

Funding News

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Big Lottery Fund - People's Millions (UK)

Source: Direct from funder

Type of funder: Lottery

Open to: VCS, Local Authorities, Schools

People's Millions is a grants programme run by the Big Lottery Fund in partnership with ITV. Grants are made to projects throughout the UK that benefit local environments.

The programme has a strong focus on public involvement, and viewers watching regional TV programmes get to choose which projects they would like to see funded in their communities.

In November 2006, after the public vote grants of up to £50,000 were awarded to the winning projects in various regions across the UK. In Redcar & Cleveland a grant was awarded to:

- Grangetown Primary School, Middlesbrough - to improve playground facilities for sports and after-school clubs

The Big Lottery Fund has announced that this year's programme will be expanded, with maximum awards of **up to £100,000** on offer for local projects across the UK that will help communities to transform, use or enjoy local environments. **The programme will open for applications in March 2007**, and voluntary and community groups, local authorities, schools and health organisations will all be able to apply. The TV voting will take place in November 2007.

Community projects interested in taking part in the 2007 competition can register their interest now by calling the People's Millions information hotline:

Tel: 0845 0 10 11 12

**Clore Duffield Foundation - Sparks:
The Clore Jewish Development Fund
(UK - excluding London)**

Source: Grants Online / FINE research
Type of funder: Charity

The Clore Duffield Foundation has announced a new fund to support Jewish communities outside of London.

Funds are available for:

- Innovative cultural, education and community projects and events that will enhance Jewish life in local communities
- Outreach and access initiatives
- Interfaith projects
- Student activity (if it benefits the wider community)
- Capacity building and training

To apply organisations must be either:

- A registered charity
- A limited company
- A school

The Foundation may consider applications from other types of organisation if they are working in partnership with one of the above organisations.

Grants of up to £20,000 are available. There is just one round of funding per year: the deadline for applications this year is **Wednesday 25 April 2007**. Application forms can be downloaded from:

www.cloreduffield.org.uk/sparks_how.htm

For further information contact:

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

Tel: 020 7351 6061

Fax: 020 7351 5308

Email: info@cloreduffield.org.uk

Website: www.cloreduffield.org.uk/index.htm

Esmée Fairbairn Foundation (UK)

Source: Grants Online
Type of funder: Charity

The Esmée Fairbairn Foundation has announced that it expects to make grants of £29 million across the UK in 2007. The Foundation supports organisations that aim to improve the quality of life for people and communities in the UK, both now and in the future.

There are 4 programme areas:

- Arts and Heritage
- Education
- Environment
- Social Change: Enterprise and Independence

Grants are available to registered charities and not-for-profit organisations; non-registered charities can apply but must provide a copy of their constitution or set of rules. The grants can cover core costs and project costs.

The average size of grants made by the Foundation in 2005 was £53,000. There is no maximum grant; however, organisations applying for more than £100,000 should telephone the Foundation first to discuss their proposal.

To apply organisations should send an application cover sheet, a proposal document and supporting information (such as annual reports or accounts). The cover sheet and further application guidelines, including what to include in the proposal document, are available to download from:

www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk/how_apply.htm

Applications can be made at any time.

For further information contact:

Esmée Fairbairn Foundation
11 Park Place
London
SW1A 1LP

Tel: 020 7297 4700

Email: info@esmeefairbairn.org.uk

Website: www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk

Defra - Bio-Energy Capital Grants Scheme (England)

Source: Grants Online / FINE research
Type of funder: Government
Open to: VCS, SE, LRO

The Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) has announced the opening of applications for Round 3 of the Bio-energy Capital Grants Scheme.

The purpose of the scheme is to promote the efficient use of biomass for energy, by stimulating the early deployment of biomass fuelled heat and biomass combined heat and power projects. It will do this by awarding capital grants towards the cost of equipment in complete installations.

The scheme is a joint initiative by the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), the National Lottery Big Lottery Fund and Defra. This funding round is being administered by AEA Energy & Environment on behalf of Defra.

The grants are available for organisations in the commercial, industrial and community sectors, including local authorities and schools.

Exclusions to the funding include:

- The scheme is not aimed at householders or individuals, who should instead consider the Low Carbon Buildings Programme administered by the DTI
- Previous installations that have already received funding under Rounds 1 and 2
- Installations that are subject to the waste incineration directive
- Grants are not available to organisations outside England

The minimum grant will be £25,000 and the maximum will be £1 million. In exceptional cases, higher awards for multiple or bundled applications will be considered. The scheme will run for five years.

Full guidance notes and an application form are available to download from:
www.aea-energy-and-environment.com/index2.htm

The deadline for applications is **Friday 9 March 2007**.

Applications should be sent to:

AEA Energy & Environment
Gemini Building
Fermi Avenue
Harwell
Didcot
OX11 0QR

For more information contact AEA Energy & Environment on:

Tel: 0845 345 3302 / Fax: 0870 190 6318
Email: **defracapitalgrants@aeat.co.uk**
Website: **www.aea-energy-and-environment.com/index2.htm**

UnLtd Millennium Awards - Launch of Spring 2007 Round

The UnLtd Millennium Awards provide practical and financial support to social entrepreneurs within the UK that have vision, passion, drive and commitment, and a desire to change the world for the better.

Awards are offered on two levels:

Level One – awards from £500 up to £5,000 (average award value £2,000) for individuals who need help getting their project off the ground. Support is available for project running costs such as materials, equipment, renting rooms for meetings etc.

Level Two - awards of between £10,000 and £20,000 (average award amount of £15,000) are available for individuals whose project can be scaled up to create a sustained impact within their community. Funding is intended to take projects to the next level and may be used for living expenses of award winners so that their time may be devoted to the project.

Examples of projects that have received support include:

- A global issues magazine aimed at young people.
- A support network to enable first-time parents to share experiences.
- A project to support and train individuals, families and carers that are affected by autism.
- A free UK magazine for ethical parenting.

Applications for Level One awards may be made at any time. Level Two awards are distributed in spring and winter each year. **The spring 2007 deadline for receipt of expression of interest forms is 12 March 2007.** More information can be found at www.unltd.org.uk

Department for Communities and Government - Quality Part-Time Work Initiative (UK)

Source: Grants Online
Type of funder: Government
Open to: VCS

The Department for Communities and Government has announced that applications are now open for a new Quality Part-Time Work Fund. The Fund is worth £500,000 in total and has been set up in response to the Women and Work Commission to support projects that facilitate part-time working.

The funding is available to organisations across the UK. Projects should aim to make more senior quality part-time jobs available. Employers can apply for specialist advice on how to make more quality roles available on a part-time and flexible basis in their organisation, while voluntary groups and flexible working specialists can apply for funding for initiatives that support quality part-time work. Applications for projects supported by match-funding are also eligible under this Fund.

To download an application pack visit:
[www.communities.gov.uk/
index.asp?id=1506011](http://www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1506011)

The deadline for applications is 3.00pm on **Tuesday 13 March 2007.**

For more information or to make an application contact:

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Friends Provident Foundation (UK)

Source: Grants Online / FINE research
Type of funder: Company

The Friends Provident Foundation has announced the deadlines for its grants programmes in 2007. The Foundation runs a two-part grants programme with the aim of addressing financial exclusion.

Grants are available from a minimum of £500 to a maximum of £200,000. Most of the funds will be given as revenue costs, although the Foundation may also consider funding small essential capital items.

The grants are available to voluntary sector organisations, charities and social enterprises to lever in resources from statutory sources. However, the Foundation will not fund statutory bodies such as local authority departments or government agencies.

New Ideas Programme

This provides an opportunity for organisations to learn more about breaking down the barriers to purchasing financial products and services.

This programme has a one-stage application process. There is no application form - instead, applicants should send a proposal for their project to the Foundation. The 2007 deadlines for this programme are: 23 February, 27 April, 20 July and 2 November.

Market Models

The Foundation will provide funding to local projects whose success could be replicated elsewhere. This will give these projects the opportunity to 'scale up', so that they can give more people in more places access to services that have already proved to be successful.

There is a two-stage application process for this programme. In the first instance, applicants should send details about their organisation and the work it does, or is proposing to do, on no more than 2 sides of A4. If the proposal is deemed suitable, Trustees will then contact the applicant with details of how to submit a full application.

The 2007 deadlines for the first stage of the applications for the Market Models programme are: 2 March, 4 May, 27 July and 9 November.

Further information, including details about projects the Foundation has previously funded, are available on the website. For applications and general enquiries the Foundation prefers to be contacted by email.

Contact details are:

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Friends Provident Foundation

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Dorking

Surrey

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Tel: 01904 797 586

Email: foundation.enquiries@friendsprovident.co.uk

Website: www.friendsprovident.com/foundation

Nationwide Foundation (UK)

Source: FINE research
Type of funder: Company

The Nationwide Foundation makes donations to registered charities, focusing particularly on groups and projects that tackle social exclusion.

The Foundation's main grants programme is called Supporting Families and has the following aims:

- To promote the well-being of young people affected by domestic violence
- To improve the quality of life of prisoners' families
- To support rehabilitation programmes for young offenders

The Foundation's Small Grants programme offers one-off **grants of up to £5,000** to registered charities with an income of under £500,000.

Applications should be made by completing an application form, available at:

www.nationwidefoundation.org.uk/funding2.asp

Applications can be made at any time; final decisions on any application may take up to 4 months. The one-off payments are made to successful applicants every quarter - in March, June, September and December.

For full details about making an application contact:

The Nationwide Foundation
Nationwide House
Pipers Way
Swindon
SN38 2SN
Tel: 01793 655 113 / Fax: 01793 652 409
Email:
enquiries@nationwidefoundation.org.uk
Website:
www.nationwidefoundation.org.uk

Big Lottery Fund - Community Buildings Programme (England) - deadline reminder

Source: FINE research
Type of funder: Lottery

The final deadline for Stage One applications to the Big Lottery Fund's Community Buildings programme is **Monday 30 April 2007**.

The Community Buildings programme funds work to buildings that are economically, socially and environmentally sustainable. There is a total of £50m available for groups to create and improve facilities that offer a wide range of services and activities to a broad range of local people.

The programme is open to:

- Voluntary and community groups
- Parish councils
- Church-based faith organisations

Grants are between **£50,000** and **£500,000**. (For projects costing more than £250,000 applicants will need to raise at least 50% of the amount above £250,000 from other sources.)

Development grants of up to £25,000 are available.

Applicants can request application packs from the Big Lottery Fund or download them from:

www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_community_buildings_htm

Groups whose Stage One application is successful will then need to make a Stage Two application. The Big Lottery Fund will make decisions on applications by August 2007.

For more information contact the Big Advice Line:
Tel: 0845 4 10 20 30

Here to HELP Awards (UK)

Source: FINE research
Type of funder: Charity

Round 4 of the Here to HELP awards scheme has opened for applications.

The Here to HELP awards have been created by Save the Children and British Gas, with the aim of supporting young people's involvement in dynamic and lasting community projects. The awards fund projects and activities that help children and young people who are excluded and isolated, as well as those living in noted areas of deprivation.

The scheme particularly welcomes applications from groups who may face discrimination and disadvantage in society, for example because of issues to do with gender, ethnicity, or disability. In the event that the scheme receives more applications than it can fund, priority will be given to communities and groups facing most disadvantage.

Projects must be led by young people, or by organisations that genuinely want to involve young people in a meaningful way with their work.

There are two levels of grants available:

- There are 100 grants of **£1,000** to fund projects that tackle the health, education, or safety and protection of young people
- A small number of **£3,000** grants are available to support projects that help children and young people become active partners in tackling poverty in their communities

Projects that have previously received awards under the scheme include:

- Box Youth Project in Sunderland - funding for the renovation of a disused community building, to turn it into a centre for young people
- Rural Young Voices in Durham - to provide training to help young people set up their own committee to meet with and work alongside the adult management committee in an isolated rural area

Application forms and guidance notes are available to download from:

www.helpyourselves.org.uk/get-involved/make-it-happen/index.jsp

The deadline for all completed applications is **Friday 23 March 2007**.

For further information contact:

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West Midlands,
B66 1BB

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Website: **www.helpyourselves.org.uk**

Ministry of Defence - Veterans Day Funding (UK)

Source: Grants Online

Type of funder: Government

The Ministry of Defence (MoD) is offering grants of **up to £10,000** to support events being arranged as part of Veterans Day. This year's Veterans Day is **Wednesday 27 June 2007**, and events should be held close to, but not necessarily on, this date. In particular, the MoD recognises that some communities may be planning events that jointly commemorate both Veterans Day and the 25th anniversary of the Falklands War, and it is keen to support these.

Events must contribute to delivering the key Veterans Day messages as outlined by the MoD:

- The Veterans community is highly diverse, in terms of background, ethnicity and age
- Veterans are special, not just because of their service, but also because of the contribution they continue to make to their community and civilian employers, through the transferable skills they have
- A wide range of support and advice is available to Veterans through the public, charity and voluntary sectors

An application form and further guidelines are available to download from:

www.veteransagency.mod.uk/veteransday/index.htm

The deadline for applications is **Saturday 31 March 2007**. Applicants will be notified of the MoD's decisions by Thursday 19 April 2007.

For further information contact:

Veterans Policy Unit

Ministry of Defence

7th Floor

Zone 1

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London

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Tel: 020 7218 3029 (contact name: Warrant Officer Spence Parry)

Website: **www.veteransagency.mod.uk/veteransday**

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