

Museums Galleries Scotland - Main Grants Programme (Scotland)

Museums Galleries Scotland the membership organisation for over 340 museums and galleries throughout Scotland has announced that its main grants programme is now open for applications. The programme which is open to full members of Museums Galleries Scotland only provides grants of between £5,000 and £30,000 for projects which achieve strategic change in their organisation and/or the sector. The priorities for this call for applications are:

- Promote business development by increasing opportunities for income generation
- Audience development
- Projects that develop Museums and Galleries core products of collections and services.

There is a two stage application process.

The deadline for stage 1 is the 6th October 2009 and for final applications the deadline is the 25th January 2010.

<http://www.museumsgalleriesscotland.org.uk/how-we-help-members-2/grants/main-grant/>

Healthier Food Pilots (Scotland)

Community Food and Health (CFHS) which aims to promote and focus dietary initiatives in low income communities, is looking to expand its work with black and ethnic minority communities and wants to hear from groups and organisations that have ideas about work they would like to do, to improve the take-up of a healthy diet within black and ethnic minority communities. CFHS are looking to fund three small scale pilot pieces of work (£2,000-£3,000) to develop models of good practice. The idea is then to share learning from these pilots to stimulate further community food activity within communities across Scotland. The final selection of projects will be made in conjunction with Black and Ethnic Minority Infrastructure in Scotland (BEMIS).

The deadline for expressions of interest is Monday the 26th October 2009.

<http://www.communityfoodandhealth.org.uk/showlog.php?weblogid=223>

Organisational and Audience Development Fund (Scotland)

The Scottish Arts Council has announced that the next deadline for Organisational and Audience Development Fund is the 5th October 2009. Under this fund, grants of between £5,000 and £30,000 are available to support arts organisations in improving their overall effectiveness. Applications are invited for financial support towards the cost of a range of activity aimed at improving an organisation's ability to meet its objectives in three key areas:

- Artistic leadership
- Public engagement
- Governance, finance and management.

<http://www.scottisharts.org.uk/1/funding/apply/organisations/acrossartforms.aspx#orgdev>

UnLtd Announces Level 2 Funding Round to Support Social Entrepreneurs (UK)

UnLtd, the national charity that supports social entrepreneurs, has announced that the spring 2009 UnLtd Millennium Awards (Level 2) competition is open for applications. UnLtd's Millennium Awards provide practical and financial support to social entrepreneurs in the UK to develop their ideas and projects. Level 2 Awards provides grants of up to £15,000 to support people whose ideas are already developed or pay for the living expenses of Award Winners to help them devote more time to their projects.

In addition, UnLtd also provides grants of between £500 and £5,000 through its Level 1 Awards. The aim of Level 1 awards provide grants of between £500 and £5,000 to develop new ideas into real projects. UnLtd gives out 1,000 Level 1 Awards each year across the UK. Level 1 Awards are aimed at individuals or informal groups of people who have an idea and want help getting it off the ground. The money is to help with the running costs of the project. Applications for Level 1

Awards can be submitted at any time. The deadline for submitting an initial Expression of Interest form for level 2 Awards is 12 noon on the 21st September 2009. Scotland and Wales Level 2 Awards are on a different timetable, so please contact your regional office for more details.

<http://www.unltd.org.uk/template.php?ID=1&PageName=whatareunltdawards>

UnLtd Sport Relief Awards(UK)

UnLtd, the charity that supports Social Entrepreneurs, is accepting applications under its Sport Relief Grants Programme. UnLtd Sport Relief Awards are funded by Comic Relief and provide opportunities for young people to bring communities together, to help promote understanding and solve problems through sport, arts and recreational activities. The UK wide funding programme is for 11-21 year olds, who are prepared to go the extra mile and use their passion for sport and arts to bring respect and understanding to their communities by setting up their own projects. There are three funding streams that young people can apply for. These are:

- “Try it” which provides grants of up to £1,000 for young people to try out their idea
- “Shape it” which provides grants of up to £5,000 to develop ideas
- “Do it” which provides grants of up to £10,000 to grow projects.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

<http://unltd.org.uk/template.php?ID=110&PageName=sportrelief>

Finding Alternatives to Animal Testing (UK)

The European Commission, together with the European Cosmetics Association (Colipa), have announced a new €50 million to fund research to develop alternatives to animal testing. This announcement was made in conjunction with a €25 million call for proposals for research into the full replacement of animal safety tests in the scientifically complex area of repeated systemic toxicity. Repeated dose systemic toxicity is about predicting the toxicity of the repeated use, over a long period of time, of substances including those that are mainly used in cosmetic products. Despite the

significant progress made on non-animal test methods, there are still gaps in scientific knowledge that need to be filled in order to further reduce the use of animals in safety tests, while continuing to guarantee the safety of cosmetic products.

The closing date for applications is the 3rd February 2010.

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/09/1262&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

ENTRUST Small Grants Scheme (UK)

ENTRUST, the regulator of the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF), has announced that registered Environmental Bodies (EBs) can now launch their own Small Grants Programmes. Under the Small Grants Programme registered Environmental Bodies (EBs) can allocate funding of up to £50,000 per year to support small projects which have the primary intent of providing, maintaining or improving public amenities. A public amenity can be described as a place where the general public can go for leisure or recreation and must be open to the public. The maximum grant that EBs can award under the Small Grants Programme is £2,000 per project. Grants awarded must be within the vicinity of a registered landfill site and must be spent within 12 months. Before setting up a Small Grants Programme, EBs need to register their Programme with Entrust. For information on the Small Grants Programme and how to register, please click on the link below.

<http://www.entrust.org.uk/home/news/small-grants-scheme>

The Joanies Trust (UK)

Registered charities working with young people aged 11 to 25 are eligible to apply for grants through the Joanies Trust. Each year, the Trust makes approximately 30 grants with an average value of £1,000 to support projects that offer intensive support to young people as well as those that promote preventative work, and especially those that are designed to lead to individual development through integration, work opportunities or accreditation. In particular the Trust is looking to

support projects that show innovation and imagination as well as evidence of close consultation with young people in developing their project. Grants awarded by the Trust include:

- The Trinity Sailing Trust to use offshore sail training on traditional vessels as a way of engaging disadvantaged and disaffected young people.
- The Derby Playhouse to fund a scheme, which distributes tickets to members of the community who may never have a chance to see a live performance due to financial circumstances or to social exclusion.

The next deadline for applications is the 31st December 2009.

<http://www.joaniestrust.org.uk/index.htm>

Interreg IVB North Sea Region Programme (UK)

The Interreg IVB North Sea Region Programme (2007 – 13) has announced that the 5th call for proposals is now open for applications. The aim of the Programme is to financially support transnational projects and partnerships that enhance the overall quality of life for residents of the North Sea Region by ensuring that there is access to more and better jobs, by sustaining and enhancing the acknowledged environmental qualities of the region, by improving accessibility to places and ensuring that our communities are viable, vibrant and attractive places to live and work. Within eligible areas of the UK local, regional and national authorities, NGOs, research institutions, universities and private partners can apply for funding that increase innovation, enhances the quality of the environment; improves accessibility of places; and delivers sustainable and competitive communities.

The closing date for applications is the 7th October 2009.

<http://www.nweurope.eu/index.php?act=page&page=funding&id=353>

Call for Proposals – European Criminal Justice Programme (UK)

The European Commission has issued a call for proposals under its Criminal Justice Programme. The aim of the Criminal Justice programme is to promote judicial cooperation, the compatibility in rules applicable in the Member States and to improve the exchange of information. Under this call for proposals € 8.9 million is available in the form of action grants to:

- Promote judicial training
- Improving judicial cooperation in criminal matters
- Improving mutual knowledge and exchanging best practices
- Supporting victims of crime
- Develop the use of electronic tools.

This call for proposals is open to institutions and public or private organisations, including professional organisations, universities, research institutes and legal and judicial training institutes for legal practitioners and non-governmental organisations. Bodies. Projects have to involve at least two EU Member States or in at least one Member State and one other country which may either be an acceding or a candidate country.

The closing date for applications is the 14th October 2009.

http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/funding/jpen/funding_jpen_en.htm

Nestlé Offers Prize For Development Project (UK)

Individuals, NGOs and business are being invited to apply or nominate another organisation or person for the Nestlé Prize for development projects. The Nestlé Prize in Creating Shared Value will be awarded every other year to an individual, a non-governmental organization (NGO), or a business for developing an outstanding innovation that:

- Has proven its worth on a small-scale

- Is judged to be feasible and applicable on a broader scale or in other communities
- Has high promise of improving rural development, improving nutrition, improving access to clean water, or having a significant impact on water management.

The prize will be of up to CHF500,000 (£288,269) and may be a one-time grant or it may be awarded on a multi-year basis in increments.

Entries must be submitted by the 31st October 2009.

<http://www.nestle.com/csv/csvatnestle/csvprize>

ESRC's Research Grants Scheme (UK)

The Economic & Social Research Council (ESRC) is offering through their Research Grants Scheme awards ranging from £15,000 to £1.5 million to eligible institutions such as universities, colleges of higher education and independent research institutes, to enable individuals or research teams to undertake anything from a small project through to a large-scale survey and other infrastructure or methodological development. Research grants can be awarded for a period of up to five years and can be for basic, applied or strategic research. The ESRC seeks to ensure that the research it supports will be of general interest and significance and of relevance to an audience wider than that of the host institution. There are two funding streams:

- Standard Grants Scheme for applications of more than £100,000
- Small Grants Scheme for proposals of less than £100,000.

There is no application deadline.

http://www.esrcsocietytoday.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/opportunities/current_funding_opportunities/research/index.aspx

Erach & Roshan Sadri Foundation (UK)

Charities and organisations have the opportunity to apply for grants of between £2,000 and £100,000 through the Erach & Roshan Sadri Foundation. Applications from individuals may also be considered. The Foundation seeks to support educational and welfare projects, projects that relieve poverty by alleviating homelessness and assisting members of the Zoroastrian religious faith. Projects that the Foundation has funded in the UK in the past include:

- A Saturday Education programme
- Funding for a Muslim school
- Support for young carers in Wiltshire.

The trustees meet four times a year March 1st, June 1st, September 1st and December 1st.

The next deadline for applications is the 1st December 2009.

<http://www.ersf.org.uk/index.html>

Latest Grants Awarded Through the Climate Challenge Fund (Scotland)

The Scottish Government has announced that the latest round of grants awarded through the Climate Challenge Fund has awarded £3.5 million of grants to 37 communities across Scotland. This takes the running total to 157 communities that have benefitted through £12 million worth of investment. The Climate Challenge Fund aims to empower communities to take action to reduce their carbon footprint and make a real difference to the local and national environment. Over the lifetime of the Fund, a total of £27.4 million will be made available to voluntary sector organisations, charities, schools, colleges, universities, local authorities and housing partnerships to fund projects which demonstrate a significant reduction in emissions. Successful projects during this round include an organic garden in Bothwell, a carbon reduction scheme on the small Orkney island of Eday and an eco-friendly education centre in Markinch, Fife. The next closing date for applications is the 13th January 2010.

<http://www.infoscotland.com/gogreener/33.html>

€14 million MEDIA funding for UK in 2008 (UK)

UK MEDIA Desk has announced the total amount of funding that the MEDIA Programme awarded in the UK in 2008. MEDIA is the European Union's programme to support the European Audiovisual industry. Almost €8 million was awarded to UK companies, and a further €6 million to support the European distribution of UK films. 149 UK-based companies were supported by the whole range of MEDIA Programme schemes, and the funding went to production companies, professional training providers, film schools, sales agents, VoD operators, cinemas, interactive media companies, and organisers of festivals and promotional events. 40 UK films received funding from MEDIA's Distribution support schemes, including Danny Boyle's *Slumdog Millionaire*, which received over €800,000 for distribution across Europe.

<http://www.mediadeskuk.eu/news/444/>