/2010
Sport England Active Universities Fund	23/06/2010
Intelligent Energy - Europe (IEE)	24/06/2010
SITA Trust 2010 Enriching Nature Programme	25/06/2010
Access to Volunteering	28/06/2010
Erasmus for young entrepreneurs	28/06/2010
Hedley Foundation	28/06/2010
Reach for IT grants	28/06/2010
Virgin Media Shorts	28/06/2010
BUPA Foundation: Philip Poole-Wilson Seed Corn Fund	30/06/2010
Concertina	30/06/2010
Cracking the Code Bursary Scheme	30/06/2010
Friends Provident Foundation	30/06/2010
Help the Homeless	30/06/2010
Ideas Tap	30/06/2010
Live UnLtd	30/06/2010
Ulverscroft Foundation	30/06/2010
July 2010	
Biffaward Flagship Scheme	01/07/2010
LSIS: Flexibility and Innovation Fund	02/07/2010
Health and Social Care Volunteering Fund	05/07/2010
Action Earth	07/07/2010
Joseph Rowntree Foundation 'The future UK labour market: skills, jobs and poverty'	08/07/2010
Future Vision Awards	09/07/2010
INTERREG IVA	09/07/2010
The Big Arts Give	09/07/2010
Children in Need	15/07/2010
Groundswell's Grant Award Scheme	15/07/2010
Church and Community Fund	16/07/2010
Leonardo	16/07/2010
The Weavers Company Benevolent Fund	16/07/2010
BIG Lottery – Community Wildlife	21/07/2010
Ambient Assisted Living Call	30/07/2010
Community Sustainable Energy Programme	30/07/2010
Wellcome Trust – Arts Awards	30/07/2010
Anchor Foundation	31/07/2010
European Solar Prize	31/07/2010
Golsoncott Foundation	31/07/2010
Kerrygold Community Awards	31/07/2010
August 2010	
UIA Charitable Foundation	01/08/2010
ScottishPower Energy People Trust	02/08/2010
Hilton in the Community	03/08/2010
Macmillan Helping You Help Others Grant	04/08/2010
Veolia Environment Trust	04/08/2010

PRS Awards to Festivals	09/08/2010
PRS Awards to Organisations	09/08/2010
PRS Awards to Promoters	09/08/2010
PRS Awards to Performance Groups	09/08/2010
PRS for Music Foundation – Awards for New Works	09/08/2010
SITA Trust Young Person's Volunteering Fund	09/08/2010
AHF – Grants for Building Preservation Trusts	12/08/2010
Get Connected Investment Project Cycle 2	20/08/2010
eaga Charitable Trust	27/08/2010
Eranda Foundation	31/08/2010
European Commission's Preparatory Action in the Field of Sport - New Call for Proposals	31/08/2010
Healthy Hearts Grant	31/08/2010
Parks for People	31/08/2010
PRS Foundation: British Music Abroad	31/08/2010
Radcliff Trust Music Grant	31/08/2010
Will Charitable Trust – Cancer care	31/08/2010
Will Charitable Trust – Conservation	31/08/2010
September 2010	
Europe for Citizens - Thematic Networking of Twinned Towns	01/09/2010
Europe for Citizens - Town Twinning citizens meetings	01/09/2010
Youth in Action National Projects	01/09/2010
Youth in Action European Projects	01/09/2010
Hilden Charitable Fund	03/09/2010
Access to Volunteering	06/09/2010
Hedley Foundation	06/09/2010
Rowing Foundation	06/09/2010
UnLtd Level 2 Awards	06/09/2010
V cashpoint	06/09/2010
Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust	07/09/2010
Screen South – uScreen Exhibition	09/09/2010
Harold Hyam Wingate Foundation	10/09/2010
The Epic Awards 2010	10/09/2010
Culture 2007 Programme	15/09/2010
Polden-Puckham Charitable Foundation	15/09/2010
The Philip Lawrence Awards	15/09/2010
BIG Lottery – Community Wildlife	22/09/2010
Idlewild Trust	24/09/2010
Neville Shulman Challenge Award	24/09/2010
BUPA Foundation - Philip Poole-Wilson Seed Corn Fund	30/09/2010
Church and Community Fund	30/09/2010
Help the Homeless	30/09/2010
Ulverscroft Foundation	30/09/2010
October 2010	
Europa Nostra Awards	01/10/2010
Fidelio Charitable Trust	01/10/2010
Unlimited	01/10/2010
Winston Churchill Memorial Trust Travelling Fellowship Programme	05/10/2010
British Council: Connecting Classrooms	08/10/2010
E.ON Sustainable Energy Fund	08/10/2010
SITA Trust Young Person's Volunteering Fund	11/10/2010
Children in Need	15/10/2010
PRS Awards to Festivals	15/10/2010

PRS Awards to Organisations	15/10/2010
PRS Awards to Performance Groups	15/10/2010
PRS Awards to Promoters	15/10/2010
PRS for Music Foundation – Awards for New Works	15/10/2010
Groundswell's Grant Award Scheme	15/10/2010
Friends Provident Foundation	22/10/2010
Veolia Environment Trust	27/10/2010
AHF – Grants for Building Preservation Trusts	28/10/2010
Community Sustainable Energy Programme	29/10/2010
Wellcome Trust – Arts Awards	29/10/2010
BFWG Charitable Foundation – Theodora Bosanquet Busary	31/10/2010
Concertina	31/10/2010
November 2010	
Hedley Foundation	01/11/2010
ScottishPower Energy People Trust	01/11/2010
Youth in Action National Projects	01/11/2010
Hilton in the Community	09/11/2010
The Weavers Company Benevolent Fund	12/11/2010
People's Trust UK Mammals Grants	22/11/2010
BIG Lottery – Community Wildlife	24/11/2010
Golsoncott Foundation	30/11/2010
December 2010	
Rowing Foundation	01/12/2010
Macmillan Helping You Help Others Grant	02/12/2010
Harold Hyam Wingate Foundation	10/12/2010
Church and Community Fund	31/12/2010
Help the Homeless	31/12/2010
The Health Work and Well-Being Challenge Fund	31/12/2010
Ulverscroft Foundation	31/12/2010
January 2011	
EcoMinds – Medium Grants	08/01/2011
INTERREG IVA	21/01/2011
High Weald Sustainable Development Fund	31/01/2011
Community Spaces	31/01/2011
Heroes Return 2	31/01/2011
Golsoncott Foundation	31/01/2011
Marine Communities Fund	31/01/2011
March 2011	
The Weavers Company Benevolent Fund	11/03/2011
Bio-energy Capital Grants Scheme	31/03/2011
Development Innovation Fund	31/03/2011
April 2011	
Unlimited	18/04/2011
Golsoncott Foundation	30/04/2011
July 2011	
The Weavers Company Benevolent Fund	15/07/2011
Golsoncott Foundation	31/07/2011
Open	
ACT Foundation	
Al Fayed Charitable Trust	
Allen Lane Foundation	
ASDA Foundation	

Awards for All
Barrow Cadbury Trust
B&Q Waste Donation Scheme
Boost Charitable Trust
BRIT Trust
Bromley Trust
Bus Service Operators Grant
Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation Innovation Fund
C Charitable Trust
Childwick Trust
Clothworkers' Foundation
Cotton Trust
Crash Support Scheme
DFID Community Linking Programme
Disabled Facilities Grants
D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust
Dulverton Trust
English Heritage
European Youth Foundation Pilot Projects
Faiths in Action
Football Foundation Facilities Grant Scheme
Four Acre Trust
Fuserna Foundation
Gardening for Disabled Trust
Google Grants
Groundswell Grant Award Scheme
H.B. Allen Charitable Trust
Help the Hospices - Professional Development
Henry Smith Charity
J Paul Getty Jnr Charitable Trust
John Ellerman Foundation
Lawrence Atwell's Charity
Links Foundation
Lloyds TSB Foundation for England
Lush
Manifold Charitable Trust
Mini Mediabox
National Churches Trust
Noel Buxton Trust
Mustard Seed Programme
O2 "Think Big"
Paul Hamlyn Foundation
People's Postcode Trust
Peter Cruddas Foundation
Porticus UK
Prince's Trust Community Cash Awards
RDPE LEADER Programme
Rowing Foundation
Royal British Legion External Grants Scheme
Rye Fund
Sir Cliff Richard Charitable Trust
Souter Charitable Trust
Sportsmatch England

<u>Terrence Higgins Trust</u>
<u>The Archer Trust</u>
<u>The Hedley Foundation</u>
<u>The Nationwide Foundation - Small Grants</u>
<u>The Naturesave Trust: Community Renewable Energy Grants</u>
<u>The Yapp Charitable Trust</u>
<u>Trusthouse Fund</u>
<u>UK Film Council's Film Fund</u>
<u>UnLtd Sport Relief Do it Award</u>
<u>Wakeham Trust</u>
<u>WH Smith Trust</u>