

## **Funding for the Regeneration of Public Parks (UK)**

The Heritage Lottery Fund has announced that eight communities across the UK will be sharing grants totalling £14 million from the Heritage Lottery Fund's Parks for People programme. The grants will be used to regenerate and restore parks in:

- Hertfordshire
- Leicestershire
- Staffordshire
- Perthshire
- Lanarkshire
- Cornwall
- Coventry
- Sunderland.

In addition to transforming these public spaces, the grants will fund increased volunteering and training opportunities for over a thousand people as part of the projects, with activities as wide-ranging as:

- Planting
- Habitat creation
- Tour guiding
- Garden design
- Woodland
- Event management.

A further £1.6million of development funding has also been awarded to 13 other parks to help them work up detailed proposals for applications of more than £20million. The Parks for People programme is open to Local Authorities as well as not for profit organisations that own public parks and gardens. Eligible organisations can apply for grants of between £250,000 and £5 million. There are two funding rounds each year and the next closing date for applications is the 31st August 2009.

<http://www.hlf.org.uk/English/MediaCentre/Archive/Spring+spruce+up+for+UK+parks.htm>

#### **Nationwide Foundation Grants Programme (UK)**

The Nationwide Foundation, a registered charity set up and funded by the Nationwide Building Society, has announced that its Investor Programme is now open for applications. Through the Investors Programme grants of up to £300,000 over three years are available to charities with an income not exceeding £10 million a year. The type of issues that the Foundation seeks to address include:

- Financial exclusion
- Housing issues and homelessness amongst vulnerable groups
- Supporting families and helping prevent family breakdowns.

The Foundation provides grants for; Research; New projects, pilot projects and existing work (based on previous evidence of need / research); and Awareness raising / campaigning to promote change. Priority will be given to applications for work which encompass two or three of these. The Foundation are also able to fund core costs and to contribute towards the salaries of finance staff for the charity. The closing date for applications through the Investor Programme is the 31st

May 2009. In addition the Foundation also offers grants of up to £5,000 through its Small Grants Programme to charities with incomes of under £500,000. Applications to the Small Grants Programme can be made at any time.

<http://www.nationwidefoundation.org.uk/grants.asp#a2>

### **Scottish Screen Launches Six New Investment Funds (Scotland)**

Scottish screen who invests around £6m in the development and promotion of Scotland's screen industries each year has announced the launch of six new funds designed to create opportunities for talent, businesses and audiences to develop and grow. These new funds are:

- Content Development
- Content Production
- Talent Development Fund
- Opportunities Fund
- Audience Development
- Market Development.

New forms of assistance available within these funds include:

- Support to attend industry conferences, seminars and events (through the Opportunities Fund)
- Support for companies offering Career Development Programmes in Scotland (through the Talent Development Fund)
- Support for companies to develop projects at a very early stage (through Seed Funding as part of the Content Development Fund).

All the investment funds are now open and applications will be accepted on a rolling basis (unless stated otherwise within the Investment guidelines) until the funds are fully committed.

[http://www.scottishscreen.com/content/main\\_page.php?page\\_id=19](http://www.scottishscreen.com/content/main_page.php?page_id=19)

### **Heroes Return 2 Scheme (UK)**

The Big Lottery Fund (BIG) has announced the Heroes Return 2 Scheme is now open to applications. The Heroes Return 2 Scheme provides funding to help World War II veterans that saw active service overseas with or alongside the British Allied Armed Forces in the Second World War, and are resident in the UK or the Republic of Ireland to take part in commemorative visits (within the UK and overseas) to mark the anniversary of events that led to the end of WWII. The Heroes Return Scheme offers fixed amount grants of between £150 and £5,500 for each veteran and their spouse and/or carer towards the cost of their visit. There are five levels of funding according to the destination. Applications can be submitted at any time between the 1st April 2009 and the 31st January 2011. For further information on this scheme please call the application deadline on 0845 0000 121.

[http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog\\_heroes\\_return?tab=2&regioncode=-uk&status=theProg](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_heroes_return?tab=2&regioncode=-uk&status=theProg)

### **Ofcom Launches New Bidding Round under its Community Radio Fund (UK)**

The Office of Communications (Ofcom) has launched the latest bidding round under its Community Radio Fund. The Fund has been established to help fund the core costs of running a community radio station. These not-for-profit radio stations have a social purpose, and work to involve their target

community in running the service. Under the fund, Community Radio Stations are being invited to apply for funding to support their core running costs. These core costs can include:

- Management
- Administration
- Financial management & reporting
- Fundraising to support the station (grants and commercial funding)
- Community outreach
- Volunteer organisation and support.

There is no upper limit of grant that can be applied for. Grants can only be made to community radio licensees ("Licensee") which are broadcasting under a community radio licence (and not an RSL, for example). During the last bidding round 35 Community Radio Stations received grants ranging from £5,000 to £17,000. The closing date for applications is 5 pm on the 12th May 2009.

[http://www2.ofcom.org.uk/radio/ifi/rbl/commun\\_radio/Communityfund/](http://www2.ofcom.org.uk/radio/ifi/rbl/commun_radio/Communityfund/)

### **£1 Million Available to Support Youth Projects (UK)**

Young people are being given the chance to claim a share of £1 million to help tackle the dangers of drugs, crime and play a positive role in their community. The Royal Bank of Scotland Community Cash Awards will see £1 million of grants being distributed by youth charity "The Prince's Trust" to young people who want to run community projects in some of Britain's poorest areas. The Awards, worth £250 to £5,000, are available to disadvantaged 14 to 25-year-olds who want to transform their area and learn practical skills. Projects could range

from improving local youth facilities to tackling teenage pregnancy or drug misuse. Projects must:

- be run and managed by people between the ages of 14 and 25
- clearly benefit the local community
- benefit the people running the project
- be a new or developing project.

Previous projects supported include; an amateur boxing project to give young people greater confidence; and a media project to promote community cohesion and greater understanding between the local community and asylum seekers. Applications can be made at any time.

[http://www.princes-trust.org.uk/need\\_help/grants/community\\_cash\\_awards.aspx](http://www.princes-trust.org.uk/need_help/grants/community_cash_awards.aspx)

### **The Civil Society Challenge Fund (UK)**

The Department for International Development (DFID) has announced that it is seeking applications under the Civil Society Challenge Fund (CSCF). The CSCF is an annual competitive fund which can provide up to £500,000 for 5 years for projects that support the British government's fight against world poverty in the developing world and to help raise awareness of development issues within the UK. The fund is open to not-for-profit UK-based civil society organisations, networks or coalitions which share DFID's overall goal of poverty eradication. DFID welcome applications from:

- Non-governmental organisations
- Membership groups
- Faith based organisations

- Trade unions
- Others.

Applicants need not be organisations whose primary purpose is international development. However, applicants need to demonstrate that they have an established and effective relationship with local civil society organisation(s) in the countries where the project will be implemented. Applicants must first submit a Concept Note. The deadline for receipt of Concept Notes is 31st May and the deadline for full proposals is 31st July. Funding for successful projects will be from the following April.

<http://www2.dfid.gov.uk/funding/civilsocietycf.asp>

#### **Alcohol Education and Research Council - Small Grants Programme (UK)**

Organisations such as community groups, universities and charities, etc are able to apply to the Alcohol Education and Research Council under its Small Grants Programme. Funding of up to £5,000 is available for projects that increase the capacity of individuals and organisations to deal with alcohol issues. Funding is available both for research and action orientated projects. The Alcohol Education and Research Council is very flexible in what is eligible for support and is looking for projects that are innovative and that make a difference. Applications can be made at any time.

<http://www.aerc.org.uk/grantsSmall.html>

#### **First Grants Awarded Through the Social Entrepreneur Fund (Scotland)**

The Scottish Government has announced that disadvantaged young people will be given the chance to undertake work placements under one of the first projects to be supported through the £1 million Social Entrepreneurs Fund. The new fund was launched to get new social enterprises off the ground, enabling them to help get

people into work and keep Scotland's economy moving. The first enterprises to be supported include:

- Platform - a £2,820 award for an enterprise in Edinburgh which plans to work with disadvantaged young people, providing them with coaching, counselling and work placements to help meet their aspirations
- Street Soccer - a £3,350 award for an initiative that will operate throughout Scotland, using local football initiatives in engaging and supporting homeless people.

The fund opened in March and will 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. Anyone interested in applying for support can contact Firstport on 0131 220 0511 or visit [www.firstport.org.uk](http://www.firstport.org.uk).

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2009/04/23105932>

### **Volant Charitable Trust (UK)**

Registered charities whose purpose is to alleviate poverty and social deprivation with particular emphasis on children's and women's issues have the opportunity to apply for funding through the Volant Charitable Trust. The Trust which was set up by the author J K Rowling also supports research into the causes, treatment and possible cures of Multiple Sclerosis. However this funding stream is currently fully committed and is not considering further applications for funding in this area at the present time. In addition the Trustees will as and when appropriate, support disaster appeals. The Trust will support both capital and revenue funding. Applications for funding requests of £10,000 or less, for those projects based in Scotland only, are dealt with by the Trust's appointed agents, the Scottish Community Foundation. The closing date for applications is the 28th August 2009.

<http://www.volanttrust.com/index.html>

## **Community Food and Health's Small Grants Scheme (Scotland)**

The Community Food and Health has announced that their small grants scheme is now open for applications. The small grants scheme makes available grants of between £500 and £3,000 to groups and agencies in Scotland working within low-income communities to improve access to, and take up of a healthy, varied and balanced diet. All applications must tackle one or more of the barriers to healthy eating, these are; availability; affordability; skills; culture. Previously supported projects include:

- Burnfoot Community School, which received a grant of £910 for 8 week healthy eating project for parents and carers (Tots to the Table project)
- Ayrshire Initiatives, a healthy eating initiative aimed at homeless people over the age of 16.

The closing date for applications is 5pm on the 26th June 2009.

<http://www.communityfoodandhealth.org.uk/funding/smallgrantsopen.php>

## **MBF Young Talent Awards (UK)**

The Musicians Benevolent Fund (MBF) has announced that it is inviting applications from young musicians 18 years of age or under. MBF Young Talent Awards are an important source of funding for young musicians and are made to those with a high level of musical achievement where there is financial need. Awards of between £200 and £1,000 are available towards the cost of:

- Buying an instrument
- Music lessons with a private teacher
- Fees for a Saturday music centre
- Travel expenses to attend a Saturday music centre.

Awards are also offered to those who are aged 18 and about to enter their first year at university or college. Applications from 18 year olds can only be made for

instrument purchase. Last year the MBF distributed almost £90,000 through the scheme. The closing date for applications is the 12th June 2009.

<http://www.mbf.org.uk/Default.aspx?page=schoolageinstrumentalists>

### **Development Awareness Fund - Mini Grants Scheme (UK)**

The Department for International Development (DFID) has announced that guidelines for applying for funding under this Scheme are being revised and will be published by the 31st May 2009. Under the Mini Grants Scheme organisations within the UK with an interest in international development issues can apply for funding. In the past, the Fund has provided grants of up to £10,000 per year for up to three years for projects that raise awareness and understanding of international development issues within the UK. Previously funded projects have included:

- Firth Park Community Arts College Extended Schools Team which received a grant of £1,595 for a one-year project working with Yr 9 students, their parents and wider community in Sheffield to develop understanding of the global economy and global interdependence, via a study of the fashion industry
- Akademi, a South Asian dance organisation, received £9,000 for 'Parallel Spaces', using South Asian dance and art forms to bring development issues to life in primary and secondary schools in London.

<http://www.dfid.gov.uk/funding/dafminigrants.asp>

### **The People's Millions (UK)**

Big in partnership with ITV has announced that The People's Millions is back for the 5th year, to fund 69 projects across the UK with grants of up to £50,000. The People's Millions is seeking applications from voluntary and community groups; local authorities; schools; statutory health bodies; and social enterprises for projects that help people to transform or enjoy their environment or communities. Priority will be given to projects that:

- Get people involved in their local community

- Help people in the community who are most in need
- Are original and imaginative.
- Examples of previously funded projects include:
- Ahoy Sailing centre in Deptford, a charity committed to giving young, old and disable people the chance to take part in a wide range of water-based sports.

A total of £3.5 million will be available.

- Up to five awards (4 winners plus 1 bonus award) are available in for each of the following nine ITV regional news areas: Anglia, Central, Granada, London, STV North, STV Central, UTV, Wales and Yorkshire.
- Up to four awards (3 winners plus 1 bonus award) are available in each of the following six ITV regional news areas: Border Meridian (East of the region), Meridian (West of the region), Tyne Tees, West and Westcountry.

The deadline for applications is the 15th May 2009.

[http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog\\_peoples\\_millions.htm?regioncode=-uk&status=theProg](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_peoples_millions.htm?regioncode=-uk&status=theProg)