

## **BIG Launches New Community Sports Programme (Scotland)**

The Big Lottery Fund (BIG) has launched a new funding programme to build on the legacy of the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow. The 2014 Communities funding programme will provide grants of between £300 and £1,000 to local sports clubs, voluntary and community organisations, community councils and schools for activities that encourage more people to take part in sport or physical activity; to increase the numbers of those volunteering in sport or physical activity; and to bring communities together through sport and volunteering. BIG will also partly fund costs of a larger project, however, the total project costs must not exceed £2,000, and BIG's contribution must be a maximum of £1,000. Priority will be given to applications that focus on low participation groups such as women & girls, people who are disabled, people over 50 years of age, people under 25 years of age and people from black and minority ethnic communities, we are more likely to fund projects that meet one of these priorities. The total amount of funding available during this year is £500,000. Applications can be submitted at any time.

[http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog\\_2014\\_communities](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_2014_communities)

## **Hilton in the Community Foundation (UK)**

Organisations that work with young people have the opportunity to apply for grants of up to £50,000 per year through the Hilton Foundation. During 2006, the Foundation made grants totalling over £1.3m to numerous organisations including registered charities and schools for activities and projects that meet one of the Foundation's three chosen areas of focus:

- Young People – Education
- Young People – Health
- Disaster Relief and International Fund.

Previously supported projects by the Foundation have included:

- The Palmer Junior School, which received a grant of £2,740 to help send 11 young people on a school field trip, who could otherwise not afford it.
- The Red Gates School, which received a grant of £750 for specialist equipment at the school.

The next closing date for applications is the 11th February 2009.

<http://www.hilton-foundation.org.uk/home.htm>

## **The Bridges Social Entrepreneurs Fund (UK)**

Bridges Ventures, the privately owned fund management company with a social mission has announced the launch of a £4.25million investment fund for social enterprises that can upscale their operations to have a higher social impact and have a sustainable business model. The Bridges Social Entrepreneurs Fund will invest up to £1million in each social enterprise. The investment will be through equity-like capital providing social enterprises with the risk capital funding they need to grow. The funding will be repayable with an appropriate return, and the fund will re-invest all repayments and returns into further social enterprises.

[http://www.bridgesventures.com/investment\\_soc\\_entre.php](http://www.bridgesventures.com/investment_soc_entre.php)

## **UK – German Challenge Fund (UK)**

Primary, secondary schools and FE colleges as well as youth groups in the UK and Germany are able to apply for funding through the UK – German Challenge Fund. This is a new fund to develop curricular and extra-curricular projects between UK and German schools and youth groups.

Joint projects can cover a wide range of themes. Examples could include:

- Science and technology - Business and enterprise
- Citizenship
- Energy and the environment
- Multimedia and ICT
- Culture and the arts
- Vocational skills
- Cross-curricular themes

Grants provided through the UK-German Challenge Fund cover project resources, joint activities and reciprocal partner visits. The total amount of grant provided will be judged on a case-by-case basis, depending on the size, circumstances and numbers involved in the individual projects. The Challenge Fund provides grants of normally 50% towards the overall costs; in exceptional circumstances, the grant can cover up to a maximum of 75% of the total costs. Grants are available for both large and small projects and the amount can be to anything up to, but will not exceed £5,000. The application deadline is the 31st January 2009.

[http://www.ukgermanconnection.org/microsites/?location\\_id=216](http://www.ukgermanconnection.org/microsites/?location_id=216)

## **Daiwa Foundation (UK)**

The Daiwa Foundation is a grant giving charity that promotes links between the UK and Japan. The Foundation awards grants to individuals and institutions in the UK and Japan in all areas of; the visual and performing arts, the humanities, the social sciences, science and engineering, mathematics, business studies, and education, including schools and universities, and grass roots and professional

groups. The size of grants available range from £1,000 to £15,000 and can cover all fields of activity, including:

- Educational and grassroots exchanges
- Research travel
- The organisation of conferences
- Exhibitions
- Collaborative projects between British and Japanese researchers in the field of science
- and other projects and events that fulfil objectives of the Foundation.

The next application deadline is the 31st March 2009. For Daiwa Foundation Small Grants and Daiwa Foundation Awards, there are two application deadlines each year:

- 31 March
- 30 September.

In addition organisations can also apply for the Royal Society Daiwa Anglo-Japanese Foundation Joint Project Grants. Under this scheme funding of up to £6,000 per annum for two years is provided to cover travel, subsistence and research expenses. Eligible projects should include two teams of researchers: one based in the UK and the other based in Japan. The next application deadline for the Royal Society Daiwa Anglo-Japanese Foundation Joint Project Grants is the 12th December 2008.

<http://www.dajf.org.uk/index.asp>

## **Awards for All Announces Changes to their Grants Scheme (Scotland)**

Awards for All Scotland is a joint awards programme set up to help small groups whose income is less than £20,000 per annum. It involves four Lottery distributors; the Big Lottery Fund; Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF); the Scottish Arts Council; and Sportscotland. Awards for All makes grants to help people take part in arts, sport, heritage, social, environmental, health related, educational and other community activities. All the Awards for All distributors have announced that from April 2009 the Big Lottery Fund and Sportscotland will continue to support Awards for All and HLF will no longer play a role in Awards for All, instead it will use its current grant schemes, Your Heritage and Young Roots programmes to ensure the continuation of small community grants within the heritage sector. The Scottish Arts Council is currently in the process of transition to a new organisation, Creative Scotland, and will confirm its position in the New Year. Applications can still be made under the current arrangements until 31 March 2009.

<http://www.awardsforall.org.uk/scotland/index.html>