

Call for proposals — Culture Programme (2007-2013)

The European Commission has issued the next call for proposal under the Culture Programme (2007 -13). Through the Culture Programme the European Commission provides financial support to enhance the cultural area shared by Europeans with a view to encouraging the emergence of European citizenship. Through this call the for proposal, the European Commission specifically wants to support;

- multiannual cooperation projects;
- cooperation measures;
- special actions with third countries;
- and support for bodies active at European level in the field of culture.

The Culture programme supports projects, organisations, promotional activities and research in all branches of culture, except the audiovisual branch for which there is a separate programme named MEDIA. The funding available is open to Cultural operators, including cultural enterprises as long as they are acting in a non-profit-making cultural capacity. For more information including information on closing dates for applications, please click on the link below.

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/JOHtml.do?uri=OJ:C:2009:151:SOM:EN:HTML>

The Peter Cruddas Foundation (UK)

The Peter Cruddas Foundation is a grant making Foundation that 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 Foundations funding streams for 2009 are;

- 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;
- mentoring of young people in London;
- general youth work in London.

To be eligible for funding an organisation must be a registered charity or an organisation / individual supported by a UK charity. There are no minimum or maximum grants and projects can be funded for more than one year. Applications can be made any time.

http://www.thepetercruddasfoundation.org/about_us.html

Call for Proposals in the Field of Transport (UK)

The European Commission has issued a new call for proposals to award grants to promote the objectives of its Common Transport Policy. A total of €4.7 million is available to support transport projects in the areas of;

- road safety;
- the internal market;
- and transport security.

In particular the Commission is keen to support projects that research and disseminate best practice and projects that co-ordinate and harmonise standards and procedures across Europe. The amount of funding available will range between 10% and 50% of the total eligible costs of the operation, except for transport security, where it can be up to 80%. The closing date for applications is the 15th September 2009.

http://ec.europa.eu/transport/grants/2009_09_15_en.htm

Funding to Support Regional Events (Scotland)

Earlier this year, EventScotland launched the new national events strategy, Scotland: The Perfect Stage. As part of this activity, the Regional Events Programme has been re launched as the National Events Programme to align with the new strategy. Through the programme funding is available to support events (outside of

the cities of Edinburgh and Glasgow) that showcase Scotland and help to generate tourism. Previous events supported through the programme include;

- the Wigtown Book Festival which received a grant of £12,205 to create a new infrastructure for the event to increase audience capacity and grow the event;
- the Spirit of Speyside Whisky Festival which received a grant of £25,000 to target visitors from outside Scotland to help grow their audience numbers.

The next funding application is the 2nd October 2009 for events which take place between 1 May 2010 and 30 April 2011.

<http://www.eventscotland.org/funding-and-resources/national-events-programme/>

Eco-Innovation Projects (UK)

The European Commission has announced the availability of around €30m in funding for eco-innovation projects. The eco-innovation fund aims specifically to reduce the ecological footprint of European industry, and is addressed mainly to organisations that have developed an environmental product, service, management practice or process which has a proven track record, yet is not fully marketed due to residual risks. The priority areas of this call for proposals are

- innovative, environmental-friendly projects in the area of; materials recycling; sustainable buildings;
- food and drink industrial processes;
- and green business & smart purchasing.

This call is open to all legal persons, but priority will be given to Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (SMEs). Clusters of applicants and projects which demonstrate a European added value and have a high potential for market replication are strongly encouraged.

The deadline for applications is the 10th September 2009.

http://ec.europa.eu/environment/eco-innovation/call_en.htm

Scottish Biomass Heat Scheme (Scotland)

The Scottish Government has announced that the Scottish Biomass Heat Scheme is once again open to applications. The news comes as the Scottish Government has announced that 26 projects across Scotland have been awarded a share of £1.6 million under the Scottish Biomass Heat Scheme to install biomass heating systems and district heating systems in small businesses like hotels and offices. The Scottish Biomass Heat Scheme is managed in partnership between Scottish Government and Forestry Commission Scotland. The scheme is targeted at businesses, specifically small and

medium sized enterprises. The scheme will also encourage the development of district heating demonstrators from private developers. The maximum grant available is £100,000; although additional support for district heating projects may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

The closing date for applications is the 4th September 2009....

<http://www.usewoodfuel.co.uk/ScottishBiomassHeatScheme.stm>

European Youth Foundation Grants (UK)

The European Youth Foundation is an independent, international, non-governmental organisation dedicated to the positive development of children and young people throughout the world. To support its objectives the Foundation makes grants to international not for profit youth organisations and networks. The types of activities supported include international youth meeting, the development of projects that benefits young people and help towards the administrative costs of eligible organisations and networks. In addition the Foundation also funds a range of pilot projects.

The next application deadline is the 1st October 2009.

<http://www.eycb.coe.int/EYCBwwwroot/index.asp?language=eng&url=/EYCBwwwroot/ENG/EYF.asp>