

## **Green Energy Trust (UK)**

Local community groups and not for profit organisations and charities within the UK can apply for grants for the installation of renewable technologies. The funding which is available through the Green Energy Trust will provide grants of up to 25,000 (but most projects receive around £10,000) for up to half the cost of the chosen renewable technology. The maximum amount would only be awarded to exceptional projects that tick all the boxes and demonstrate real value for money. Projects also need to have a really strong community benefit and wider educational element. The Trust considers all kinds of renewable technologies, including:

- Small-scale hydro
- Wind power
- Biomass
- Landfill gas
- Solar energy
- Ground source heat pumps

Applications involving other technologies may also qualify for support. Grant requests must be to support the capital and installation costs of a renewable energy project. The Trust meets three times a year to consider applications – usually during the first week of September and December then April 2009. Applications should be submitted as soon as possible. Applications will be screened for eligibility and completeness as long as they are received seven weeks prior to the Trustees' meetings, with the final deadline being four weeks before the meeting.

<http://www.scottishpowergreentrust.co.uk/>

## **£16 Million Funding to Reduce the Amount of Food Waste Entering Landfill (England, Scotland and Northern Ireland)**

Wrap has announced that they are open to applications through the Organics Capital Grant programme. This £16 million capital grant scheme offers funding towards the

development of food waste recycling infrastructure, such as in-vessel composting, anaerobic digestion or other proven technologies. The programme is open to projects located in England, Scotland and Northern Ireland and aims to reduce the amount of food waste entering landfill by increasing the UK's capacity to recycle these materials into quality products. The scheme can provide financial assistance of up to 30% towards the capital costs of plant, equipment and infrastructure for food waste processing. The application deadline is the 9 December 2008.

[http://www.wrap.org.uk/wrap\\_corporate/news/wrap\\_launches\\_two.html](http://www.wrap.org.uk/wrap_corporate/news/wrap_launches_two.html)

### **The Darwin Now Awards (UK)**

The British Council's Darwin Now awards offers small grants to allow individuals working in the sciences, humanities, arts and media, the opportunity to pursue a stand-alone piece of fieldwork/research outside the UK. Projects supported are those relating to Darwin, his legacy, evolutionary theory, or biodiversity, and must be innovative and novel with ambitious but achievable outcomes, which could take into account possible wider cultural implications. Projects must be a stand-alone piece of fieldwork/research which results in a clear outcome, for example:

- A published paper
- A book
- An exhibition

Up to £5000 is available for each award as a contribution towards travel and subsistence and any consumable equipment costs. The Darwin Now Awards will be assessed in a two-stage process. Deadline for applications is 5 December 2008.

<http://www.britishcouncil.org/science-darwin-now-awards.htm>

### **Society for the Assistance of Ladies in Reduced Circumstances (UK)**

The Society for the Assistance of Ladies in Reduced Circumstances, which was founded in 1886 and provides support to women resident in the United Kingdom

who are living alone in their own home (either owned or rented) and in genuine need, irrespective of age or social status, has announced that in 2009 it will make £50,000 available for grants to other organisations. Although the Trustees have decided that their principal charitable activity will remain the making of grants to individual women, applications will also be considered for funding towards projects which represent the complete work of a small organisation, or a particular undertaking by a larger one. In order to meet the requirements of the Society's governing document, the Trustees will only consider applications for support for projects which are for the exclusive benefit of women in financial need. The Society cannot consider projects which also benefit men; children; and women who are not in financial need. The Trustees intend short listing applications at their meeting in April 2009. The closing date for applications is 15 March 2009. All applicants must complete the online application form.

[http://www.salrc.org/institutional\\_grants.htm](http://www.salrc.org/institutional_grants.htm)

### **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, and 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. You 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. The next closing date for applications is the 31st January 2009.

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

### **Grants to Promote Walking (Scotland)**

The Paths for All Partnership has announced that it has funding available to fund new and innovative ways of promoting walking for health. The aim of Paths to Health is to increase the health and well-being of inactive people by promoting regular walking within local communities. The funding is available to any organisation, group or partnership within Scotland, which can demonstrate that it is working in the interests of the wider community. Funding is available through two funding streams: The small grants schemes for grant of up to £2,000, and the large grants scheme for grants of between £2,000 and £40,000 for projects lasting up to three years. Applications should demonstrate the involvement of the local community in planning and running local projects. The development of volunteers within the community to help run the scheme is integral to achieving long-term sustainability of led walk programmes. In addition grants of up to £2,000 are available to businesses that introduce walk to work initiatives. The Paths for All Partnerships would encourage any potential applicant to discuss any proposals with the Paths to Health team as soon as possible. Applications for small grants can be made at any time and for large grants the application deadline is the 5th January 2009.

<http://www.pathsforall.org.uk/pathstohealth/grants.asp>

### **Funding to Promote Gaelic in the Community (Scotland)**

Gaelic development body Bòrd na Gàidhlig (BnG) is to use £150,000 of its Scottish Government funding as a Challenge Fund to support projects promoting the use of Gaelic in communities. The Challenge Fund supports the Scottish Government's priorities for preservation and promotion of the language, set out in the National Plan for Gaelic. These priorities are:

- To increase the number of persons who are able to use and understand the Gaelic language
- To encourage the use and understanding of the Gaelic language

- To facilitate access in Scotland and elsewhere to the Gaelic language and Gaelic culture

Funding will be available for applications from:

- Community organisations
- Voluntary groups
- Small businesses
- Other organisations that wish to promote Gaelic language activities - not only in those areas where Gaelic is spoken by the majority of people but also in the increasing number of smaller communities within urban areas where Gaelic is used regularly

The closing date for applications is the 14th November 2008.

<http://www.bord-na-gaidhlig.org.uk/Default.aspx.LocID-006new08h.RefLocID-00600f006.Lang-EN.htm>

**Scottish Digital Shorts 2009 (Scotland)**