

# Buckinghamshire External Funding

## FUNDING INSIGHT NEWSLETTER

6<sup>th</sup> April 2009

### **General - Sport England Launches Small Grants Programme (England)**

Sport England has announced that its small grants programme is now open for applications. Under the programme, not-for-profit organisations, including sports clubs, voluntary or community organisations, local authorities and education establishments (such as schools, colleges and universities) can apply for grants of between £300 and £10,000 for community-level activities that help people become involved in sport, keep people in sport or help people improve their performance at their chosen sport. Sport England anticipate this fund will be used for example, for purchasing sports equipment for local clubs, running coaching activities for the community and getting more coaches qualified. The Sport England Small Grants programme has a total value of £7 million and will fund both revenue and capital costs. Applications can be submitted at any time.

Other funding programmes offered by Sport England are:

- The Sport England Sportsmatch programme increases investment in community sport by matching sponsorship money pound for pound.
- The Sustainable Facilities Fund will support projects that are capable of generating enough revenue to maintain high standards, a varied programme of sporting opportunities and outreach work. This programme will open from the 12th May 2009
- The Rural Communities Themed Round will be open to sports clubs, voluntary or community organisations, local authorities, schools, colleges and universities that provide opportunities for people to take part in community sport. This programme will be open to applications from the 24th April 2009 until the 30th June 2009
- The Innovation Fund will seek to harness new ideas and attract new partners to find breakthrough solutions for grassroots sport. This programme will open to applications from the 12th May 2009.

[http://funding.sportengland.org/funding\\_programmes/small\\_grants.aspx](http://funding.sportengland.org/funding_programmes/small_grants.aspx)

## **General - All Change at Awards for All (UK)**

Following the demise of the previous Awards for All programme, the Big Lottery Fund has announced the launch of its own version of this very popular grants programme in England and Wales.

- A total of £45 million is available in England offering Big Lottery Fund grants of between £300 to £10,000 to grassroots groups in the community and voluntary sector, health bodies, schools and parish or town councils.
- In Wales grants of between £500 and £5,000 are available with a total of £2.4 million available. The programme aims to make a difference to communities and the lives of those most in need and will focus on social and environmental projects that benefit local communities.
- In addition to the changes in England and Wales, a new-look Awards for All Scotland has also been launched. Supported by the Big Lottery Fund, the Scottish Arts Council and Sportscotland, the programme has £10.5 million to give away in grants ranging in size from £500 to £10,000.
- A new Awards for All scheme in Northern Ireland was launched on the 1st April 2009 with a budget of £3.5 million a year.

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

## **General - Support for Young Entrepreneurs (UK)**

The European Commission has announced a call for proposals under its ERASMUS for young entrepreneurs programme. The ERASMUS for young entrepreneurs programme aims to help new EU entrepreneurs enrich their experiences, learning and networking by spending periods in enterprises run by experienced entrepreneurs in other EU member states. A total of €4.3 million is available to enhance the entrepreneurship, internationalisation and competitiveness of potential start-up entrepreneurs and newly established micro and small enterprises in the EU. Through this call the EU will support two types of actions. Grants of up to €140,000 will be available to European partnerships and national and regional public authorities for actions that enhance and facilitating the mobility of new entrepreneurs; and a single grant of up to €300,000 to appoint an organisation that will coordinate the activities of the bodies funded under the actions above. To facilitate the application process, the EU are holding an information day for this call on the 28th April 2009 in Brussels, this information day will also be followed via web streaming. Registration to this must be done before the 22nd April 2009. The deadline for applications for the call for proposals is the 29th May 2009.

[http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/newsroom/cf/itemlongdetail.cfm?item\\_id=2941&lang=en](http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/newsroom/cf/itemlongdetail.cfm?item_id=2941&lang=en)

## **General - Arts Council's Artists Taking the Lead (UK)**

Through Artists taking the lead, the most ambitious wide ranging art prize in the UK, being developed by Arts Council England, in partnership with London 2012 and the arts councils of Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, artist of all kinds across the UK are being challenged to use the nation as a blank canvas for twelve inspirational commissions that will reflect the UK's artistic vision and become a creative celebration of the London 2012 Games. Up to £500,000 will be awarded to create these twelve new commissions of art across the country, one for each region of England, and in the nations of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. The deadline for submissions is the 29th May 2009. Ideas for the commissions can be submitted online.

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

## **General - Daiwa Foundation (UK)**

The Daiwa Foundation is a grant giving charity that promotes links between the UK and Japan. The Foundation awards grants to individuals and institutions in the UK and Japan in all areas of the visual and performing arts, the humanities, the social sciences, science and engineering, mathematics, business studies, and education, including schools and universities, and grass roots and professional groups. The size of grants available range from £1,000 to £15,000 and can cover all fields of activity, including educational and grassroots exchanges, research travel, the organisation of conferences, exhibitions, collaborative projects between British and Japanese researchers in the field of science and other projects and events that fulfil objectives of the Foundation. The next application deadline is the 30th September 2009.

In addition organisations can also apply for the Royal Society Daiwa Anglo-Japanese Foundation Joint Project Grants. Under this scheme funding of up to £6,000 per annum for two years is provided to cover travel, subsistence and research expenses. Eligible projects should include two teams of researchers: One based in the UK and the other based in Japan. An example of a previous project funded by the Daiwa Foundation includes:

- The Cottlesloe School in Buckinghamshire, which received a grant of £1,500 to support an educational exchange between the school and Japanese educational institutions, using drama to explore and understand cultural differences between the two countries.

The next application deadline for the Royal Society Daiwa Anglo-Japanese Foundation Joint Project Grants is the 17th June 2009.

<http://www.dajf.org.uk/index.asp>

## **General - Tudor Trust Announces New Funding Guidelines (UK)**

The Tudor Trust, one of the largest independent grant making trusts in the UK has announced new funding guidelines for the period 2009 – 11. Under the new guidelines, the Trust will continue to make grants across their established funding areas. These are; youth, older people, community, relationships, housing, mental health, substance misuse, learning, financial security and criminal justice. The Trust will also be open to hearing about work in areas the Trust has not funded before. The Trust makes grants in the region of £19 million per year and aims to support smaller community, voluntary and charitable organisations and is looking to make around 350 projects per year for up to three years. Grants can take the form of core funding (including salaries and running costs), development funding, project grants or capital grants for buildings or equipment. There is no maximum or minimum grant amount that an organisation can apply for. There is a two stage application process and applications can be submitted at any time.

<http://tudortrust.org.uk/Default.aspx>

## **General - Funding to Support Social Entrepreneurs (UK)**

UnLtd, the national charity that supports social entrepreneurs, has announced that the spring 2009 UnLtd Millennium Awards (Level 2) competition is now closed for applications. The autumn competition will open for applications in July 2009 . Scotland and Wales Level 2 Awards are on a different timetable, so please contact your regional office for more details. UnLtd's Millennium Awards provide practical and financial support to social entrepreneurs in the UK to develop their ideas and projects.

- Level 2 Awards provides grants of between £10,000 and £20,000 to support people whose ideas are already developed or pay for the living expenses of Award Winners to help them devote more time to their projects.
- In addition, UnLtd also provides grants of between £500 and £5,000 through its Level 1 Awards. The aim of Level 1 awards provide grants of between £500 and £5,000 to develop new ideas into real projects. UnLtd gives out 1,000 Level 1 Awards each year across the UK. Level 1 Awards are aimed at individuals or informal groups of people who have an idea and want help getting it off the ground. The money is to help with the running costs of the project. Applications for

Level 1 Awards can be submitted at any time.

<http://www.unltd.org.uk/template.php?ID=1&PageName=whatareunltdawards>

## **General - Yapp Charitable Trust Grants (England & Wales)**

The Yapp Charitable Trust is an independent grant making trust that aims to make grants totalling £300,000 to about 50 small charities each year. Grants of up to £3,000 per year for up to three years are available to sustain the work of charities that work with; elderly people; children and young people aged 5 – 25; people with disabilities or mental health problems; and people trying to overcome life-limiting problems of a social, rather than medical origin such as addiction, relationship difficulties, abuse, and a history of offending. Grants are also available to promote lifelong learning. Applications are processed continuously. To be eligible charities need to have a total expenditure budget of less than £60,000 a year for the whole charity. The time it takes to process an application and make a grant is usually between two months and six months. Previously supported projects include:

- The Association For Shared Parenting which received a grant of £6,000 over 3 years for running costs of a Saturday contact centre in Birmingham that enables children to meet the parent they no longer live with
- Gainsborough Traveller Initiative which received a grant of £6,000 over 3 years towards educational support for Traveller young people and their parents.

Applications are processed continuously and decisions are reached within two to six months.

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

## **General - School & Area Linking Visits (England & Wales)**

Schools within England and Wales that have existing partnerships with school overseas can apply for funding through the British Council's Schools Linking Visits grant scheme. The programme is open to headteachers and teaching or support staff from primary schools, secondary schools, special schools, sixth form colleges and further education colleges (involved in the education of 16-19 year olds). The scheme has recently been extended to include groups of teachers from school clusters in England and Wales to visit partner schools and plan future joint curriculum projects. This funding exists to help the development of strategic area links. An area link may be between a local authority, an education action zone, a cluster of schools or any other group of schools working with an equivalent grouping overseas. The maximum grant for a European visit is £500 per person. The maximum grant for a long haul visit is £1000 per person. For school linking visits, funding is limited to one applicant per school / college. For strategic area links, the maximum number of people in a group is 10. Funding is limited to one applicant per school/college and up to two area co-ordinators (e.g. LA officers or EAZ staff). The next deadline for applications is the 1st May 2009.

<http://www.britishcouncil.org/schoolpartnerships-study-visit-funding.htm>

## **General - The 2010 IMPACT Awards to be Launched in July (UK)**

The King's Fund has announced that The 2010 GlaxoSmithKline IMPACT Awards will be launched on the 1st July 2009. The IMPACT Awards are open to registered charities that are at least three years old, working in a health-related field in the UK, with a total annual income between £10,000 and £1 million. The awards recognise and reward charities that are doing excellent work to improve people's health. The overall winner will receive £35,000, nine other winners receive £25,000 and up to ten organisations that are highly commended or runners up receive £5,000 or £3,000. Winners of the 2009 IMPACT Awards include:

- Beat
- The Clive Project
- Derry Well Woman
- Infertility Network UK; and The Junction - Young People, Health and Wellbeing

[http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/funding/gsk\\_impact\\_awards/index.html](http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/funding/gsk_impact_awards/index.html)

## **Funding Reminders**

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### **General - Support for Young People Starting Up in Business (England, Scotland and Northern Ireland)**

Young people wishing to start up their own business may be able to apply for funding and other support measures through the Prince's Trust Business Programme. The programme can provide support to young people who are:

- aged 18-30
- unemployed or working less than 16 hours a week
- living in England or Northern Ireland.

The type of support available includes:

- a low interest loan of up to £4,000 (up to £5,000 for a partnership)
- ongoing advice from a business mentor
- access to a wide range of products and services. This includes a free legal helpline, sponsored by Barclays, a grant of up to £1,500 in special circumstances (subject to

local availability), and a test marketing grant of up to £250 (subject to local availability).

Young people in Scotland aged 18-25 may be eligible. Applications to the programme can be made at any time.

<http://83.138.128.154/Main%20Site%20v2/14-30%20and%20need%20help/start%20up%20in%20business.asp>

## **General - CAF Venturesome (UK)**

The scheme provides mezzanine funding – loans and investment support that fills the gap between grants and bank loans – to charities and other social enterprises. The scheme cannot be used to finance start-up organisations or those based overseas. Support ranges in value from £20,000 to £250,000 and can be provided in the form of underwriting, unsecured loans or equity-type investments. The type of finance available includes bridging finance for capital projects, working capital to ease cash flow concerns and Development capital for projects to help build income generation capacity. Applications can be made at any time.

<http://www.cafonline.org/Default.aspx?page=6903>

## **General - Wolfson Foundation Schools Programme (UK)**

Schools that are looking for grants to fund building work, IT and other equipment (mainly for the teaching of science and technology) can apply for funding to the Wolfson Foundation's Schools Programme. The type of schools eligible to apply include; Independent schools, Foundations (in place for 5 years); Voluntary Aided schools; and Sixth Form Colleges (in place for 5 years). State schools are ineligible to apply. The main aim of the schools' programme is to support schools with a proven record of excellence. In addition, schools with a clear record of continuing improvement may also be considered. The Foundation is one of the UK's largest grant making trusts and distributes approximately £35 million for capital projects to registered charities in the UK (or organisations with charitable status) active in the areas of Science and Technology, Education, Arts and Humanities, and Health and Welfare. Grants will usually only be made when matching funding has already been raised or pledged. In 2008, the Foundation made grants in excess of £1.5 million through the Schools programme. The level of funding ranges from £20,000 to £50,000 per school. For example, Weald of Kent Grammar School was recently awarded £40,000 to help buy computers and other items as well as refurbishing two classrooms and to equip its new science laboratories. Applications to the Foundation can be made at any time and schools interested in applying should write to the Foundation to find out if their project is eligible.

[http://www.wolfson.org.uk/flash/grants\\_schools.htm](http://www.wolfson.org.uk/flash/grants_schools.htm)

## **General - Google Grants (UK)**

The Google Grants UK beta programme supports organisations sharing Google's philosophy of community service to help the world in areas such as:

- science and technology
- education
- global public health
- the environment
- youth advocacy
- the arts.

Designed for registered charities, Google Grants provides free advertising on Google AdWords, to charities seeking to inform and engage their constituents online. Google Grants has given free AdWords advertising to hundreds of charitable groups whose missions range from animal welfare to literacy, from supporting homeless children to promoting HIV education. As a result of this free advertising many charities have experienced an increase in the recruitment of volunteers and sponsorship. Applications can be made at any time.

<http://www.google.com/grants/>

## **General - Nationwide Foundation Seeks Applications Under its Small Grants Programme (UK)**

The Nationwide Foundation which works towards a just and caring society by enabling people to take part in building better futures in their communities is currently accepting applications for funding under its Small Grants Programme. Under the programme grants of up to £5,000 are available to registered charities with a yearly income of less than £500,000. The Small Grants Programme is part of Nationwide Foundation's Supporting Families programme and has the following aims; to promote the well-being of young men, women and children whose lives have been affected by domestic violence and to reduce the prevalence of domestic violence through increased service provision, education and awareness raising; to improve the quality of life of families with a member or members in prison, through the provision of services responsive to their needs; and to provide young people who are or have been involved with the criminal justice system with a rehabilitation programme designed to obtain the skills, confidence and personal support networks to enable them to lead fulfilled and successful lives . Previous projects funded include a grant of £5,000 towards the salary costs of a counsellor involved in the specialist support and advocacy service for women suffering domestic violence and a grant of £4,000 towards setting up workshops for women from Black and Minority Ethnic groups living in the London Borough of Newham, who are experiencing domestic abuse and difficulties in their relationships. There is no application closing date for the Small Grants Programme.

<http://www.nationwidefoundation.org.uk/default.asp>

## **General - Funding for Local Sustainable Energy Projects (England, Scotland & Wales)**

Local community groups and not for profit organisations located in England, Scotland and Wales that wish to implement sustainable energy projects in their buildings have the opportunity to apply for grants of up to £20,000 through the E.ON Source Fund. Examples of organisations that have been funded in the past include schools, local and national charities, special education colleges and wildlife parks. Projects that can be considered for funding include the purchase and installation of one or more renewable energy technologies (e.g. wind, solar thermal, PV, wood etc); the renovation of existing facilities to incorporate micro-generation technology; an energy efficiency makeover for building that could demonstrate significant energy savings and also behavioural change amongst users; the use of new or innovative technology to deliver either energy savings or micro-generation capacity; projects which can demonstrate the intelligent use of waste energy (e.g. a district heating system that uses waste heat from one building to heat or power another). The deadline for applications is the 15th May 2009.

<http://www.eon-uk.com/about/2688.aspx>

## **General - Futurebuilders Consortia Fund (England)**

Futurebuilders , which offers investment in the form of loans and grants to third sector organisation to help them bid for and win public contracts, recently announced the launch of its new Consortia Fund. The Consortia Fund offers a combination of loan finance and professional support specifically for consortia groups aiming to work together to win public service contracts. Consortia are defined as two or more organisations that enter into a formal agreement, or form a separate entity to jointly bid for, and deliver, public service contracts. There is no upper limit to the size of investment, but the minimum investment package is £50,000. To be eligible to apply to the Consortia Fund, the consortium must have a specific contract in mind and have the basis of the consortia structure in place and the consortium must possess the potential to win contracts to deliver public services. In addition to the Consortia Fund, Futurebuilders also invests in third sector organisations through:

- The Tender Fund which is a three year interest-free loans of between £3,000 and £50,000.
- The Small Organisation Tender Fund which provides grants of up to £15,000 to help small organisations tender successfully for specific public sector contracts;
- The Full Investment Fund, which is Futurebuilders main product and the majority of their investments are made from this Fund.

Applications to Futurebuilder can be made at any time.

<http://www.futurebuilders-england.org.uk/our-products/consortia-fund/consortia--fund/>

## **General - Equitable Charitable Trust (UK)**

Charitable organisations working towards educating young people, especially young people with disabilities and/or from disadvantaged backgrounds can apply for funding of up to £30,000 through the Equitable Charitable Trust. The Trustees award approximately £1 million a year and seeks to identify and support good projects that address needs not adequately met at present, including those with potential to be introduced to large numbers of schools. Grants made by the Trust fall into three broad categories:

- Education projects or services that support the learning and development of disabled children and young people in the UK;
- Education projects for disadvantaged children and young people in the UK, particularly those that support delivery of the National Curriculum or vocational learning opportunities;
- Education projects that will help increase participation in, or improve the quality of, education for disadvantaged or disabled children and young people in developing countries.

The length of funding can range from one to three years. Previously supported projects include supplementary Maths, English and Science classes for disadvantaged 5-18 year olds; education projects to reduce teenage pregnancies; capital grants for the renovation and refurbishment of facilities for children with complex needs and disabilities; and music education projects for children and young people with profound and multiple learning difficulties. Applications can be submitted at any time and are considered on a rolling basis by the Trustees.

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