

Funding News

November 2009

Wilkinson and the Community (UK)

Helping Hands Fund (for organisations)

Open to organisations whose beneficiaries are young people, families and the elderly who live or work in the direct locality of the Wilkinson store through which they apply. Preference given to organisations that can show funding will help people to achieve and reach their potential. Application forms are available from the relevant store.

Local Stars (for individuals)

Rewards 30 individuals annually from across the UK who receive up to £5,000 in sponsorship money. It is a scheme that both helps and recognises life's achievers – for people who

- need help to reach true potential
- have already overcome barriers in life
- are already an inspiration and a role model to others

Application forms are available from the relevant store. The three categories are:

- Personal potential in sports, dance, music, theatre or a 'chance in a lifetime' activity
- Someone who has overcome personal difficulty
- Someone who has benefited others in their community

There are no deadlines. For more information:

www.wilkinsonplus.com

BBC Children in Need next round open (UK)

The BBC has announced that the next funding round of the BBC Children in Need is now open for applications. The next deadline is **15th January 2010**.

Grants are open to organisations working with disadvantaged children and young people who are 18 years old and under. Organisations / projects must be a registered charity or other not-for-profit organisation.

Within the general grants programme, you can apply for Small Grants (up to £10,000 per year for up to three years) and Main Grants (over £10,000 per year for up to three years).

There are four general grant deadlines each year, on the 15th of January, April, July and October.

For more information visit http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/grants/general_grants.shtml

Charity Employees Benevolent Fund

The Charity Employees Benevolent Fund provides assistance for current and previous charity employees who, due to low wages or lack of benefits, are vulnerable to serious financial hardship in times of illness, disability, bereavement and other unexpected disaster. The Fund works to bring provision for charity employees in line with that for the rest of the UK workforce.

The Fund will be launched on 12th November 2009. It will offer limited financial support through grants for specific purposes. Once sufficient money has been raised they aim to extend the service to include:

- welfare support and advice on benefits
- a friendship network and a caring community

For more information and to apply visit www.cebf.org.uk or call 020 7415 7004

Bovril Great Outdoors Revival Fund (UK)

Bovril is offering £100,000 to be split between small, local projects that aim to revive the countryside. Projects can be submitted online and the public is then encouraged to vote for them. The funding is only available for repair projects.. To nominate a project a promotional jar of Bovril needs to be bought.

There will be five winning projects with up to £20,000 spent on each. Priority will be given to projects that will attract higher numbers of visitors / are small / will involve volunteers. The promotion closes on **28th February 2010**

For more information visit www.bovril.co.uk/revival/

Comic Relief "Sport for Change" now open

Comic Relief will open their programme "Sport for Change" on the 14th November 2009. The programme will be open to community groups and organisations using sport as part of a broader programme of work to bring about social change (consortia are eligible provided there is a lead community-based organisation).

The maximum grant size in this programme is £100,000. The organisations will need to show how their work will help deliver one or more of the following outcomes:

- Increased sense of inclusion and well-being by marginalised and disadvantaged people
- Greater community involvement
- An increased understanding of how sport can help bring about positive changes in the lives of individuals and communities
- Greater knowledge across the community and sports sectors about effective work which uses sport as a tool for social change

The first deadline for Letters of Interest is **11th January 2010**. More information on how to apply will be available on the website on 14th November.

Web: http://www.comicrelief.com/apply_for_a_grant/uk/sport
Tel: 020 7820 5555
Email: info@comicrelief.com

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Peter Harrison Foundation – Opportunities through Sport Programme (UK)

Open to: Registered charities / Community Amateur Sports Club / Friendly Society or Industrial Provident Society

The Programme is open to those supporting sporting activities or projects which provide opportunities for people who are disabled or otherwise disadvantaged to fulfil their potential and to develop other personal and life skills.

Grants will often be one-off awards for capital projects. The Foundation will, however, also consider revenue funding for a new project or if funding is key to the continuing success or survival of an established project.

The Trustees welcome applications for projects

- which provide a focus for skills development and confidence building through the medium of sport
- that have a strong training / educational theme within the sporting activity
- that provide sporting equipment / facilities for disabled / disadvantaged people
- with a high degree of community involvement
- that help engage children / young people at risk of crime/truancy etc

For more information and to apply (initial enquiries done online, main application downloaded and returned by post):

Tel: 01737 228 000

Email:

enquiries@peterharrisonfoundation.org

Web: [http://](http://www.peterharrisonfoundation.org/programme.htm)

www.peterharrisonfoundation.org/programme.htm

Crisis - Changing Lives Programme

Open to: Individuals (via supporting organisation)

Crisis, the national Homeless Charity, has announced that the Changing Lives Programme is now open for applications. The programme provides financial awards of up to £2,500 to solitary people who are homeless or settling into a home and looking for support so that they may achieve their vocational goals. The Awards can be used for

- course fees
- equipment or materials for courses
- tools materials and equipment to get back to work / set up a business

Applications can not be made by the person, but rather by the support organisation providing ongoing help. This could be a key worker, someone providing guidance concerning training or employment, a housing support officer or someone like a mental health worker. Applications can be submitted at any time up to **mid July 2010**.

Applications will be processed within 3-4 weeks.

For more information and to access application forms (download or by request) visit <http://www.crisis.org.uk/pages/crisis-changing-lives.html> , call 0844 251 0111, or email changing.lives@crisis.org.uk

Flexible Funding

Open to: Individuals 18+ (via Intermediary organisation only)

The Flexible Funding scheme is calling for applications from across the North East. It is a small grant scheme funded by One NorthEast designed to encourage greater numbers of people to consider starting their own business.

All applications to the Fund must have the support of a constituted intermediary organisation who will determine whether the potential applicant has a barrier/s to participating in Enterprise Support. The fund is designed to remove those barriers; it cannot be used to remove barriers to business start up.

While the funding cannot be used to pay for capital items, it can be used to fund expenditure such as training, travel and childcare. The minimum grant available is £150 and the maximum £500 - the average now stands at £415.

An application form, guidance and FAQ are available online at: www.pne.org/flexiblefunding

Contacts for further information:
Les Johnson: 0191 230 6400 / les.johnson@pne.org
Andrew Maville: 0191 230 6402 / andrew.maville@pne.org

Unlimited Commissions Fund

Open to: Disabled or deaf individuals working in the arts / disabled or deaf-led arts organisations

Unlimited Commissions is designed to support the production of quality work by disabled and deaf artists as part of the London 2012 Cultural Olympiad. It is principally funded by the Olympic Lottery Distributor, and is delivered in partnership between London 2012, UK Arts Councils and the British Council. The Fund has a total of £1.5 million

over three years. Grants to organisations will range from £15,000 to £25,000. At least 10% of the total cost of activities should come from other sources. In special circumstances applications for grants over £100,000 for more major projects will be assessed, as will 100% grants – these situations may be bursaries for individuals or circumstances where there are few opportunities to raise money from other sources

The first deadline for this fund is **4th January 2010**.

Further information:
Guidance for applying to Unlimited Commissions:
http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/media/uploads/unlimited_commissions_information_sheet.pdf

Application form and eligibility criteria for standard arts grants:

<http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/grants-arts/grants-arts-downloads/>

Arts council contact number: 0845 300 6200

Wallace & Gromit's Children's Foundation

Open to: Children's hospitals / hospices (Registered charities)

The Foundation is a national charity supporting the quality of life for children in hospitals and hospices throughout the UK. Preference is given to projects conceived by and in children's hospitals and hospices

The Trustees will consider any project which seeks to improve the quality of life of sick children. Applications must be received by **7th December 2009**

For more information:
Web: www.wallaceandgromitfoundation.org
Tel: 0117 9252744
Email: rebecca@wallaceandgromitfoundation.org

Green Communities Community Chest Programme

Open to: VCS – turnover less than £75,000

The Energy Saving Trust provides small grants of up to £200 to support, facilitate and promote community based energy projects. It can cover various activities:

Travel - to attend a Green Communities training course or fund a visit to another Green Communities member project

Equipment - to reimburse the cost of relevant equipment

Events and Resources - towards the organisation of a community energy event

Other - may also be able to cover other costs associated with getting a community energy project off the ground, including feasibility work or marketing

Applications can be made at any time. Applicants are encouraged to call the Green Communities team on 0844 848 0077 to discuss their project idea.

<http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/cafe/Green-Communities/Funding-Advice/Community-bursary>

Parks for People (UK)

Local Authorities as well as not-for-profit organisations that own public parks and gardens can apply for grants of between £250,000 and £5million through this Heritage Lottery programme, to fund projects involving urban or rural green spaces designed for informal recreation and enjoyment.

The five outcomes for the proposed project should be:

- increasing the range of audiences
- conserving and improving the

heritage value

- increasing the range of volunteers involved
- increasing knowledge and skills
- improving management and maintenance

They will consider capital and revenue funding. Applicants must provide at least 25% match funding.

The next deadlines are **1st March 2010** and **31st August 2010**. Applications should be made online at <http://www.hlf.org.uk/English/HowToApply/OurGrantGivingProgrammes/Parks+for+People/>.

For further information see this website, or call 020 7591 6000 or email enquire@hlf.org.uk

End of Life Care Strategy - funding for hospices

As part of the funding made available to support the implementation of the End of Life Care Strategy, the Department of Health has identified £40million in 2010-11 to fund improvements to the physical environment of hospices in England.

At the end of the one year capital grant programme, hospices should be able to point to tangible physical improvements in their environments and show how these contribute to improved care provision for patients, their families and carers.

The minimum grant will be £25,000. Only one application will be considered from each hospice, however if a hospice has multiple sites the Department of Health can consider separate applications from each site. Deadline for applications is **8th January 2010**.

For more information visit <http://www.helpthehospices.org.uk/our-services/grants/grants-for-uk-organisations/department-of-health>

Community Sustainable Energy Programme

The Community Sustainable Energy Programme is an open grants programme managed by the Building Research Establishment (BRE) on behalf of the Big Lottery Fund's 'Changing Spaces' Programme.

Project Development Grants

available for studies investigating the feasibility of installing any combination of the microgeneration technologies listed below. Maximum grant available is £5,000 or 75% of the study cost - whichever is lower

Capital Grants

available for the purchase and installation of any combination of the following technologies:

- Solar photovoltaics
- Solar thermal hot water
- Wind turbines
- Heat pumps
- Automated wood pellet stoves
- Wood fuelled boiler systems
- Micro-hydro turbines

Funding will also be available for energy efficiency measures, such as cavity wall and loft insulation in combination with the microgeneration technology

Organisations can apply for up to £50,000 or 50% of the project cost (whichever is lower) for installing microgeneration technologies and energy efficiency measures

The funder prefers online applications but the document is available in hardcopy by download or request.

The next deadlines are:
29th January 2010
7th May 2010

For further information:

Web:

www.communitysustainable.org.uk

Tel: 08453 671 671 Email:

info@communitysustainable.org.uk

Clothworkers Foundation

The Foundation runs a Main and Small grants programme:

- **Main:** for charities with an annual turnover of under £10m and applying for over £1,000 for capital costs
- **Small:** for charities with an annual turnover under £250,000 and applying for £500 - £10,000 for capital costs

Both programmes will fund the following areas:

- Encouragement of Young People
- Social Inclusion
- Elderly
- Disability
- Visual impairment
- Textiles (academic institutions)

For charities which, by their nature, have no capital requirements, they will consider funding one-off projects such as production of publications (not regular newsletters etc) or setting up a n e w w e b s i t e .

Applications should be downloaded from the website and returned by post. There are no deadlines. For more information visit www.clothworkers.co.uk/Grant-Making.aspx

Charity Technology Exchange

The programme offers donated technology products from partners such as Microsoft and Cisco to eligible organisations (further eligibility and entitlement guidelines varies among the partners). For more information visit www.ctxchange.org

The Ryklow Charitable Trust

The Ryklow Charitable Trust provides financial assistance to small / individual charitable projects, students and people in need throughout the world. Grants of between £500 and £3,000 are made annually, generally to small charities, or start up charities.

The activities supported are:

- medical research, especially that which benefits children
- assistance to students from overseas wishing to study in Britain, or for British students volunteering for unpaid work overseas
- projects in the developing world, especially those which are intended to be self sustaining or concerned with education
- help for vulnerable families, minorities and the prevention of abuse or exploitation of children and young persons
- conservation of natural species, landscape and resources

The closing date for applications is **31st December 2009**.

Application forms can be downloaded from the website: <http://ryklowcharitabletrust.org/index.html>

More information is available on the website or contact Stephen Marshall on 01332 254 157 or ryklow@robinsons-solicitors.co.uk

Britannia Foundation

Open to: Registered charities / schools

The Foundation offers grants and donations between £1,000 and £25,000 to registered charities and schools working within education, particularly numeracy and/or financial literacy. The Foundation prefers buying specific items of equipment but

in some circumstances will consider capital expenditure and salary costs. They give priority to involvement that provides a long and sustained impact.

An application form is available on request by e-mailing

charitable.foundation@britannia.co.uk or telephoning 01538 391 734. Further information is also available at www.britannia.co.uk/community

Updates: Northern Rock Foundation

The Culture & Heritage programme **closed** for applications on the 7th August 2009.

From 2010, the programme will re-focus grants towards projects that also tackle disadvantage as a principal objective.

From 2010 there will be increasing investment from the Foundation in homelessness projects and a new focus on developing initiatives specifically for those who are financially excluded to address growing need in the region. The Foundation will develop these plans over the remainder of this year and information on these will be available early in 2010.

They are currently accepting applications under their three grant programmes:

- Independence and Choice
 - With the older people's projects in this programme they are accepting applications from organisations providing welfare benefits advice and targeted benefit take-up campaigns
- Building Positive Lives
- Safety and Justice

For more information visit http://www.nr-foundation.org.uk/tn_home.html, call 0191 284 8412 or email generaloffice@nr-foundation.org.uk

Launch of Round Two of the Faiths in Action Fund

Communities Secretary, John Denham, announced, at the national launch of England's first-ever Inter Faith Week, the second round of the Faiths in Action Fund. £2 million is being made available, with the aim of supporting local projects that have a clear focus on faith and inter faith issues – and a direct link to one or more of the following four priorities:

1. Developing the confidence and skills to 'bridge' and 'link'.
2. Supporting shared spaces for interaction and social action.
3. Developing structures and processes which support dialogue and social action.
4. Improving opportunities for learning which build understanding.

The Fund contributes to the delivery of the Government's inter faith strategy, *Face to Face and Side by Side: A Framework for Partnership in our Multi Faith Society*

The maximum size of grant in Round Two will be £6,000.

The Fund is open to faith, inter faith, voluntary and community sector organisations at national, regional and local level in England.

Unlike Round One, this funding round will operate as a rolling programme. Applications will be accepted in the date and time order that they are received by the Community Development Foundation, until the total value of the eligible, relevant applications received equals the overall value of the fund.

Hear by Right, Your Questions Answered (new users)

How to effectively involve children and young people in the development, delivery and evaluation of services

Date: 19/01/10, 12.00pm - 4.00pm

Location: Gateshead

FREE

This free session is aimed at anyone new to Hear by Right. It provides an introduction to the Hear by Right standards and an opportunity to discuss any further questions you may have. The session is a great opportunity to network and discover how to access other local Hear by Right and participation support.

For more information and to book please visit www.participationworks.org.uk, email enquiries@participationworks.org.uk or call 0845 603 6725.

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