

Association for Industrial Archaeology Grants (UK)

The Association for Industrial Archaeology (AIA) has announced that it can now make available Restoration Grants for range of historic and industrial archaeology purposes. To be eligible to make an application the project must be for:

- The restoration of historically, technically, architecturally, and/or archaeologically important industrial buildings, structures, machinery, vehicles and vessels within the UK
- The heritage asset must be covered by a Conservation Policy and/or Statement
- The heritage asset must be sustainably managed, displayed and interpreted for the public.

The maximum grant available is £15,000 and must be for capital expenditure. The closing date for applications is the 1st June 2009.

<http://www.industrial-archaeology.org.uk/arestore.htm>

Call for Proposals for Actions to Develop and Implement the European Qualifications Framework (UK)

The European Commission, has issued a call for proposals for actions to implement the European Qualifications Framework (EQF) including as an overarching framework to facilitate mobility and lifelong learning. The EQF is a key initiative in achieving mutual recognition of qualifications levels of different countries and different education and training systems and thereby facilitating European citizens' mobility for work and study across the European Union. The total budget earmarked for the co-financing of projects under this call amounts to € 2 million and the Agency will award grants of between €200 000 and €300 000 per project. This call is open to consortia of organisations drawn from at least 7 countries and should include national, regional and sectoral organisations, including, for example, ministries, qualifications authorities, sectoral associations, social partners and other key stakeholders with an interest and role in qualifications systems. Applicants should also be sufficiently representative in terms of the sector, labour market or education and training system (s) that their project is intended to benefit. The Deadline for applications is the 14 August 2009.

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/llp/funding/2009/call_eqf_2009.html

CashBack for Communities (Scotland)

Nearly £550,000 of criminals' cash is to be distributed to eight sports facilities projects in Scotland through the Scottish Government's CashBack for Communities scheme. This brings the total investment in sports facilities to £2 million, following the announcement of the first 19 projects in February of this year. The Scottish Government's CashBack for Communities scheme is funded from the proceeds of crime. The ill-gotten gains of serious organised criminals are taken from them and reinvested in communities to make a real difference to the lives of young people throughout Scotland.

CashBack for Communities funding is also available through the Arts and Culture strand. The Arts and Culture strand of 'CashBack For Communities' was announced on 15th May 2008 with £600,000 being placed into a fund for youth dance, music, drama and other arts projects. The fund, which will be administered by Arts and Business Scotland, will encourage Scottish businesses to match every £1 of government investment. This will effectively double the money and release a minimum of £1,200,000 over the next two years. The funds will be used to promote social inclusion through the arts for 'looked after' young people and young carers between the ages of 10 and 19 years.

<http://www.cashbackscotland.com/index.php?page=1.2>

The Links Foundation (England, Scotland and Wales)

The Links Foundation, which was formed by 'Working Links', an organisation that delivers services to tackle social exclusion and poverty by helping disadvantaged individuals and communities, provides grants to disadvantaged communities. Since its launch in 2003 it has distributed over £3 million in grants to over 40 projects. The type of activities that the Foundation seeks to support include projects that;

- advance people's education;
- reduce significant disadvantage;
- assist those in conditions of poverty, need or distress ;
- and provide for recreational or other leisure time occupation.

The Foundation can fund new or existing projects and can help meet costs such as salary, rent and stationery as well as capital costs. The average grant per project is about £20,000. Previously funded activities include arts, crafts and drama facilities for residents on a deprived estate;

funding part-time caseworker to support vulnerable and disadvantaged young people; and supporting people with disabilities to become self-employed.

The Board meets every four months. The closing date for applications is four weeks before the Board meeting.

<http://www.eco-schools.org.uk/>

Historic Scotland Building Repair Grants (Scotland)

Under the Historic Scotland Historic Building Repair Grants Scheme, financial help is available to owners to meet the cost of high-quality repairs using traditional materials and specialist craftsman to conserve original features in buildings of special architectural or historic interest. In return, owners must insure and maintain the building and allow some access to visitors.

Financial help is available to owners in both the private and public sectors (home owners, trusts, commercial undertakings, local authorities) to meet the cost of high-quality repairs. Applicants must be organisations or individuals who have a legal responsibility for the repair of a historic building. Applicants will normally need to own the building, or hold a full repairing lease, which has at least 21 years to run, or be able to demonstrate that you have an agreement to acquire the property in question. There are a number of criteria which have to be met before an award can be considered. The building must be of sufficient outstanding architectural or historic interest; the building must be at serious risk from neglect or repair; and a need for grant for repairs to be undertaken must be demonstrated. The grants awarded range from £10,000 to £500,000.

Historic Scotland accept applications for grant throughout the year but consider them in 3 batches with closing dates of 31 January, 31 May and 30 September.

<http://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/index/heritage/grants/building-repair-grants.htm>

Third Sector Enterprise Fund (Scotland)

The Scottish Government has announced that it is now accepting applications for the Third Sector Enterprise Fund and Third Sector Credit Union Credit Fund. The Scottish Government has invested £12 million in the Third Sector Enterprise Fund to help third sector organisations to become more sustainable and increase their capacity and capability. The Fund offers awards of between £25,000 to £100,000 to third sector organisations who can demonstrate how they intend to make transformational step changes to their capacity, capability and sustainability. The Scottish Government has also set aside £250,000 of the £12 million specifically for Credit Unions. The Credit Union Fund will offer established Scottish credit unions between £2,500 and £25,000 to build their capacity, capability and financial sustainability. Applications can be submitted at any time until the fund has been exhausted.

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/People/15300/funding/enterprising-skills-fund>

Equality And Human Rights Commission Announces £10 Million Funding Programme (England, Scotland & Wales)

The Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) has announced a new £10.2 million Strategic Funding Programme, providing multi-year funding of up to £450,000 for community and voluntary sector organisations for up to three years. Funding priorities for the new programme have been developed from the Commission's three year strategy and will cover:

- **Priority One** – Providing guidance, advice and advocacy services; Infrastructure development and capacity building
- **Priority Two** – Good Relations; which not only combines the reduction of prejudice and segregation, but also the establishment of positive, supportive engagement between groups and individuals where previously this did not exist.

A third priority, **legal casework**, will be launched later in the summer of 2009.

To be eligible for Commission funding, all applicants must:

- Be a UK registered charity, charitable body, not-for-profit or community-interest organisation (which may include properly constituted but unincorporated groups, Industrial and Provident Society, Registered Friendly Society, companies limited by guarantee, community interest companies, social enterprises etc.)
- Deliver work exclusively in England, Wales or Scotland.
- (Have unrestricted income of less than £6.5 million in the most recent year for which signed-off accounts are available, i.e. 2007/08.
- Propose work that does not fall under the statutory remit of public bodies, unless as part of a consortium / partnership where the public / statutory body is a key partner and majority funder.
- Only be lead party to one application (This means that you can be the lead applicant in relation to either a consortium bid OR a single organisation bid. In addition, you can be a member of other partnership (consortium) bids.)
- Only apply for funding under one of the two priority areas.

- Not request more than £150,000 per year from EHRC, e.g. if your project runs over a 3-year period then you cannot apply for more than £450,000 from EHRC.
- There is a two stage application process and stage one applications need to be submitted by 5 pm on the 12th June 2009.

<http://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/aboutus/grants/pages/grantsandfunding.aspx>

Funding for UK-Based Organisations Helping Disadvantaged Overseas (UK)

Zurich Community Trust provides support for disadvantaged people to help them achieve an independent future. Zurich Community Trust is seeking applications from UK-based voluntary organisations helping disadvantaged people overseas. They are aiming to support projects that show some or all the following:

- A high degree of training and skills transfer; innovation
- An holistic approach to development; cost effective and effective solutions
- Clear objectives and outcomes which can be measured and evaluated within a reasonable timescale.

They are no minimum or maximum grants. Applications are accepted between January and May every year. The application deadline is the 29th May.

<https://www.zurich.co.uk/zurichcares/areyoueligible/organisationsfordisadvantaged/overseas.htm>

Social Entrepreneurs Fund (UK)

Bridges Charitable Trust provides investment through the Bridges Social Entrepreneurs Fund to address the funding gap often faced by fast growing social enterprises looking to scale. Launched in November 2008, the fund has so far raised £4.25m for investment in scalable social enterprises delivering high social impacts and operating sustainable business models. The Bridges Social Entrepreneurs Fund invests in social enterprises that have:

- A clear social mission (protected in their legal structure)
- A robust business model

- The ability to grow to scale and increase their social impact
- A financially sustainable model
- The ability to generate surpluses to repay financing
- A strong management team.

Each investment made by the fund will be; up to £1million; structured as a flexible and tailored investment, usually in the form of quasi-equity; and repayable, with an appropriate return, through the social enterprise's trading activities. In addition, the social enterprises that the Fund invest in have the opportunity to benefit from consulting advice from Monitor Group to help them reach scale. Bridges Ventures also works closely with UnLtd, the Foundation for Social Entrepreneurs, to help social entrepreneurs seeking funding to become investment-ready. The fund is currently open for investment.

<http://www.bridgesventures.com/social-entrepreneurs-fund>

Support for European Cooperation in Education and Training (UK)

The European Commission has issued a new call for proposals under the Lifelong Learning Programme to support European cooperation in education and training. This call for proposals is divided into two parts:

- Part A aims to support actions that raise national awareness of lifelong learning strategies and of European cooperation in education and training.
- Part B supports projects that support transnational cooperation in the development and implementation of national and regional lifelong learning strategies.

This call for proposals is open to national ministries in charge of education and training, other public bodies and stakeholders' organisations such as regional, national or European associations or other private bodies — active in the field of lifelong learning (pre-primary, schools, Vocational Training, higher education and adult learning). The total budget available to support this call for proposals is €2.8 million and the maximum grant available per project is €120,000 for Part A and €200,000 for Part B. The closing date for applications is the 14th August 2009.

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/llp/funding/2009/call_nlls_2009.html

Tesco Charity Trust Community Awards (UK)

The Tesco Charity Trust has announced that it is now accepting applications for grants to support children's education and welfare projects. The funding is available to community and voluntary groups who can apply for grants of between £500 and £4,000. Previous projects supported have included:

- Sensory garden or room projects
- Outdoor classrooms
- Breakfast and after school clubs
- Holiday play-schemes
- Part funding to purchase minibuses.

The closing date for applications is the 30th June 2009. The Tesco Charity Trust has been in existence since 1987 and aims to provide approximately £600,000 in grants each year. In addition the Trust also provides grants to groups working with and supporting elderly people and/or adults and children with disabilities. This funding stream is due to reopen for applications on the 1st August with an application deadline of the 30th September 2009.

http://www.tescopl.com/plc/corporate_responsibility/local_communities/community_investment/charitable_giving/tesco_charity_trust/