

HIGHLAND FUNDING INFORMATION SUMMER 2009

LOTTERY NEWS

INVESTING IN IDEAS

The Big Lottery Fund (BIG) is currently taking stock and is not likely to launch any new major funding programmes until 2010 at the earliest. In the meantime, BIG continues to operate a number of small schemes and one-off initiatives including “Investing in Ideas”. There is still over £1m for grants of between £500 and £10k to develop and test ideas for projects by, for example, undertaking market research, feasibility studies or community consultation exercises or getting professional help and advice or commissioning technical reports, plans and drawings. A range of organisations can apply but priority will be given to voluntary and community groups with an income of less than £50k. The deadline date for applications is **March 2010**. Details from:-

http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_investing_ideas.htm?regioncode=-sco&status=theProg

CHANGES TO AWARDS FOR ALL

Recent changes to the Awards for All programme mean that applications now need to meet at least one of the following outcomes:-

- People have better chances in life;
- Communities are safer, stronger and more able to work together to tackle inequality;
- People have better and more sustainable services and environments;
- People and communities are healthier.

As these are fairly broad outcomes most groups should still be able to meet the criteria for the programme.

A number of new priorities have also been identified. This means that you can still apply for a grant but your application will receive a higher score if you meet one of the specific priorities.

- Older people and their carers
- Disabled people and their carers
- Small towns with populations of 3000 – 10,000
- Black and ethnic minority people
- Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people
- Areas that are in the top 15% on the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation. You can check if this applies to your community by checking the website <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/topics/statistics/SIMD/>
- Groups with annual income of less than £20k

Grants of between £500 and £10k are available for a wide range of projects and activities and the overall success rate is currently around 50% so this continues to be a good source of funding for many projects.

More information from: - <http://www.awardsforall.org.uk/scotland/summary.html>

THE SECRET MILLIONAIRE FUND

BIG has joined up with Channel 4 to create a £1m scheme which allows people either to nominate a community project or organisation that might benefit from lottery funding or to apply for funding directly.

The application rules and guidelines are exactly the same as those which apply to Awards for All and the Fund is open until **21st December 2009**. The main difference is that successful applicants to The Secret Millionaire Fund may be selected for filming by Channel 4 and appear on the website or on the TV programme.

More information from:- http://secretmillionaire.channel4.com/fund_info.shtml

VILLAGE SOS

Village SOS is the latest collaboration between BIG and the BBC. This is an opportunity for six rural villages in the UK with a population of less than 3000 to share £3m to create new businesses that would bring life and energy back to their communities. The six successful villages will feature in a prime time BBC series which will follow their progress. The idea is that this will help other communities which might be planning similar enterprises as well as providing interesting TV.

The deadline date for initial applications is **14th August 2009**. Details from:- http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_village_sos.htm?regioncode=uk&status=theProg

OTHER FUNDING NEWS

BBC CHILDREN IN NEED - INVERNESS WORKSHOP

BBC Children in Need is running a workshop on 'How to make a Good Application' at Inshes Church, Sir Walter Scott Drive, Inverness from 10am – 12 noon on **13th October 2009**. Children in Need funds child-focussed projects and organisations and the workshop can cater for 25 – 30 people. If you would like to book a place at this event, please phone 0141 422 6111 or e mail Annabelle.pinnington@bbc.co.uk

Information about the type of grants which are available from Children in Need can be found on <http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/>

SCOTTISH RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (SRDP)

Following a recent review of SRPD, the Government has announced its intention to increase the maximum level of grants for community organisations applying under the "Rural Priorities" strand from 50% to 90%. (In this context "rural" means a community with a population of less than 3000). This should help organisations developing applications for community facilities such as village halls which have experienced problems finding match funding. There will also be changes to help streamline current application processes. These changes are expected to be implemented within the next six months.

More information in due course from: -

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Rural/SRDP/RuralPriorities>

ARTS, HERITAGE & CULTURE

AWARDS FOR BRIDGING CULTURES

The Awards for Bridging Cultures are run by the Baring Foundation to reward successful schemes and projects which have helped to build bridges between communities and cultures. There are four categories of award – two for voluntary and community organisations; one for individuals and one for public sector organisations which can demonstrate their support for voluntary sector organisations working in this field. In addition to trophies, cash awards of £10k and £5k are available to the winners and commended projects in the voluntary and community awards sections. The final date for applications is **14th September 2009**.

More information from: - <http://www.bridgingcultures.org.uk/About>

CLORE PERFORMING ARTS AWARDS

The last chance to apply for a Clore Performing Arts Award is **16th September 2009**. These awards are for performing arts' education initiatives for 0 – 18 year olds in the UK. Applications can be made for education programmes for all performing arts including opera, dance, music, musical theatre, the spoken word and theatre. A range of organisations can apply including schools (but not local authorities). Awards of between £1k and £10k are available for new projects rather than for repeating or extending existing projects.

Details from http://www.cloreduffield.org.uk/page_sub.php?id=71&parent=35

CAPITAL FUNDS FOR ARTS PROJECTS

The Scottish Arts Council (SAC) has recently announced a Capital Grants Scheme with a total value of £700k for 2009/10. This aims to help create opportunities for people to participate in the arts across Scotland by investing in new equipment and improving arts facilities. Grants of between £10k and £100k are available and the maximum level of funding is 75% of eligible project costs. Priority will be given to projects which target:-

- People living in deprived areas
- Disabled people
- People aged 65+
- Ethnic minority communities
- People living in rural areas

Application forms and guidelines are not yet available but should be soon from the website below but it is important to note that the closing date is **21st August 2009**
www.scottisharts.org.uk/1/funding/apply/organisations/capital.aspx

FIDELIO CHARITABLE TRUST

The Fidelio Charitable Trust provides grants in support of the Arts particularly drama, opera, music, speech and dance. Applications need to be made by arts organisations, institutions or colleges on behalf of individuals or groups of exceptional ability for:-

- special tuition/coaching;
- external competitions;
- special performances,

- musical competitions
- works of art

Applications made directly by groups or individuals will not be considered. There are three deadline dates each year: the next is **1st October 2009**.

More information from: - <http://www.fideliocharitabletrust.org.uk/index.php>

HIGHLAND CULTURE PROGRAMME

An extra application round has been added to the Highland Culture Programme. The deadline dates for 2009/2010 are:-

7th August 2009

22 January 2010

21 May 2010

17 September 2010

The programme aims to enhance and promote the events, festivals and cultural programme of the Highlands through the provision of grants of up to £30k (in practice most grants are for significantly less amounts). Community organisations, promoters, artists, performers, youth groups and schools are encouraged to apply for new or enhanced cultural activity. Funding is not available to support the ongoing operational costs of an existing cultural organisation or event or the ongoing salary of an artist.

More information from: - <http://www.highlandeventsandfestivals.com/site/funding/>

ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE FUND

The Architectural Heritage Fund promotes the conservation and regeneration of historic buildings in the UK. Although most funding is only available to Building Preservation Trusts, other relevant registered charities can apply for options appraisal grants of up to £7.5k or loans to undertake regeneration work. To be eligible for support the building must be Listed, scheduled as an ancient monument or in a Conservation Area (if it is in a Conservation Area it must be of acknowledged historic or architectural importance). The project must also involve a change of ownership and/or a change of use. The remaining application deadline dates in 2009 are **13th August and 22nd October**.

More information from: - <http://www.ahfund.org.uk/>

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

CLIMATE CHALLENGE FUND

This Scottish Government fund can provide grants of up to £1m for community groups and not-for-profit groups including schools wishing to reduce significantly their carbon emissions. Keep Scotland Beautiful runs the scheme and offers advice and guidance to potential applicants. The Fund is available until **31st March 2011**.

There is a two stage application process. The first stage is to complete an Expression of Interest form. Full applications must be received seven weeks before the decision making committees (of which there are three each year).

More information from: - <http://www.infoscotland.com/gogreener/302.html>

COMMUNITIES AND RENEWABLE ENERGY SCHEME (CARES)

CARES is a renewable energy programme run by Community Energy Scotland on behalf of the Scottish Government. (In essence CARES is a re-branded SCHRI programme - Scottish Community and Householder Renewables Initiative – which provided help for many Highland projects).

CARES can provide both advice and funding to a wide range of organisations including voluntary and community groups, local authorities, housing associations, colleges and schools.

- Technical assistance grants of up to £10k for feasibility studies, community consultation exercises, project development support and capacity building.
- Capital grants of 50% up to a maximum of £150k for costs associated with the provision and installation of renewable energy generating plant.

The renewable energy technologies which are eligible for funding include:-

- Solar water heating
- Hydro-electric (including wind and tidal)
- Wind
- Green hydrogen/fuel cells
- Geothermal
- Ground, air and water source heat pumps
- Automated wood fuel heating systems

More information from <http://www.communityenergyscotland.org.uk/cares.asp>

The current CARES contacts in the Highland Council area are:-

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E.ON SUSTAINABLE ENERGY FUND

The next deadline date for applications to the above fund is **16th October 2009**. Under the scheme, grants of up to £20k are available to community groups and not-for-profit organisations wishing to implement sustainable energy projects in their buildings. Community organisations must lead an application but joint proposals, for example, with local authorities will be considered. Projects must benefit at least one of the following groups - young people, elderly people, or people in fuel poverty. Projects must also either result in the creation of energy from a sustainable source and/or in the reduction of energy consumed within the community building. There is no definitive list of technologies that the Fund will support.

More information from:- <http://www.eon-uk.com/about/2654.aspx>

THE SCOTTISH POWER ENERGY PEOPLE TRUST

The remaining dates for 2009 applications are **14th July and 13th October**. This Trust provides support for projects that help combat fuel poverty and priority is given to those which aim to help families with young children and young people.

A maximum grant of £100k is available for projects which provide crisis funding (e.g. women and children requiring emergency accommodation or young people setting up their first home); benefits' health checks or income maximisation; energy efficiency measures and advice, research projects. Applications are accepted for projects from not-for-profit organisations and groups (e.g. charities and voluntary sector organisations, housing associations, local authorities).

More information from <http://www.energypeopletrust.co.uk/>

SPORT

CAPITAL FUNDS FOR SPORTS PROJECTS

Sportscotland has recently replaced its Building for Sport programme with the Sports Facilities Fund. This has two strands – a Training and Competition strand which is only available to create/up-grade facilities designated as regional/national centres by the relevant national governing body for sport.

The Community Facilities strand is open to applications from local authorities, clubs and trusts. Grants are available for projects ranging from playing facilities, changing rooms and storage areas to the purchase of major items of non-personal equipment. Different maximum grant levels are available for different types of projects e.g. a maximum grant of £110k is available to provide/up-grade changing pavilions used by two different teams or £225k maximum to create new synthetic pitches. The maximum grant for most projects is 50% of eligible costs.

Match funding is required for all applications. For local authority applications there must always be a minimum cash contribution of 25%.

Community-led projects are slightly different. In the majority of cases, these projects still need to contribute 25% from their own resources and at least half of this must be hard cash. The other half can be “in kind” where this contributes directly to the project e.g. voluntary labour or donations of materials.

In some specifically defined parts of the country different match funding rules may apply. These rules only relate to community-led projects of less than £200k and they do not apply to any local authority applications. However, eligible projects in regeneration areas or rural areas categorised as “very remote rural”, “remote rural” or “very remote rural small town” may only need to provide 10% from their own resources and are potentially able to apply for 70% grants. The rural categorisation criteria can be checked here

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2006/07/31114822/4>

There are also different match funding rules for applications which create a club-hub.

Sportscotland operates a two stage application process and only projects deemed to be “high” or “medium-high” priorities will be sent a second stage application form. Applications can be submitted at any time.

Guidelines:<http://www.sportscotland.org.uk/ChannelNavigation/Topics/TopicNavigation/Facilities/Funding/The+Sports+Facilities+Fund>

SPORTSMATCH

Sportsmatch is a scheme which offers £ for £ match funding for investments made by businesses, trusts and individuals for projects that encourage sports participation at grass roots level. Any not-for-profit organisation can apply including clubs, local authorities and schools.

The main priority is revenue funding (e.g. for coaching, activities or hire of sports facilities) although very occasionally a capital project might receive support. Funding in the range £500 to £10k is available for community-based sports projects and, in particular, those which target young people. There are three deadline dates for applications this year.

15th July

16th September

11 November

Details:<http://www.sportscotland.org.uk/ChannelNavigation/Topics/TopicNavigation/Community+sport/Funding/Sportsmatch/>

SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

CONNECTING CLASSROOMS

The British Council has announced the following deadline dates within its Connecting Classrooms scheme. (It acknowledges the timescales are tight but notes that there are no standard school holiday dates across the wide range of participating countries). This scheme provides grants to clusters of schools to establish partnerships with schools in other parts of the world. The level of funding provided is dependent on the countries involved in the partnership.

6th July for partnership projects with schools in Malaysia and Thailand

28th August for partnership projects with schools in the following area and countries.

- Near East and North Africa: Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Morocco, Syria, Tunisia.
- Middle East: Bahrain, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen.
- Latin America and the Caribbean: Mexico, Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica, Venezuela, Cuba

Details from <http://www.britishcouncil.org/learning-connecting-classrooms-what.htm>

GRANTS FOR SCIENCE PROJECTS

The next round of Royal Society partnership grants to help teachers, scientists and engineers develop science projects **will open in September 2009**. The aim of the scheme is to make the teaching of science more interesting within primary and secondary schools. Grants of between £250 and £3k are available.

More information from <http://royalsociety.org/page.asp?id=1948>

INNOVATIVE GEOGRAPHY TEACHING GRANTS

The Royal Geographical Society provides a small number of grants of £800 each year for innovative ideas to promote teaching of Geography. The scheme is open to secondary schools and the closing date for applications this year is **16th October**.

<http://www.rgs.org/OurWork/Grants/Teaching/Innovative+Geography+Teaching+Grants.htm>

CASHBACK FOR COMMUNITIES

The third round of Cashback for Communities funding is now available (Cashback re-invests funds which have been confiscated from the proceeds of crime into community projects). Youthlink Scotland is administering this round of funding and grants are available for organisations which support young people (including local authorities).

Funding is mainly for projects involving young people (aged 10 – 19) from areas of multiple deprivation or at risk of becoming involved in violence, alcohol, drugs and or anti-social behaviour. At present a total of £49k is earmarked for projects in Highland. This means that even though, in theory, the maximum grant is £10k in practice it is much more likely that smaller scale projects will have a greater chance of success. The deadline for applications is **31st October 2009**.

Information from <http://www.youthlinkscotland.org/Index.asp?MainID=9169>

EQUITABLE CHARITABLE TRUST

The Equitable Charitable Trust makes grants of approximately £1m each year for projects involving children and young people under 25 who are from disadvantaged backgrounds or who are disabled.

Due to a large increase in the number of applications received, the Trust has recently issued new guidelines and identified the following three priority areas for funding:-

- education projects or services that support the learning and development of disabled children and young people in the UK;
- formal education projects for disadvantaged children and young people in the UK that support delivery of the National Curriculum (i.e. curriculum enrichment projects) or that deliver accredited vocational learning that will increase employability;
- education projects that will help increase participation in, or improve the quality of, education for disadvantaged or disabled children and young people in developing countries.

Not-for-profit organisations (though not necessarily registered charities) can apply for revenue and capital grants in the range of £2.5k to £30k. There is a fairly long list of ineligible activities and organisations so potential applicants should make sure they

are actually eligible to apply (for example, local authorities, schools and informal education projects are not eligible). There is no application form but applicants are advised to follow a standard format when applying.

More information from <http://www.equitablecharitabletrust.org.uk/>

FUN & FRIENDSHIP PROGRAMME

Fun and Friendship is a new grant programme from BBC Children in Need. It is for strategic projects which create and enhance opportunities for disabled young people to meet friends and have a good time as independently as possible. It will provide 12 grants of up to £300k for 3 year programmes across the UK. Not-for-profit organisations can apply and there is a two stage application process with initial applications due by **31st July 2009**.

More information from <http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/grants/funandfriendship.shtml>

LEARNING LAUNCHPAD

Learning Launchpad aims to create lasting projects that help young people aged 14-25 discover their potential, pursue their goals and achieve their dreams. Investments of up to £30k (usually loans) are available for individuals or groups with ground-breaking ideas. There is a 4 stage application process and ideas are evaluated against five criteria - social impact; innovation; sustainability; scalability; passionate, competent people. Established groups cannot apply as applications are invited from individuals with ideas or start-up or spin-off organisations. The remaining deadline dates for applications this year are **15th July and 24th November**. Details from: <http://www.learninglaunchpad.org/about.php>

INDIVIDUALS

YOUNG SCOT ACTION FUNDS

Young Scot provides two funds for young people aged 11 – 26. Grants of £200 are available for individuals and £750 for groups. One scheme is specifically for arts-related activities and can help with the cost of travelling to an audition or buying equipment for a gig or towards the cost of hiring space for a show or creating an art exhibition. The other scheme provides similar levels of grant for a wide variety of other activities such as organising an event, attending a course or starting up a business.

Details from: <http://www.youngscot.net/services/index.asp?id=219&SR=53&ssnb=8>

SCOTTISH INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION TRUST

The Scottish International Education Trust aims help to Scots men and women (by birth or upbringing) at a critical stage in their development who have shown ability and promise and wish to take their studies or professional training further in circumstances where public funds are not available.

Grants are available to exceptionally talented individuals (usually those with a first class honours degree) for post-graduate studies. Recent awards have included an internship at the Guggenheim Museum, New York; an MSc in Epidemiology at the

London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine; an Opera course at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, and postgraduate study at Conservatoire National de Region in Marseille. Applicants should apply for a specific sum linked to specific purposes (e.g. tuition fees, books and materials, travel) but should not apply for more than £3k. Most awards are less. The trustees meet three times a year and applications need to be in by **February, May or September**

The Trust also provides travel grants for scientists nominated by their university and can sometimes consider applications for projects which contribute to the cultural, social or economic well being of Scotland or the improvement of the Scottish environment. A total of £100k is available each year.

More information from <http://www.scotinted.org.uk/index.htm>

WINSTON CHURCHILL TRAVELLING FELLOWSHIPS

Each year the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust awards approximately 100 fellowships to British citizens who are over 18 and are resident in the UK. The Fellowships involve overseas travel usually for between 4 to 8 weeks. The average award is £5.5k for travelling and living expenses. In 2010 there are 10 categories of award:-

- Adventure, Exploration & Leaders of Expeditions
- Business & Finance
- Education & Vocational Training
- Environment, Food & Rural Affairs
- Support for Children
- Science, Engineering & Enterprise
- The Arts & Older People
- The Churchill Connection
- Treatment & Rehabilitation of Chronic Conditions
- Young People

The deadline for applications is **6th October 2009**. Thereafter, candidates will be short-listed in November and interviewed in January and February.

More information from <http://www.wcmt.org.uk/>

ROYAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

The Royal Geographic Society provides a number of grants (one of which is mentioned above). Other grants include funding for expeditions and research and a number of these are for individuals or groups of individuals. For example, two awards which have closing dates of **25th September** are:-

- Journey of a Lifetime: £4k for an original and inspiring journey anywhere in the world. The winner receives radio and broadcast training from the BBC and records their journey for a Radio 4 documentary.
- The Land Rover 'Go Beyond' Bursary: £10k and the use of a Land Rover 110 Defender vehicle to help the recipient 'go beyond' when exploring their understanding of a particular geographical environment.

More information from: <http://www.rgs.org/OurWork/Grants/All+Grants.htm>

JOHN BRABOURNE AWARDS

These awards are to help talented individuals who wish to further their experience or develop a career in film and television. The awards particularly want to help people who have been disadvantaged in some way through, for example, lack of money, illness or accident.

There are two types of award. The Cinema and Television Benevolent Fund (CTBF) awards provide between £1k and £5k to help with training and expenses costs such as travel, rent, childcare etc. The Sponsored Awards offer new talent direct access to essential industry experience through paid work experience at leading companies and/or access to training, equipment or materials. The deadline date for applications is **31st July 2009**.

More information - <http://www.ctbf.co.uk/johnbrabourneawards/aboutawards.html>

GENERAL

TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION FUND

The final date for applications to the Town Centre Regeneration Fund this year is **21st August 2009**. Under this scheme Scottish towns affected by the recession can bid for a share of a £60m fund. It is anticipated that most bids will be for grants of between £100k and £300k for projects such as infrastructure improvements (parking, access, etc); diversification of the mix of services and amenities; acquisition of gap sites and vacant properties for redevelopment.

Details:<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Built-Environment/regeneration/town-centres/tcrf>

BAILY THOMAS CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

The Baily Thomas Charitable Fund aims to support charitable and voluntary organisations involved with the care and relief of those affected by learning disability (defined as conditions generally referred to as severe learning difficulties together with autism). Small and general grants are available for revenue and capital projects e.g. refurbishment, employment, play or therapy schemes, respite care. Awards start from £250. In addition, the Fund provides a number of research grants. There are two deadline dates for applications each year - the next is **1st October**.

More information from: - <http://www.bailythomas.org.uk/>

TUDOR TRUST

The Tudor Trust makes grants worth £19m each year in the UK. It gives priority to smaller community, voluntary and charitable organisations working with people at the margins of society. The Trust provides an extensive list of ineligible organisations and projects and does not fund statutory groups of any kind.

The Trust has recently produced its new funding guidelines for 2009-2011. It will continue to consider applications for its established funding areas (youth, older people, community, relationships, housing, mental health, substance misuse, learning, financial security, criminal justice) but is open to hearing about work in areas it

has not funded before. Both capital and revenue grants are available and there a two stage application process. Applications are accepted at any time.
More information from:- <http://tudortrust.org.uk/Home/tabid/36/Default.aspx>

HENRY SMITH CHARITY

The Henry Smith Charity, which distributes approximately £25m in the UK each year, is piloting new application processes for projects in Scotland.

Priority is given to projects working with groups experiencing social and/or economic disadvantage and work that tackles problems in areas of high deprivation. A wide variety of projects are eligible for support e.g. carers, disabled people, minority groups, people affected by domestic, sexual violence or substance abuse, ex-Service men and women, older people suffering from rural isolation etc. Equally, a wide range of projects and organisations (including statutory bodies) are ineligible for support. Capital and revenue grants are available and there are different grant programmes depending on the level of funding required. There is a two stage application process and no specific deadline dates although the trustees meet four times a year.

More information from: - <http://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/work-in-scotland.html>

NATIONWIDE FOUNDATION

The Nationwide Foundation operates a small grants programme for registered charities which offer financial and/or housing related support to survivors of domestic abuse or to older people. £0.5m is available annually to provide grants of up to £5k. There is an application form and applications can be made at any time.

More information from: - <http://www.nationwidefoundation.org.uk/smallgrants.asp>

IBRAHIM FOUNDATION

The Mohammad Ibrahim Foundation is a private grant-making foundation which funds organisations aiming to improve the quality of life for people and communities in the UK.

The foundation is willing to support more risky work and, although it does not have a specifically defined focus for funding, is broadly interested in

- community building;
- fostering awareness of the Scottish environment;
- strengthening non-profit organisations
- supporting families.

The first step is to submit a Letter of Enquiry. Grants are generally in the range from £500- £10k. More information: - <http://www.ibrahimfoundation.com/>

AND FINALLY, PLEASE LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK

We welcome any comments you have or feedback from you about this newsletter.

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