

Funding News

November 2010

Big Lottery Fund – Reaching Communities – Community buildings programme (England)

Open to: Not-for-profit

Funding: £100,000 - £500,000

Deadline: Assessed monthly on rolling basis **from** early December

The Big Lottery Fund (BIG) is opening a £75m community buildings grants programme for voluntary organisations and parish and town councils in England.

Groups will be able to apply from early December.

BIG said funding would be available for "all types of multi-purpose buildings used by communities, including memorial halls, community centres and village halls". Each project should have a total value of no more than £750,000.

The funding stream has been designed with a view to transforming current buildings into community buildings that can offer a wide range of activities benefiting a broad group of citizens.

Organisations can register for further information by calling 0845 410 2030.

LandAid Annual Grants

Open to: Registered charities

Funding: £5,000 - £25,000

Deadline: 31st January 2011

LandAid is the property industry's charity and, through their annual grants scheme, they support projects that help disadvantaged or homeless young people access the facilities, skills and opportunities needed to fulfil their potential.

Grants are available for projects that:

- provide accommodation or assist in meeting accommodation needs
- refurbish or renew facilities
- deliver training, life skills or other educational programmes

They will not normally consider funding staff costs, unless the project is of limited duration or the applicant has shown how such costs will be met on an ongoing basis.

Applications must be submitted in writing, marked 'Application for Funding' to

Lucy Jane Cummings, LandAid, St Albans House, 5th Floor, 57-59 Haymarket

London SW1Y 4QX. For more information and to download the application form visit <http://www.landaid.org/grants/>. Alternatively contact 020 3102 7190 for more information.

Arts Council National Portfolio Funding Programme

Open to: UK arts organisations engaging people in arts activities or helping artists and arts organisations to carry out their work. For work mainly in England.

Funding: Minimum annual award £40,000. Normally for 3 years (can be 2 – 6)

Deadline: 24th January 2011

Arts Council England plans to introduce an online application system for funding as it attempts to overhaul its operations in the face of a funding cut of nearly 30%.

The existing system will be replaced by an open application process where all recipients will have to apply.

It expects that around 100 of the 850 groups that currently receive money will lose their grant by 2015, but it will open up the process to groups that have never received Arts Council funding before, and will make all recipients more accountable.

The Council's current annual grant of £449m will fall to £349m by 2014 as a result of the spending review.

Funding will be awarded based on "clear published criteria and shared goals" and funding agreements will be either 'strategic' or 'programme' relationships; 'strategic' organisations will "take responsibility for the development of the arts and demonstrate leadership at a national or local level" while 'programme' recipients will "deliver outstanding artistic work in their field".

Printed applications will not be accepted. The Council strongly recommends that potential applicants contact them before making an application.

For more information visit <http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/national-portfolio-funding/>, use the online enquiries form or contact 0845 300 6200.

British Ecological Society (BES) Public Engagement Grants

Open to: Organisations / individuals such as members of BES, researchers, schools, museums, libraries, and community groups (not exhaustive)

Funding: Up to £2,000 (can be used as part funding)

Deadline: 15th January 2011

BES has announced that its Public Engagement Grants scheme is currently open for applications. Under the scheme individuals and organisations can apply for grants to organise, public engagement events in ecology.

The objectives of the grant are to support the development of projects that:

- raise public awareness of and engagement with ecology
- stimulate discussion about ecological science and its implications for society
- inspire and enthuse people about ecology, especially those not previously interested in ecology
- develop the communications skills of individuals involved

For more information visit <http://www.britishecologicalsociety.org/grants/policy/peg.php> or contact 0207 685 2500 / info@BritishEcologicalSociety.org

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Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) - Venturesome (UK)

Open to: UK registered organisation with charitable purpose and social impact. One year income minimum

Funding: Loans of £20,000 - £400,000. 3 - 5 years average. Interest typically 5 - 7% fixed rate pa. Internal rate of return 10% for equity-like investments.

Deadline: n/a

CAF provides innovative financial services to charities and their supporters. Venturesome is a social investment fund that provides debt and equity-like finance to charities and social enterprises. The fund offers "social purpose organisations" support and capital.

To apply, contact Venturesome who will respond by telephone to establish:

- The social purpose and impact of the organisation:
 - Aims and objectives of the organisation
 - Activities undertaken in achieving those aims
 - Evidence of impact
- The funding and financial position of the organisation:
 - Most recent financial and management accounts
 - Financial forecasts

For more information and to contact via email visit

<http://www.venturesome.org> or call 03000 123 300.

For more information and to apply visit <http://www.ideastap.com/Oportunities/Brief/96327e04-8197-42a8-9238-9e1300d71bfd#Overview>

Regional Growth Fund goes live

Open to: See text

Funding: Minimum bidding threshold of £1m assistance

Deadline: 21st January 2011

The Government has announced that its new £1.4bn Regional Growth Fund is now open. The Fund will operate 2011 - 2014 to stimulate enterprise by providing support for projects and programmes with significant potential for creating long term private sector led economic growth and employment. In particular it will help those areas and communities currently dependent on the public sector make the transition to sustainable private sector-led growth and prosperity.

Bids from private bodies and public private partnerships on a challenge basis will be accepted. They envisage partnerships coming together that include a combination of large private sector players, SMEs and social enterprises working together with public partners. In particular they expect Local Enterprise Partnerships to play a role in coordinating areas / communities, and in bidding.

The Fund will provide a mixture of direct support for private sector investments and support for some basic infrastructure that removes the barriers that trigger private sector led economic growth as part of a wider investment.

For more information visit <http://www.bis.gov.uk/policies/regional-economic-development/regional-growth-fund>, email growthfund@bis.gsi.gov.uk or call the regional contact on 0191 202 3838

Transition Fund (UK)

Open to: VCS, income of £50,000 - £10m, see text for further details

Funding: Not yet announced (£100m total fund)

Deadline: Not yet announced; opens end of November, open for 13 months

Government's new £100m Transition Fund will open for applications at the end of the month and be administered by the Big Lottery Fund.

The fund will help eligible organisations that have low levels of reserves and high dependence on public funding streams, that are particularly vulnerable to budget cuts.

Organisations can express an interest in the Transition Fund by emailing their contact details to transitionfund@cabinet-office.x.gsi.gov.uk

Big Society Bank

Children's minister Tim Loughton has confirmed that the majority of funds in the Big Society Bank will be used to fund youth projects. He added that government hoped the bank would be up and running by June, not April as previously stated.

http://www.civilsociety.co.uk/finance/news/content/7682/big_society_bank_will_concentrate_on_youth_projects_says_childrens_minister

Barclays Community Sports Award

Open to: Not-for-profit / Individuals

Funding: £1,000 per month / £5,000 for one winner at the end of the season

Deadline: 20th of the month until April 2011

This is a new award to recognise the outstanding achievements of individuals and groups that use sport to benefit communities across the UK. Each monthly winner will receive £1,000 for their group or organisation, a limited edition trophy and entry into the end of season award to win a further £5,000. The end of season award winner will also receive a VIP trip to London to receive their award from Gareth Southgate.

Applications must be made by a nominator on behalf of another person or not-for-profit organisation. All entries must be made via the website on or before 20th of each month. Once received, valid entries will then also be considered for subsequent months until 20th April 2011.

For more information and to nominate: <http://www.barclayscommunitysportsaward.com/>

Westhill Endowment

Open to: VCS / Schools

Funding: £1,000 - £20,000 (larger sums for projects running 2 years + considered but matching funding sometimes advised)

Deadline: Applications assessed quarterly

The Endowment makes grants to community-transforming projects that demonstrate outcomes in Christian education which may include all religions or none.

There is no application form. They expect applications to be simple and concise, usually no more than two pages supported by a budget. For those unsure Westhill allows organisations to send a half page synopsis setting out ideas and they will advise if further work on the approach is reasonable. The charity will not fund general appeals, capital projects or direct employment of staff.

For more information visit <http://www.westhillendowment.org/index.html> or contact on 0121 472 8000 / westhilltrust@btconnect.com

Antigone (UK)

Open to: Charities (in education, health and criminal justice sectors, working with socially excluded people)

Funding: Not specified

Deadline: 31st January 2011

Antigone works with a small number of charities each year, learning more about the needs of socially excluded people and promoting their successes. They are interested in helping charities think through how they use web and mobile technologies. They want to support projects that can show they:

- are improving people's lives
- are managed by inspired and dedicated people
- have ambitions for developing their work on a bigger scale

For more information and to apply online visit

http://www.marthalanefox.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=section&layout=blog&id=6&Itemid=58 Applicants need to register with www.theBigGive.org.uk

New Look Foundation

Open to: VCS / schools

Funding: Not specified

Deadline: Not specified

The Foundation works with charities to make a difference in the following areas:

- Learning through access to **education** - whether formal or vocational training, overcoming truancy, apprenticeship, or developing life skills
- Learning through **accessibility** - helping to promote an inclusive

approach to life, irrespective of physical or mental ability

- Learning to deal with **issues** - helping people to help themselves and their friends by tackling anxieties linked to such issues as eating disorders, obesity, body image, bullying, alcohol or substance abuse, etc

Their local giving focuses on:

- educational activities aimed at helping people to help themselves
- activities aimed at regenerating local communities and promoting a positive 'community spirit'
- activities which help people to feel included in local community life who might otherwise feel excluded
- activities which promote positive self-esteem and confidence

There is no application form requested.

Applications should be emailed to foundation@newlook.com. For more information visit

<http://www.newlookgroup.com/index.cfm?page=1016>

Rayne Foundation grants

Open to: VCS

Funding: No min / max; year end Nov 09, 80 awards made, total £1.3m, average £16,305, maximum £75,000. Salary, core and capital costs considered. Unlikely to be sole funder.

Deadline: None

The Foundation gives grants within four sectors: Arts; Education; Health & Medicine; Social Welfare & Development. Within these four broad sectors, they encourage applications that apply to their current list of areas of special interest:

- Achieving learning outcomes through the work of artists and arts organisations
- Developing numeracy skills

- Improved quality of life for older people

Excellent applications outside these areas are welcomed. In the last 12 months, 50% of awards have been outside these areas of special interest.

They support organisations with charitable objectives that set out to achieve bridge building outcomes such as:

- enlarged sympathies - increased understanding and/or tolerance
- reduced exclusion
- reduced conflict
- new productive relationships which benefit the public

Applicants should outline four anticipated outcomes specific to their work. Work should have wider than just local application, or be of national importance. Applications will be accepted from national organisations or local organisations doing work which could be an inspiration to others. In such cases there should be

- an awareness of what others are doing in the field and how the project could add to programmes elsewhere
- clear plans to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the project
- plans to share any learning more widely

Work should help the most vulnerable or disadvantaged, tackle neglected causes and provide direct benefits to people and communities. It should bring in additional funding, encourage the involvement of other organisations and strive to achieve excellence.

For more information and to download the application form visit <http://www.raynefoundation.org.uk/LookingForHelp.aspx>. Alternatively contact the Foundation on applications@raynefoundation.org.uk / 020 7487 9650. Please note that the Foundation is not in a position to talk

through applications in detail before submission.

Youth Music open programme

Open to: Not-for-profit (more than a year old)

Funding: £5,000 - £30,000

Deadline: 10th December 2010

Youth Music has announced that its grant making Open programme is open for applications. Grants are available to support projects that provide music-making activities for children and young people up to 18 (or up to 25 if they have special educational needs, disabilities or are in detention).

The Programme targets projects that support its goals of:

- Early Years – advancing learning and development of children in their early years (0-5) by aiming to ensure universal access to quality music making
- Challenging Circumstances – improving life chances of children and young people in the most challenging circumstances by supporting them to achieve their full potential through engagement and progression in music making
- Encouraging Talent and Potential – realising the musical talent and potential of children and young people by ensuring opportunity for all to develop their talent regardless of background or chosen genre

Changes have recently been made to the programme. They are, in summary:

- Eligibility - accounts also now need to demonstrate that the organisation has been providing

activities or services for at least one year

- Application questions - the order of the form has been re-arranged. New questions have been added, some have been merged and some have been removed (for details visit the website or contact Youth Music)
- Budget Form Changes – there is a new-look budget template. There is an example budget in the download section of the website, which shows how we expect the form to be completed
- Session Details Form - questions relating to session details and performance opportunities have been rolled into one spreadsheet, which needs to be downloaded, completed and uploaded as part of the attachments section
- Match funding – although they still require applicants to secure at least 10% of the project cost through match funding, only 5% of this needs to be in cash – the rest can come from in-kind contributions

Youth Music aims to support music making activities principally in out-of-school hours but they understand that programmes may need to begin in school hours especially if the proposal involves encouraging first time participation in music; they will consider applications where 25% of the time is spent in school hours but the proposed programme should aim to encourage children and young people to eventually make music outside of school hours.

For more information visit http://www.youthmusic.org.uk/looking_for_music_funding/Open_programme.html or contact on 0207 902 1060 / reception@youthmusic.org.uk

Lloyds TSB Foundation Community Programme

Open to: Registered charities

Funding: Not specified

Deadline: None; meet quarterly

Lloyds TSB Foundation for England and Wales now has an increased income for the period 2010-2013 and would like to hear from Registered Charities in the North East. The Foundation is keen to hear from charities working across the North East that can demonstrate how their work is making a difference to the lives of disadvantaged people, helping them to play a fuller role in their chosen communities.

Grants are appropriate to needs of the charity and funding is available for core costs, including salaries / rent, as well as project costs. Eligible charities must

- be under-funded (12 months of reserves or less)
- work locally / regionally with an income of £1m or less OR work nationally with an income of £5m or less
- carry out work that enables disadvantaged people to play a fuller role in the community through (one or more)
 - improved social and community involvement
 - improved life choices and chances
 - helping people to be heard

Potential applicants complete the eligibility questionnaire:

<http://www.lloydstsbfoundations.org.uk/HowtoApply/Pages/HowToApply.aspx> or contact the North East Grant Manager on 07802 337 481 / northeast@cumbria@lloydstsbfoundations.org.uk

Public sector cuts and the NE third sector

VONNE would like help in completing a survey to measure the impact of the economic downturn and the public sector spending cuts on the North East's third sector. They want to know what impact it is having on:

- the communities organisations work with
- the demand for services and strategies for dealing with this
- risks to funding
- the survival of services
- organisations' survival

The survey can be found here: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BigSocietySurvey>

Infrastructure organisations should complete a slightly different survey available here: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NEInfrastructure>

Any queries can be directed to John Main on 0191 233 2000 / john.main@vonne.org.uk.

Funding for Scout Groups

The Scout Association has produced a factsheet on the various funds specifically for Scout groups

<http://scouts.org.uk/documents/factsheets/Factsheet%20HQ%20Grants%20to%20support%20local%20Scouting%20%20July%202010%20Edition%201.pdf>

The full range of Association factsheets can be viewed and downloaded here:

<http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/library/hqdocs/facts/>

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