

Funding News

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Third Sector Strategic Partner Programme

Open to: VCS

The Programme is expanding in order to reach and engage with third sector organisations working in and with:

- Mental Health organisations
- Women's Sector organisations
- Carers organisations
- Armed Forces and Veterans Charities
- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender organisations
- Offender Health and Social Care organisations

The Programme aims to invest in a small number of strategic partners from April 2010-11 who will work collaboratively with the Department of Health in order to contribute to its strategic objectives:

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

Six Strategic Partners will be successful (one per area above). Applications from partnership and consortia of organisations are welcome. The closing date for applications is **12th March 2010**.

For more information visit

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_111782 email strategic.partners@dh.gsi.gov.uk or call 01132 54 54 50.

Tree Council Grants for Planting Trees

Open to: VCS / Schools

The Tree Council has announced that its Trees for Communities and Trees for Schools programmes are now open. Funds are available for groups who are able to show that children under the age of 16 will be actively engaged in the planting projects. National Tree Week is the focus for these projects and successful applicants organise their planting events in conjunction. The Tree Council are able to fund projects between £100 and £700 for up to 75% of the planting costs.

The closing date is the **31st March 2010**. For more information visit

<http://www.treecouncil.org.uk/?q=grants>, call 020 7407 9992 or email info@treecouncil.org.uk

Friends Provident Foundation – Financial Inclusion

Open to: Legally independent organisation

Between 2009 and 2012 the focus for the Foundation's main grant giving programme will again be Financial Inclusion.

All applications must demonstrate how the proposed work would contribute to one of these strategic objectives:
banking, savings, credit, and debt advice.

Applications are invited under the following proposed outcomes:

- universal banking access
- sustainable approaches to funding debt advice
- increasing savings
- clarification of role of affordable credit in building greater financial inclusion

There are two further new outcomes but The Foundation is not inviting unsolicited applications for these. For information, these outcomes are “a shared vision amongst key stakeholders of what financial inclusion means and the ways it might be achieved” and “sustaining the progress made towards financial inclusion thus far”.

Grants may be made for capital or revenue, core funds or project costs. The Foundation doesn't expect to make commitments over £200,000 in cash terms.

Applications should be made online. Deadlines for 2010 are **7th May**, 30th July, and 22nd October. For more information visit

<http://www.friendsprovidentfoundation.org/page.asp?section=90§ionTitle=Overview+of+the+Financial+Inclusion+Programme>, call 0845 26 83388 or email foundation.enquiries@friendsprovident.co.uk

Santander Foundation

Open to: Registered charities, Friendly Societies, Industrial & Provident Societies (registered under charitable rules), credit unions

The Santander Foundation (**formerly the Abbey Charitable Trust**) brings together the initiatives previously undertaken by Abbey, Alliance & Leicester and Bradford & Bingley savings business. Funding is available for work in the areas of:

- Education and Training - any activity disadvantaged people undertake where they improve their confidence in a skill or their understanding of a subject
- Financial Capability - activities which help disadvantaged people understand how to manage their money

Funding is available for capital or revenue, or a combination (this is different to the Abbey Charitable Trust). Cross-community regeneration can not be funded (as it was when it was Abbey).

Grants of £10,000 are available in areas where there is a Santander or Alliance & Leicester branch. In areas where Santander has a significant presence up to £30,000 is available - in the North East this is Teesside, from **Redcar to Darlington and Sunderland**.

Applications can be submitted at any time and posted to Santander Foundation, 201 Grafton Gate East, Milton Keynes MK9 1AN. For more information visit <http://www.santanderfoundation.org.uk/index.aspx> / or email communitypartnership@santander.co.uk.

Heritage Lottery Fund - Skills for the Future

Open to: VCS (priority given to not-for-profit / partnerships)

This is for projects providing paid training placements to meet a skills gap in the heritage sector and fully support trainees to learn practical skills. It covers traditional conservation training and skills needed to engage people with heritage. Between £100,000 - £1m is available for up to five years. Projects must promote benefits for the public. The aims of the Fund are to:

- fund high quality work-based training opportunities to equip people with the skills to pursue a career in heritage
- enhance the capacity of the heritage sector to deliver sustainable training and share good practice
- demonstrate the value of heritage skills to modern life

The deadline for applications is **19th March 2010**. For more information visit <http://www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/programmes/Pages/Skillsforthefuture.aspx>, call 020 7591 6000 or email skills@hlf.org.uk

Heritage Lottery Fund - Young Roots

Open to: VCS working with young people aged 13-25

Funding amount: £3,000 - £25,000

Young Roots is a grant programme designed to engage young people with their heritage. Projects must relate to the varied heritage of the UK and:

- provide new opportunities for a wider range of young people to learn about their own and others' heritage
- allow young people to lead and take part in creative and engaging activities
- develop partnerships between youth organisations and heritage organisations

- create opportunities to celebrate young people's achievements in the project and share their learning with the wider community
- create new opportunities for young people to either volunteer in heritage or gain skills in identifying, recording, interpreting or caring for heritage

Applications can be made at anytime.

For more information visit

<http://www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/programmes/Pages/youngroots.aspx>, email enquire@hlf.org.uk or call 020 7591 6000

The Links Foundation

Open to: VCS

The Links Foundation provides grants to disadvantaged communities. Projects supported include those that;

- advance people's education
- reduce significant disadvantage
- assist those in conditions of poverty, need or distress
- provide for recreational or other leisure time occupation

Funding is available for capital or revenue, for a year. Part funding is available. The average grant is about £20,000. While the Board has not yet confirmed dates for 2010-11, they estimate that the next deadline will be around the end of the financial year and so recommend getting applications in before the end of **March**.

For more information visit

<http://www.linksfoundation.org/Default.aspx> or contact Katherine on 01642 236 486 / information@linksfoundation.org

Visible Communities – Lankelly Chase Bursary

Open to: Medium to large community organisations (community anchors)

The Lankelly Chase Foundation is funding Community Matters to provide bursaries toward attainment of the Visible quality standard for community organisations. The fund will provide up to 50% accreditation fees and up to 50% organisational costs of members preparing for the process (maximum of £1,000 total per organisation).

Applications should be completed electronically and emailed to richard.bridge@communitymatters.org.uk. Applicants are asked to apply when ready or almost ready to come forward for accreditation.

To be eligible for a bursary, organisations must be:

- independent, formally constituted, community controlled, employing at least one member of staff
- serving a neighbourhood or community of interest
- managing a community building owned or leased by the organisation
- funded through a range of incomes (including some earned income)
- delivering a range of services and activities

For more information visit <http://visible.test-server.org.uk/article.php?NewsID=2> call 0845 8474253 or email Richard Bridge richard.bridge@communitymatters.org.uk / Nadia Denton nadia.denton@communitymatters.org.uk

B&Q One Planet Living Grant Scheme

Open to: Schools, community groups and charitable organisations

Funding amount: £50 – £250 (retail cost) of B&Q materials

Eligible groups can apply to their local B&Q for funding to support a local community project (within a 20 mile radius of the store). Projects must be sustainable (and as such use materials and methods that will not cause environmental damage) – and support at least one of the following themes

- conserve nature
- save energy
- grow your own
- local culture and heritage
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To apply, contact the environmental champion / store manager at the store. Projects can apply until **30th September 2010**. For more information visit http://www.diy.com/diy/jsp/corporate/content/environment_ethics/ethics/community/grants.jsp

Elrahma Charity Trust

Open to: Registered charities with at least four Trustees

The Trust focuses on

- the relief of poverty and advancement of education and religion in the Muslim community
 - assisting the poor and orphans of Islamic religion
 - erecting or help erect schools, charitable institutions, mosques, orphanages and nurseries for the Islamic community in the UK and abroad
- Spending on charitable activities in 2008 was £1.43m. Visit www.elrahma.org.uk, email projects@elrahma.org.uk or call 020 8459 3331

Fair Train extra funding for apprenticeships

Open to: VCS

Funding amount: £2,500

Fair Train helps charities, social enterprises and other not for profit organisations to fund, recruit and train apprentices and will help these organisations secure government funding. It will match Fair Train training providers to charities / social enterprises that want to offer apprenticeships, and put not-for-profit organisations in touch with training providers who understand their needs.

Between now and the **end of March 2010** the government is giving an extra £2,500 to the **first 5,000** organisations that take on a young person aged 16 or 17 years taken on as an apprentice and offered on-the-job training. Interested organisations need to register by contacting Fair Train on apprenticeships@fairtrain.org or 01634 318825. For more information visit <http://www.fairtrain.org/>

Hilden Charitable Fund

Open to: VCS

Funding amount: Varies

UK Grants - for projects addressing disadvantages, notably causes which are less likely to raise funds from public subscriptions. Particular focus on projects addressing homelessness, asylum seekers and refugees, community based initiatives for disadvantaged young people and penal affairs. Preference given to supporting small community organisations with annual income of less than £200,000.

Average grant in 2009 was **£5,000**. Next deadline is **26th March 2010**.

Summer Playschemes - small budget to

help community groups run Summer Playschemes for the benefit of children from refugee and ethnic minority families.

Groups can apply for around **£1,000**. Around 20 awards made in previous years.

Application forms for the above funds must be submitted by mail hard copy and sent to: 34 North End Road, London W14 OSH.

For more information visit <http://www.hildencharitablefund.org.uk/>, email hildencharity@hotmail.com or call 0207 603 1525

Home Office Victims Fund - hate crime

Open to: Third Sector organisations (individual – no partnerships or consortia)

Funding amount: Up to £50,000

The Government is investing £250,000 from the Victims Fund to develop support for victims of hate crime for the financial year 2010/11. This section is specifically available to organisations that work within the Governments five hate crime strands (disability, race, religion/belief, sexuality, transgender). Organisations must:

- have a proven track record in the development and delivery of services for victims of hate crime and can deliver a high quality and effective service
 - evidence of a high level of need for the service for which funding is sought
 - be financially robust and can evidence value for money
- be supported by means of a letter of endorsement from an authority (Local Authority Community Safety Teams / Local Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships / Senior local police officer / Local NHS Trust)
- have clear potential to build business capacity by addressing identified organisational development needs. Project

- sustainability also considered
- Funding must be used for a project that fits one of these categories:
- Direct support services that help victims of hate crime in their recovery
- Internal training packages/delivery for front-line staff
- Training packages for external agencies

Applications can be sent by post or email to:
 By post: Paul Daly, Violent Crime Unit, Home Office, 2 Marsham Street, London SW1P 4DF
 By email: VictimsFundHO@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk
 (with organisation name in the subject header and attachments no more than 10MB)

The closing date is **15th March 2010**. For more information and to apply visit www.crimereduction.homeoffice.gov.uk/violentcrime/violentcrime00406.htm, or email paul.daly@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk or 020 7035 3301

Children in Need launches new grants programme

Open to: Not-for-profit

Children in Need is offering small grants of up to £10,000 per year, for three years maximum, for organisations working with children and young people under 18.

Priority will be given to applications where this level of funding will make a substantial difference. Grants will be allocated in four tranches, with application deadlines on **15th April, 15th July and 15th October 2010**.

Organisations can hold a main grant and small grant at the same time, but only one application can be assessed in any 12 month period and a second application will be expected to focus on different children

and young people from the grant already held.

Sheila Jane Malley, director of grants and policy, said the total amount of funding available for the small grants programme would depend on the quality of applications but funding for the small and large grants programmes together would exceed £38m in 2010.

For more information (and to apply): <http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/grants/smallgrants.shtml>

Alternatively for more information contact the regional office on 0191 232 1313 or the central Helpdesk on 020 8576 7788 / pudsey@bbc.co.uk

Legacy Trust UK - Community Celebrations

Funding amount: £750,000 (five grants will be given)

Grants will allow communities to come together to host 'large scale' outdoor celebrations at moments of real local significance in the run up to the Olympics. The celebrations should also relate to celebrations/festivals around regional, local or community interest. The intention is that the projects, after premiering in their home cities, will be given the chance to make their way to the five London Host Boroughs in July 2012. Any successful bid must:

- enable artists/organisations to partner with more experienced national and international artists, producers and production teams
- provide the infrastructure for artists, producers, production teams to share skills and experience across regions
- ensure higher quality work is produced with bigger impact on participants and the public
- enable artists and festivals to move from a regional to a national

platform, and some national companies to scale up to an international platform

- connect communities to the excitement of the 2012 Olympics / Paralympics

Partnership funding must be secured and a sustainability plan must be in place.

The deadline for expression of interest is the **5th March 2010**.

<http://www.legacytrustuk.org/national-programmes/community-celebrations/> or call 020 7920 6430

Society for the Assistance of Ladies in Reduced Circumstances

Open to: VCS

Funding amount: Not specified (total fund is £50,000)

Although the Society's principal activity remains grants to individual women, in 2010 they will again make £50,000 available for grants to other organisations.

- Projects must be for the exclusive benefit of women in financial need
- Priority will be given to smaller projects
- If applicants are not registered charities they will be asked to explain why they feel they qualify for a grant

Applications must be made online, the deadline is **26th March 2010**. For more information visit http://www.salrc.org/guide_to_grants_for_orgs.htm, email info@salrc.org.uk or call 0800 587 4696

UnLtd - Refugee Initiative for Social Entrepreneurs

Open to: Refugees (16 years +)

Funding amount: £500 - £5000 (plus training and business support)

The Refugee Initiative for Social

Entrepreneurs (RISE) programme will support individual / small groups of refugees to set up projects that will encourage community cohesion and make their communities happier, healthier and safer. Projects must:

- address a social problem
- have a social impact
- be a new initiative or a clear expansion of an existing project
- be an opportunity to learn and gain new skills
- need an UnLtd Award in order to succeed

The closing date is **21st March 2010**. For more contact visit <http://unltd.org.uk/template.php?ID=55&PageName=rise:refugeeawardsscheme> or contact Maryam Pasha on rise@unltd.org.uk / 0207 566 1136

Village CORE

Open to: Community organisations wishing to establish and run a community-owned shop in rural community with less than 300 residents

As well as advisory support successful applicants are awarded a start-up grant of up to £20,000 on condition that at least equivalent contributions are raised from the village community and through a loan from Co-operative and Community Finance. Eligible applications include those for the establishment of a new community-owned shop or saving an existing shop by transfer to community ownership.

Applications can be made at any time. For more information visit <http://www.plunkett.co.uk/whatwedo/core/Core.cfm>, email ruralcommunityshops@plunkett.co.uk or call 01993 814 377

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Community Learning Champions Support Programme - Development Fund

Open to: Partnerships

Funding amount: Up to £25,000

Phase 2 of the Fund is now open. The aim is to develop sustainable Community Learning Champion initiatives in disadvantaged areas / communities of interest or identity. Eligible **North East** areas are Blyth Valley, Derwentside, Easington, Gateshead, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Newcastle upon Tyne, North Tyneside, Redcar and Cleveland, Sedgefield, Stockton on Tees, Sunderland, Wansbeck and Wear Valley. Applications must be made by either;

- local partnerships targeting activities on areas with high levels of educational need that meet one or both of the following criteria:
 - 10% or more of their Lower level Super Output Areas (LSOAs) are in the most deprived national decile on the Education, Skills and Training domain on the IMD2007
 - eligible for Working Neighbourhoods Fund
- national, regional or cross-regional organisations (in partnership) targeting groups currently excluded from learning

Limited funds are available; they anticipate funding a maximum of 15 new projects. Applications must be emailed to clcdevelopmentfund@niace.org.uk no later than **2nd March 2010**.
<http://www.communitylearningchampions.org.uk/developmentfund>

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