

Funding Bulletin

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European Funding

There are no calls for ERDF, ESF or LSC

ESF COMMUNITY GRANTS Heart of England Community Foundation

There is still a small amount grant funding available for projects – but please check with Heart of England before making your application.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

The application form can be downloaded from the Heart of England Community Foundation's website:

www.heartofenglandcf.co.uk (located under Applying for Grants) or if you wish to talk with an Officer please telephone 024 7688 4386 and ask for the Gants Team.

UK Funding

ELEPHANT TRUST – the arts

Grants are available to artists, small organisations and galleries within the UK.

The Trust's aim is to make it possible for artists and those presenting their work to undertake and complete projects when frustrated by lack of funds. The Trust supports projects that develop and improve the knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the fine arts.

The Trust normally awards grants of up to £2,000, but larger grants may be considered.

The deadline for submission of applications is 21 September 2009.

Full details about this fund can be found on the Trust's website:

Web: <http://www.elephanttrust.org.uk>
Tel: 020 7922 1160
email: ruth@elephanttrust.org.uk

COALFIELDS REGENERATION TRUST: BRIDGING THE GAP – policy changes

This programme offers grants from £500 to £5,000 in England (previously £10,000) to voluntary and community groups for projects that can be completed within 12 months.

A group can have one grant in any 12-month period but each application must be for a different activity. The application process is

simple and the Trust aim to come to a decision within 12 weeks of receiving a completed application.

Projects must clearly show they benefit coalfield communities within the CRT's most identified deprived areas. Please contact the West Midlands Officer on 01782 563 112 to identify these areas.

To visit the 'Applying for Funds' section of the website, please click [here](#)

There are also POLICY CHANGES to the CRT MAIN GRANTS PROGRAMME.

Please follow the next link for full information:
<http://www.coalfields-regen.org.uk/maingrantsprogramme/default.asp>

ARTS COUNCIL: SUSTAIN * NEW *

The Sustain programme is Arts Council England's response to the impact of the recession on arts organisations whose sustainability is important in delivering its mission of great art for everyone.

One-off awards of between £75,000 to £3 million will be made to cover the period 2009-2011. The funding is designed to help organisations maintain their artistic, financial and organisational viability during the recession and implement changes to ensure long-term sustainability.

Eligible applicants are arts organisations primarily focused on creating, producing and/or presenting art in England. Applicants must be registered charities or have not-for-

profit status and have existed for a minimum of three years.

Examples of how the funding can be used:

- resolve cash-flow problems;
- maintain the quality of artistic output;
- purchase essential capital assets;
- continue education, community and audience development work;
- complete building repairs and renewals;
- develop necessary organisational capability.

Applications may be made at any time.

Web: <http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding>

Tel: 0845 300 6200

Email: [enquiry form](#)

The above website will also offer information on other funding schemes such as:

- Town Centre Initiatives
- Future Jobs Fund
- Grants for the Arts

Grants for the arts surgeries

For the latest information on these surgeries and other opportunities in the West Midlands please [click here](#) and download the document on the right hand side

The Cultural Olympiad Open Weekend

takes place on the 24th, 25th and 26th July 2009. To find out what's happening in your area please [click here](#).

COMIC RELIEF: UK Grants Programme

Comic Relief has announced its new grants strategy for the next four years following Red Nose Day 2009.

Registered charities and voluntary organisations (including social enterprises and community interest companies) in the UK 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.
- Sport for Change.
- Young People aged 11-25:
 - Sexually Exploited and Trafficked Young People.
 - Young People and Alcohol.
 - Young People with Mental Health Problems.
 - Local Communities.

Applications for Sport for Change can be made at any time.

Cycle One deadline for all other programmes is 24th July 2009.

Essential information must be read, and can be found on the Comic Relief website:

Web: <http://www.comicrelief.com/>

General enquiries: info@comicrelief.com

Tel: 0207 820 5555

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION NETWORK – Comic Relief/Sport Relief

Community Foundations have been invited by Comic Relief to distribute some of the funds raised through Red Nose Day and Sport Relief.

Community foundations across the UK are inviting applications for grants up to £10,000 from a fund of over £5 million that they are distributing on behalf of Comic Relief up to 31 March 2011.

Community groups, resident associations, community centres, social enterprises/Community Interest Companies and credit unions are eligible to apply for a grant for a range of activities that will:

- increase access to sport and exercise for people who face social exclusion and isolation;
- help people who are experiencing difficulties in their lives to regain their confidence and self-esteem;
- build skills of local people;
- increase community cohesion; and
- respond to local economic needs.

To apply, applicants should use the Comic Relief application form which is available on the Heart of England Community Foundation's website:

www.heartofenglandcf.co.uk, and go to the 'Applying for Grants' section, then download the 'Comic Relief/Sport Relief' application form. You can contact the grants team on 024 7688 4435.

In the first instance, decisions are being made in August 2009.

GUARDIAN CHARITY AWARDS

Small and medium-sized charities that have made outstanding and valuable contributions to social welfare in the community are invited to apply to this annual award scheme. Charities of this size are seen to have the flexibility, creativity and direct contact with the community to enable fresh thinking to flourish.

Five winning charities will each be awarded the following:

- * £1,000
- * A brand new PC
- * A half-day consultancy session and follow-up support for six months
- * A tailored package of media services

Eligible charities must have been registered in the United Kingdom for more than two years and have an annual income of between £5,000 and £1 million.

The closing date for receipt of applications is 31 July 2009.

Web: <http://www.guardian.co.uk/charity-awards-2009>

There is also a link on the above website page to the Guardian's Voluntary Sector articles.

LOW CARBON BUILDINGS PROGRAMME PHASE 2

It has been announced that LCBP Phase Two will receive an additional £35 million of funding, and LCBP Phase One

an additional £10 million. The current programme will now be extended until April 2011 in order to support technologies until the introduction of Feed-in Tariffs and the Renewable Heat Incentive.

Under Phase Two, £5 million of the £45 million has already been allocated to solar PV funding to deal with the majority of PV applications in the pipeline.

From 1 July 2009:

- o LCBP Phase Two will be open to all products and installer companies registered on the Microgeneration Certification Scheme (MCS).
- o The extended programme will continue to provide grant funding to charitable organisations, community groups and the public sector.
- o The upper limit for heat technologies will be raised to 300kW.
- o Organisations may apply for up to 50% of the cost of installing approved technologies up to a maximum of £200,000 (though maximum grant levels may depend on the nature of the organisation).

Full details on how to apply can be found on the Low Carbon Buildings website: <http://www.lowcarbonbuildings.org.uk/how/>

If you have an enquiry about phase two of the Low Carbon Buildings Programme, please call 08704 23 23 13 or email info@lcbpphase2.org.uk.

V - VCASHPOINT

Application materials are now available for the sixth funding round of vcashpoint.

Grants are available to young people in England aged 16-25 to set up exciting and creative voluntary projects to benefit their communities. The maximum grant available is £2,500, and £1 million is being distributed over a number of funding rounds.

The grant must be used to design and implement a project that will benefit the applicant's community and will have a positive impact. Grants are for projects that involve young people in their organisation, planning and implementation.

Completed forms may be returned using the online application facility, by post or by email.

The applications deadline is 17 August 2009.

Web: <http://www.vinspired.com/opportunities/vcashpoint> If you need any help please call 0800 089 9000 or email your enquiry to vcashpointqueries@bss.org

YOUNG FOUNDATION - LEARNING LAUNCHPAD

The aim of the Learning Launchpad Fund is to help create lasting projects that support young people between the ages of 14 and 25 to discover their potential, pursue their goals and achieve their dreams.

Launchpad is looking for ideas that help young people reach beyond academic paths to success, encourage learning-by-doing, and develop their non-cognitive 'soft' skills through real-world experience. Therefore, it seeks to support projects that do not have traditional academic learning routes as their focus.

Individuals, teams or organisations in the early stages of development and based in England, Scotland and Wales, that have ground-breaking ideas for solving problems facing young people, are eligible to apply to the Fund.

Unrestricted funding of up to £30,000 is available. Normally, investments take the form of a loan, an equity stake or a 'revenue participation agreement' (where a small proportion of the organisation's revenue is taken).

The 2009 application deadlines for the Fund have changed and the current Round Two deadline has been extended to 15th July.

The Round Three deadline has moved forward to 24th November 2009.

Website:

<http://www.learninglaunchpad.org/apply/index.php>

All queries are dealt with on line or by email to: launchpad@youngfoundation.org with the subject title "Learning Launchpad" and they will get back to you, or [comment on their blog](#) and a reply will be posted.

COMMUNITY CASHBACK PILOT SCHEME **- Have your say**

Communities will benefit from a new pilot fund which has been launched in England and Wales giving local people say on how money will be spent.

The £4 million Community Cashback Scheme will be funded by money and assets seized from wealthy criminals. The public will be able to choose which worthwhile community projects are funded. This will be done through feedback received on a new dedicated website, through neighbourhood policing meetings and via Citizens Panels.

Until now, money recovered from criminals has been split between frontline services, such as the police and government departments involved with the criminal justice system. This is the first time a portion of that money is being paid back into communities.

Projects will be assessed against the following criteria:

- The projects should be related to nuisance, anti-social or criminal behaviour or its impact on the community.
- Projects could focus on one or several neighbourhoods.
- Projects should be community-focused and make a noticeable difference to the community.
- Projects must demonstrate value for money, be able to be delivered quickly and their impact should be clearly evaluated.
- Outcomes must be visible to the community.

Applications may be submitted at any time.

To suggest a project and/or have your say please visit the Criminal Justice System website:

<http://cashback.cjonline.gov.uk/index.html> and select 'Warwickshire'.

SCOTTISH POWER GREEN ENERGY TRUST

The Scottish Power Green Energy Trust will grant up to half the cost of the chosen renewable technology. There is a maximum award of £25,000 but most projects receive around £10,000. Projects are expected to have a really strong community benefit and wider educational element.

Eligibility criteria states that:

- Projects from local community groups and not for profit organisations and charities within the UK may apply.
- Your project needs to advance renewable energy and support your local community through education and public engagement.
- The Trust considers all kinds of renewable technologies, including small-scale hydro, wind power, biomass, landfill gas, solar energy and ground source heat pumps. Applications involving other technologies may also qualify for support.

- The Trust does not fund feasibility studies
- Grant requests must be to support the capital and installation costs of a renewable energy project.

Applications must be received seven weeks prior to the Trustees' meetings, with the final deadline being four weeks before the meeting. The Trust meets three times a year to consider applications – usually during the first week of April, September and December.

Website:

<http://www.scottishpowergreentrust.co.uk/content/default.asp?page=s4>

Tel: 0141 568 3492

Email: greenenergytrust@scottishpower.com

PRINCES TRUST – Community Cash

Funding of up to £1,000 is available for 14-16 year olds in education. Funding of up to £5,000 is available for 16-25 year olds.

Community Cash Awards are grants to help you set up a project that will benefit your community. The Princes's Trust will also offer support to help plan projects, research budgets, set goals and learn about the local community.

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.

For full details please visit the Princes Trust website: http://www.princes-trust.org.uk/need_help/grants/community_cash_awards.aspx or call 0800 842 842

CASH 4 CLUBS

Cash 4 Clubs is funded by Betfair in partnership with SportsAid and offers all sports clubs in the UK the chance to win grants ranging from £250 to £1000.

Any sports club that is registered with its sports' National Governing body or local authority can apply. Cash 4 Clubs do not restrict entries to certain sports or certain activities. You might be looking for funding to help with coaching of young kids or you may be after a grant to help buy a new boat or help renovate your current facilities.

No preference is given to types of sport or the age of people involved with the club, but Cash 4 Clubs do look for sports clubs that play an active role in the community.

There are no deadlines for submitting grant applications. Clubs are welcome to apply at any time and they will be considered at the next committee panel meeting

Decision-making sessions are held at approximately quarterly intervals throughout the year.

Please follow the link below for full details and an application form:

Website: <http://cash-4-clubs.com/>

Local News

YORKSHIRE BANK 150th COMMUNITY AWARDS: MIDLANDS

The bank are inviting charities and community groups to participate in their 150th Community Awards, through which they will donate £150,000 to local charities and community groups.

The Awards will focus on four areas which the Yorkshire Bank consider important for the health and wellbeing of communities:

- Environment
- Volunteering
- Regeneration
- Education

In each category one project will receive an award of £10,000 and four commendable projects will each receive £5,000. At the Awards presentation, towards the end of the year, one outstanding project will be awarded a further £10,000. In addition to the main recipients, a further 20 awards will be made of £1,000 each.

Applications are invited from registered charities, community organisations and

constituted voluntary groups whose projects will benefit communities in the Midlands.

The deadline for application forms and any supporting information must be received by 16th August 2009.

Full information on how to apply can be found on the Bank website:

<http://www.ybonline.co.uk/about-yorkshire-bank/community-awards/>

Lottery News

VILLAGE SOS PROGRAMME * NEW *

The Big Lottery Fund has teamed up with the BBC to launch the new Village SOS Programme, with £3 million of funding available to support enterprising ideas in six UK villages.

Successful applicants will receive grant support of between £100,000 and £400,000 to create a brand new venture that will bring new life and energy to their village.

The programme will fund organisations with a specific idea for an enterprise. This might be linked to land or a building that is owned or rented or which the applicant wishes to buy. It can also fund a new event (such as a music or food festival) to be held for the first time.

Six enterprising individuals will be selected to act as Village Champions to help achieve the ambitions of the selected villages. Those with a business proposal for rural villages with fewer than 3,000 residents are invited to apply.

All types of voluntary and community organisations such as charities, social enterprises, local festival committees, village history societies and community-based co-operatives, are eligible.

The Big Lottery Fund aims to make three awards in England and one each in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. The journey of the six successful villages and their Village Champions will be filmed for a BBC One television series in winter 2010.

Applications may be submitted until 12 noon on 14th August 2009.

Website:

http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_village_sos.htm

BIG Advice Line: 0845 4 10 20 30

LOCAL FOOD GRANT – to be suspended

Local Food is a £50 million programme that distributes lottery grants to a variety of food-related projects to help make locally grown food accessible and affordable to local communities.

However, due to an exceptional high level of demand, the groundbreaking Local Food programme is to suspend acceptance of new first stage applications, with effect from **Friday 21 August 2009.**

In just 14 months the Local Food programme has received enough applications to potentially fully utilise the £50 million grant funding available and its Grants Officers are

currently in the process of assessing these applications.

For the latest information on Local Food please sign up for the Local Food [newsletter](#).

Further information can be found on the Local Food [FAQs section](#).

BIG THINKING: A new strategic framework for the Big Lottery Fund

This Special Feature from GRANTfinder focuses on the outcomes of the Big Lottery Fund's recent public consultation, *Big Thinking*. The consultation ran from 17 November 2008 to 27 February 2009, inviting comments and suggestions on how future funds from the National Lottery should be used to benefit communities throughout the country. Coupled with the results of *Big Thinking*, the Big Lottery Fund (BIG) has recently announced details of some specific recession-related funding streams, which are also outlined in this feature.

To view this article please go to <http://warwickshire.gov.uk/grants>

[Find out about small Lottery grants](#)

[Awards for All programme summary](#)

Funding Helpline: 0845 4 10 20 30

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