

Funding News

April 2008

Community Service Volunteers – Action Earth 2008 (England, Scotland and Wales)

Action Earth provides grants of **up to £50** to help groups in England, Scotland and Wales carry out environmental projects. The scheme is sponsored by the supermarket Morrisons.

To be eligible for the scheme, projects must:

- Be practical and visual.
- Have an immediate or lasting benefit to the environment.
- Involve either new or existing volunteers.
- Take place between 1 March and 31 July 2008.

Your group can submit applications for up to three projects, provided that each project:

- Is clearly distinct.
- Takes place on a separate site or location.
- Takes place on a different date.

To receive a grant, your group must first register the project with Action Earth. You can download a project registration form from: www.actionearth.org.uk/register.php
Or to request a registration pack or to check your project's eligibility, telephone 0121 328 7455.

There are various project registration deadlines between now and July, depending on when your project will take place. The final deadline is **Monday 7 July 2008**. For full details of the intervening deadlines check: www.actionearth.org.uk/register.php

Once you have completed your project you can enter it into the Action Earth Awards 2008, where you will have the chance to win an additional cash prize to help develop your project. There are five award categories:

- Wackiest Project Award for the most unusual location or type of project.
- City Slickers Award for the best urban project.
- Animal Madness Award for the best project involving wildlife.
- Green Welly Award for the best rural project.

Transformation Award for the best planting, restoration, recycling or clearance project.

There is a winning prize of £300 and a runners-up prize of £100 available in each category. Award entries must be received by **10 August 2008**. For more information about the awards visit:

www.actionearth.org.uk/awards.php

If you have any queries about any aspect of the Action Earth campaign or awards contact:

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CSV Environment
St Peter's College
College Rd
Saltley
Birmingham B8 3TE
Tel: 0121 328 7455

Email: naseem@csvenvironment.org.uk

Website: www.actionearth.org.uk

Alexandra Rose Day (UK)

Alexandra Rose Day (ARD) works with charities and community organisations across the UK, helping them to raise funds from the general public. They work with people-caring charities, including those that support disabled people, children and young people, and elderly people. Most of the groups they work with are small community-based organisations that rely on volunteer workers and have limited funds.

ARD supports these organisations in several ways:

Collection Days – ARD organises a national Flag Day, Alexandra Rose Day, for which participating organisations can carry out street collections, house-to-house and supermarket collections. This year's Rose Day collections will take place on Saturday 21 June for organisations in England and Wales working and collecting outside of London. For this collection day, participating organisations provide volunteers while ARD carries out the organisational work, provides equipment and deals with publicity and regulatory requirements. New groups need to pay a one-off registration fee of £30 to take part in this collection. All participating organisations are able to keep 90% of all the funds they collect in this way.

Raffles – ARD also organises an annual raffle; this year's draw will take place in November. Participating organisations can order books of raffle tickets and keep 80% of the funds raised through selling tickets. There are top prizes of £2,000, £1,000 and £500 in cash, as well as a number of runners up prizes. For more information visit:

www.alexandraroseday.org.uk/Raffle.aspx

Special Appeal Fund – ARD also operates a grant programme funded by proceeds from its events and supporters' donations. Any charity that takes part in an ARD collection can write and apply for a grant.

For more information about taking part in this year's Rose Day collection contact Mrs Margaret Stock:

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5 Mead Lane
Farnham
Surrey
GU9 7DY
Tel: 01252 726 171
Fax: 01252 727 559
Email: enquiries@alexandraroseday.org.uk
Website: www.alexandraroseday.org.uk

Department for Children, Schools and Families – new programme for young leaders (England)

The Government has announced plans for a programme of support to help young people champion local and national issues and become positive role models for their communities. It wants to encourage more young people to develop and use their leadership skills to bring about change.

The Government has pledged £6 million over the next three years to work with dynamic and innovative youth leadership organisations to:

- Develop and promote internships with local councillors.
- Increase opportunities for young people to act as leaders within their communities.
- Help young people from disadvantaged backgrounds to overcome the barriers that prevent them from fulfilling their potential.
- Launch a national campaign to celebrate the achievements of young people who have championed causes.
- Encourage and support schools to increase leadership opportunities.
- Advise and challenge Government on involving young people in decision-making at the highest level.

A new report "Young People: Leading Change" outlines the Government's vision for youth leadership. You can download a copy from: <http://publications.everychildmatters.gov.uk/default.aspx?PageFunction=productdetails&PageMode=publications&ProductId=DCSF-00233-2008&>

The Government intends to publish proposals this summer detailing how the £6 million investment will be delivered over the next three years.

To read the Government's announcement in full visit: www.dfes.gov.uk/pns/DisplayPN.cgi?pn_id=2008_0034

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First Light Movies – new application process (UK)

First Light Movies has announced forthcoming changes to the application process for its funding schemes. From **Tuesday 18 March 2008** applications **must** be made using online forms which will be available from the First Light Movies website. Applications that are not submitted this way will not be eligible for funding.

First Light Movies provides funding for groups of young people aged between 5 and 19 years old, to help them write, act, shoot, light, direct and produce their own films. There are two main funding schemes:

Studio Award Scheme – This makes grants of up to £30,000 to organisations that have a track record in collaborative filmmaking with young people. The grants can be used to fund between two and four short films (up to 10 minutes long). The new online application form will be available from Tuesday 18 March and in 2008 there will be two deadlines for the submission of applications: **22 April** and **14 October**.

Pilot Award Scheme – This provides grants of up to £5,000 to help groups of young people produce one short film (up to 5 minutes long). These awards are suitable for first-time filmmakers. The new online application form for this scheme will be available from Tuesday 29 April. There will then be four applications during 2008/2009: **24 June**, **16 September**, **16 December 2008**, and **30 March 2009**.

You will be able to access the online forms and guidelines from:

www.firstlightmovies.com/funding

If you would like to discuss your project with First Light Movies before submitting an application you can contact them for advice:

Tel: 0121 753 4866

Email: info@firstlightmovies.com

Website: www.firstlightmovies.com

Clare Duffield Foundation – Clare Performing Arts Awards (UK)

The Clare Duffield Foundation's Clare Performing Arts Awards fund arts education initiatives aimed at children and young people (aged 0-18 years) across the UK. The aim of the Awards is to provide children and young people with opportunities to experience performing arts education at its best.

The Awards will fund education programmes that cover every aspect of the performing arts, including opera, dance, music, musical theatre, the spoken word and theatre. Applications should be for new projects rather than for a repeat or extension of an existing project. The Awards will fund project costs from **£1,000 to £10,000** (the total budget of the project must not exceed £30,000). The Foundation prefers to be the major funding body.

To be eligible, organisations must be either a registered charity or a limited company, but may be either a professional or an amateur organisation.

Application forms can be downloaded from: www.clareduffield.org.uk/page_sub.php?id=71&parent=35

The next deadline for applications is **Wednesday 17 September 2008**.

Applications should be sent by post (emailed applications will not be accepted) to:

The Clare Duffield Foundation
Studio 3
Chelsea Manor Studios
Flood Street
London
SW3 5SR

For more information contact the Foundation:

Tel: 0207 351 6061

Fax: 0207 351 5308

Email: info@clareduffield.org.uk

Website: www.clareduffield.org.uk

Friends Provident Foundation – Financial Inclusion Programme (UK)

The Friends Provident Foundation's Financial Inclusion programme aims to improve access to appropriate financial services for people who are currently excluded – especially those on low incomes or who are otherwise vulnerable to market failure.

The programme will fund work that makes a strategic contribution to helping people overcome financial exclusion. Projects should focus on one of the following areas:

Better information – building a stronger evidence base about issues of financial inclusion and exclusion through research and evaluation

Fostering innovation – enabling the exploration and testing of genuinely new ideas to tackle financial exclusion, through research or pilot schemes

Building the infrastructure for a sustainable sector – helping to put in place the tools and systems which are required for the delivery of appropriate financial services to all, over the long-term

Exercising influence – using evidence and learning to influence the policy and practice of government, business, independent funders, community based finance organisations and others, and supporting the development of a stronger voice for community-based financial organisations

The Foundation will offer funding of **up to £200,000** for such work, and will consider requests for capital or revenue funding, core funds or project costs.

Applications can be made from any type of legally independent organisation, but the Foundation will only support work that is legally charitable. The Foundation's Trustees have prioritised support for projects focused on personal financial exclusion rather than enterprise development or activities.

Under this programme the Foundation will not fund:

- The direct costs of service provision or development at a local level, such as credit unions, financial literacy projects or debt advice.
- Individuals.
- Work outside the UK.
- General appeals for funds.

There is a two stage application process. At the first stage, applicants should set out an outline proposal on no more than two sides of A4, describing who they are, what they want to do and why. It must make clear how the proposed work will make a strategic contribution to the overall goal of greater financial inclusion in the UK.

Applicants should also download and complete a registration form from the "How to apply for a grant" section of the Foundation's website.

The proposal and registration form should be emailed to the Foundation at:

foundation.enquiries@friendsprovident.co.uk

The remaining 2008 deadlines for this programme are **28 April, 18 July and 24 October**.

Applicants can expect to hear the results of Stage One of their application within six weeks of submission. All applications will be acknowledged by email or letter. At the second stage of the application process, the Foundation will invite selected applicants to submit a full application.

Contact details for the Foundation are:

The Secretary
Friends Provident Foundation
Pixham End
Dorking
Surrey
RH4 1QA

Tel: 01904 797 586

Email:

foundation.enquiries@friendsprovident.co.uk

Website: www.friendsprovident.com/foundation

Groundwork UK – Community Spaces (England)

Community Spaces is a £50 million open grants programme funded by the Big Lottery Fund's Changing Spaces scheme. Groundwork UK will manage the programme on behalf of a consortium of environmental organisations including GreenSpace, the Civic Trust, Wildlife Trusts, Natural England, BTCV and the Federation of City Farms and Community Gardens.

Community Spaces will be open for applications from **Wednesday 19 March 2008**. The aim of the programme is to help community groups create or improve green and open spaces so that the quality of life in neighbourhoods across England is enhanced.

To be eligible to apply for funding groups must meet the following criteria:

- Applications must be from community groups, defined as 'people living in one particular area or group of people focused on a neighbourhood who are considered as a unit because of their common interests, background, nationality or other circumstances.'
- Projects must be in England.
- Projects must meet one or more of the Community Spaces outcomes.
- Projects must be within a two-mile radius of a residential area.
- Projects must be open to the public 'most of the time' (that is, for a substantial part of at least six days a week).

All community groups that are successful at Stage 1 of the application process must agree to work with a Facilitator – a Facilitator is a trained individual who is able to provide specialist advice and guidance to groups. Facilitators will be able to help groups develop their Stage 2 application form and may be able to help successful groups to develop and deliver their project.

Examples of projects that Community Spaces will fund include:

- Community gardens and parks.
- Informal sports areas and multi-use games areas.
- Nature reserves.

- Squares and village greens.
- Churchyards.
- Ponds and projects which improve the local community's access to green space.

The majority of grants available will be as follows:

- **Small grants** of between £10,000 and £25,000
- **Medium grants** of between £25,001 and £49,999

Both of these grants will be available on a rolling basis for approximately the next three years.

Community Spaces will also be awarding a limited number of Large and Flagship grants of up to £450,000. There will be only one bidding round for these grants, which is expected to open in summer 2008.

Application forms and guidelines are available to download from: www.community-spaces.org.uk/default.aspx?page=11

You can also telephone the Advice Line on 08453671671 to request an application pack. For more information please contact Siobhan O'Brien at Groundwork:
T e l : 0 1 9 1 2 7 7 3 4 9 8
Email: siobhan.obrien@groundwork.org.uk
Website: www.community-spaces.org.uk

Ruth and Lionel Jacobson Charitable Trust – new address (UK / North East)

The Ruth and Lionel Jacobson Charitable Trust has a new contact address. The Trust awards one-off grants of between £100 and £500 to registered charities. In the past the Trust has funded a variety of charitable work, including medical, Jewish, children's and disabled people's charities. It funds work nationally, but has a particular interest in the North East.

Applications should be made in writing to:

Mrs I R Jacobson MBE
Trustee
14 Grainger Suite
Dobson House
Regent Centre
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE3 3PF

Big Lottery Fund – People’s Millions 2008 (UK)

This year’s People’s Millions competition is now open for applications. The competition is run in partnership by the Big Lottery Fund and ITV, with ITV viewers invited to vote for the projects they want to receive Lottery funding in their region.

Organisations can apply for **up to £50,000** for projects that transform the local environment or provide opportunities or facilities to allow people to take part and enjoy their local area.

Eligible projects include those that:

- Make the local environment cleaner, safer or greener.
- Improve the local natural environment.
- Improve the design, appearance or accessibility of local amenities.
- Provide opportunities or facilities for enjoying the local environment or local amenities.

BIG is especially interested in supporting community-based projects that can show that they will increase community involvement or help people who are most in need. BIG also wants to encourage projects which are original and imaginative.

The types of organisation eligible to enter the competition are:

- Voluntary or community groups.
- Local authorities, schools or statutory health bodies.
- Social enterprises.

Entry forms are available by telephoning 0845 0 10 11 12. You will also be able to download forms and guidance notes from:
www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/peoplesmillions

The deadline for entries is **noon on Thursday 15 May 2008**. People will get the chance to vote for the shortlisted projects they want to see funded in the region when they are screened on the ITV regional news between 24 and 27 November. In the North East region four projects will win an award following the public vote run by Tyne Tees television, with a fifth award going to the runner up that receives

the most votes.

For guidance notes and more information about the competition visit:
www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/peoplesmillions

Northern Rock Foundation – latest news

The Northern Rock Foundation has announced a planned increase in its grants expenditure for this year. The Foundation’s Trustees had initially set a budget of £7 million for the year. However, following the Government’s decision to bring Northern Rock plc under temporary public ownership and its guarantee of a minimum income of £15 million per year for the Foundation over the next three years, the Foundation has now increased its grants budget to a minimum of £11 million this year. The Trustees will now consider the Foundation’s funding priorities, before making a full announcement this May about how the increased funds will be allocated.

The Foundation also announced details of its first round of funding in 2008. 15 organisations across the North East and Cumbria received grants totalling £1,027,486.

The funding was allocated as follows:

- Under its **Independence and Choice** programme the Foundation invested £0.33 million in services for people with mental health problems, people with learning disabilities, older people and carers.
- The **Building Positive Lives** programme made grants worth £0.32 million to projects to support young people at risk, homeless people, substance misusers and groups that face prejudice and discrimination.
- Under the **Safety and Justice** programme, which aims to reduce the incidence and impact of domestic and sexual violence, abuse and hate crimes, Trustees made a total of £0.27 million in grants.

The Trustees also spent £0.1 million on training and development activities for the voluntary sector.

A full list of the grants awarded is available from:

www.nr-foundation.org.uk/news/news_Mar08.html

Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts – Local Food Programme (England)

The Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts (RSWT) has announced that its new Local Food grants programme is now open for applications. Local Food is a £50 million programme funded by the Big Lottery Fund's Changing Spaces programme, and will distribute grants to a variety of food-related community projects across England.

Grants from **£2,000 up to £500,000** are available for not-for-profit groups and organisations in England delivering such projects as growing, processing, marketing and distributing local food, composting, and raising awareness of the benefits of such activities. You can see more examples of eligible projects at:

www.localfoodgrants.org/index.php/projects

(As the grants are awarded, this page will feature examples and case studies of actual projects funded by the programme.)

There are three levels of grant:

- Small Grants of between £2,000 and £10,000
- Main Grants from £10,001 up to £300,000
- Beacon Grants from £300,001 up to £500,000

To be eligible for the funding, organisations must have social and/or environmental objectives and must be located in England. The types of organisation that can apply for funding are:

- Registered charities
- Companies limited by guarantee
- Schools
- Health bodies
- Parish or town councils
- Non-profit taking organisations (such as worker-owned co-operatives, social enterprises or community interest companies)

You can take a short quiz to check your eligibility for the programme at:

www.localfoodgrants.org/index.php/grants/eligibility

If you are eligible you can register to obtain and submit a first stage application form. Selected first-stage applicants will be invited to submit a full application. More details about the application process are available at: www.localfoodgrants.org/index.php/grants/process

For Small and Main Grants there are no application deadlines (although all funded projects must be completed by March 2014). There will be one application round for Beacon Grants: first-stage applications must be submitted by the **end of June 2008**.

You can contact Local Food for more information about the programme at:

Local Food
Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts
The Kiln, Waterside
Mather Road
Newark
Nottinghamshire
NG24 1WT

Tel: Changing Spaces Advice Line: 0845 3 671 671
Email: localfood@rswt.org
Website: www.localfoodgrants.org

EUCLID – European cultural news service

EUCLID has launched a new online summary of key EU and European news for the cultural sector. The new webpage is at:

www.euronews.culture.info

It includes details of funding opportunities, upcoming deadlines for calls for proposals and the results of previous calls.

The page will be updated several times a week by staff from EUCLID and from the European Forum for Arts and Heritage. In addition, users can submit their own news items to the page.

UnLtd – Sport Relief Awards (UK)

UnLtd's Sport Relief Awards are for young people aged 11 to 21 years who wish to tackle conflicts in their communities through the use of sport and leisure activities. Funding of **between £250 and £5,000** is available for entrepreneurial young people who have great ideas and want to make a difference.

The types of project UnLtd will support are varied; ideas include:

- Organising an indoor cricket tournament involving young people from different backgrounds.
- A skateboarding competition for young people in a local community.
- Putting together a football team for young people who are refugees or asylum seekers.

However, these are just suggestions and UnLtd encourages applicants to be creative when devising their projects.

Young people can apply for an award individually or as part of a group. Application materials are available to download from:
www.unltd.org.uk/sportreliefawards

There are separate application forms for 11-16 year olds (such applications must have the support and input of an adult advisor), 17-20 year olds and group applications. You can submit your application at any time.

For more information contact:

Tel: 0845 3670 770

Email: sportreliefawards@unltd.org.uk

Website: www.unltd.org.uk

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