

Funding News

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Agnes Spencer Charitable Trust – Special Grants (Tees Valley)

Open to: VCS
Funding amount: £1000

This small Trust limits its grant-making activities to Tees Valley, including adjacent areas of South Durham and North Yorkshire. The Trust has accumulated some additional income in recent years and is in a position to make ten special grants.

Monies will be dispersed as geographically evenly as possible. Preference will be given to projects with a clear outcome in terms of community capacity building.

Applications will be considered at the Trustees' Summer meeting – as such they must be received **by 31st May 2010** and should be headed "Application for Special Grant". Application forms can be obtained by telephoning Denise Heath on 01642 636 500 or writing to the Trust: c/o Archers Law LLP, Lakeside House, Kingfisher Way, Stockton on Tees TS18 3NB.

Barclays Take One Small Step competition

Open to: VCS / businesses

Barclays is offering £50,000 to the top ten business ideas.

After entering online applications will then be shortlisted down to three ideas in each region – the winner will then be determined through online public vote.

The winning entrants will be required to open a Barclays Business account if they do not currently have one. The first £10,000 will be deposited and after that Local Business Managers will work with winners to help them make the best use of the money within the first 12 months to boost the business idea.

Judges will be looking at:

- Originality of the business idea
- Suitability for the chosen community
- Likely success of the business idea/plan
- Quality and attention to detail of the submission

The closing date for applications is **16th May 2010**.

For more information and to apply visit www.takeonesmallstep.co.uk

Clore Duffield Foundation – Main grants programme

Open to: Registered charities

Funding amount: from below £5,000 to in excess of £1million

The Foundation focuses on supporting children, young people and vulnerable people. They welcome submissions from the following sectors:

- Museums, galleries and heritage sites (particularly for learning spaces)
- The arts
- Education
- Health, social care and disability
- Jewish charities with interests in any of the above areas

The programme can

- match lottery funding
- support capital redevelopments
- support learning space initiatives
- provide project, programme and revenue funding
- support large and small scale projects

Grants are awarded twice a year with no set dates for Trustees meetings. There is no initial application form. For more information visit:

http://www.cloreduffield.org.uk/page_sub.php?id=73&parent=35

or contact the Foundation on 0207 351 6061 email: info@cloreduffield.org.uk

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Funding Information North East (FINE)

CSV Action Earth™ 2010

Open to: VCS

Funding amount: £50

This programme, run through CSV volunteering and training, provides grants of up to £50 (funded by Morrisons) to assist environmental projects involving volunteers. Each group can submit up to three projects. They must be clearly distinct, at separate locations and take place on different dates. Projects must:

- be practical and visual
- have an immediate or lasting benefit to the environment
- take place between now and 31st July 2010

Action Earth 2010 will run **until 31st July 2010**. Deadlines depend on when the project will take place. Applications can be made online, downloaded or requested on 0121 328 7455 / naseem@csvgreenenvironment.org.uk

http://www.actionearth.org.uk/joomla/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=9&Itemid=6

Marks & Spencer Your Green Idea competition

This competition offers the chance for someone to win £100,000 to spend on 'greening' an organisation of their choice. The competition invites people to share their ideas that the Company could implement under its environmental and ethical plan. Three ideas will be shortlisted and put to public vote later in the year. The winning idea will be implemented and rolled out across UK stores.

Deadline is **16th May 2010**. For more information: www.yourgreenidea.co.uk

Defra Seed Corn funding

Open to: VCS

Funding amount: 4 - 8 projects will receive grants of £100,000 - £200,000

Defra is providing seed corn funding for projects helping individuals / communities adopt more sustainable / pro-environmental behaviours in the run up to London 2012 Games and beyond. Projects should use the Games as a way of reaching hard to engage groups and can take place anywhere in UK under one or more of the following themes:

- Active travel
- Sustainable consumption
- Greener gardens/local areas
- More efficient resource use
- Waste less - recycle more

There is a possibility of using funding to scale-up existing activities. The closing date for Stage 1 is **21st May 2010**. To apply projects must register with the Defra eTendering site. To do so and for more information visit:

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/funding/thirdsectorsd.htm>

European Integration Fund

Open to: Non-Governmental Organisations / Charities

Funding amount: Minimum of £40,000 (£6.4million total fund)

The Fund aims to support activities that

- introduce newly arrived third-country nationals to the UK and enable them to gain basic knowledge about UK language, history, culture etc
- prepare them through pre-travel measures to gain skills / knowledge

Proposals targeting the Gurkha resettlement scheme are particularly

encouraged. Projects can last for up to three years and should start on / shortly after 1st July 2010. The amount applied for must be matched 50:50 from non-EU sources

Closing date is **4th June 2010**. Further details including the application form, documents and guidance are available on the Home Office e-procurement site.

There are expected to be two pre-application workshops in central London and Leeds in week commencing 26th April 2010. Further information on this will be provided via the e-procurement portal. For more information and to register:

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/sitecontent/newsarticles/2010/255022/66-eif-call-for-proposals>

Naturesave Trust Community Renewable Energy Grants

Open to: VCS

Funding amount: Currently up to £10,000

Naturesave now provides start up grants for community renewable energy projects. They are keen to help, in particular, those without initial start up capital to undertake work to get to the planning stage. Funding can be for capital or revenue, including feasibility. General organisational costs will not be funded.

There are no deadlines for applications. For more information call Emma on 01803 864390 or visit

http://www.naturesave.co.uk/trust_naturesave.html

Party Conference Bursary Scheme 2010

Type of funder: Charity

Open to: NCVO member organisations with income less than £500,000

NCVO will fund seven organisations to attend each party conference, through a two-day pass to the Conference, a night's accommodation and travel costs.

Conference Dates:

Liberal Democrats – Liverpool: 18th – 22nd September

Labour – Manchester: 26th – 30th September

Conservatives – Birmingham: 3rd – 6th October

The provisional days to attend are the Monday and Tuesday, although this may be subject to change. The closing date for applications is **14th May 2010**. For more information and to apply visit

<http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/partyconferencebursary>
call 020 7520 2458 or email partyconference@ncvo-vol.org.uk

Office of the Third Sector launches programme to help communities buy pubs

Open to: VCS

A £3.3m support programme to help communities buy local pubs has been launched. Administered by Plunkett Foundation, it will provide communities with grants, match-funded by loans from Co-operative and Community Finance. The programme will be open shortly. For more information visit

<http://www.plunkett.co.uk/whatwedo/communityownedpubs.cfm> or email info@plunkett.co.uk

Policy and Representation Partnership Policy Topics

Open to: VCS (constituted)

Funding amount: Up to £11,750

The Partnership are seeking proposals to foster the development of public policies or practices in North East England. The Partnership aims to increase the third sector's contribution to regional policy development. It brings together third sector organisations from across the region to consider how public policy affects them, share ideas and, in turn, influence policy-makers through stronger representation.

Each year six policy topics will be examined through research, gathering the sector's views and producing a policy paper which will be shared with statutory policy-makers. In year 1 the partnership agreed to consider effects of the recession on the following policy topics:

- Grant/Loans - Communitybuilders
- Individual Patient Budgets (Personalisation)
- Integrated Regional Strategy
- Learning and Skills
- Value of Volunteering
- Who Should Deliver Public Services

In the year 2, the partnership will support up to six new projects, and they are seeking creative proposals. The project year runs 1st July 2010 - 30th June 2011. Successful applicants will be expected to feed into the wider partnership agenda by sharing lessons learned about how best to shape policy. The purpose of the fund is to inform and influence change in public policy. They will **not** fund:

- help for individuals
- service provision or care
- purely academic or desk-based research
- general awareness raising activities, including festivals and similar large scale public events
- work outside North East England
- party political activities

Closing date is **14th May 2010**. For more information contact Natalie Maidment on 0191 233 2000

email: natalie.maidment@vonne.org.uk

PROGRESS Funding (European Commission)

Funding amount: €300,000 total (approx. £260,000) in UK for up to 2 projects

PROGRESS is the EU's employment and social solidarity programme, to provide financial support in achieving the EU's objectives in employment, social affairs and equal opportunities as set out in the Social Agenda. This funding is available to support awareness-raising activities in support of the anti-discrimination agenda. Proposals of all sizes are welcome.

Activities must start in late 2010, and organisations can only apply for 80% of total eligible costs to be financed. Activities should tackle at least one of the following five grounds of discrimination:

- race and ethnic origin
- disability
- age
- religion or belief
- sexual orientation

Closing date for applications is **4th May 2010**. For more information visit http://www.equalities.gov.uk/international/progress_funding.aspx or call Charles Ramsden on 0303 444 3093

UnLtd Be Cause Awards

Funding amount: £1,000 plus support per month / £5,000 once a year

UnLtd has launched a new award scheme in partnership with Bebo, a social networking website, to inspire people to make a difference in their community. Using the Be Cause toolkit, applicants can put together a robust plan for a social action or social enterprise project and then enter it for a monthly Be Cause Award.

Every month UnLtd and Bebo will select five projects from those nominated that have potential to make a positive impact on society. The Bebo community will then be asked to vote for the best project over a two-week period to win £1,000. Every year a Judges Choice Award of £5,000 will be given to the project with the best ongoing potential. Everyone who takes part will be eligible for further support and funding from UnLtd if the projects show enough promise to be developed.

Applications can be made at any time. For more information visit <http://www.bebo.com/Profile.jsp?MemberId=3963962534> or contact UnLtd on 0207 566 1100

O2 "Think Big" Community Fund (UK)

Open to: Projects run by young people for young people

Funding amount: £300 plus support and opportunity to apply for further £2,500

Mobile phone network O2 has launched this new £5m programme to help young people aged 13–25 make a difference through projects having a positive impact on their local communities. Support includes:

- £300 cash
- Training and support from The National Youth Agency and UK Youth
- Communications tools

If invited to take the project further groups may also get:

- Up to £2500 cash for your project (given in stages)
- Free O2 broadband for a year and a laptop
- The opportunity to apply for an O2 apprenticeship

For more information and to apply online: <http://www.o2thinkbig.co.uk/>

Woodward Charitable Trust – Large and Small Grants

Open to: Registered charity / school / church

The Trust favours small-scale, locally based initiatives offering direct services. Funding is for one-off projects, but they may consider start-up or running costs (including core costs and salaries). Community Interest Companies cannot apply.

Small grants: £100 - £5,000; 40-50 grants made p/a for Priorities 1 - 8 (below)

Large grants: Over £5,000; 5-10 grants made p/a, usually to Priorities 1 - 5 and spread over a maximum of three years. Applications for large grants must be discussed with the administrator before submission or will be rejected

Current funding Priorities for the Trust are:

1. Social and ethnic minority groups
2. Prisoners and ex-offenders
3. Homelessness
4. People experiencing violence or abuse
5. Arts outreach work by local groups involving disadvantaged people
6. Disability projects
7. Environmental projects, especially with a strong educational element
8. Addiction

The next deadline is **24th May 2010**. Call Karin on 020 7410 0330 to discuss.

For more information and to download the General application form visit www.woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk

Young Persons Volunteering Fund

Open to: Not-for-profit (accountable body)

Funding amount: Up to £10,000

This fund has been created to assist young people to volunteer their time to create or enhance facilities that can be enjoyed by the wider community. Projects should be designed and delivered by volunteers aged 14-25, be focused on physically improving community facilities to bring tangible and sustainable benefits and must be located within one of SITA Trust's funding zones (in England zones are within 3 miles of a qualifying site: visit www.sitatrust.org.uk/postcode-checker or call 01454 262 910 to check).

Application deadlines for 2010 are: **4th June; 9th August and 11th October**. For more information and to apply visit <http://www.sitatrust.org.uk/volunteering> or call 01454 262 910.

Heritage Lottery Fund and biodiversity

The Heritage Lottery Fund has published a document outlining how projects promoting biodiversity may be eligible to apply called "Thinking about biodiversity"

They have so far awarded £278million to help to conserve and recover the UK's most threatened habitats and species through more than 2,270 projects. They are making major contributions towards the delivery of UK Biodiversity Action Plan targets, and are particularly keen to encourage biodiversity applications in 2010, the International Year of Biodiversity.

<http://www.hlf.org.uk/news/Pages/Fundingforbiodiversityin2010.aspx>

Capacitybuilders Volunteer Management Programme

Funding amount: Up to £1,950

The final funding strand of the Volunteer Management Programme - a £1m bursary scheme to support volunteer management skills development - is open for applications. Demand is expected to be high so early application is encouraged.

Bursaries are available to fully fund an approved skills development package; each one is aligned to the National Occupational Standards in Volunteer Management. There are three levels of access available plus the option of obtaining an award from a nationally recognised accreditation body.

- **Level 3** - aimed at managers responsible for managing individual volunteers or groups of volunteers directly or on a day-to-day basis
- **Level 4** - aimed at managers with overall responsibility for recruiting, managing, and developing volunteers in their organisation / department. These participants may manage volunteers directly on a day-to-day basis and/or supervise other people who directly manage volunteers
- **Level 5** - aimed at senior managers who are responsible for developing and implementing the strategy for involving volunteers in their organisation's work (but not the direct day-to-day management of volunteers)

Applications must be submitted online before **24th May 2010**. To find out more and apply visit

<http://www.capacitybuilders.org.uk/vmpskills>

Communitybuilders Feasibility Grants

Open to: VCS

Funding amount: up to £75,000

The grants are for organisations who want to develop project plans for new or refurbished "community anchor" buildings. Most applicants will use the feasibility grant to buy in expertise / backfill in order to develop the building proposals, analyse and develop new income options and to prepare a proposal and cashflow for a main investment from The Social Investment Business for the capital work.

Applicants are advised to provide an attachment with the application form setting out a full breakdown of how they will spend the grant. The feasibility grant cannot be used for actual construction / renovation work.

To be eligible for the feasibility grant, organisations must:

- have a track record of providing neighbourhood services
- be solvent
- be unable to access finance from a bank or other commercial lender
- be incorporated (i.e. company limited by guarantee, CIC)

Organisations selected will be the ones who best show their commitment to becoming sustainable and becoming investable, therefore preference will be given to projects where there is a reasonable expectation that it will then lead to a main investment.

The deadline for the next round of Feasibility Grants is the **31st May 2010**. Applications are processed on a rolling basis.

For more information visit

<http://www.communitybuildersfund.org.uk/> or contact on 0191 2692870 / info@communitybuildersfund.org.uk

These three great fundraising ideas are bound to interest you.

Coin painting – Coin painting is easy, cheap and tons of fun. Find an artist (try your local art school or art class). They then paint a picture on the ground (but make sure it is security protected) which is left unfinished and left for passers-by who are encouraged to place a coin in an appropriate place to finish the painting. At the end of the day the picture should be complete; the money is then collected and given to charity.

Customized School Kit – Bored of your plain school bag and uniform? Well this is a great idea for you as it is very simple. Prepare different designs of either pictures of themselves or patterns. Then get your designs printed on school bags, T-shirts, bagsanything! Sell them somewhere in school, either a stall or classroom. The designed goodies are sold for profit; the profit is then given to charity. Every design is different so you don't have to worry about anyone else having the same one as you.

Karaoke Night – Ever wanted to share your talent but you're too shy? This is a great way to boost your confidence and have a lot of fun. All you need is a room to rent out, or you could just use your school hall. Invite as many people as possible, charge a small fee to enter the building. Volunteers can get up and share their talent. Also you could record the people singing and put them onto CD's which the audience can then buy at the end of the night. Refreshments could also be available.

Abby Hindmarsh

Abby is a student at Rye Hills who recently completed her work experience placement with us and the article above was one of the task's which she carried out while she was with us – hope you find the idea's useful.

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