

Funding News

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Drinkaware Trust Awareness Project Grant Scheme (UK)

Organisations working to tackle alcohol misuse and raise awareness about the impact of alcohol misuse in the community have the opportunity to apply for funding through the Drinkaware Trust Awareness Project Grant scheme, which has £25,000 in total.

The main objectives of the trust are to help reduce alcohol misuse, reduce alcohol related injuries and change the drinking culture in the UK.

The Awareness Project Grant scheme is intended to help organisations develop existing and successful alcohol-awareness projects for people aged under 18 or between 25 and 44.

Grants fall into three categories: community based work, alcohol education work and projects focusing on generating new approaches to alcohol misuse that have the potential to be rolled out to a wider audience.

The following are eligible to apply:

- Registered charities
- Not for profit groups working in education, health and with young people
- Community organisations and constituted voluntary groups
Statutory organisations and partnerships (but only where the support is in addition to statutory funds AND organisational income is below £10 million)

Examples of what will be funded:

- Project costs - educational resources, staff salaries, training, etc
- Alcohol education work
- Awareness raising work with disadvantaged people who are at risk
- New media and other creative initiatives
- Production or purchase of educational resources
- Innovative work, pilot work and the wider roll-out of successful ways of working

Applications can be submitted at any time.

For more information and to apply visit <http://www.drinkaware.co.uk/grants>, email Andy Law at andy.law@drinkaware.co.uk or call 020 7307 7450.

Community Cashback

Community Cashback is a new scheme which gives local people a say in how recovered criminal assets (for example confiscated cash or property) should be spent in their communities. People can suggest a community project they would like to see happening in their area, and/or have their say on a project already suggested.

Once a project is suggested, the details and suitability are checked by the Local Criminal Justice Board (LCJB). Successful projects are then placed on the Community Cashback website for people to select as their preferred project (they can only select one). The LCJB shortlists the best projects which, in total, are within the maximum bid amount for each area (£95,000). The Community Cashback central panel then checks the suggested projects bids against project criteria.

Projects:

- should be related to nuisance, anti-social or criminal behaviour or its impact on the community
- could focus on one or several neighbourhoods
- should be community focused and make a noticeable difference on the community
- must demonstrate value for money
- must be able to be delivered quickly and their impact should be clearly evaluated.
- Outcomes must be visible to the community

For more information and for people to suggest projects and nominate those put on the website already: <http://cashback.cjsonline.gov.uk>

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Funding Information North East (FINE)

Macmillan Helping You Help Others Grant (UK)

Helping You Help Others is a grants programme specifically available to cancer self help and support groups across the UK.

There are two types of grants available:

- Starting Up grants
 - Up to £500 to help new groups with their initial development and promotion of service
 - Assessed on a monthly basis
- Developing grants
 - Up to £3,000 to help existing groups in their continuing development
 - Assessed at 4 group panel meetings throughout the year

The next deadline is **30th October 2009**

If you have any queries, please contact Kelly O'Sullivan on 020 7840 4902 or [email kosullivan@macmillan.org.uk](mailto:kosullivan@macmillan.org.uk)

http://www.macmillan.org.uk/Get_Support/Cancer_support_groups/Funding_for_groups.aspx

Alternatively, there are Community Networks Development Coordinators based across the country to assist with applications and provide advice on a wide variety of group activities, development and opportunities available in the local area. For the North East this is Ruth Wilson:

Tel: 0114 230 9845
Mob: 07734 384 463

Email: rwilson2@macmillan.org.uk

Ecominds Announces Closing Dates

Mind, is the leading mental health charity, has announced that due to the large number of applications received by its Ecomind programme, it is now introducing closing dates for its remaining unallocated funds.

Ecominds is a scheme run by Mind with funding from Big Lottery Fund's latest environmental initiative, Changing Spaces. Ecominds helps people with direct experience of mental distress become involved in projects that improve both mental and physical health, and community environments.

Projects can run for up to three and a half years, although most are expected to last 12-18 months. The scheme welcomes applications from England-based groups and organisations seeking to develop environmental projects that involves people with direct experience of mental distress at all levels.

Groups must be constituted and have an accountable management structure with at least three people on the management committee, including chairperson and treasurer. New groups or pilot projects may be funded but such groups must have held an initial meeting, set up a bank account, and signed a governing document. New groups will not receive large grants.

Projects must:

- have both a mental health and environmental perspective
- be submitted by an England-based group and be applied for in England
- be thoroughly planned and relevant to the environment
- involve people with direct experience of mental distress
- encourage community access, collaboration and improve the

environment and environmental sustainability

- have a budget under £250,000
- be delivered by December 2012

The applicant must:

- demonstrate a genuine need for the project
- be able to develop a detailed financial plan, budget and cash flow which will account for the money applied for
- have the resources to plan, develop, and manage the project, especially if it involves building or buying land
- have the resources to compile basic legal documents
- have the skills to manage the project, develop a detailed timeframe including milestones, and deliver the scheme outcomes

Social enterprises (including Community Interest Companies) can apply to Ecominds. However, Ecominds projects are intended to run on a not-for-profit basis and applications will be assessed on this basis.

The closing dates are:

- large bids (£60,001 - £150,000): 30th October 2009
- medium bids (£20,001 - £60,000): 8th January 2010
- small bids (£0 - £20,000): 30th June 2010

Ecominds is particularly keen to encourage applications for small grants which are currently not oversubscribed.

For more information: <http://www.mind.org.uk/ecominds/> or contact the Changing Spaces Advice Line on 08453 671 671. Application packs and guidelines can be accessed on the website.

Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust (UK)

The Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust aims to donate to UK registered charities whose purposes encompass one or more of the following:

- To benefit or protect animals
- To relieve animals from suffering
- To conserve wild life
- To encourage the understanding of animals

Donations are considered three times each year, usually in March, July and **November** and range from £1,000 to a normal maximum of £10,000. Smaller donations may be awarded between the meetings at the discretion of the Chairman and Administrator of the Trust. Repeat applications from charities are encouraged, when further financial support might be given if funds allow.

The Trust favours applications from:

- registered charities in the UK where at least one set of up-to-date published annual accounts is available for inspection
- smaller animal welfare charities
- charities which demonstrate an active re-homing and rehabilitation policy for animals taken into their care
- charities involved with conservation of wildlife, if the rescue, rehabilitation and release of animals is their main aim

The Trust attempts to support charities by making donations toward the following:

- general running costs associated with rescue, rehabilitation and re-homing
- feeding, capture, neutering and release of feral cats
- assistance with vet's fees and neutering costs of animals owned

by those on low incomes

- donations towards capital purchases
- donations toward the purchase or improvement of property or fixed buildings

This will only be considered if the property is clearly in the ownership of the charity, **or** at least 10 years is left to run on the charity's lease, **or** a letter from the landowner states that the charity will be reimbursed for the improvements on sale of the property or at the end of the lease. Otherwise, support for improvements can only be considered when they do not increase the saleable value of the property

Applications are only accepted in writing – the form is available on the website to download. For more information:

<http://www.jeansainsburyanimalwelfare.org.uk/index.html>

The Peter Cruddas Foundation (UK)

The Peter Cruddas Foundation aims to support charitable works that benefit disadvantaged and disengaged young people in the UK by ensuring that their funding reaches those most in need.

The Foundation gives priority to programmes designed to help disadvantaged and disengaged young people to pursue their education (including vocational) and more generally develop their potential whether through sport or recreation, voluntary programmes or otherwise.

The Foundations funding streams for 2009 include

- pathways / support for young disadvantaged or disengaged young people into mainstream education, training or

- employment
- crime diversion schemes
- work experience/skills projects for young people

There are no minimum / maximum grants and projects can be funded for more than one year.

Applications can be made any time. The application form and further guidance can be downloaded from the website (link below). Forms can be emailed **i n i t i a l l y t o s.cox@petercruddasfoundation.org.uk** or sent to: Stephen D Cox, Foundation Administrator - Peter Cruddas Foundation, 66 Prescott Street, London E18 HG. Use these contact details for more information, or call 0203 003 8360.

www.thepetercruddasfoundation.org

Changes to the HBOS Foundation (UK)

Following the acquisition of HBOS plc by Lloyds TSB plc in January (resulting in Lloyds Banking Group) a review of the new group's community investment is in progress. As one of the first changes made as a result of this review, the grant-making activities of the HBOS Foundation will be replaced by the Lloyds TSB Foundations grants programmes.

The Lloyds Community Programme funds registered charities whose core work helps disadvantaged people to play a fuller role in the community. They are particularly interested in work that achieves this through

- improved social and community involvement
- improved life choices and chances
- helping people to be heard

They can support charities in a range of ways – examples include funding to:

- maintain and or improve capacity and or effectiveness
- encourage learning and best practice
- enable the continued provision of services
- support the expansion of services
- help improve the quality of services
- lobby or campaign at a local, regional or national level

Grants are available for one to three years, appropriate to the size and needs of each charity.

Charities must be an under-funded charity (12 months of reserves or less) and have an income of less than £1million (if local / regional) or £5million (if national).

More information is available by visiting www.hbosfoundation.org/index-community.html

or

www.lloydstsbfoundations.org.uk/Pages/Welcome.aspx

or calling 0870 411 1223. Alternatively call the North East & Cumbria Grant Manager on 07802 337 481

Charles Hayward Foundation (UK)

The Charles Hayward Foundation is a grant-making charitable trust which is located in the United Kingdom. Their current categories are:

- Heritage and Conservation
- Criminal Justice
- Hospices
- Older People - preventative and early intervention programmes allowing older people to stay in their own homes and remain independent
- Overseas – high impact projects in India, Pakistan and the Commonwealth countries of Africa that have immediate results (registered charities only)

- Small grant scheme up to £5,000 (organisations with annual turnover of less than £250,000)

The Trust predominantly funds capital costs. They prioritise:

- projects that are developmental or innovative
- projects in early stages
- projects that are preventive or provide early intervention

Grants are typically £1,000 to £20,000, up to a maximum of three years. Grants are normally only made to UK registered and exempt charities.

There is no application form and no deadlines. For more information:

Tel: 020 7370 7063/7

W e b : [h t t p : / / www.charleshaywardfoundation.org.uk/default.htm](http://www.charleshaywardfoundation.org.uk/default.htm)

Address: Hayward House, 45 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU

UPDATE: BIG Lottery Reaching Communities Programme (England)

The BIG Lottery Fund has announced that in response to the current economic crisis it is increasing the budget for its Reaching Communities programme in 2009-10 by £20million to £80million and has relaxed its eligibility criteria.

Reaching Communities provides grants of between £10,000 and £500,000 to support projects that help people and communities who are most in need, and can really make a difference. The programme is open to registered charities, charitable or not for profit companies, statutory bodies, schools and social enterprises. Applications can be submitted at any time.

This is designed to act as a 'bridge' between BIG's current funding programmes and BIG's new Open Funding stream which will go live in

2010 (more information available on this later in the year).

The programme will now accept applications for projects that were previously ineligible and would have been signposted to other BIG programmes:

- **Advice** - can now consider projects that provide advice on rights and responsibilities, as well as those that offer other advice such as counselling
- **Family Learning** - now able to support projects that provide family learning activities (and continues to consider projects that offer general family support such as parenting skills)
- **Well-Being** - continues to consider health, well-being or physical activity projects
- **Young People** - will now consider projects that have young people as their primary beneficiaries
- **Children's Play** - can consider activities that include play such as after school clubs, and small-scale refurbishments up to £50K capital grant / maximum £200K capital project
- **Community Buildings** - can consider small-scale refurbishments of up to £50K capital grant and maximum capital project size of £200K
- **Community Libraries** - will continue to fund services within libraries
- **Parks** - can consider smaller projects within a park (maximum grant of £50K, maximum capital project size £200K)

For more information about the fund programme and to start the application process:

http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_reaching_communities.htm?regioncode=-uk&status=theProg&tab=3&

Email:

general.enquiries@biglotteryfund.org.uk

Tel: 0845 275 00 00

Groundswell (UK)

Type of funder: Charity

Groundswell is the UK's leading client involvement and self-help organisation working in the field of homelessness.

Groundswell's Grant Award Scheme offers grants of up to £700 to homeless people to set up their own UK based projects. Applications are welcome from anyone with experience of homelessness. The project can be a service user group, an arts group, a business, a charity - any kind of self-help initiative. Groups do not have to be formally constituted.

The funder prefers people / service users to apply themselves rather than an agency applying on their behalf. Projects should preferably be small or new and so only groups with an annual turnover of up to £20,000 can apply. Groups are preferred but individuals are still eligible to apply.

Possible projects:

- A group of people who all use a day centre and want to set up a magazine
- A group of hostel residents who want to start running a Resident Action Group
- A community of Travellers who want to convert a vehicle to be used as a classroom

Applications can be sent in at any time. There are four deadlines per year, the next being **15th October 2009**.

For more information and to apply visit: http://www.groundswell.org.uk/grants_home.html

With any queries call 020 7737 5500

BIG Issue Invest (UK)

Open to: Social Enterprises (or income generating element of Registered Charity)

BIG Issue Invest is a specialised provider of finance to social enterprises. Part of The Big Issue group of companies, it is led by social entrepreneurs with any dividends paid to The Big Issue.

Loans are available for

- commercial property renovation or purchase
- equipment purchase
- growth or acquisition
- working capital

The average size of loans is around £200,000. The minimum loan size is £50,000 and the maximum £250,000 (loans for larger amounts will be considered).

Organisations should meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Located in a disadvantaged area
- Serve a disadvantaged / deprived population
- Owned by individuals who meet the government's disadvantaged ethnicity and gender profile
- Mission / products / services focus on environmental, ethical or community regeneration

Organisations should have a robust organisational structure, social objectives and have been operating for at least 24 months.

Applications can be submitted at any time and should be emailed to enquiries@bigissueinvest.co.uk, or posted to Big Issue Invest, 1-5 Wandsworth Road, London SW8 2LN or faxed to 020 7526 3435

For more information visit http://www.biginvest.co.uk/loan_finance.aspx or call 020 7526 3434

Art in Empty Spaces (England)

Open to: Individuals / Organisations

Art in Empty Spaces is a new initiative to help artists and arts organisations turn vacant high street shops into vibrant artistic places. Individuals and organisations are invited to apply for grants to support artistic activity that transforms empty retail units into creative spaces - anything from an art gallery to recording studios or family arts workshops - which the whole community can enjoy.

The programme is being run in partnership with the Department for Communities and Local Government's (DCLG) scheme 'Looking after our Town Centres', to reinvigorate ailing town centres during the recession.

It is also part of Arts Council England's response to the effects of the recession on the arts and is funded with an additional £500,000 of National Lottery funds available through our Grants for the arts programme.

Priority will be given to:

- projects that are in receipt of confirmed DCLG funding
- projects where the activity begins within three months of a grant being awarded
- the most sustainable projects
- the projects that will have the most impact – these are considered likely to be the ones where strong local partnerships are in place

The minimum amount that can be applied for is £1,000. Grants are expected to be for amounts up to £10,000 but amounts above this will be considered.

Activities must be eligible as defined in the Grants for the arts *How to apply* handbook (go to page 10): http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/gfta2006_electronicfiles.php

For more information and to apply:

<http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/gfta2006.php>

For any enquiries:

Tel: 0845 300 6200

Email: enquiries@artscouncil.org.uk

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