

Buckinghamshire External Funding

FUNDING INSIGHT NEWSLETTER

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General - Ecominds Announces First Grants (England)

Mind, the national mental health charity in England and Wales has announced that it has made its first awards and awarded a total of over £1 million in funding to nine projects. Through the Ecominds programme, Mind will fund a range of groups (including schools and colleges) who want to encourage people with experience of mental distress to get involved in environmental projects, such as improving open spaces and wildlife habitats, designing public art and recycling. Successful applicants include Hart Voluntary Action who received funding for the provision of an intergenerational community garden project where Mental Health Service Users are part of a team that undertakes gardening for vulnerable adults in the community of Hart. Over the next five years Ecominds will have £7.5 million to distribute to around 125 new and existing projects. To be eligible for funding projects must:

- Have both a mental health and environmental perspective
- Involve people with direct experience of mental distress
- Encourage community access, collaboration, and improve the environment and environmental sustainability
- Have a budget of under £250,000.

Projects that have received funding include:

- Load of old Rubbish, Finchale Training College received a small grant for - Helping Finchale Training College's trainees, the majority of whom experience mental health issues, design and produce a recycling and conservation themed garden to enter into the 2009 RHS Tatton Park Flower Show.
- Community Gardening Project, Rushmoor Voluntary Services received a medium grant for - Improving the quality of life of mental health service users by providing support and training to become involved in a range of local horticultural, gardening and environmental activities.
- Growing well who received a large grant for - Enabling volunteering opportunities for people with mental distress that improve skills, employability, social networks and relationships through involvement in a community-owned organic growing enterprise that destigmatises mental illness.

Applications can be made at any time.

<http://www.mind.org.uk/ecominds/>

General - Funding for Pilot Projects to Support Separating Families (England)

The Department for Children, Schools and Families has announced that it is seeking Expression of Interest from partnerships of organisations to run a new pilot scheme for the provision of local services for separating parents and their children. A total of £1.3 million is available in 2009/10 and £3.45 million in 2010 / 11 to fund up to 10 pilots within defined local areas. It is anticipated that each pilot will receive between £300,000 and £450,000 in each operating year. The lead partner can be a local authority a third sector or charitable organisation, a private sector organisation or a primary care trust. Partnerships interested in participating in one of the pilots need to submit an expression of interest form by the 22nd April 2009. Partnerships, whose expression of interest are successful will then be invited to submit a full proposal by the 24th June 2009.

<http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/localauthorities/index.cfm?action=content&contentID=18705&categoryID=75&subcategoryId=106>

General - GreenPrints (UK)

The SITA Trust has announced that the next application deadline for its Green Prints programme is the 15th June 2009. Through the GreenPrints programme grants of up to £10,000 as well as practical support and advice are available to enable young people to make a real difference to the communities in which they live. The funding is open to not for profit organisations for projects designed and delivered by groups of volunteers aged 16 to 25. One of the most unusual elements of this programme is the individual, dedicated mentor-support that will be provided by the BTCV and The Wildlife Trusts to assist with the practical delivery of every single project that is supported. A project currently supported through the programme is the Reclaim Primrose Hill project. This project brings together young people from Primrose Hill in Coventry who will work with local residents and community groups to reclaim their local park, transforming it from a neglected space into an inviting park that can be enjoyed by the community.

<http://www.sitatrust.org.uk/apply/greenprints>

General - Funding for Community Facilities (England, Scotland & Wales)

The SITA Trust which is a funding organisation that supports community and environmental improvement projects around waste treatment and landfill sites owned by the waste management company SITA UK has announced that the next application deadlines under its enhancing communities programme are the 31st July for its Large Grants programme and the 15th June for its Small Grants programme. Under its Large Grant programme grants of between £10,001 and £50,000 are available to not-for-profit organisations including community groups, parish councils, charities, local authorities and voluntary organisations to

fund physical improvements to community, sport or historic buildings/structures within 3 miles of a Sita site. The Small Grants Scheme provides fast-track access to funding for community improvement applications of up to £10,000 within 3 miles of a qualifying Sita site. Previous projects funded include:

- Richmond Canoe Club which received a grant of £25,000 for the Richmond Canoe Club Refurbishment Project This project renovated the premises to bring the facilities up-to-date an accessible by a wider variety of people, including young people and youth organisations. The Trust's funding contributed towards a new efficient heating system, toilets, changing and access facilities suitable for people with disabilities as well as re-flooring the gymnasium and plastering of outer walls.

<http://www.sitatrust.org.uk/apply/community>

General - Baring Foundation Arts Programme (UK)

The Baring Foundation has announced that after using its Arts programme to fund arts organisations working with refugees and asylum seekers for the last six years, the programme will in 2010 focus on supporting arts organisations working with older people. A total of £3 million will be made available through the Arts programme through 5 funding rounds. The Arts programme 2010 will open for application at the end of September 2009 and the first grants will be made in June 2010. The Foundation will publish a mapping report in September 2009 looking at current practice in this field. If you work for an arts organisation that works in this area the Foundation is interested from you. Please email David Cutler on: david.cutler@uk.ing.com.

<http://www.baringfoundation.org.uk/program.htm>

General - Arts Awards (UK)

The Wellcome Trust is inviting organisations and individuals to apply for funding through its Arts Awards. The Arts Awards support projects that engage the public with biomedical science through the arts including dance, drama, performance arts, visual arts, music, film, craft, photography, creative writing or digital media. Applications are invited for projects up to £30,000. The aim of the awards is to support arts projects that reach new audiences which may not traditionally be interested in science and provide new ways of thinking about the social, cultural and ethical issues around contemporary science. The scheme is open to a wide range of people including, among others, artists, scientists, curators, filmmakers, writers, producers, directors, academics, science communicators, teachers, arts workers and education officers. For small to medium-sized projects (up to and including £30 000) the next application deadline is the 17th July 2009.

<http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Public-engagement/Grants/Arts-Awards/index.htm>

General - EPSRC's Follow-on Scheme (UK)

The Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) are open to applications through the Follow-on Fund until the 27th August 2009. The Follow-on Fund helps researchers to bridge the funding gap between traditional research grants and commercial funding by supporting the very early stage of turning research outputs into a commercial proposition. The Follow-on Fund is supported by:

- Natural Environment Research Council
- Biotechnology & Biological Sciences Research Council
- Engineering & Physical Sciences Research Council
- Science & Technology Facilities Council.

This call is open to academics in UK research organisations to take forward ideas generated by EPSRC research grant funding. There are no limit on the amount of funding that can be sought, and support is only provided for a maximum of 12 months.

<http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/ResearchFunding/Opportunities/KT/FollowOnFund.htm>

General - Call for Proposals to Establish Technology Clusters (UK)

Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) is inviting proposals to establish technology clusters that will bring together key researchers and other stakeholders and provide a forum for technology networking and knowledge exchange. One cluster in each of the four NERC strategic technology areas will be supported, these are:

- Remote sensing and earth observation
- Intelligent field sensors and networks of sensors
- Novel laboratory instrumentation
- Informatics, models and data.

Each cluster must aim to:

- Support and enhance capability in the technologies specific to its area
- Provide a forum for technology sharing, training and networking
- Improve the coordination and collaboration in environmental technology research activities.

Funding of up to £100k is available for each cluster. The closing date for applications is the 14th May 2009.

<http://www.nerc.ac.uk/research/themes/technologies/events/ao-clusters.asp>

General - CBA-DFID Programme Development Fund (UK)

The Commonwealth Broadcasting Association (CBA), which promotes the concept of public service broadcasting and fosters freedom of expression and the right to communicate within the Commonwealth has announced that it is seeking applications through the CBA-DFID Programme Development Fund. The objectives of the CBA-DFID Programme Development Fund are to promote better understanding of the developing world and to improve the quality and quantity of viable programme proposals in this area of output. The fund is open to established UK based programme makers and proposals can be of any genre. The maximum grant available is £10,000 (maximum 80% of development budget) and the application deadlines for 2009 are Thursday 30th April and Thursday 15th October 2009.

<http://www.cba.org.uk/CBA-DFID/progdev/index.php#deadline>

General - Digital Film Archive Fund (South East)

Screen South has announced that they are now open to applications through the Digital Archive Fund. The Digital Archive fund is a UK Film Council fund set up to increase public access to regional screen heritage. The South East region has £250,000 available to award over two years from 2008 – 2010 to support innovative programmes ensuring wider access to the UK's screen heritage. They are seeking applications for ambitious projects that seek to inspire the broadest possible engagement with screen heritage material, from education projects working with specific target groups to large-scale screening programmes for general audiences. Screen South are looking for projects that will work across two main objectives:

- Delivering wide spread public access to screen heritage
- Creating wide spread public value from access to screen heritage and evidence supporting it.

Projects must focus on public engagement with screen heritage and could take a variety of forms including film-making/new commissions, exhibition, distribution, broadcast, online, education or participatory work. Grants are of between £500 and £30,000. All projects must have an element of partnership and require a minimum of 20% matched funding. The deadline for applications is 2 June 2009.

<http://www.screensouth.org/content.aspx?parent=4&page=93>

Funding Reminders

General - Community Cash Awards (UK)

Young people are being given the chance to claim a share of £1 million to help tackle the dangers of drugs, crime and play a positive role in their community. The Royal Bank of Scotland Community Cash Awards will see £1 million of grants being distributed by youth charity "The Prince's Trust" to young people who want to run community projects in some of Britain's poorest areas. The Awards, worth £250 to £5,000, are available to disadvantaged 14 to 25-year-olds who want to transform their area and learn practical skills. Projects could range from improving local youth facilities to sex education workshops in schools. Projects must:

- Be run and managed by people between the ages of 14 and 25
- Clearly benefit the local community
- Benefit the people running the project
- Be a new or developing project.

Previous projects supported include; an amateur boxing project to give young people greater confidence, and a media project to promote community cohesion and greater understanding between the local community and asylum seekers. Applications can be made at any time.

<http://www.princes-trust.org.uk/Main%20Site%20v2/14-30%20and%20need%20help/grants%20for%20community%20projects.asp>

General - It's Your Community Initiative (UK)

O2 have committed £1 million to the "Its Your Community" initiative. Its Your Community, which is managed by the Conservation Foundation, provides grants of £100 to £1,000 to individuals and groups to improve their local environment. The type of projects supported in the past included environmental projects such as turning derelict land into an amenity park or wildlife area, tree planting, creating a wildlife pond, renovating neglected river and canal footpaths, providing water butts and recycling facilities in village halls, etc. The commitment by O2 means that the initiative will now be able to support up to 60 projects per month. Applications can be made at any time and are judged on the 20th of every month. Applications can be made at any time.

<http://www.itsyourcommunity.co.uk/>

General - Match Funding Scheme for Volunteering (England)

V, the national charity that inspires volunteering amongst young people has announced the next application deadlines for its match funding programme. Through this programme v provides grants to charities that match up to 100% of any new private sector investment for youth volunteering projects in England. The aim of the fund is to inspire greater levels of investment in youth volunteering from private companies, charitable trusts and foundations and individuals. To date, v has pledged of £35m from the private sector – making a total of £72m that has and will be invested into diverse and high impact projects across England. The programme themes are:

- Health and well being
- The environment
- Supporting children and young people
- Community cohesion
- Poverty
- Human rights.

The next closing dates for applications are the 8th May and 17th July 2009.

http://www.wearev.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=211

General - Njoya Foundation Grants (UK)

Not for profit organisations and schools have the opportunity to apply for grants of between £50 and £500 through the Njoya Foundation. The aim of the Foundation is to support the academic achievements of young males of African and African-Caribbean descent aged 5 – 15 through community based personal development programmes. The Foundation, which was set up in memory of Christian Njoya Diawara Small, a victim of the terrorist bombings which took place in London on 7th July 2005, is especially interested in funding projects teaching these young people an awareness of business and finance. There are four application deadlines:

- The 12th of May
- The 12th of August
- The 12th of November
- The 12th of February.

<http://www.njoyafoundation.org.uk/index.htm>

General - Young Roots (UK)

Young Roots offers grants of between £3,000 and £25,000. The scheme aims to involve 13-20 year-olds (up to 25 for those with special needs) in finding out about:

- their heritage
- developing skills
- building confidence
- promoting community involvement.

Projects need to be related to the local and culturally varied heritage of the UK. For example, it could involve young people researching a local archive or doing practical casework on a nature reserve. Projects must also show how young people are managing and participating in the project. Projects should promote social inclusion and equal opportunities by involving a wide range of young people of different abilities and cultural backgrounds. Applications can be made at any time.

<http://www.hlf.org.uk/English/HowToApply/OurGrantGivingProgrammes/YoungRoots/>

General - The James Tudor Foundation (UK)

The James Tudor Foundation which was established in 2004 makes grants of approximately £1 million per year to registered charities within the UK. The areas which the Foundation wants to support are:

- Palliative care
- Medical research
- Health education, awards and scholarships
- The direct relief of sickness
- The UK independent healthcare sector.

The grants are usually available to cover project costs (although core costs will be considered) and are usually available for one to three years. Applications can be made at any time and decision for grant applications of below £5,000 are made within one month whilst decisions on applications of above £20,000 will be made within four months.

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

General - Funding for Community Shops (England)

The Village Retail Services Association in partnership with Esmee Fairbairn Foundation and Co-operative and Community Finance have announced the launch of the Village Core programme which will provide £2 million of start up funding to new Community owned shops in rural areas of England. The funding which will be available over the next three years will

provide up to £40,000 per shop. This will be made up of a mix of grant and loan funding, as well as advice from the Village Retail Services Association. Eligible applicants will include community based organisations located in rural communities of not less than 200 residents. Applications for assistance can be submitted at any time up to and including the 30th July 2009.

http://www.virsa.org/index.cfm/villageshop/News.Custom/page_id/36

General - Local Food Programme (England)

Under the Local Food Programme a total of £50 million is available over the next five years to support a range of organisations such as voluntary and community groups, health agencies including hospitals and PCTs , schools, social enterprises, Parish and Town Councils etc., to carry out a variety of food related projects to make locally grown food more accessible and affordable to local communities. Grants are currently available through two funding streams.

- The small grants scheme which makes grants of between £2,000 and £10,000;
- The main grants programme which makes grants of between £10,001 and £300,000 to support projects such as growing, processing, marketing and distributing local food; composting and raising awareness of the benefits of such activities.

Projects supported through the programme include:

- Wirksworth Farmers Market . The project will set up a monthly Farmers' Market in Wirksworth that will involve fresh, local produce being brought into the town and offered for sale to both tourists and local people.
- Castle High's After School Club. Castle High's After School Club consists of children and parents who are working hard to learn about different foods and the effects on the body. The group will be making a video to promote awareness and understanding between food and healthy lifestyles.
- Grow your own Grub. A.P.P.L.E.'s 'Growing Our Grub' project is a new education and growing project which will deliver food related activities to children, young people and adult volunteers.

Applications to the Small and Main grants programmes can be submitted at any time.

<http://www.localfoodgrants.org/index.php/grants>

General - Hilton in The Community Foundation (UK)

Organisations that work with young people have the opportunity to apply for grants of up to £50,000 per year through the Hilton Foundation. During 2006, the Foundation made grants totalling over £1.3m to numerous organisations including registered charities and schools for activities and projects that meet one of the Foundation's three chosen areas of focus; Young

People – Education; Young People – Health; and Disaster Relief and International Fund. Previously supported projects by the Foundation have included:

- The Palmer Junior School, which received a grant of £2,740 to help send 11 young people on a school field trip, who could otherwise not afford it.
- The Red Gates School, which received a grant of £750 for specialist equipment at the school.

The next closing date for applications is the 5th May 2009.

<http://www.hilton-foundation.org.uk/home.htm>

General - Time Running Out to get Green Grants (UK)

The Government has announced that charities and organisations like schools and hospitals have until June 2009 to apply for grants through the Low Carbon Buildings Programme to install green energy generating equipment like solar panels, wind turbines or biomass boilers. Through the scheme charities and public sector bodies can apply for 50% of the costs of installing small scale energy generating equipment such as solar panels, wind turbines or biomass boilers. To date 367 schools have benefitted from Low Carbon Buildings Programme funds. Not only do schools have the opportunity to cut their fuel bills by generating their own energy, but pupils can learn about climate change. For example:

- Sandwich Technology School in Kent, was given a grant of £9,000 from the Low Carbon Buildings Programme to install a wind turbine.

Homeowners can also apply for grants of up to £2,500 to help towards the cost of installing small scale energy generating equipment. Homeowners have until June 2010 to apply.

<http://nds.coi.gov.uk/Content/Detail.asp?ReleaseID=389255&NewsAreaID=2>