

Funding to Fight Fuel Poverty (Scotland)

The Scottish Power Energy People Trust's is currently accepting applications for projects that help combat fuel poverty. Applications are accepted from not-for-profit organisations and groups such as children's charities, local community groups, support organisations, housing associations, local authorities and others. The maximum grant available per project is £100,000 for projects lasting for up to three years. The type of projects supported include;

- crisis funding for example, women and children needing emergency accommodation and vulnerable young people setting up their first home;
- benefits health checks or income maximisation. For example, helping households that aren't claiming all the benefits to which they're entitled;
- and research, for example, a research project that aims to understand the link between fuel poverty and health.

There are four application deadlines every year. For more information on application deadlines and how to apply please click on the link below.

<http://www.energypeopletrust.co.uk/>

BT Community Connections is Open for Applications (UK)

British Telecom has announced that their 2009 Community Connections Awards is now open for applications. BT Community Connections has been run by BT's Corporate Responsibility Unit since 2000. The scheme targets community and voluntary groups that could benefit from internet access and ICT but don't necessarily have the resources. Through the scheme, community groups can apply for the award's package that consists of a multi-media internet-ready computer; a contribution towards one year's broadband internet access through BT Total Broadband; and a Community website. The package is valued at £1,300. Since the launch of the awards, it is estimated that Community Connections has enabled over 5,000 groups to get online including silver surfers, playgroups, out of school clubs, pre-schools, cultural groups, local environmental initiatives and youth sports organisations. The next closing date for applications is the 9th June for postal applications and the 11th June for online applications.

<http://www.btcommunityconnections.com/page.php?id=1>

£4.07m Investment to Help Build A Cultural Sporting Legacy from the 2012 Olympics (Scotland)

The Scottish Council together with the Legacy Trust UK have committed £4.07 million to what they are calling “the Scottish Project” to ensure a creative legacy from London 2012 in Scotland. Of the £4.07 million, £3.25 million has been invested in four programmes that aim to bring learning, culture and sport together. The four strands are:

- People Making Waves - a celebration of humanity through sport, culture and learning led by Volunteer Development Scotland, Scotland’s Centre for Excellence in Volunteering.
- Conflux - a programme of education and outreach, professional development and public performance for the street arts/circus/physical theatre sector in Scotland, led by the Arches in Glasgow and involves partner organisations from across the central belt of Scotland.
- Our Sporting Body - an exhibition, education and public speaking programme exploring themes around medicine and sport which will tour across Scotland. This project is delivered by the Scotland & Medicine Partnership with The Royal College of Surgeon of Edinburgh as the lead partner.
- Let Glasgow Flourish! - A programme of community engagement resulting in an exhibition, schools' programme and training for volunteers celebrating the diversity of Glasgow's cultural and faith communities and is led by Glasgow Museums on behalf of Culture Sport Glasgow.

Additional strands to the Scottish Project will be announced later in the year.

<http://www.scottisharts.org.uk/1/latestnews/1006197.aspx>

The Forest Education Initiative Partnership Fund (England, Scotland & Wales)

The Forest Education Initiative Partnership Fund is specifically to support the work of local groups known as Forest Education Initiative (FEI) clusters. The aim of the Fund is to help develop among young people a greater understanding of trees, woodlands, forest management, forest products and wood as a sustainable resource. Clusters can include woodland owners, related industries, schools and colleges, local authorities, community groups and environmental bodies . The Partnership Fund can provide grants of between £500 and £5,000 for specific activities, which enhance the overall objectives of the FEI. The type of activities that can be funded include; training for teachers (e.g. teachers’

workshops); educational visits (e.g. to the wide range of forest, timber and woodworking trades and industry) and creating facilities in woodlands for education; educational projects in schools; practical projects (in and out of school) involving children; case studies about woodland management or wood use; and development and production of materials for educational use by teachers or children (especially material that can be published more widely, for example by being placed on the FEI website); etc. If you are interested in starting a Cluster Group, the FEI national co-ordinators are available to give support and guidance with setting up and running a cluster. The next closing date for applications is the 1st June 2009.

http://www.foresteducation.org/local_groups.php?page=4

Town Centre Regeneration Fund (Scotland)

The Scottish Government has announced further details of its new £60 million fund to revitalise Scottish Town and City Centres. The Town Centre Regeneration Fund will complement efforts already underway to support town and city centres across Scotland which are feeling the effects of the economic downturn. The fund will be available to a wide range of bodies including:

- Local authorities
- Community Planning Partnerships
- Business Improvement Districts
- Town Centre Managers
- Local Chambers of Commerce
- Businesses and third sector groups will be eligible to apply.

In addition the new details reveal that the fund is open to any area identified in local authority development plans as a town centre. Applications will be assessed on the basis of the economic, social and environmental benefit they deliver, the time required to deliver and the degree to which they support strategic local plans. The Scottish Government will be looking particularly to support those bids that reflect local partnerships agreements and/or will be delivered through local partnerships. Application packs and final detail on the assessment of applications to the fund are currently being finalised.

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2009/04/02105433>

The Scottish Seed Fund (Scotland)

Start up and very early stage companies with high growth potential who are finding it difficult to raise money from banks and investors are eligible to apply for loans and equity investments of between £20,000 and £100,000 from the Scottish Seed Fund. This is a new fund that targets businesses that demonstrate high growth potential in terms of launching new products, entering new markets or increasing employment. Applicants will need to secure 50% of the finance requirements for other private sector investors. Applications to the Scottish Seed Fund can be made at any time.

http://www.scottish-enterprise.com/sedotcom_home/services-to-http://www.scottish-enterprise.com/funding-grants-seedfund

Working Well Challenge Fund Opens for Applications (Scotland)

A new NHS Scotland fund to help support the wellbeing of NHS employees and provide initiatives to combat violence against staff is now open for applications. The £1.5 million ring-fenced Working Well Challenge Fund - of which £0.5 million is specifically set aside for work to address and reduce aggression and violence against healthcare staff - is open to all NHS Boards who wish to apply for additional funds to undertake new work to promote and enhance the wellbeing of their staff. Ideas could include, for example:

- Training to help staff anticipate and react appropriately to violent incidents
- Information and awareness raising campaigns to promote public health messages
- Measures to encourage the uptake of staff benefits and services.

Applications can be submitted by NHS Scotland Boards, or by an NHS Scotland Board working with other partners. For collaborative bids, the lead applicant must be an NHS Scotland Board. Up to £1.5 million is being made available for the Fund in the financial year 2009-10. No minimum level of funding per bid is set nor an upper limit. The closing date for applications is 15 May 2009.

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2009/04/06115843>

GreenPrints (UK)

The SITA Trust has announced that the next application deadline for its Green Prints programme is the 15th June 2009. Through the GreenPrints programme grants of up to £10,000 as well as practical support and advice are available to enable young people to make a real difference to the communities in which they live. The funding is open to not for profit organisations for projects designed and delivered by groups of volunteers aged 16 to 25. One of the most unusual elements of this programme is the individual, dedicated mentor-support that will be provided by the BTCV and The Wildlife Trusts to assist with the practical delivery of every single project that is supported. A project currently supported through the programme is the Reclaim Primrose Hill project. This project brings together young people from Primrose Hill in Coventry who will work with local residents and community groups to reclaim their local park, transforming it from a neglected space into an inviting park that can be enjoyed by the community.

<http://www.sitatrust.org.uk/apply/greenprints>

Latest Grants Awarded Through the Climate Challenge Fund (Scotland)

The Scottish Government has announced that the latest round of grants awarded through the Climate Challenge Fund has awarded £2.2 million of grants to 33 communities across Scotland. This takes the running total to 120 communities that have benefitted through £8,399,976 million worth of investment in just nine months. The Climate Challenge Fund aims to empower communities to take action to reduce their carbon footprint and make a real difference to the local and national environment. Over the lifetime of the Fund, a total of £18.8 million will be made available to voluntary sector organisations, charities, schools, colleges, universities, local authorities and housing partnerships to fund projects which demonstrate a significant reduction in emissions. Successful projects during this round include:

- Deaf Connections which received a grant of £16,850 to ensure that Deaf people in Scotland have Equal access to information and advice about climate change in sign language.
- Perth & District YMCA which received a grant of £122,052 to involve local unemployed young people working with families to grow vegetables in their gardens. They will also create an educational DVD around Carbon Emission Reduction which will be distributed at local community events.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2009/04/07101024>

Funding for Community Facilities (England, Scotland & Wales)

The SITA Trust which is a funding organisation that supports community and environmental improvement projects around waste treatment and landfill sites owned by the waste management company SITA UK has announced that the next application deadlines under its enhancing communities programme are the 31st July for its Large Grants programme and the 15th June for its Small Grants programme. Under its Large Grant programme grants of between £10,001 and £50,000 are available to not-for-profit organisations including community groups, parish councils, charities, local authorities and voluntary organisations to fund physical improvements to community, sport or historic buildings/structures within 3 miles of a Sita site. The Small Grants Scheme provides fast-track access to funding for community improvement applications of up to £10,000 within 3 miles of a qualifying Sita site. Previous projects funded include:

- Richmond Canoe Club which received a grant of £25,000 for the Richmond Canoe Club Refurbishment Project This project renovated the premises to bring the facilities up-to-date and accessible by a wider variety of people, including young people and youth organisations. The Trust's funding contributed towards a new efficient heating system, toilets, changing and access facilities suitable for people with disabilities as well as re-flooring the gymnasium and plastering of outer walls.

<http://www.sitatrust.org.uk/apply/community>

Arts Awards (UK)

The Wellcome Trust is inviting organisations and individuals to apply for funding through its Arts Awards. The Arts Awards support projects that engage the public with biomedical science through the arts including dance, drama, performance arts, visual arts, music, film, craft, photography, creative writing or digital media. Applications are invited for projects up to £30,000. The aim of the awards is to support arts projects that reach new audiences which may not traditionally be interested in science and provide new ways of thinking about the social, cultural and ethical issues around contemporary science. The scheme is open to a wide range of people including, among others, artists, scientists, curators, filmmakers, writers, producers, directors, academics, science communicators, teachers, arts workers and education officers. For small to medium-sized projects (up to and including £30 000) the next application deadline is the 17th July 2009.

<http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Public-engagement/Grants/Arts-Awards/index.htm>

Britain Sasakawa Foundation Grants Programme (UK)

The Britain Sasakawa Foundation, which aim is to develop good relations between the United Kingdom and Japan by advancing the education of the people of both nations in each other's culture, society and achievements. has announced that the next application deadline for its grants programme is the 31st August 2009. The Foundation seeks to promote mutual understanding and cooperation through financial support for activities in the following fields:

- Arts & Culture
- Science, Technology and Environment
- Humanities and Social Issues
- Japanese Language
- Medicine & Health
- Schools, Education and Youth Exchanges
- Sport.

Whilst encouraging applications in each of the previous fields, the Foundation particularly wishes to support activities/projects in science & technology; medicine & health; environment & social issues; Japanese studies; and in the Japanese language. Previous projects supported by the Foundation include County Upper School, Bury St Edmunds, which received a grant of £5,000 to help fund a study tour to Japan by eight Year 11 students and two teachers and Dundee University, School of Education which received a grant of £2,720 for a collaborative research project with Tsukuba University - 'Structures for inclusion of students with disabilities in the UK and Japan.

<http://www.gbsf.org.uk/>

EPSRC's Follow-on Scheme (UK)

The Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) are open to applications through the Follow-on Fund until the 27th August 2009. The Follow-on Fund helps

researchers to bridge the funding gap between traditional research grants and commercial funding by supporting the very early stage of turning research outputs into a commercial proposition. The Follow-on Fund is supported by:

- Natural Environment Research Council
- Biotechnology & Biological Sciences Research Council
- Engineering & Physical Sciences Research Council
- Science & Technology Facilities Council.

This call is open to academics in UK research organisations to take forward ideas generated by EPSRC research grant funding. There are no limit on the amount of funding that can be sought, and support is only provided for a maximum of 12 months.

<http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/ResearchFunding/Opportunities/KT/FollowOnFund.htm>

Call for Proposals to Establish Technology Clusters (UK)

Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) is inviting proposals to establish technology clusters that will bring together key researchers and other stakeholders and provide a forum for technology networking and knowledge exchange. One cluster in each of the four NERC strategic technology areas will be supported, these are:

- Remote sensing and earth observation
- Intelligent field sensors and networks of sensors
- Novel laboratory instrumentation
- Informatics, models and data.

Each cluster must aim to:

- Support and enhance capability in the technologies specific to its area
- Provide a forum for technology sharing, training and networking

- Improve the coordination and collaboration in environmental technology research activities.

Funding of up to £100k is available for each cluster. The closing date for applications is the 14th May 2009.

<http://www.nerc.ac.uk/research/themes/technologies/events/ao-clusters.asp>

CBA-DFID Programme Development Fund (UK)

The Commonwealth Broadcasting Association (CBA), which promotes the concept of public service broadcasting and fosters freedom of expression and the right to communicate within the Commonwealth has announced that it is seeking applications through the CBA-DFID Programme Development Fund. The objectives of the CBA-DFID Programme Development Fund are to promote better understanding of the developing world and to improve the quality and quantity of viable programme proposals in this area of output. The fund is open to established UK based programme makers and proposals can be of any genre. The maximum grant available is £10,000 (maximum 80% of development budget) and the application deadlines for 2009 are Thursday 30th April and Thursday 15th October 2009.

<http://www.cba.org.uk/CBA-DFID/progdev/index.php#deadline>

Its Your Community Initiative (UK)

O2 have committed £1 million to the "Its Your Community" initiative. Its Your Community, which is managed by the Conservation Foundation, provides grants of £100 to £1,000 to individuals and groups to improve their local environment. The type of projects supported in the past included environmental projects such as turning derelict land into an amenity park or wildlife area, tree planting, creating a wildlife pond, renovating neglected river and canal footpaths, providing water butts and recycling facilities in village halls, etc. The commitment by O2 means that the initiative will now be able to support up to 60 projects per month. Applications can be made at any time and are judged on the 20th of every month. Applications can be made at any time.