

Funding News

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Age Concern – Bright Ideas Programme (England)

Type of funder: Charity

Open to: VCS

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
- Foot care, 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 **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

You can obtain an application form by contacting your local branch of Age Concern – to find the contact details for your nearest branch visit:

www.ageconcern.org.uk/AgeConcern/local.asp

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

The Grants Unit, Age Concern England, Astral House, 1268 London Road, London, SW16 4ER

Tel: 020 8765 7738, Fax: 020 8679 9154, Email: grants.unit@ace.org.uk
Website: www.ageconcern.org.uk/AgeConcern/grants_members.asp

The remaining 2007 deadlines for submitting your application are: **25 October** and **29 November**.

Communities Plus: Community Grants Programme (England)

Type of funder: Central Government
Open to: VCS

The third round of the Connecting Communities Plus, Community Grants programme has now opened for applications. The programme is administered by the Community Development Foundation (CDF) and supports "Improving Opportunity, Strengthening Society", the Government's strategy to increase race equality and community cohesion.

There are four key priorities:

- Improving the experiences of people from Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) backgrounds in relation to access and outcomes from public services such as education, employment, health, housing and the criminal justice System
- Increasing the confidence of people from BME backgrounds that public services are delivered in a fair and equitable way
- Tackling racism and extremism
- Bringing together communities from different races and faiths, and promoting a shared sense of belonging (community cohesion)

Examples of the types of activity that might be carried out under each priority are detailed in the guidance notes for the fund. Priorities B and C were undersubscribed in the first rounds of the programme, so the CDF is particularly seeking applications from projects focused on these. As part of the commemoration of the bicentennial of the abolition of the slave trade, the CDF is also looking for projects that focus on the legacy of the slave trade and how it affects us today. Applications for projects on this theme must still address one of the above four programme priorities as well.

The funding is aimed at locally run and managed voluntary and community organisations that fit the following criteria:

- They must have an income of less than £50,000 per year
- They must be run by volunteers or have no more than one full time or two or more part time staff
- They must not currently be in receipt of a grant or other funding from the Race Equality Unit or the Cohesion and Faiths Unit of Communities and Local Government

The types of organisation eligible to apply include BME community organisations, local voluntary organisations or multicultural community centres. Grants of **up to £12,000** are available: the CDF expects that the majority of grants will be between £6,000 and £12,000. Please note that organisations that have been successful in Round One or Two of the fund cannot apply again in this round. Organisations can only receive one Connecting Communities Plus Community Grant. However, organisations that applied but were unsuccessful in Round One or Two can apply in Round Three.

Guidance notes and application forms are available to download from the CDF's website: www.cdf.org.uk

The closing date for applications is **8 January 2008**. The CDF can provide advice and guidance for prospective applicants. They will also offer feedback and comments on the draft of your application if they receive it (by email) before 11 December 2007.

All final applications should be returned by post to:

Community Development Foundation – Connecting
CDF, The Michael Young Centre, Purbeck Road, Cambridge, CB2 8HN
Tel: 01223 400343, Email: ccplus@cdf.org.uk, Website: www.cdf.org.uk

Crisis – Changing Lives First Awards (UK)

Type of funder: Charity

Open to: Individuals

The next round of the Changing Lives First Awards from Crisis, the national homelessness charity, is now open for applications. The programme provides financial awards of **up to £2,000** to solitary people who have been homeless to help them move towards a work-based vocational goal.

To be eligible for an award you must:

- Be over 18
- Be single (i.e. not living in a partnership or married)
- Have the right to remain and work in the UK indefinitely
- Have been homeless in the last five years
- Be free from substance or alcohol misuse for at least six months
- Be working with a support worker who is willing to support your application
- Be living in secure accommodation and have lived there for at least six months

Awards can be used:

- To pay for the fees for an accredited course
- To pay for equipment or materials for courses
- To pay for tools and equipment to get back to work
- To set up a business

However, awards cannot be used to fund:

- Travel expenses
- Motorised vehicles
- University fees
- Rent
- Furniture
- Existing debt

Application forms are available to download from:

www.crisis.org.uk/page.builder/first_awards.html

Please note there are two separate application forms depending on whether you want to apply for an award to further your education or training or an award to help you set up your own business. Applications must be supported by your Support Worker.

The deadline for applications under this round is **12 noon on Friday 2 November**.

For more information contact:

Crisis, Changing Lives,
66 Commercial Street
London, E1 6LT

Tel: 0870 011 3335

Email: changing.lives@crisis.org.uk

Website: www.crisis.org.uk

Rufford Maurice Laing Foundation (UK)

Type of funder: Trust

Open to: RC

The Rufford Maurice Laing Foundation awards grants to UK registered charities that work in the following areas:

- Nature conservation, the environment and sustainable development projects in non-first world countries (this category is the main focus of the Foundation's grant-making, accounting for 68% of the total grants awarded)
- Health and medicine – primarily HIV/AIDS projects in the developing world, but also some funding for scientific research in the efficacy of complementary health treatments and their integration into general medicine
- Social welfare initiatives in the UK
- Sustainable development work to relieve poverty overseas

The size of available grants ranges from £1,000 to a maximum of £20,000 (although in practice most of the grants awarded do not exceed £5,000-£10,000).

Please note that the Foundation does not fund the following:

- Building or construction projects
- Non charitable organisations
- Donations to individuals or projects which directly benefit one individual
- General appeals or circulars
- Projects which seek to exclusively benefit local communities such as youth clubs, luncheon clubs etc.
- Loans
- Endowment Funds
- Student / gap year conservation expeditions

There is no application form. Applications should be made in writing to the Foundation and must include:

- A covering letter with contact details
- A comprehensive plan outlining the project for which funding is being sought including measurable objectives
- A full budget together with details of funding secured to date
- A copy of the charity's most recent accounts
- A copy of the latest annual report (if available)

Applications should be submitted by post only and should be addressed to:

Terry Kenny
Trust Director
The Rufford Maurice Laing Foundation
Fifth Floor
Babmaes House
2 Babmaes Street
London
SW1Y 6RF

Please note that the Foundation is unable to answer enquiries by telephone or email.

For more information visit the Foundation's website:
www.rufford.org

Funding For Financial Inclusion

Source: Friends Provident

The Friends Provident Foundation has released funds for schemes which will benefit the economically disadvantaged, through the Financial Inclusion Programme.

The programme, which will run from 2007-2009, aims to benefit individuals and communities whose poverty has prevented them from accessing financial services such as bank accounts, savings and insurance. This financial exclusion acts as a vicious circle, preventing individuals from improving their economic s i t u a t i o n .

According to figures released in July 2004, there are 1.5 million households in the UK with no financial services at all, and up to 30% of the population have no savings, no home contents insurance and no pension. The Foundation argues that this imbalance creates social disharmony and inequality. The main groups affected include single pensioners, lone parents, disabled people, and some minority ethnic c o m m u n i t i e s . In order to combat this pattern of inequality, the Foundation aims to make financial services more accessible to disadvantaged groups, and encourage individuals to think of these systems as a means of achieving improvements in their social and economic conditions. To achieve this outcome, the Foundation is f o c u s s i n g o n :

- Providing better information to would-be service users.
- Fostering innovation in the provision of services, through sponsoring research and pilot schemes.

- Building a sustainable infrastructure for service providers.
- Lobbying government and business.

The Financial Inclusion Programme will provide grants of up to £200,000 to organisations wishing to promote schemes which will support these aims. These grants may be used to cover capital and revenue funding and project costs. Any legally independent organisations may apply to the fund, but all projects must be carried out on an entirely charitable basis.

To apply, interested organisations should submit a proposal, detailing the aims of the planned project, likely outcomes, and strategic importance, along with a completed registration form (which are available for download from the Foundation's website www.friendsprovident.co.uk/common/layouts/subSectionLayout.jhtml?pageId=fpcouk%2FsitePageSimple%3ACommunity+CSR)

). Selected applicants will then be invited to take part in Stage 2 of the process. The deadline for applications is 9 November.

The Friends Provident Foundation has been operating since 2004, when it received an endowment of £20 million in Friends Provident shares. The Foundation operates entirely independently, under the management of a board of trustees.

Every Action Counts – Community Champions (England)

Open to: Individuals

Every Action Counts is an initiative run by BTCV designed to help community groups, clubs and societies across England become “future friendly” by taking simple everyday actions that will help to create a cleaner, greener, fairer and safer community.

As part of the initiative, BTCV is looking for Community Champions, individuals who can help motivate community groups to take action. The Every Action Counts campaign has identified five areas for action:

Save our resources – use reusable items rather than disposable ones and recycle where possible

Shop ethically – buy fair trade and locally produced goods

Save energy and reduce your energy use

Travel wisely – share transport and use public transport where possible

Care for your area – have your say about your area in local plans and get involved

As a Community Champion you will visit community groups in your area to talk to them about Every Action Counts and help them to develop an action plan. Most Community Champions spend a few hours a month carrying out their role.

To be a Community Champion:

- You must be over 18
- You may belong to a local community group or umbrella community organisation, or just be interested in sustainable development
- You need to be enthusiastic about your community and the sustainability of that community
- You should be able to talk to people and work with them
- You need no formal experience or qualifications

As part of your role as a Community Champion you will receive:

- Recognised and accredited training

- Experience working with community groups, clubs and societies on sustainable development
- Support from an interactive website with online and offline resource banks
- Recognition for your work and the thanks of your community
- A toolkit of materials to help you to help groups
- Every Action Counts promotional materials
- The improvement of the welfare of farmed animals both in the UK and internationally.

The training to become a Community Champion consists of two one day events to make sure you feel comfortable helping a group through an Every Action Counts process. You are also entitled to further training in the future to assist you in your role. Training courses are held across the country at various times: forthcoming sessions include training taking place in Manchester this October, and in Leeds in November.

To register as an Every Action Counts Community Champion contact BTCV:

Tel: 01302 388 888
Email: everyactioncounts@btcv.org.uk

You can also register and find out more about the scheme on the Every Action Counts website:
www.everyactioncounts.org.uk

Tubney Charitable Trust (UK)

Type of funder: Charity
Open to: RC

The Tubney Charitable Trust is a grant-making charity focusing on two main programmes:

- The conservation of the natural environment of the United Kingdom through the achievement of UK Biodiversity Action Plan targets for practical action. In particular this programme supports land acquisition projects, landowner advisory projects and projects focusing on endangered species.

In addition, the Trustees may from time to time establish new initiatives in these or other areas and invite applications of special interest to them.

Full guidelines for the Trust's programmes are detailed on its website at:

www.tubney.org.uk/grantprogrammes.html

The Trust welcomes applications from UK registered, exempt and excepted charities. Applications must be for **grants of £30,000 or more**; applications below this amount are not accepted. The Trust supports both capital and revenue costs. However, it does not make grants towards capital projects (i.e. buildings and refurbishment costs) unless they are part of a larger project that falls clearly within the aims of the Trust. Items of equipment are also unlikely to be funded unless they are part of a wider proposal.

In accordance with the wishes of the founders, the Charity has a limited life and is gradually spending down its endowment over an expected eight to ten year period. Given the Trust's short lifespan, it seeks to support sustainable, high-quality projects that deliver a long-term impact.

The Trust operates a rolling, two stage application process. Eligible applicants must first submit an initial application. You are encouraged to do this online via the Trust's website where possible.

You will be informed within two months of receipt of an initial application whether you will be invited to submit a more detailed application. You may submit a detailed application by invitation only.

The Trust encourages applicants to contact them at any stage of the application process. The contact details are:

The Tubney Charitable Trust
First Floor
Front Wing
30-31 Friar Street
Reading
RG1 1DX

Tel: 0118 958 6100
Email: info@tubney.org.uk
Website: www.tubney.org.uk

Commonwealth Youth Exchange Council – grants for exchange visits (UK)

Type of funder: Charity

Open to: VCS

The Commonwealth Youth Exchange Council (CYEC) is a UK-based educational charity that provides support and funding for the development of youth work and exchange links between the UK and Commonwealth nations.

Young people participate in Commonwealth youth exchanges via their local organisations, such as youth clubs, community organisations or schools. CYEC works directly with these local UK groups to help them plan, finance and undertake exchange visits with partner organisations in Commonwealth countries. Every exchange will have its own theme and activities, ranging from sustainable development, young people's health issues, citizenship, to arts and culture.

Each autumn CYEC invites applications for exchange grants for the following financial year. Priority is given to:

- Exchanges with Africa, Asia and the Caribbean
- Participants in the 15-25 age range
- Exchanges involving young people who would not normally have such opportunities
- Projects with evidence of real youth ownership and participation in planning
- Programmes of joint activities with partner groups (not tours)
- Exchange groups with 5-15 members, including leaders
- Exchange programmes of 3 weeks' duration

Grants are given for group outward visits (for 25%-40% of return travel costs) and group incoming visits (up to 40% of costs). CYEC

also considers advance planning grants (75% of the airfare for one applicant or 50% of the airfare for two applicants).

To receive a registration pack, including application forms, send an A4 self-addressed envelope with three first class stamps to:

CYEC, 7 Lion Yard, Tremadoc Road
London, SW4 7NQ

Or contact:

Tel: 020 7498 6159, Fax: 020 7622 4365

Email: mail@cyec.org.uk

Website: www.cyec.org.uk

Community IT Academy – Website Design Project (North East)

Open to: VCS, RC, SE

CITA is delivering the Website Design Project, to help voluntary sector organisations develop or re-develop their own websites so that they will then be able to manage and update them easily without the need for specialist knowledge.

The project is aimed at voluntary sector organisations, registered charities and social enterprises in the North East. Organisations must be active in economic inclusion, that is, their work should involve:

- Removing the barriers that stop people from participating fully in economic activity
- Improving access to employment for people without work
- Raising economic participation in deprived communities
- Promoting equality and diversity

As part of the project CITA will provide you with a website, training and support in migrating your existing website or setting up a new site.

CITA are looking to recruit 10 groups in October. To find out more contact Lewis Atkinson at CITA:

Tel: 0191 256 5015

Email: admin@communityitacademy.org

Website: www.communityitacademy.org/cita-website-design-project

BIG Lottery funding

Following on from the statistics we published in the last flier regarding rejection reasons for Awards for All and BIG Lottery there will be a series of information/awareness raising workshops co-hosted by RCVDA, TVRCC & Redcar & Cleveland Community Development.

Two separate sessions will be held during the day, the morning session will cover Awards for All and the afternoon session will look at BIG lotteries programmes.

Included in the sessions will be a general overview of the programmes and a session on how to get it right first time. You will also have an opportunity to meet your local support team from RCVDA, TVRCC and Redcar & Cleveland Community Development.

It is intended to hold the first event at the end of November with further events held in February and March 2008.

To register an interest and for further information please contact Karen McGarrity on 01642 440571 or email karenmc@rcvda.org.uk

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