

## Healthy Hearts

Heart Research UK has grants available to support innovative projects designed to promote heart health and to prevent or reduce the risks of heart disease in specific groups or communities. Grants of up to £10,000 are available to community groups, voluntary organisations and researchers who are spreading the healthy heart message. Government or local authority funded institutions are not supported. However, community and voluntary groups aided by public money may apply. Applications are only accepted during January and February for the May round of grants. Applications received at any other time of year will be returned.

Contact the lifestyle team on 0113 297 6206 or e-mail [lifestyle@heartresearch.org.uk](mailto:lifestyle@heartresearch.org.uk) for more information or visit the [http://www.heartresearch.org.uk/healthy\\_heart\\_grants.htm](http://www.heartresearch.org.uk/healthy_heart_grants.htm).

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## Social Entrepreneurs Fund

A £1 million fund to help aspiring social entrepreneurs launch new ventures is ready to begin operating from March next year. Enterprise Minister Jim Mather said that the £1 million Social Entrepreneurs Fund would provide support to help get new social enterprises off the ground with individuals setting-up and running businesses with a social and/or environmental purpose eligible to apply.

The purpose of the fund is to help build capacity, capability and financial sustainability in the Third Sector, ensuring it reaches its full potential and contributes to creating a more successful Scotland. Individuals located in Scotland will be able to apply if they have:

- A business idea with clear social benefit
- Thought about how such a business would be run
- Some evidence of need and sustainability for the business
- The drive and vision to take their idea forward

The fund will open in March 2009 and run until the end of March 2011. A total of £500,000 will be invested each year. It is anticipated that around 200 awards will be made. Awards will potentially vary between £500 and £20,000.

To read more about the Fund, visit [www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2008/11/18105231](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2008/11/18105231)

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## BBC Children in Need - New Application Process

The BBC Children In Need Appeal has altered the way it works its application process; deadlines changing from 2 a year to 4 a year, and will be on the 15th January, April, July and October. The fund is also piloting a small grants program in Scotland for grants up to £10,000. The biggest change in the process however will be that the fund is moving to online applications only for all of its funds. The next deadline for applications will be 15th January 2009 with a decision expected in late April. For more information, visit the new look website: [www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey](http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey).

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## Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland

The Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland has published its priorities and guidelines for grants for the period 2009-11 (<http://digbig.com/4xxww>). These new guidelines do show some changes to previous guidelines in place over the last three years. The Foundation operates a number of grant programmes aimed at supporting recognised charities in Scotland that are focused on improving the quality of life and creating equality of opportunity for people in Scotland. This applies particularly to those who are disadvantaged and marginalised, with particular emphasis on grassroots charities, and organisations that help those most in need become self-sufficient or improve the quality of their lives.

Charities can apply for revenue costs or capital costs for up to three years through the Standard grant scheme. Applications for grants below £2500 are only accepted from charities with an income of less than £25,000. The closing dates for 2009 are: 19 January 2009, 16 March, 18 May, 13 July and 14 September. Allow 3 months for decisions to be made. For more information visit: [www.ltsbfoundationforscotland.org.uk/](http://www.ltsbfoundationforscotland.org.uk/).

### **Changes in Awards for All programme**

The Big Lottery Fund (BLF) has announced that the Awards for All programme will close in England. In Scotland, Awards for All will continue via the Big Lottery Fund and Sportscotland, but with Heritage Lottery Fund separate - a decision by Scottish Arts Council is pending it becoming part of new body Creative Scotland. For more information visit: [www.biglotteryfund.org.uk](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk).

## **Interest Free Loan Scheme Expanded to Cover More Businesses (Scotland)**

The Scottish Government has announced that more small businesses will now be able to access interest free loans to cut fuel bills. In line with moves to boost the economy, the Scottish Government has extended eligibility for its small business loans scheme to extend help with energy saving measures. Businesses such as private landlords, agriculture and transport businesses will be able to get interest free loans from £1,000 to £100,000 for energy efficiency measures or installation of small scale renewables, such as solar panels or ground source heating. Small businesses such as manufacturing or catering businesses can already benefit. Loans can cover 100 per cent of the capital costs. Last year, businesses which took loans saved an average of £5,500 a year on fuel bills. The loans scheme, formerly known as Loan Action Scotland, is being rebranded to 'Energy Saving Scotland - small business loans' to bring it in line with the Scottish Government's wider Energy Saving Scotland banner.

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2008/12/05152922>

## **Funding for Local Sustainable Energy Projects (England, Scotland & Wales)**

Local community groups and not for profit organisations located in England, Scotland and Wales that wish to implement sustainable energy projects in their buildings have the opportunity to apply for grants of up to £20,000 through the E.ON Source Fund. Examples of organisations that have been funded in the past include schools, local and national charities, special education colleges and wildlife parks. Projects that can be considered for funding include:

- The purchase and installation of one or more renewable energy technologies (e.g. wind, solar thermal, PV, wood etc).

- The renovation of existing facilities to incorporate micro-generation technology.
- An energy efficiency makeover for building that could demonstrate significant energy savings and also behavioural change amongst users.
- The use of new or innovative technology to deliver either energy savings or micro-generation capacity
- Projects which can demonstrate the intelligent use of waste energy (e.g. a district heating system that uses waste heat from one building to heat or power another).

The deadline for applications is the 15th May 2009.

<http://www.eon-uk.com/about/2688.aspx>

## **Third Sector Enterprise Fund (Scotland)**

The Scottish Government has launched a new £12 million fund to encourage Third Sector organisations to become more enterprising. The fund which will open to applications early in 2009 will be targeted at Third Sector organisations which;

- are located or operating in Scotland, with social or environmental aims, and which reinvest any surpluses for a social purpose;
- have the potential to increase their turnover and/or become more financially sustainable;
- and have appropriate management and governance arrangements in place to support the Government's investment.

The launch of the Third Sector Enterprise Fund follows the opening of the separate £30 million Scottish Investment Fund - which is designed to help organisations at a more advanced stage of development become more effective and efficient. The Scottish Government also recently launched the £1 million Social Entrepreneurs Fund - designed to help launch new social enterprises.

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2008/12/09101508>

## **Budding Entrepreneurs Invited to Enter the Open Venture Challenge (UK)**

NESTA, in conjunction with Cancer Research UK and mo:jo are calling for people with good business ideas or the skills and energy to help make them happen to enter the Open Venture Challenge. Open Venture Challenge is seeking to support three start-up ventures that will offer a percentage of their profits to Cancer Research. Each winning venture will receive a cash award of £10,000 to pilot their idea. These ventures could be a new chain of coffee shops that donates a percentage of profits; a record label that gives a fixed fee for every sale; or a web business that doesn't openly support Cancer Research UK, but is part-owned by them. The point is to create multimillion pound ventures to help fund Cancer Research UK's life-saving work. Interested entrepreneurs are invited to post a brief outline of their idea on the dedicated competition website, where they will be rated by other entrants. In early 2009, people will start building teams around their favourite ideas and developing a business plan, with support from Cancer Research UK. In spring 2009, the best groups will be selected for intensive coaching and mentoring to get their venture ready for an investment pitch. In summer 2009, the groups will present their ventures to Cancer Research UK's venture board. The successful teams will walk away with at least £10,000 in investment to pilot their idea.

<http://ovc.mo.jo/ideas>

## **The Naturesave Trust (UK)**

Naturesave Limited, an ethical insurance company provides funding to support environmental and conservationist projects. The funding is provided by investing 10% of personal insurance premiums into the Naturesave Trust. The Naturesave Trust aims to provide financial assistance to projects that deal with the root of a specific environmental and/or conservationist problem and those that encourage the greater commercial adoption of sustainable development. Financial assistance is available in the form of start up finance to new organisations which seeks to promote greater awareness of sustainable development or for existing companies and charities which are seeking funding for a specific project. Applications can be made at any time.

[http://www.naturesave.co.uk/naturesave\\_trust.html](http://www.naturesave.co.uk/naturesave_trust.html)

## **Rural Community Transport Initiative (Scotland)**

The Scottish Executive has announced that 15 projects across Scotland are to share in over £1 million in funding over the next three years from the latest round of the Executive's Rural Community Transport Initiative. The Rural Community Transport Initiative (RCTI) is one of 3 grant schemes which make up the Scottish Executive's Rural Transport Fund. The Rural Transport Fund was established in 1998 to improve transport measures in rural areas of Scotland. The aim of the RCTI is to help fund community transport measures that will be of particular help in the more remote areas of Scotland, where there are no scheduled bus services or where services are very limited. Closing dates are 1 March (for funding starting in October) and 1 September (for funding starting in April).

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Transport/Road/RCTI/Introduction>