

# Buckinghamshire External Funding

## FUNDING INSIGHT NEWSLETTER

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### **New Funding Opportunities**

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#### **General - Funding for IT Projects Supporting Disadvantaged Groups (UK)**

The Nominet Trust, which was created in January 2008, with the declared aim of funding innovative Internet projects that make a positive difference to the lives of disadvantaged and vulnerable people, primarily in terms of education, safety and inclusion, has announced that it has made its first grants.

Organisations that have been funded include

- The British Computer Association of the Blind (BCAB) will fund a remote access support project that will allow visually impaired people access to computers and the Internet and provide training on how best to use the technology
- Funding will support the Internet Society's Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) Fellowship and Internet Governance Forum Ambassadors programmes which aim to ensure the continued development and deployment of the Internet
- Cambridgeshire Library Learning Services will support staff working on its Community Access Points project, providing communities in isolated rural locations and areas of high social deprivation with free access to online education and support.
- YouthNet will be running a major research project which will underpin a campaign to raise awareness of digital usage among young people.

The Trust was initially awarded £5 million from Nominet, the Internet registry for .uk domains and will provide grants to organisations that can show that their innovative IT-related projects can make a positive difference to disadvantaged and vulnerable groups - in the UK, developing countries and around the world.

Organisations wishing to apply need initially to complete an online eligibility questionnaire. Those organisations deemed successful will be provided with a link to a more detailed

application form. Grant application will be considered by the board of trustees. They meet in May, August and November 2009. Applicants will hear from the Trust in the month following each meeting.

<http://www.nominettrust.org.uk/index.php>

## **General - Tackling Race Inequalities Fund (England)**

Third sector organisations operating across England or one of its regions that are working to tackle race inequalities are invited to apply for funding through the £6 million “Tackling Race Equality Fund”. The Fund which will be available for the financial years 2009 -10 and 2010 - 11 will provide funding of between £200,000 and £450,000 spread over two years to successful organisations whose work is seen as being of strategic importance. To be eligible organisations need to:

- Work within Black Asian and minority ethnic communities and be involved in one or more of the following:
  - Promoting equal opportunities
  - Reduce inequalities
  - Carry out research into issues relating to race equality
  - Increasing levels of civic participation, volunteering or representation in civic or political institutions
  - Working with particularly disadvantaged people within Black Asian and minority ethnic groups, including women, young people and disabled people; etc.

The closing date for applications is the 27th May 2009.

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/communities/tacklingraceprospectus>

## **General - Music Grants for Older People (England & Wales)**

The registered charity, Concertina makes grants to charitable bodies which provide musical entertainment and related activities for the elderly. The charity is particular keen to support smaller organisations which might otherwise find it difficult to gain funding. Since its inception in 2004, it has made grants to a wide range of charitable organisations nationwide in England and Wales. These include funds to many care homes for the elderly to provide musical entertainment for their residents. Some of the charities that have received grants from the charity include Age Concern, Exmouth which received a grant for entertainments for the elderly in Exmouth and surrounding areas and Sue Ryder Care, Lancashire to fund access to music therapy workshops at Birchley Hall near Wigan and St Helen's. The next application deadline is the 30th June 2009.

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

## **General - Government Launches Generation Together Programme (England)**

Generations Together is a new £5.5m fund from the Office of the Third Sector and from the Department of Health, Department for children Schools and Families and Department for Work and Pensions. Generations Together, will fund 12 projects across the country where young and older people can engage with each other on equal terms, break down barriers and challenge negative stereotypes. The aim of this programme is to:

- Generate wider interest in and thinking about intergenerational (aged under 25 and over 50) work
- Increase the number of volunteers working on intergenerational activity by 20,000 by the end of the programme
- Provide robust evidence of the effectiveness of intergenerational initiatives.

Local authorities in England can bid from the new Generations Together fund, providing at least half of their funding goes towards supporting third sector organisations. Third Sector organisations should contact their local authority to ascertain the potential for bidding, but should be aware that their local authority may not be considering bidding for the fund. The programme will run during 2009/10 and 2010/11. The application deadline is the 10th June 2009.

[http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/third\\_sector/news/news\\_stories/090417\\_generations.aspx](http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/third_sector/news/news_stories/090417_generations.aspx)

## **General - Community Sustainable Energy Programme (England)**

Not for profit organisations such as community groups, charities, schools, colleges and faith groups, etc are being invited to apply for funding to install renewable energy technologies (such as wind turbines and solar panels) and energy saving measures (such as roof and cavity wall insulation). Under the new Community Sustainable Energy programme £8 million will be available for the installation of microgeneration technologies and energy efficiency measures (Capital grants) and £1 million for project development grants. The maximum Capital grant available is £50,000 or 50% of the project costs. The maximum project development grant is £5,000 or 75 per cent of the study cost - whichever is lower. The funding programme is being managed by the Building Research Establishment on behalf of the Big Lottery Fund's "Changing Spaces" Programme. Project development grants (for studies investigating the feasibility of installing any combination of the technologies ) will be awarded on a first-come first-served basis until all funds are spent. Capital grants will be awarded on a competitive basis at quarterly selection panel meetings. The next application deadline is the 7th August 2009.

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

## **General - Mini Mediabox Open for Applications (England)**

Mediabox offers disadvantaged 13 to 19 year olds the opportunity to develop and produce creative media projects, using film, television, print, radio or online platforms. Mediabox has announced that Mini Mediabox is now open for applications. Mini Mediabox provides grants of £1,500 to £5,000 and is open to grassroots and community youth organisations with a turnover of £100k or under. The scheme which is run by a consortium consisting of First Light Movies, Media Trust, Skillset and the UK Film Council is for young people to:

- Express their own opinions, ideas and views
- Gain new skills
- Encourage creativity
- Boost personal development
- Get their voices heard.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

<http://www.media-box.co.uk/index.php>

## **General - Government Announces New £7 Million Fund to make it Easier for Businesses to Take On Apprentices (England)**

The Government has announced a new £7 million pilot initiative to develop new and innovative approaches to make it easier for small businesses to take on apprentices. Applications for funding are now being invited by a range of organisations including; Sector Skills Councils; National Skills Academies; Existing Group Training Associations; Colleges; Training Providers; Third sector organisations; Local Government Organisations; Higher Education Institutions; Employer groups; and Recruitment and employment agencies; etc to:

- set up to 10 new Apprenticeship Training Agencies (ATAs) that will deliver additional apprenticeship places
- or to expand existing Group Training Associations (GTAs).

GTAs have been in existence since the 1960s to provide skills and training on behalf of groups of employers. There is a two stage application process. Applicants should initially complete a Pre-Qualification Questionnaire the deadline for which is the 28th May 2009. Those applicants successful will then be invited to submit a more detailed application. The closing date for applications is the 13th July 2009.

[http://www.dius.gov.uk/news\\_and\\_speeches/press\\_releases/apprenticeships\\_funding\\_bids](http://www.dius.gov.uk/news_and_speeches/press_releases/apprenticeships_funding_bids)

## **General - ACRE Launches Fund for Communities Affected by Quarrying (England)**

National rural community development charity Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE), and members of the Rural Community Action Network (RCAN) have announced the launch of the 2009 / 10 COMMA fund to support projects in communities affected by quarrying. Communities can apply for grants of between £3,000 and £20,000 to support community projects and amenities. ACRE and RCAN are delivering the grants on behalf of Defra, funded by the aggregates levy on quarries. The fund is open to community based organisations, charities and parish councils located within 10 kilometers of a of an aggregates extraction site, (either current or disused). The type of activities that can be funded include the repair, maintenance and improvements to building for community use; improvement to green spaces; improving access to the countryside, bio diversity projects and projects that restore (or provide access to) land adversely affected by aggregates extraction, etc. Applications must be made via by one of the 23 RCAN members in whose areas the fund is applicable. Completed applications must be received by the relevant RCC on or before the 5th June 2009.

[http://www.acre.org.uk/sustainabledevelopment\\_comma.html](http://www.acre.org.uk/sustainabledevelopment_comma.html)

## **General - Funding to Support Development and Commercialisation of Technologies to Reduce UK Carbon Emissions (UK)**

The Carbon Trust, which is funded by the Government to help UK businesses and will re-open for applications on the 22nd June 2009. The Carbon Trust's Applied Research Programme which is open to UK businesses, the public sector, voluntary organisations and research institutions aims to support the development and commercialisation of technology with the potential to reduce UK carbon dioxide emissions. Up to £500,000 is available for projects that:

- Can demonstrate genuine innovation and the potential to contribute to substantial reductions in UK greenhouse gas emissions
- The work is a well planned and builds on previous work in the area
- The results of the work will allow a clear step forward on the path towards commercialisation
- That it represents good value for money.

A minimum 40% match funding is required and there will be a two-stage application process, an initial proposal form, followed by a full proposal.

<http://www.carbontrust.co.uk/technology/appliedresearch/>

## **General - Female Genital Mutilation Special Initiative Launched (UK)**

The City Parochial Foundation (CPF), Esmée Fairbairn Foundation (EF) and Rosa (the UK's Women's Fund), three independent charitable organisations, have announced a special initiative to strengthen community based prevention work to protect the rights of children with a particular view to reducing the risk to girls and young women in the UK of undergoing Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) in all its forms. Applications from community organisations based within practising communities, in particular, women's organisations are being invited, to develop a programme of work with young people, parents, faith leaders, and/or the wider community to raise awareness about this harmful practice and to empower communities to say no. Eligible costs could include:

- Staffing
- Peer advocacy schemes
- Creative projects
- Resources
- Volunteers expenses
- Relevant running costs.

Funding is available for one, two or three years. The applications deadline is the 24th July 2009.

[http://www.cityparochial.org.uk/cpf/news/female\\_genital\\_mutilation\\_fgm\\_special\\_initiative\\_launched.html](http://www.cityparochial.org.uk/cpf/news/female_genital_mutilation_fgm_special_initiative_launched.html)

## **General - Call for Proposals – European Criminal Justice Programme (UK)**

The European Commission has issued a call for proposals under its Criminal Justice Programme. The aim of the Criminal Justice programme is to promote judicial cooperation, the compatibility in rules applicable in the Member States and to improve the exchange of information. Under this call for proposals € 1.000.000 is available in the form of operating grants to improve professional skills of legal practitioners; to support cooperation between public authorities and associations in the fields of judicial cooperation in criminal matters, victim assistance and rehabilitation of offenders; the production and dissemination of information on how to access legal interpretation, translation and advice; cooperation between academics and researchers, and between them and EU Institutions, in the area of judicial cooperation in criminal matters; and the networking of legal professionals with a view to improving defence rights in cross border cases. The closing date for applications is the 5th June 2009.

[http://ec.europa.eu/justice\\_home/funding/jpen/funding\\_jpen\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/funding/jpen/funding_jpen_en.htm)

## **General - Awards for Bridging Cultures (UK)**

Community and voluntary organisations that are working towards making a real and meaningful contribution towards the mutual understanding of cultural differences within communities are being invited to enter the Awards for Bridging Cultures (ABC). There are four different categories of Awards for Bridging Cultures:

- One for voluntary or community groups or organisations running projects/schemes to promote intercultural dialogue with gross annual financial income of over £500,000 (in the last two financial years)
- One for under £500,000
- One for volunteers of funders who have made a significant contribution to initiating or running projects or schemes to promote intercultural dialogue
- One for local authorities, public sector organisations and private companies who can demonstrate their support for voluntary sector projects or schemes which promote intercultural dialogue, either by helping to initiate projects/schemes or by providing ongoing financial and/or other support.

The winners of each of the two categories for voluntary organisations will receive £10,000 and commended organisations in these categories will receive up to £5,000 each. The deadline for applications is the 14th September 2009.

<http://www.bridgingcultures.org.uk/About>

## **General - Call for Proposals - Europe for Citizens Programme (UK)**

The European Commission has launched a new call for proposals under its Europe for Citizens Programme. The aim of the programme is to support actions that promote active European citizenship and to improve citizen's participation in the construction of European Union. This call for proposals has been launched under Action 1, Measure 2.1 of the Europe for Citizens Programme and aims to explore original and innovative ways of encouraging citizens' participation and to stimulate dialogue between European citizens and the institutions of the European Union on a range of issues and challenges. Applications are invited from not for profit organisations and Local Authorities. The maximum grant available is €250,000 and the minimum grant is €100,000, The closing date for applications is the 1st June 2009.

[http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/citizenship/funding/2009/call\\_action1\\_21\\_2009\\_en.php](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/citizenship/funding/2009/call_action1_21_2009_en.php)

## **General - The Queen Elizabeth Scholarship Trust (UK)**

The Queen Elizabeth Scholarship Trust (QEST) makes awards ranging up to £15,000 to craftsmen and women of all ages to help them further their careers. Applicants need to demonstrate that they already have a high level of skills and are firmly committed to the craft or trade, and must live and work permanently in the UK. Scholarships are awarded twice a year. Scholarships can be used to fund further study, training and practical experience to improve craft and skills, but cannot be used for acquiring equipment, premises or for other business set-up costs. The next application deadline is the 5th June 2009.

<http://www.qest.org.uk/index.html>

## **Other Funding News**

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### **General - Government Seeks Ideas for New Future Jobs Fund (England)**

The Department of Works and Pensions has announced that it is now seeking Expression of Interest and ideas for bids to the new Future Jobs Fund. The £1.1 Billion Future Jobs Fund is one of the measures announced by the Chancellor in his budget and will aim to create 150,000 new jobs between October 2009 and April 2011. 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. The DWP envisages that the majority of bids will come from upper tier local authorities or sub-regional partnerships and will demonstrate that all partners within the area have been involved in developing the proposals. In some circumstances there may be a case for second tier local authorities to bid for funding for their areas. Bids will need to be in line with existing locally agreed work and skills strategies and show that they do not replicate or replace existing jobs. Other large organisations such as social enterprises and voluntary sector bodies will be able to bid as long as their proposals meet the criteria set out during the bidding process. Bidding for the Fund will open officially in the autumn.

<http://www.dwp.gov.uk/campaigns/futurejobsfund/>

## **Funding Reminders**

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### **General - Funding Through Local YouthBanks (UK)**

YouthBank is an innovative UK-wide grant making initiative run by young people for young people. Local Youth Banks provide small grants to young people for activities of benefit to the community and that also benefit the young people taking part. YouthBank is unique in that it is young people themselves who make decisions about how local YouthBanks are managed and run and, through a Board of young people, also direct the UK-wide programme. Grant making criteria and processes are decided by each individual YouthBank. Local areas can also receive funding, advice and support from YouthBank UK, the national umbrella body, to set up local Youth Banks. For example a grant of £75,000 was recently awarded to set up a Youth Bank in Cambridge. Applications can be submitted at any time.

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

### **General - BT Community Connections is Open for Applications (UK)**

British Telecom has announced that their 2009 Community Connections Awards is now open for applications. BT Community Connections has been run by BT's Corporate Responsibility Unit since 2000. The scheme targets community and voluntary groups that could benefit from internet access and ICT but don't necessarily have the resources. Through the scheme, community groups can apply for the award's package that consists of a multi-media internet-ready computer; a contribution towards one year's broadband internet access through BT Total Broadband; and a Community website. The package is valued at £1,300. Since the launch of the awards, it is estimated that Community Connections has enabled over 5,000 groups to get online including silver surfers, playgroups, out of school clubs, pre-schools, cultural groups, local environmental initiatives and youth sports organisations. The next closing date for applications is the 9th June for postal applications and the 11th June for online applications.

<http://www.btcommunityconnections.com/page.php?id=1>

### **General - UK – German Challenge Fund (UK)**

Primary, secondary schools and FE colleges as well as youth groups in the UK and Germany are able to apply for funding support through the UK – German Challenge Fund. This is a new fund to develop curricular and extra-curricular projects between UK and German schools and youth groups that encourage young people to; pick a topic or subject of their choice and explore it in an international context; take a fresh look at cross- or extra-curricular project work; take an active role in a practical, 'hands-on' team venture; and work together towards a concrete outcome, product or event of their choice. Grants provided through the UK-German

Challenge Fund cover project resources, joint activities and reciprocal partner visits. The total amount of grant provided will be judged on a case-by-case basis, depending on the size, circumstances and numbers involved in the individual projects. The Challenge Fund provides grants of normally 50% towards the overall costs; in exceptional circumstances, the grant can cover up to a maximum of 75% of the total costs. Grants are available for both large and small projects and the amount can be to anything up to, but will not exceed £5,000. The application deadline is the 31st July 2009.

[http://www.ukgermanconnection.org/microsites/?location\\_id=216](http://www.ukgermanconnection.org/microsites/?location_id=216)

## **Dulverton Trust (UK)**

Registered charities and organisations with charitable status active in the areas of:

- Youth and Education
- General Welfare
- Conservation
- Religion
- Preservation
- Peace and Security
- Africa

have the opportunity to apply for funding through the Dulverton Trust.

The Trust provides two principal types of grants. These are:

- Major grants of up to £25,000 for national or regional projects.
- Minor grants of up to £3,500 aimed at organisations operating at local or county level.

During 2006 /07 the Trust awarded grants totalling £2.8 million. There are no application deadlines and the Trustees meet four times a year to consider applications.

<http://www.dulverton.org/>