

Buckinghamshire External Funding

FUNDING INSIGHT NEWSLETTER

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New Funding Opportunities

General - Children in Need (UK)

Organisations working with disadvantaged young people aged 18 or under are able to apply for funding through the BBC's Children in Need Programme. Funding is available to organisations, (including schools) that work with young people who are suffering from:

- Illness
- Distress
- Abuse or neglect
- Are disabled
- Have behavioural or psychological difficulties
- Are living in poverty or situations of deprivation.

The type of funding available includes both capital and revenue grants. There is no minimum or maximum amount when applying for funds from BBC Children in Need and organisations can apply for up to 100% of project costs.

Previous projects funded include:

- Home-Start Kettering Area which received a grant of £15,445 to run two support groups to work with disadvantaged children and their families on a weekly basis during term time
- the Barnstaple Poverty Action Group which received a grant of £109,832 to help reduce homelessness and rough sleeping among young people through prevention, information, advice, support and emergency accommodation.

Organisations wishing to apply for funding need to complete the BBC Children in Need online grant application form no paper applications will be accepted. The next application deadline is 15 July 2009.

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

General - New Fund to Promote Sports in Rural Areas (England)

Sport England has announced that its new £10 million fund to create sporting opportunities for people in rural areas is now open for applications. This is the first in a series of themed funding rounds aimed at increasing community based sports. The Rural Communities Themed Round is designed to give a wide range of organisations, from local authorities to sports clubs and smaller community groups, an opportunity to develop and deliver new and innovative projects to overcome barriers to both participation and supply of sporting opportunities. Successful bids will make significant contributions to two of Sport England's strategic outcomes:

- Growing participation in grassroots sport.
- Sustaining participation by improving the quality of people's sporting experience.

The minimum grant available is £10,000, but in order to maximise the positive effect on sport in rural areas, Sport England is explicitly encouraging high value, high impact projects. A significant proportion of the successful bids are expected to be projects requiring National Lottery funding of more than £500,000. A detailed application prospectus for the Rural Communities Themed Round is available on Sport England's website. The closing date for applications is the 30th June 2009.

http://funding.sportengland.org/funding_programmes/rural_communities1.aspx

General - The Development Awareness Fund (UK)

The Department for International Development (DFID) has announced that the Development Awareness Fund is due to open for applications on the 1st June 2009. The aim of the fund is to promote awareness and understanding of global poverty and development issues. The Fund is open to any UK-based not-for-profit organisation or network to promote public knowledge and understanding of development issues. During the 2007 funding round, 26 UK based organisations received grants totalling £5.6 million for projects including fair trade football tournaments, a project to increase the involvement of older people in the UK in the development debate, radio lessons for schoolchildren in developing countries, and farm visits for 5-11 year olds. Under the DAF, eligible organisations and networks can apply for grants ranging from £10,000 to £100,000 per annum for a maximum of three years. Seminars have in the past been held for organisations interested in applying for DAF funding. Participants have found these useful in helping them develop their project ideas. DFID is considering whether to organise seminars for potential DAF applicants during 2009, and what focus these should have. Details will be published once decisions have been made. There is a two stage application process and the deadline for submitting initial concept notes for this funding is likely to be the 30th September 2009. Guidelines will be available from the 31st May 2009.

<http://www2.dfid.gov.uk/funding/daf.asp>

General - Lloyds TSB Foundation Announces Latest Grants Awarded (England & Wales)

The Lloyds TSB Foundation for England and Wales has announced that it has awarded over £4 million in grants to 164 charities in its most recent funding round. The Foundation which is one of the largest in the UK makes grants to support small and medium charities that help disadvantaged people to play a fuller role in the community. During 2007 the Foundation made grants totalling in excess of £23 million. Through its Community Programme the Foundation is particularly interested in supporting projects that support social and community involvement; provide improved life choices and chances; and are helping people to be heard. To be eligible for funding charities that work locally or regionally must have an income of less than £1 million or 5 million if the charity works on a national level. Previous projects supported include:

- The Belgrave Playhouse which operates from three adjacent terraced houses in one of the most deprived neighbourhoods in the country. The Playhouse provides support and activities for children from 0 to 18 years. A grant of £13,000 over two years was awarded for a project designed to improve the educational abilities of diverse minority communities.
- The Somali Education Development Centre received a grant of £14,000 over two years and offers a range of advice, activities and training and works closely with other organisations to empower, educate and develop a voice for the Somali community.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

<http://www.lloydstsbfoundations.org.uk/Pages/Welcome.aspx>

General - New Funding for Sexual Assault Referral Centres (England and Wales)

The Home Office has announced that it is making a further £941,000 available in grants to support the expansion and strengthening of the existing Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) network. This new funding is part of the Government's commitment as laid out in the Tackling Violence Action Plan to double the number of SARCs from 19 to 38 by 2011. Existing Sexual Assault Referral Centres can apply for revenue funding of up to £30,000 and capital funding of up to £25,000 to develop their existing services. Partnerships of Police Forces and Primary Care Trusts (or Local Health Boards in Wales), Crime and Disorder Partnerships / Community Safety Partnerships and voluntary sector organisations that plan to develop a SARC in their area can apply for capital funding of up to £75,000. The closing date for applications is the 3rd June 2009.

<http://www.crimereduction.homeoffice.gov.uk/sexualoffences/sexual09a.htm>

General - Funding to Develop the Sustainability of Young Social Enterprises (England)

The Adventure Capital Fund (ACF) has announced that the next funding round of its Business Development Grant scheme will open on the 4th May 2009. The ACF offers a range of investments and support to develop stable and sustainable community based enterprises. Under the Business Development Grant scheme, funding of up to £15,000 is available to support community enterprises in their early stages of development by developing their skills and capacity. The aim is to improve their investment readiness and sustainability. The Adventure Capital Fund expects to make around 40 Business Development Grants a year. Eligible costs could include: technical assistance and advice, legal or other fees relating to building purchase or development, business planning, training, feasibility studies, market research or product development. To be eligible for funding, organisations need to serve one or more clear communities – of place, interest or identity; be established within the community that they seek to serve and have members of that community involved in and represented in the management and decision-making processes; and be looking to use entrepreneurial methods to achieve social goals. The next closing date for applications will be the 29th May 2009.

<http://www.adventurecapitalfund.org.uk/content/view/37/51/>

General - Crisis –Changing Lives Programme (UK)

Crisis, the national Homeless Charity has announced that the Changing Lives Programme will re-open for application on the 25th May 2009. The Crisis Changing Lives programme provides financial awards of up to £2,500 to solitary people who are homeless or settling into a home and looking for support so that they may achieve their vocational goals. The Awards can be used for:

- Course fees
- Equipment or materials for courses
- Tools materials and equipment to get back to work
- To set up a business.

Applications can not be made by the homeless person, but rather by the support organisation providing ongoing help. This could be a key worker, someone providing guidance concerning training or employment, a housing support officer or someone like a mental health worker. The closing date for applications will be the 3rd July 2009.

<http://www.crisis.org.uk/page.builder/changinglivesawards.html>

General - Rank Foundation Grant Programme (UK)

The Rank Foundation has announced that it is seeking applications through the Rank Foundation grant programme to support capital projects in adult member hospices in the UK, which have a direct impact on older patients. This year the Rank Foundation are particularly interested in applications that support Hospice at Home services, such as:

- Laptops
- Other associated information technology
- A vehicle
- Innovative pilot projects that aim to support Hospice at Home services.

Grants can be awarded to stand alone Hospice at Home services or to hospices that offer a broad range of services including Hospice at Home. Total available funding in this round is £116,000 and the Rank Foundation are looking to make grants of between £10,000 and £20,000 each. The deadline for applications is the 11th June 2009.

<http://www.helpthehospices.org.uk/our-services/grants/grants-for-uk-organisations/rank-foundation/>

General - Funding for Wetland Habitats (England)

Natural England has allocated a further £4,000,000 to the Wetland Vision partnership between 2009 and 2011, (£2,000,000 in each year) in support of landscape-scale wetland projects and the delivery of the targets for priority wetland habitats. Applications for funding are now being invited to support specific projects within the four landscape scale initiatives already agreed by the wetland Biodiversity Integration Group and Wetland Vision steering groups (East Anglian Fens, Cumbria-Lancashire coastal arc, Midlands Meres and Mosses, and Humberhead levels) or to create or restore further large-scale wetland habitats elsewhere. Wetlands Vision would particularly welcome applications from the South West, South East and North East Regions. The minimum threshold for project funding is £50,000 for project development work (including project officers, underpinning research and development of bids for funding from other sources), and £100,000 for habitat creation / restoration work, including land purchase. Applications need to be sent to Regional Biodiversity Coordinators by 31 May 2009.

<http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/conservation/biodiversity/funding/wetlandvision/default.aspx>

General - Capital Funding for Biomedical Sciences (UK)

The Wellcome Trust and the Wolfson Foundation have announced a new partnership to fund capital projects in the biomedical sciences. The two charities will be working together to provide up to £30 million of investment in UK research infrastructure. The Wellcome-Wolfson Capital Awards in Biomedical Sciences provide funding for large-scale projects (more than £1 million), in partnership with the host institution. The scheme aims to facilitate internationally competitive, leading-edge biomedical research. Projects can include either:

- Construction of a new building
- Refurbishment.

Proposals are welcome from applicants based at academic institutions in the UK or the Republic of Ireland who meet the eligibility criteria. The closing date for applications is the 27th July 2009.

<http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Capital-funding/Awards/Biomedical-science/index.htm>

General - Virgin Media Shorts Competition 2009 (UK)

Virgin Media has announced that the Shorts Competition 2009 is now open to submissions. To be eligible to apply you must be over the age of 18 and be a resident in the UK, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands. For the first stage of the application shorts must be submitted online at <http://www.virginmediashorts.co.uk>. The top 12 films will be shown on 214 cinema screens across the UK. Out of the 12 films one will be selected with a £15,000 prize from Virgin Media and the chance to apply to the UK Film Council for up to £15,000 funding to shoot their next film which will be shown on virgin Media platforms. They will also be a special prize for the best film made on a mobile phone -this won't make it onto cinema screens, but it'll be seen by millions everywhere else. Films for this category can be up to 60 seconds including credits. The deadline for submissions is the 22nd June 2009.

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

General - MBF Young Talent Awards (UK)

The Musicians Benevolent Fund (MBF) has announced that it is inviting applications from young musicians 18 years of age or under. MBF Young Talent Awards are an important source of funding for young musicians and are made to those with a high level of musical achievement where there is financial need. Awards of between £200 and £1,000 are available towards the cost of:

- Buying an instrument
- Music lessons with a private teacher
- Fees for a Saturday music centre
- Travel expenses to attend a Saturday music centre.

Awards are also offered to those who are aged 18 and about to enter their first year at university or college. Applications from 18 year olds can only be made for instrument purchase. Last year the MBF distributed almost £90,000 through the scheme. The closing date for applications is the 12th June 2009.

<http://www.mbf.org.uk/Default.aspx?page=schoolageinstrumentalists>

Other Funding News

General - Development Awareness Fund - Mini Grants Scheme (UK)

The Department for International Development (DFID) has announced that guidelines for applying for funding under this Scheme are being revised and will be published by the 31st May 2009. Under the Mini Grants Scheme organisations within the UK with an interest in international development issues can apply for funding. In the past, the Fund has provided grants of up to £10,000 per year for up to three years for projects that raise awareness and understanding of international development issues within the UK. Previously funded projects have included:

- Firth Park Community Arts College Extended Schools Team which received a grant of £1,595 for a one-year project working with Yr 9 students, their parents and wider community in Sheffield to develop understanding of the global economy and global interdependence, via a study of the fashion industry
- Akademi, a South Asian dance organisation, received £9,000 for 'Parallel Spaces', using South Asian dance and art forms to bring development issues to life in primary and secondary schools in London.

<http://www.dfid.gov.uk/funding/dafminigrants.asp>

General - Government Announces New Future Jobs Fund (UK)

One of the measures announced by the Chancellor in his budget is a new fund to create 150,000 new jobs. The £1.1 Billion "Future Jobs Fund", which will be launched in the autumn will enable local authorities and third sector groups to submit innovative bids for funding for the creation of long term sustainable jobs. The jobs created through the Future Jobs Fund will be paid at least at National Minimum Wage and will be targeted primarily at 18-24 year olds, but some funding will also be available for other disadvantaged groups and unemployment hotspots.

<http://nds.coi.gov.uk/Content/Detail.asp?ReleaseID=399378&NewsAreaID=2>

General - Department of Health to Launch New Health and Social Care Volunteering Fund (England)

The Department of Health has announced that the Opportunities for Volunteering (OFV) scheme is now closed. OFV was a Department of Health initiative which provided grants to local health and social care organisations in England. OFV grants were awarded to enable organisations to involve volunteers in the delivery of their services. The Department is currently undertaking a procurement exercise to identify and appoint an organisation to manage a new Health and Social Care Volunteering Fund that will replace the OFV scheme. Grants for 2010-11 will be awarded by the new Fund Manager from April 2010. Information on the application process and application timescales for the Health and Social Care Volunteering Fund will be published later in 2009.

<http://www.volunteering.org.uk/WhatWeDo/Funding/ofvfunding/index.htm>

General - Government Announces New Fund to Prevent High Street Decline (England)

As part of its plan to prevent the decline of the high street during the economic recession, the Government has announced plans to set up a £3 million fund to help communities find creative ways to reduce the negative impact empty shops by using empty shops for use as cultural, community or learning centres. This would include:

- The provision of small-scale grants to help with cleaning and decorating vacant premises
- Basic refit for temporary uses
- Publicity posters
- Other activities that can help town centres attract and retain visitors.

Other measures identified to bring empty shops back into use include:

- Special planning application waivers
- Standard interim-use leases
- Temporarily leasing shops to councils.

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/news/corporate/1201277>

Funding Reminders

General - The People's Millions (UK)

Big in partnership with ITV has announced that The People's Millions is back for the 5th year, to fund 69 projects across the UK with grants of up to £50,000. The People's Millions is seeking applications from voluntary and community groups; local authorities; schools; statutory health bodies; and social enterprises for projects that help people to transform or enjoy their environment or communities. Priority will be given to projects that:

- Get people involved in their local community
- Help people in the community who are most in need
- Are original and imaginative.
- Examples of previously funded projects include:
- Ahoy Sailing centre in Deptford, a charity committed to giving young, old and disable people the chance to take part in a wide range of water-based sports.

A total of £3.5 million will be available.

- Up to five awards (4 winners plus 1 bonus award) are available in for each of the following nine ITV regional news areas: Anglia, Central, Granada, London, STV North, STV Central, UTV, Wales and Yorkshire.
- Up to four awards (3 winners plus 1 bonus award) are available in each of the following six ITV regional news areas: Border Meridian (East of the region), Meridian (West of the region), Tyne Tees, West and Westcountry.

The deadline for applications is the 15th May 2009.

http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_peoples_millions.htm?regioncode=-uk&status=theProg

General - Independence at Home (UK)

Independence at Home is a national charity that helps improve independence, comfort, safety, dignity and quality of life for people with long-term illness and disability by helping towards the cost of adaptations, equipment or other things that are not available from public funds. During 2008 Independence at Home made grants to 1,250 people. The type of adaptations and equipment funded in the past include:

- The cost of home adaptations for disability, house repairs and other building work
- Equipment such as specialised powered scooters and wheelchairs to restore a measure of lost mobility
- Other special equipment for disability such as through-floor lifts and stair lifts, special beds, riser-recliner chairs and other specialised seating, hoists and bath lifts;

household goods such as white goods, furniture, flooring and furnishings – where the need for these things was directly related to the person's illness or disability

- Help towards the cost of heating their homes across the winter months. In many cases, this included helping people who had been asked to pay a contribution towards the statutory disabled facilities grant.

To be eligible to apply an individual will need to be referred to Independence at Home by a social worker; occupational therapist; specialist nurses; disability and health advice workers; or key workers from other major charities. Applications can be submitted at any time.

<http://www.independenceathome.org.uk/helpforyou.html>

General - Paul Hamlyn Foundation Education and Learning Programme (UK)

The Paul Hamlyn Foundation is currently accepting applications under its Education and Learning programme. In particular, the Foundation is looking to fund projects that promote innovation and change in the areas of supplementary schooling; tackling school exclusion and truancy; and develop speaking and listening skills of 11 – 19 year olds . Eligible organisations that can apply for funding include:

- Charities
- Local authorities individual pre-schools
- Schools
- Out-of-school clubs
- Supplementary schools
- Colleges and youth clubs if they demonstrate benefits to the wider community and include partnership working that will result in increasing access to education and learning to all communities and age groups.

The costs that can be covered by the Foundation's grants include running costs such as staff salaries and overheads such as stationery, rent, rates and utilities. In 2007-08 the Foundation made 51 grants under our Education and Learning Open Grants Scheme. The average grant was £60,000 and grants ranged in size from £5,000 to £300,000. Applications can be made at any time.

<http://www.phf.org.uk/page.asp?id=85>