

Funding News

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Esmée Fairbairn Foundation – new funding approach (UK)

Source: FINE

Following a review of its funding policies and guidelines last year, the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation has announced that it will be taking a new approach to how it awards funding.

The majority of the Foundation's funding will now be channelled through the **Main Fund**, which is intended to be an open, less prescriptive way of working. The Foundation will fund a wider range of work than before, although its core interests will remain culture, education, environment and social development.

Through the Main Fund the Foundation is especially interested in supporting work that:

- Addresses a significant gap in provision.
- Develops or strengthens good practice.
- Challenges convention or takes a risk in order to address a difficult issue.
- Tests out new ideas or practices.
- Takes an enterprising approach to achieving the organisation's aims.
- Sets out to influence policy or change behaviour.

The Foundation will only fund work that is legally charitable. You do not need to be a registered charity to apply, but your constitution must allow you to carry out the work you propose. New and emerging organisations may apply, and the Foundation is willing to help finance the early stages of developing new ideas in order to test their feasibility.

There is no set grant amount. The average grant the Foundation makes is approximately £50,000 but the Foundation is happy to consider requests for more or less than this as appropriate. Grants can fund core costs or project costs. These may include running costs such as staff salaries and overheads but generally not equipment costs.

You can apply to the Main Fund at any time. To apply you should complete a short first stage application form and submit this along with a short (two sides of A4) statement summarising what you would like to do and why. For details of what to include in your application consult the Foundation's Guidance for Applicants:

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www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk/funding/main-fund.html

You should post or email your application to:

Grant Applications
Esmée Fairbairn Foundation
11 Park Place
London
SW1A 1LP

Email:
applications@esmeefairbairn.org.uk

Alongside the Main Fund the Foundation will also be running a number of smaller, more focused **funding strands**. The first three strands will be:

Biodiversity – supporting practical conservation action and the science which underpins it, this strand will focus on species and habitats that are uncharismatic or hard to fund, and aims to support the development of effective conservation approaches. The Foundation expects to make a small number of large (over £150,000) and medium-sized (up to £75,000) grants under this strand each year.

Museums and Heritage Collections - this strand will focus on time-limited collections work including research, documentation and conservation that is outside the scope of an organisation's core resources. The Foundation will prioritise proposals that are at an early stage of development where it may be difficult to guarantee tangible outcomes and will also prioritise proposals that have the potential to share knowledge with other organisations through partnership working or dissemination. Grants will primarily be up to £50,000 although the Foundation may also make a number of larger grants of up to £100,000.

New Approaches to Learning - devising, testing and disseminating new approaches to teaching and learning that address current and future challenges in state schools and pre-schools. The Foundation will award major grants of

£15,000-£250,000, with some smaller grants of £5,000-£15,000 available for initial work to test the case for a larger proposal.

There is a specific application process for each individual funding strand; please check the Foundation's website for information about how to apply to each strand:

www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk/funding/funding-strands.html

The Foundation plans to launch further funding strands later this year. Details will be announced on the website:
www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk

Barclays Stockbrokers Charitable Trust (UK)

Source: FINE

The Barclays Stockbrokers Charitable Trust awards grants to charities whose work supports the following people and activities:

- People who have physical and/or mental disabilities.
- Older people.
- Ill health/relief in need.
- Children and young people.
- Family and social welfare.
- Education and training.
- People who have visual or hearing impairments.
- Poverty and/or homelessness.

Grants range from £10,000 to £50,000 and are awarded only for capital projects or for specific programmes.

Applications are open to UK registered charities and exempt charities.

Preference is given to small and medium sized charities and branches of national organisations.

Applications should be made in writing to:

Miss M. Y. Bertenshaw
Trust Officer
Barclays Bank Trust Co. Ltd
Osbourne Court
Gadbrook Park
Rudheath
Northwich
Cheshire CW9 7UE

Appeals are considered at the end of February, May, August and November each year.

Heart Research UK – Healthy Heart Grants (UK)

Source: FINE

Heart Research UK's Healthy Heart Grants support innovative projects designed to promote heart health and to prevent or reduce the risks of heart disease in specific groups or communities.

The funding is intended for voluntary and community groups and individual researchers. It is not available for government or local authority-funded institutions; however, community and voluntary groups aided by public money may apply.

Grants of between **£1,000 and £10,000** are available. Extension of the funding may be considered for exceptional projects. Examples of awards made under previous rounds of this funding include:

- £10,000 for a healthy eating project by the Alnwick Garden Trust.
- £3,120 for Heart Health with Yoga, a 48-week yoga course run by Skerton Community Association in Lancaster.
- £20,000 for Wildcats Healthy Hearts in Wakefield, a programme of education, activities and workshops delivered to school assemblies and other groups.

The grants are awarded for heart health projects only and not for general healthy lifestyle projects. In addition, grants cannot fund:

- Salary costs (except for staff costs related to the specific project).
- Capital costs, including buildings, running costs, repairs or permanent fixtures. (However, the grants may be used for equipment needed specifically for the project, and used for that project only.)

Application forms can be downloaded from Heart Research UK's website at:
www.heartresearch.org.uk/healthy_heart_grants.htm

Heart Research UK awards the grants twice a year, in May and November. It will only accept applications in **January and February** for the May round of grants and in July and August for the November round of grants. Please note that applications received at any other time will be returned.

Applications should be sent to:

Heart Research UK
Suite 12D
Joseph's Well
Leeds LS3 1AB
For more information contact Heart Research UK's Lifestyle Team:

Tel: 0113 297 6206
Email: lifestyle@heartresearch.org.uk
Website: www.heartresearch.org.uk

One NorthEast – European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) (North East)

Source: FINE

One NorthEast has announced that it is entering the final phase of arrangements for the implementation of the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) in the North East. ERDF is the European Commission's main financial support programme for economic development funding.

During the period covered by the new programme (2007-2013) the North East will receive approximately £255 million. One NorthEast has published the ERDF

Operational Programme, the document that sets out how this funding will be spent. According to the operational programme, the ERDF programme in the North East will focus primarily on two priorities:

- **Priority 1** - £135 million will be allocated to Enhancing and Exploiting Innovation, with the aim of promoting and embedding 'opportunity' by advancing science, technology and innovation within the region's business base and broader communities.

Priority 2 - £110 million will be spent on Business Growth and Development and will address the relative underperformance of the North East in terms of business start-ups and survival rates.

One NorthEast is now establishing a Programme Monitoring Committee which will work to ensure that key regional partners are involved in delivering the programme.

One NorthEast plans to hold the formal launch of the new ERDF programme on 14 February and it is expected that the first call for applications under the programme will be in Spring 2008.

For more information, including a link to the full copy of the Operational Programme, visit:
www.onenortheast.co.uk/page/erdf.cfm

SITA Trust – GreenPrints Flagship Projects (England)

Source: FINE

GreenPrints is an England-wide volunteering programme that offers young people aged 16-25 the opportunity to take part in conservation projects. GreenPrints Flagship projects are long-term environmental volunteering projects which improve publicly accessible green spaces for people and wildlife.

The programme, which is funded by SITA Trust and v, provides funding and support to help young people set up their own Flagship projects. Projects

should be designed, created and actively led by groups of volunteers aged 16-25 and must create new volunteering opportunities. Examples of eligible projects include:

- Creating disabled access to a park.
- Planting or cropping trees in a public woodland.
- Building a community sculpture on a cycle track.
- Cutting new pathways and installing information boards alongside a river.
- Building a pond to create a new habitat for fish and insects.

Groups can apply for **up to £10,000**.

Funded groups will also receive practical support from an experienced GreenPrints mentor.

There is a two-stage application process. Initially you must complete a stage one application form, which can be submitted at any time. If your project is eligible you will be contacted by a local mentor who will support you and guide you through the next stages of the project and will help you complete a stage two application form. Stage two applications are assessed in rounds. The 2008 deadlines for stage two applications are: **25 January, 7 March, 25 April, 6 June, 25 July, 5 September and 24 October.**

Guidelines and application materials can be downloaded from:
www.sitatrust.org.uk/greenprints/apply/flagships

For more information contact:

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The Barn
Brinkmarsh Lane
Falfield
South Gloucestershire
GL12 8PT
Tel; 01454 262 910
Fax: 01454 269 090
Email: sita.trust@sita.co.uk Website:
www.sitatrust.org.uk/greenprints/flagships

Northern Rock Foundation – 2008 Grant Programmes now accepting applications

Source: FINE

The Northern Rock Foundation is accepting applications to its three grants programmes now. The Foundation's overall objectives are to tackle disadvantage and improve the quality of life in North East England and Cumbria. The Foundation has a total budget of £7 million in 2008, with the funding to be distributed across the following three programmes:

1. Safety and Justice

This programme invests in organisations and initiatives that reduce the incidence and impact of domestic abuse, sexual violence, prostitution, child abuse and hate crimes by providing better support for victims. The Foundation is particularly keen to encourage new applications to this programme and it will invest in organisations that can help:

- Reduce the incidence of these crimes.
- Reduce their impact on victims and their families.
- Reduce repeat victimisation.
- Increase the number of cases going through the criminal justice system.

Examples of the kinds of work in which the Foundation might invest include:

- Advocacy and support.
- Crisis services.
- Schemes that encourage reporting of crimes.
- Prevention and education programmes with children and young people.
- Projects that encourage survivors to get involved in policy and practice development.
- Research that has a clear application to policy and practice.

2. Building Positive Lives

The aim of this programme is to help people who lack self-confidence or motivation, or who face discrimination, to have the individual support they need to lead more positive and fulfilling lives. The programme will invest in organisations providing one-to-one services that help people overcome barriers, explore their ambitions and achieve their goals. Groups the Foundation wants to target under this programme are:

- People who misuse substances such as drugs, alcohol and solvents.
- Homeless people.
- People who face prejudice and discrimination because of their identity, including refugees and asylum seekers, black and minority ethnic groups, and lesbian and gay communities.
- Disadvantaged young people aged 11-25.

The programme will fund services such as:

- Crisis support.
- Schemes to help people find and keep a home.
- Conflict mediation.
- Mentoring and befriending.
- Personal development programmes, including life skills and those that use arts as a tool to engage people.
- Advice projects.

You will need to be able to demonstrate how you will measure the progress people make as a result of your work.

3. Independence and choice

This programme aims to give people with mental health problems, people with learning disabilities, older people and carers a choice of excellent services that help them to become or remain independent. This programme will fund organisations that provide support over and above what statutory authorities

provide. (Please note that it will not fund services that should be the responsibility of statutory organisations or those which were previously funded by local authorities or the NHS.) You will need to have some track record of work in the relevant field and must be able to show that you will run high quality services that meet the widest range of people's needs. As the aim of the programme is to address gaps in service provision the Foundation will prioritise work where there is little or no existing provision. The Foundation is also keen to fund work where the people using the services are involved in their development and delivery.

Under each of these three programmes the Foundation awards core support, project grants and capital grants and will make grants to support salaries and employment costs. There is no minimum or maximum grant size: you should work out the genuine costs of your proposal and apply for the amount you need to do the job.

Applicants should be a properly constituted organisation. You do not need to be a registered charity but the purpose for which you are applying must be charitable according to law and your constitution must allow you to take on the work you propose.

You can apply online via the Foundation's website or download an application form from:
www.nr-foundation.org.uk/tn_applying.html

For further information, contact the Foundation:

Tel: 0191 284 8412
Email: generaloffice@nr-foundation.org.uk

Or visit the Foundation's website:
www.nr-foundation.org.uk

Age Concern – Bright Ideas Programme (England)

Source: FINE

Age Concern's Bright Ideas programme offers small service development grants to new or expanding services or activities which directly benefit older people.

The types of activity suitable for the funding include:

- Day centres and luncheon clubs.
- Visiting and befriending services.
- Information and advice services.
- Health and safety initiatives.
- Arts, cultural and reminiscence activities.
- Footcare, bathing and hairdressing.
- Respite for carers.
- Gardening and domestic services.
- Activities enabling older people to make their voices heard in society.

Older people themselves should be actively involved in planning and running the project.

The grants are for **up to £2,000** and can be used for capital or revenue costs (see the guidelines for more information). To be eligible for a grant your organisation must:

- Be a voluntary body in England.
- Have charitable objectives, focusing on promoting the welfare of older people.
- Have an annual turnover of less than £200,000.

Guidelines for the programme are available to download from:
www.ageconcern.org.uk/AgeConcern/grants_members.asp

To obtain an application form telephone Age Concern's Grants Helpline on 0208 765 7738.

You can also contact Age Concern's Grants Unit for more information:

The Grants Unit, Age Concern England,
Astral House, 1268 London Road,
London SW16 4ERTel: 020 8765 7738

Fax: 020 8679 9154
Email: grants.unit@ace.org.uk
Website: www.ageconcern.org.uk/
AgeConcern/grants_members.asp

The next application deadlines are: **14 February, 10 April, 15 May, 12 June,** and **17 July.**

Spark – competition for social enterprises working to prevent homelessness (England)

Source: FINE

Spark is an innovative project developed by the Department for Communities and Local Government, The TREES Group, Big Issue Invest (part of The Big Issue group) and Eastside Consulting to build and inspire social enterprise to prevent homelessness. It has launched a "Dragon's Den" style competition to enable hostels and homelessness charities to pitch for a share of a £500,000 prize fund, along with mentoring, business support and further investment, to help them develop and grow their social enterprise business.

To be eligible to enter you and/or your organisation **must** be:

- A legally constituted organisation, such as a company limited by guarantee, CIC, co-operative, IPS, or company limited by shares (this would require asset lock or some other structure to demonstrate that you are a social enterprise).
- Located anywhere in England.
- Working in the homelessness sector – dealing with prevention of homelessness, moving people towards independent living, or otherwise working to address this specific social challenge.
- Seeking investment for a specific project or activity aimed at addressing the root causes of homelessness or increasing people's move into independent living
- Confident you have the systems and structures in place such that you could

receive, manage and be accountable for the use of a prize up to £200,000.

- Operating, or wishing to operate, a social enterprise model with some trading activities.

Able to commit sufficient time and energy to gain the benefits from this programme. Time needs to be committed to getting investment-ready in March and April, then working with partners and mentors (if successful) beyond April.

In addition, it is desirable that you can:

- Articulate the business case for the enterprise or project for which you are seeking investment.
- Demonstrate you have the capacity to deliver on this proposal.
- Prove you can perform by showing good progress towards social and financial goals.
- Clearly assess the finance required to achieve your proposed outcomes.
- Show your proposal has the potential to increase in scale, and that the investment on offer will increase your project's impact and ability to reach more beneficiaries.

Pull together the above information into a coherent 'story' for potential investors.

To register your interest in the competition and download an application form visit:

www.sparkchallenge.org/spark/whatsyouridea.html

The deadline for applications is **Monday 18 February**. A shortlist of 15 organisations will then be invited to make their pitch at an event in April (shortlisted organisations will receive coaching sessions to help them prepare for this).

For information and enquiries contact:

Email: info@sparkchallenge.org
Website: www.sparkchallenge.org/spark/faqs.html

Department for Transport – Cycling Fund (England)

Source: FINE

The Government has announced that it will be making a £140 million grant to Cycling England, the national body which co-ordinates the development of cycling across England. The aim of the grant is to increase the number of people who cycle, in order to tackle road congestion, improve air quality and create more opportunities for exercise. The funding also forms part of the Government's forthcoming strategy to tackle obesity.

Cycling England will use part of the funding to create up to 10 cycling demonstration towns (in addition to the six that exist already, one of which is Darlington) as well as the first large cycling demonstration city in order to showcase best practice in promoting cycling. Cycling England will be seeking bids for these projects in spring 2008/2009. For more information, visit Cycling England's website:
www.cyclingengland.co.uk

The funding will also be used to allow an extra 500,000 10-year-olds across England to take part in Bikeability cycle training by 2012, and to build 250 Safe Links to Schools, connecting around 500 schools to the National Cycle Network.

More information about the plans for the funding is available from:
www.gnn.gov.uk/environment/fullDetail.asp?ReleaseID=346231&NewsAreaID=2&NavigatedFromDepartment=False

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