

Funding News

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First Light Movies (UK)

First Light Movies funds and inspires young people aged between five and 19 throughout the UK to make films reflecting the diversity of their lives. They distribute £700,000 of National Lottery funding per year, divided between three funding schemes:

Pilot Awards – funding of up to £5,000 for one short film of up to five minutes' duration. 20% match funding is required. The next round of Pilot Awards will open on Wednesday 16 July, with the deadline for applications **Tuesday 16 September 2008**.

Studio Awards – funding of up to £30,000 for between two and four films of up to 10 minutes in duration. Match funding of up to 40% is required and applicant organisations must have a track record of filmmaking with young people. The next round of applications will open on Thursday 14 August and the deadline for applications will be **Tuesday 14 October 2008**.

What's the Big Idea? Awards – funding for script development projects that team young people with script professionals. There is a maximum grant size of £3,000, with 10% match funding required. The next round of funding under this scheme will open for applications on Wednesday 16 July; the deadline for applications will be **Tuesday 16 September 2008**.

All three schemes are open to constituted organisations, while the Pilot Awards and Studio Awards are also open to schools and local authorities. Under its funding priorities for 2008/09, First Light Movies is particularly interested in supporting the following:

- Applications from Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales and East of England.
- Applications that provide a filmmaking opportunity for beneficiaries aged 12 and under. (More advice on engaging and involving younger children in filmmaking is available from: www.filmstreet.co.uk).
- Applications that include the following as a significant element of the project: script development sessions, sound, editing sessions, and screening as part of a wider film festival or event.

Guidance notes for each scheme are available now from First Light Movies' website, and you will be able to make an online application via the website when the new rounds open: www.firstlightmovies.com/funding/

For more information contact:

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Website: www.firstlightmovies.com

Age Concern – Opportunities for Volunteering (England)

Age Concern, one of the 16 National Agents delivering the Department of Health's Opportunities for Volunteering (OFV) grants scheme, is now inviting applications for the new round of the programme. Applications are welcome from third sector organisations that provide services for older people. The maximum amount of grant available is **£35,000 per year** for up to 3 years' grant funding for proposals that improve the profile and diversity of volunteers, as well as improving the range and quality of volunteering opportunities in health and social care.

Successful projects must be able to demonstrate how they contribute to the Department of Health's Strategic Objectives and Age Concern England's priorities of:

- Better health and well-being for all.
- Better care for all.
- Better value for all.

When assessing applications, National Agents will check that funding proposals for projects address two or more of the following:

- Demonstrate how the project will address health inequalities.
- Improve the profile and diversity of volunteers.
- Improve the range and quality of volunteering opportunities in health, well-being and social care service provision.
- Develops advocacy support in the improvement of health, well-being and social care services that enables individuals to exercise control and choice.

Applicants will also need to liaise with relevant local authorities and PCTs to look at how their proposed project fits local strategic priorities for example, agreed LAA targets, for supporting volunteering in health & social care.

Projects will need to show how they:

- Are developing working with partnerships at a local level, for example through either actual or planned engagement with local third sector organisations and relevant public bodies.
- Intend to address future sustainability plans after the Opportunities for Volunteering funding ceases.

For more information and an application pack from Age Concern contact the Grants Unit by emailing: grants.unit@ace.org.uk

Packs will also be available to download from: www.ageconcern.org.uk/AgeConcern/grants_voluntary_organisations.asp

The closing date for the return of completed application forms is **5pm on Friday 29 August 2008**.

Department for Communities and Local Government – Faiths in Action grants programme (England)

The Department for Communities and Local Government (CLG) has announced a new £4 million grants programme to support greater community cohesion. The Faiths in Action grants programme forms part of the new Framework for Partnership which will invest more than £7.5 million into faith communities to encourage and enable greater local activity to bring people from different religions and beliefs together. The programme will be administered by the Community Development Foundation on behalf of the CLG.

The programme will be open to faith, inter faith, voluntary and community organisations and groups in England. Grants will be distributed in two rounds, with the first round opening for applications on **Friday 1 August 2008**. It will offer grants of **up to £12,000** to be spent over two years. CLG hopes that the grants will support a wide variety of local activities in a range of community settings.

For more information about the Government's announcement of the Framework for Partnership visit: www.communities.gov.uk/news/corporate/899026

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Funding Information North East (FINE)

Department for International Development – Development Awareness Fund – Mini-Grants Scheme (UK)

As part of its Development Awareness Fund (DAF) the Department for International Development (DFID) runs a Mini Grants scheme which offers grants for UK organisations or networks with an interest in development education work.

The overall aim of the DAF is to support activities in the UK that promote and raise awareness of:

- International development issues.
- Our global interdependence.
- The need for international development.
- The progress that has been made and is possible.

Applicants must be able to show how their project will make the link to the DAF objectives, and specifically, how it will bring about an understanding of the importance of reducing poverty elsewhere in the world. This does not mean that projects have to be about poverty, but applicants must detail how their target audience's appreciation of the importance of poverty reduction will be enhanced.

The DFID particularly supports projects that generate knowledge and understanding of the UN's eight Millennium Development Goals amongst new and wider audiences (for more information about these see: www.dfid.gov.uk/mdg/default.asp). It is also recommended that prospective applicants read the DFID's strategy paper "Building Support for Development", which sets out how the DFID plans to build greater awareness and understanding of international development issues across the UK (see: www.dfid.gov.uk/aboutdfid/intheuk/buildingsupport.asp)

In addition, all formal education mini-grant project proposals must demonstrate how they relate to the Enabling Effective Support (EES) initiative. This is an initiative to develop regional strategies and support to ensure that teachers have local access to resources and support to enable them to bring the global dimension to their teaching. More information is available from:

www.dfid.gov.uk/aboutdfid/intheuk/enablingeffectivesupport.asp

Grants of **between £1,000 and £10,000** per year are available. Match funding is not required: DFID will fund up to 100% of the total project costs. Projects can last between one and three years. Each year of the project should correspond to the DFID's financial year, which runs from 1 April to 31 March.

Any organisation with an interest in development education work is eligible to apply. Please note, however, that applicants in England must be locally or regionally based.

Priority will be given to proposals that demonstrate one or more of the following qualities:

- Partnerships made up of traditional development education organisations and organisations new to development education.
- Projects which seek to engage new audiences and organisations.
- Organisations operating mainly within a defined local or regional area in England.
- Projects led by or involving Black and Ethnic Minority organisations.
- Projects which build on genuine partnership.
- Innovative projects.
- Projects that build capacity to deliver development education.

There is no application form. Applications should be made by writing a project proposal (of no more than six sides of A4) outlining the details of the project, including a detailed budget. Instructions for the layout and content of proposals are given at: www.dfid.gov.uk/funding/dafminigrants.asp

The deadline for applications is **Friday 31 October 2008**.

In England the grants are administered on behalf of the DFID by the Development Education Association (DEA). Prospective applicants based in England should contact Sejal Patel, Education Projects Manager at DEA, if they have any questions:

Development Education Association (DEA)
32-36 Loman Street
London
SE1 0EH
Tel: 020 7922 7935
Email: sejal.patel@dea.org.uk

GoldStar – small grants for good practice events (England)

The GoldStar project is funded by the Cabinet Office and is designed to encourage and enable voluntary organisation and projects throughout England to realise the potential of volunteers, mentors and befrienders from socially excluded groups. GoldStar's aim is to promote and share good practice used in engaging people from these groups, giving them the opportunity to enrich their own and other people's lives.

GoldStar is currently seeking applications for small grants to hold good practice events in the community. Applications are welcome from organisations or groups of organisations that can demonstrate specialist experience in working with volunteers from one or more of the following target groups:

- Unemployed people.
- People from Black and Minority Ethnic groups.
- People with disabilities or limiting long term illnesses.

Successful organisations will receive the following resources to help them hold their event:

- A small grant of between £100 and £3,000 per event.
- Marketing materials such as stands and brochures.
- A listing in GoldStar's website and newsletter.

There are two rounds or waves of funding. The deadline for the first wave is **12 noon on Friday 29 August** and the deadline for the second wave is **12 noon on Friday 26 September 2008**.

Events must take place between September 2008 and 27 March 2009. Each event should be open to organisations on a regional basis and should reach approximately 60 delegates/organisations.

Application forms, include guidance notes, are available to download from:
[www . g o l d s t a r . o r g . u k / SmallGrantsForEvents.htm](http://www.goldstar.org.uk/SmallGrantsForEvents.htm)

Applications should be sent to:

GoldStar Team, Tribal, 2nd Floor, 154 Great Charles Street, Queensway, Birmingham B3 3HN

Email: volopps@grantsadmin.co.uk
GoldStar has also produced a free events toolkit. This contains hints, tips and templates, as well as guidance on budgets and branding, and is available for anybody to download from:
[www . g o l d s t a r . o r g . u k / SmallGrantsForEvents.htm](http://www.goldstar.org.uk/SmallGrantsForEvents.htm)

REACH – professional volunteer support for VCS organisations (UK)

REACH supports voluntary organisations by helping them secure high-quality business, management, technical and other professional expertise on a voluntary basis. They recruit skilled career people who are willing to donate their time and find them placements in voluntary sector roles where their skills are urgently needed. Last year REACH placed 2,000 skilled volunteers in 1,000 organisations across the UK. In any one year over 10,000 groups benefit from the expertise that a REACH volunteer offers.

VCS organisations seeking a volunteer to fill a particular position can complete their registration details on the REACH website at:
www.reach-online.org.uk/pages/organisations/orgreg.html

REACH will then search for suitable volunteers to fill the post and will forward details about the role to likely volunteers. They will then send you the contact details and background information for any volunteer who expresses interest in the position. This service is provided free of charge for VCS organisations.

REACH volunteers come from all communities and fields of activity, including industry and commerce, science and technology, media and journalism, art and design, finance, education, government service, local and health authorities. Many REACH volunteers have worked at senior management level, others have specialist knowledge of their area of work. Volunteers may be working part-time, taking a career break or be between jobs, or have retired, and are seeking a voluntary role to support and help charitable causes.

To benefit from the REACH programme your organisation need not be a registered charity but it must:

- Provide community benefit.
- Have a job needing business, managerial or professional experience.
- Have a role that can be carried out on a part-time basis.
- Be able to cover volunteers' out of pocket expenses.

For more information about REACH visit:
www.reach-online.org.uk

Or contact Kathy Urwin, REACH's Regional Director for North East & Cumbria:
 Room 2, 36 Bridge Street, Morpeth NE61 1NL
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Funding Information North East – North East Guide to Grants for Voluntary Organisations 9th Edition – Special offer

FINE's North East Guide to Grants for Voluntary Organisations is now available at the reduced price of £10 (£8 plus £2 postage and packing, reduced from the standard price of £15 plus £2 p+p).

The Guide contains information on over 113 charitable Trusts, with an estimated £55 million available annually to voluntary and community organisations in the North East.

The Guide includes:

- Grant-making policies, procedures and lists of recent grants made. Most of information has been provided by the trusts themselves.
- Trusts listed alphabetically and by subject, type of organisation and size of grant.
- A model letter of application.
- 'How to' successfully raise money from Charitable Trusts.
- Articles from Northern Rock Foundation, Big Lottery Fund, and Lloyds TSB Foundation.

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 Email: enquiries@fine.org.uk

Or visit our website to download an order form or order online:
www.fine.org.uk/FINEservices.htm#neggvo

Charity Bank – Asset Finance programme (UK)

The Charity Bank Asset Finance programme has been developed in response to an identified need among emerging social enterprises and enterprising charities. It is aimed at organisations that struggle to obtain finance from mainstream sources, but where the purchase of a new minibus or computer system, for example, could make all the difference in improving the way in which they operate.

You can use the financing to hire purchase assets such as:

- Vehicles – including cars, vans, trucks, coaches or minibuses.
- Copiers, printing and packaging equipment.
- IT and software.
- Phone systems.
- EPOS and cash registers.
- Vending machines.
- Recycling equipment.
- Catering equipment.
- Gym equipment.

The programme offers fixed rate hire purchase and lease purchase for new and used assets. The hire purchase agreement will operate as follows:

- You choose the equipment and supplier.
- Charity Bank pays the supplier on your behalf.
- You pay for the asset over a period matched to its working life.
- Outright ownership passes to your organisation at the end of the agreement on payment of an Option to Purchase Fee of £100.
- The asset appears on your organisation's balance sheet.

The finance is available for 2 to 7 years, with the interest rate fixed at 7.5% per annum. There is a £150 documentation fee, payable at the start of the agreement, but there is no early settlement penalty and Charity Bank does not seek to take personal guarantees.

For more information about this financial product contact Charity Bank's Loans

Desk: Tel: 01732 774 050
Email: enquiries@charitybank.org
Website: www.charitybank.org/Borrowing/About_our_Loans/What_we_offer/Asset_finance.aspx

GlaxoSmithKline – IMPACT Awards 2009 (UK)

GlaxoSmithKline's IMPACT Awards are now in their twelfth year and are designed to recognise and reward charities that are doing excellent work to improve people's health. They are funded by GlaxoSmithKline and managed in partnership with The King's Fund, a leading independent health charity working to improve health and social care.

The 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**.

Ten winners receive **£25,000** and an overall winner is awarded an extra **£10,000**. Organisations that are highly commended or runners up receive **£5,000** or **£3,000**.

You do not need to present a new project. The awards are designed to recognise success and achievements for existing work.

You decide how to use the award money.

Winning an IMPACT Award

GlaxoSmithKline and the King's Fund have been working together to run the IMPACT Awards for eleven years. In a recent review previous winners said that the money was only part of the benefit of winning an IMPACT Award. For many it was a key turning point in their development, often improving their visibility and status with funders and services commissioners and leading to significant organisational growth.

In 2008 winners and highly commended organisation were also offered a free tailored programme of support to meet their training and development needs. Details of 2009 support will appear on the King's Fund's website.

What the 2008 winners said:

"Winning the IMPACT Award with the money, with the learning and training opportunities, and the national recognition, it has been

fantastic for us" N Compass (advocacy service)

"The IMPACT Award has been really useful for us to look internally at what we do" CREW 2000 (drug service)

Winning the Award is high-profile recognition of our work in supporting families with a condition that is not widely known about" FRAGILE X Society

Last year's IMPACT Award winners

The 2008 IMPACT Award winners came from across the UK and provided services for Autism, hepatitis C, genetic conditions, drug users, diabetes, lymphoedema sufferers, street sex workers, people needing advocacy and disabled children.

GlaxoSmithKline IMPACT Awards guidelines and application form are available at: www.kingsfund.org.uk/gskimpactawards

You can also download a brochure giving details of the 2008 IMPACT Awards winners and judges, and a short film on each winner.

Closing date for applications: **5pm on 26th September 2008**

Football Foundation – Community Scheme and Small Grants Scheme (England)

The Football Foundation runs a number of schemes designed to improve facilities, create opportunities for grass roots football and build communities throughout England.

The **Community Scheme** funds projects that use football and sport as a force for social change. The Foundation is particularly interested in supporting projects that address social exclusion and inequalities in education and health. Projects must contribute to one of the following programme objectives:

- Preventing and reducing offending.
- Promoting respect amongst communities and bringing people together through football.
- Improving educational attainment and lifelong learning.
- Encouraging personal development from participation in football and sport through volunteering, training and employment.

- Tackling the rise of obesity in children and adults.
- Improving the mental health and wellbeing of children and adults.
- Tackling regional health inequalities in life expectancy and chronic illness.

Projects must have equality of access, and the Foundation will prioritise activities that benefit the most deprived groups and communities in England. The Foundation will usually fund **up to £250,000** for community and education projects that last between one and five years. Percentage support varies but the Foundation aims to support projects at 50-65% of the total project cost.

For smaller or new projects the Foundation runs a **Small Grants Scheme**. This aims to increase participation by both players and volunteers in grass roots football by supporting the costs associated with providing new activity. This scheme can offer **up to £9,000** for projects, where the total project cost is not more than £10,000. Percentage support varies but will not exceed 90% of the total project cost.

Applicants to any of the Foundation's schemes are advised to complete an Expression of Interest form prior to submitting a full application. These are available from:
www.footballfoundation.org.uk/af3/andefault.aspx/RenderForm/?F.Name=M3MVKFc4e6s

Once you are ready to make a full application you may either apply online at www.footballfoundation.org.uk/apply/ or contact the Foundation to request a paper version of the application form.

For more information about these and other funding schemes from the Foundation visit:
www.footballfoundation.org.uk/our-schemes

Or contact:

The Football Foundation
 30 Gloucester Place
 London
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 Email: enquiries@footballfoundation.org.uk

Changing Spaces: Access to Nature

Access to Nature is funded by the Big Lottery Fund's Changing Spaces programme which was created to help communities enjoy and improve their local environments.

Access to Nature is managed by Natural England on behalf of a consortium of twelve national environmental organisations comprising BTCV, British Waterways, Environment Agency, Forestry Commission, Greenspace, Groundwork UK, Land Restoration Trust, The National Trust, Natural England, RSPB, the Wildlife Trusts and the Woodland Trust.

Grant funding will focus on three main themes:

- community awareness and active participation;
- education, learning and volunteering;
- welcoming, well-managed and wildlife-rich places.

Within these themes, grants will be awarded to organisations who can demonstrate that their project will deliver one or more of Access to Nature's five main outcomes:

1. A greater number and diversity of people having improved opportunities to experience the natural environment.
2. More people having opportunities for learning about the natural environment and gaining new skills.
3. More people able to enjoy the natural environment through investment in access to natural places and networks between sites.
4. Richer, more sustainably managed, natural places meeting the needs of local communities.
5. An increase in communities' sense of ownership of local natural places, by establishing strong partnerships between communities, voluntary organisations, local authorities and others.

All projects **must** meet outcome 5 and at least one other outcome.

For more information contact the Changing Spaces Advice Line on 0845 3 671671.

Or go to their website :www.naturalengland.org.uk/leisure/grants-funding/docs/



Community Spaces offers more cash to expand community groups' horizons



Community Spaces has opened its doors to the eagerly awaited large and flagship grants. Grants of between £50,000 and £450,000 are now up for grabs for community groups wanting to improve green and open spaces in their neighbourhoods.

The programme, which is funded with £50m from the Big Lottery Fund's Changing Spaces programme and managed by Groundwork UK, has been open for small and medium applications since March 2008 and has so far received over 200 applications.

The launch of the large and flagship grants means that groups are now able to expand their horizons further and apply for bigger pots of money to create and re-vamp green spaces. The larger grants will be distributed on a competitive basis and only four large (£50,000 - £100,000) and one flagship (£100,001 - £450,000) grant will be allocated in each region of England.

Large and flagship grants are open for applications until January 2009 and will only be open for one round of bidding. As with small and medium grants, there is a two-stage application process. Large and flagship applicants will be given up to six months to build up their stage 1 applications. Applicants successful at stage 1 will be allocated a Facilitator to support the development of their project.

Tony Hawkhead, Groundwork Chief Executive said, "I am delighted to be able to announce the launch of large and flagship grants. Now that community groups are able to apply for larger pots of money we hope that even more neighbourhoods across England will benefit from improved public spaces."

Community Spaces are looking for groups with innovative, practical and sustainable ideas that will benefit areas in need of physical improvement. Possible large and flagship projects may include canal side improvements, cycle path routes, nature reserves, woodlands or city farms.

For further information about applying for a grant from Community Spaces please visit the Apply section of the Community Spaces website: www.community-spaces.org.uk or call the Advice Line: 0845 3 671 671.

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