



NITHSDALE COUNCIL OF VOLUNTARY SERVICE



External Funding Alert - Dec 09

BBC Children in Need (CiN)

Money raised this November will be distributed in three rounds of grants beginning next Spring. All grants are targeted to areas where they will make a real difference and are allocated geographically to ensure that all corners of the UK receive a share of the money raised. Projects supported work with children and young people who may be affected by homelessness, neglect, abuse or poverty, or those who are living with a serious illness, disability or psychological disorder. The next deadline for applications is 15 January 2009.

Link: http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/grants/general_grants.shtml

Gannochy Trust

Inspiring Young People (e.g. sport, music, social skills) and Improving the Quality of Life of the Disadvantaged and Vulnerable (e.g. sports, therapeutic drama and music, healthy lifestyles) are open to all. Application forms can also be downloaded from the website. There are no published deadlines.

Link: <http://www.gannochytrust.org.uk>

Young Scot Arts Action Fund

This scheme is jointly by the Scottish Arts Council and Young Scot, the Arts Action Fund offers young people the opportunity to follow their artistic dreams and fund their creative talents. The Arts Action Fund is open to young people aged 11 to 25 with £200 available to individuals or £750 to groups. Application forms can be downloaded from their website or by calling the InfoLine on 0808 801 0338.

The Grants Committee meets to discuss applications every eight weeks.

Link: <http://www.youngscot.org/channels/arts/?ss=484&s=57&sr=79&ID=20394>

Wallace & Gromit Foundation

The Wallace & Gromit's Children's Foundation raises money to improve the quality of life for children in hospitals and hospices throughout the UK. Grants are available for projects which are not directly funded by the NHS and enrich and enhance the lives of patients in hospitals and hospices in regional centres throughout the country. Applications are welcomed from registered charities in the UK and preference will be given to projects conceived by and in children's hospitals and hospices. The deadline for applications is 7 December 2009.

Link: http://www.wallaceandgromitfoundation.org/pages/who_we_help.htm

People's Postcode Trust

Distribute funds to small organisations, community groups and registered charities. Funding will go to projects with one or more of the following aims:

- To prevent poverty, sickness and distress for the benefit of the public
- To promote, maintain, improve and advance health
- To advance citizenship or community development
- To advance public participation in sport
- To promote, improve and advance human rights, conflict resolution or reconciliation
- To promote and advance environmental protection or improvement

Funding is available for 3-month projects ranging from £500 up to £10,000. All funding decisions are made by an independent board of Trustees. The funding is for individual projects, not the running costs of a charity, and the project must show visible results after around three months. Further information, and application forms are available from website or call Claire Stewart or Lisa Imlach on 0131 555 7288/ 554 8794.

The next deadline for applications is end January 2010.

Link: <http://www.postcodetrust.org.uk/index.php>

Sylvia Waddilove Foundation UK

This scheme supports projects that benefit the community or groups of more than four persons. It supports:

- Educational projects for children and adults, particularly those relating to the Arts
- Musical composition and performances
- Herbal medicine
- Medical research, especially regarding ageing diseases
- Assistance for the disabled
- Farming, organic farming and animal husbandry

Up to £20,000 is available for small charities that will deliver the project themselves, rely on volunteers and can demonstrate a successful history of projects. Priority is given to applications from registered charities with a turnover of less than £500,000 - they do not give grants to individuals. Projects should be of lasting value in either time or fixture. Further information and application forms are available from the website below.

To be considered at their meeting in January 2010 applications should be submitted before the last week in December 2009.

Link: <http://www.pwwsolitors.co.uk/charitableapplications/charity-details/the-sylvia-waddilove-foundation-uk>

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The Douglas Hay Trust

This scheme provides variable grants to physically disabled children up to age of 18. Local authorities, hospital social work departments and charities in Scotland are eligible to apply for financial contributions for holidays, education, computers, home improvements, clothing, bedding, shoes etc. for children resident in Scotland. There are no published deadlines however the committee meet monthly to consider applications.

Link: <http://www.douglashay.org.uk/>

The Health Work and Well-being Challenge Fund

This scheme of £4million is available over the next two years from the Department for Work and Pensions. It is a competitive scheme to fund innovative projects that improve employees' health and welfare at work and is aimed at local partnerships and small and medium sized businesses based, and trading in Great Britain.

If you have identified a problem that is affecting the health and welfare of your employees and have a proposal to improve this problem you can apply for funding to implement it. The proposal must be for a new project as they will not fund existing projects. Small and medium sized businesses based, and trading, in Great Britain and local partnerships can apply. Businesses must have been established for at least two years. They are looking for innovative proposals that improve occupational health and welfare at work. Projects to improve mental well-being in small businesses will be a priority. This is a competitive scheme so not all applications will receive funding. The Health Work and Well-being Challenge Fund will be available until 31 March 2011 and there will be two rounds of funding. You can apply between now and 31 December 2009 for an award in April 2010 to March 2011 and between September 2010 and December 2010 for an award in April 2011 to March 2012

Link: <http://www.workingforhealth.gov.uk/initiatives/ChallengeFund/default.aspx>

BT Community Connections Awards

This scheme enables community and charitable organisations to get online and make use of information and communications technology. Organisations, working in any field of community benefit, located throughout the UK or Republic of Ireland can apply for a laptop and a year's free broadband connection. The deadline for applications is 5 January 2010

Link: <http://www.btcommunityconnections.com>

The Nominet Trust

This scheme began giving grants, in early 2009, to organisations which strive to improve and encourage the safe use of the Internet for educational, inclusion and other charitable purposes. Your project should be a new initiative or a distinctive extension of an existing project, have a wide reach or demonstrable potential in the long term and have the internet at its core. Your project should also meet the needs of the trust's target groups: the young, the elderly, the disabled, the sick, the disadvantaged, and those who are vulnerable. Grant applications are considered by Nominet's board of trustees, who meet quarterly. For more information, please visit their website or telephone

01865 334000. There are no published deadlines.

Link: <http://www.nominettrust.org.uk>

Anchor Foundation

This scheme aims to support Christian charities concerned with social inclusion particularly through ministries and the arts. Grants are available for up to three years of between £500 and £10,000 for capital and revenue costs. The Foundation awards grants to registered Christian charities for projects (including projects abroad) which encourage social inclusion through ministries of healing and the arts. The following criteria apply:

- Charities with a number of projects operating should choose a single project for the application.
- Projects that have had three years funding may apply again two years from the payment of the last grant.

Applications must be received by 31 January and 31 July each year.

Link: <http://www.theanchorfoundation.org.uk/info.pdf>

Adopt an Apprentice

This scheme provides employers with money to recruit a redundant apprentice under a Scottish Government scheme, the first project to be supported through the Government's skills development programme ScotAction. It offers an incentive for firms to take on apprentices made redundant as a result of the recession and is available to both public and private sector employers, as long as they agree to employ the apprentice for a minimum of 12 months. £2,000 is available for each recruit. However organisations cannot apply for the cash incentive directly, but are encouraged to link up with a training provider, who will find them a suitable apprentice and liaise with Skills Development Scotland to secure the £2,000. Application forms and guidelines are available from their website. The deadline for applications is 31 May 2010.

Link: <http://www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk/redundancy.aspx>

Cash 4 Clubs

This scheme supports Sports clubs registered with their sport's National Governing Body or local authority can apply for grants through the Cash 4 Clubs grants scheme. Cash 4 Clubs gives clubs a unique chance to apply for grants to improve facilities, purchase new equipment, gain coaching qualifications, and generally invest in the sustainability of their club. There are three tiers of grants at £250, £500 and £1,000. Applications can be submitted at any time and grants are awarded on a quarterly basis.

Link: <http://cash-4-clubs.com/>

BIG Lottery Fund – Heroes Return 2

This scheme provides funding to help World War II veterans who saw active service, to take part in commemorative visits (within the UK and overseas) to mark the anniversary of events that led to the end of WWII. Veterans may be accompanied by a spouse and/or a carer. Applicants can apply for a fixed amount grant of between £150 and £5,500 depending on the number of people taking part and the destination. There will be five levels of funding according to the destination. These fixed amounts have been set so that there is enough money to cover the cost of travel and insurance. For further information telephone the application helpline 0845 0000 121. The next deadline 31 January 2011.

Link: http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_heroes_return?tab=1®ioncode=-uk

Royal Bank of Scotland Community Cash Awards

This scheme is providing young people with grants between £250 and £5,000 to help tackle the dangers of drugs, crime and play a positive role in their community. They are available to disadvantaged 14 to 25-year-olds who want to transform their area and learn practical skills. 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; and be a new or developing project. Applications can be made at any time.

Link: http://www.princestrust.org.uk/need_help/grants/community_cash_awards.aspx

Kelly Family Charitable Trust

This scheme offers both capital and revenue grants to local/regional registered charities based within the UK, although preference is given to those based in Scotland. The Trust is particularly interested in innovative projects and in projects that work in partnership with other local agencies to provide coherent support for activities that improve, nurture and support the overall quality of family life. It will also support applications for core funding from relatively new organisations seeking to become established. Grants are normally awarded in the range of £1,000-£5,000. The next deadline for applications is 1 March 2010.

Link: <http://www.kfct.org.uk/apply.html> AWARDS

Future Farmer Award 2010

This scheme, which opens 1 January 2010, seeks to promote:

- running farm machinery on farm-produced biofuel;
- minimising flooding by managing soils and vegetation;
- using traditional breeds of livestock with characteristics which make the animals well adapted to the particular farm;
- integrating native woodland management with grazing livestock;
- reducing the carbon footprint of a farm by reducing inputs and developing local markets to minimise the food miles of produce sold;
- developing new ideas for productive and sustainable management of hill land;
- creating the right conditions for commercially useful 'wild' plants to grow;
- choosing crop varieties which are resilient to wet summers; and
- other ideas, new or old, which could improve the environmental sustainability of farming in Scotland.

The Future Farmer Award judges will be looking for applicants that promote practical ideas for improving the environmental sustainability of farming in Scotland. The winning farmer will receive £4,000, a commemorative plaque and a package of practical support to help them promote their ideas to other farmers and land managers. The deadline for entries is 12 April 2010.

Link: <http://www.futurefarmer.org.uk/content/award.htm>

Museums & Heritage Show

The Museums and Heritage Awards for Excellence recognise and celebrate best practice within museums, galleries and heritage visitor attractions across the UK. The categories for 2010 cover all major aspects of the museums, galleries and heritage attractions industry, including the following:

- Marketing Campaign.
- Permanent Exhibition.
- Educational Initiative.
- Innovations.
- Temporary/touring Exhibition.
- Restoration/Conservation.

The Awards are open to museums, galleries and heritage visitor attractions.

The deadline for the receipt of applications is 19 February 2010.

Link: <http://www.museumsandheritage.com/>

National Youth Worker of the Year Awards 2010

Preparations for the 2010 National Youth Worker of the Year Awards are now underway, so get nominating the person you think deserves a Youth Worker of the Year Award in your organisation/area. The 2010 Awards Dinner will be held on the evening of Thursday 18 March 2010 at the Crowne Plaza in Glasgow.

The Award categories and their sponsors are:

- Youth Service Manager of the Year - Local Authorities
- Voluntary Organisations Youth Services Manager of the Year
- Agencies and Partner Organisation - Worker of the Year
- Youth Worker of the Year - Full-time or Full-time Equivalent
- Youth Worker of the Year - Sessional Paid/Part-time
- Volunteer of the Year
- Peer Educator of the Year
- Innovator of the Year

- Role Model/Mentor of the Year
- Youth Worker of the Year - Health Issues
- Youth Worker of the Year - Faith Issues
- Lifetime Achievement Award
- Overall Winner

Nominations can come from colleagues, line managers, partnership organisations or service users. Information on all the Award categories and nomination forms can be downloaded via the link below.

The deadline for entries is Friday, 22 January 2010.

Link: <http://www.youthlinkscotland.org/Index.asp?MainID=7263>

FORTHCOMING DEADLINES:

• Ulverscroft Foundation

The scheme aims to benefit the visually impaired (blind and partially sighted). It provides grants to organisations that work to relieve, assist and improve the treatment and education of those suffering from defective eyesight. It also funds medical research and the provision of facilities for the treatment or alleviation of visually impaired people. Deadline: 31st December 2009 Max Grant: Various

Link: <http://www.forward-scotland.org.uk>

• VAF – Community Chest (Scotland)

This scheme aims to help build the capacity of small community groups in Scotland to deliver their activities. The programme is designed to help small community groups in Scotland sustain and develop their activities by providing grants and free training. Deadline: 31st December 2009 Max Grant: £1,000

Link: <http://www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk/grantschemes/Comm>

• Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust – Power and Responsibility

This scheme aims to support groups or organisations that are working to influence the behaviour and thinking of the public and of people in powerful positions. Deadline: 5th January 2010 Max Grant: None

Link: <http://www.jrct.org.uk>

• Elephant Trust

This scheme aims to make it possible for artists and those presenting their work to undertake and complete projects when frustrated by lack of funds. It is committed to helping artists and institutions that depart from the routine and signal new, distinct and imaginative sets of possibilities.

Deadline: 11th January 2010 Max Grant: £2,000

Link: <http://www.elephanttrust.org.uk/docs/theguide.html>

• Scottish Arts Council Funding for Music Projects

This scheme is focused on equity of opportunity for audiences and artists across all musical styles. The music and activity that will be supported will be judged by one common standard - its intrinsic quality. Deadline: 11th January 2010 Max Grant: Various

Link: <http://www.scottisharts.org.uk/1/funding.aspx>

• Waste Recycling Environmental (WREN)

This scheme aims to support the implementation of social, environmental and community based projects complying with specific 'approved objects' or categories in the Landfill Tax Regulations.

Deadline: 29th January 2010 Max Grant: Various

Link: <http://www.wren.org.uk>

• Forestry Development Grants (Scotland)

This scheme, as part of the new Scottish Rural Development Programme (SRDP) for 2007 to 2013, aims to support the creation of new woodlands; the management of existing woodlands; woodland improvement activities; and activities which help to improve forestry business performance and competitiveness.

Deadline: 31st January 2010 Max Grant: Various

Link: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Rural/SRDP/RuralPriorities/Options>

• Harvest Trust – Holidays for Children

The Trust specialises in simple, 'no pressure' holidays that particularly benefit withdrawn children with low self-esteem, who need space and encouragement to build confidence due to issues such as: having a low family income; suffering from neglect and/or violence; or caring for a sick parent.

Deadline: 31st January 2010 Max Grant: None

Link: [http://www.hartrust.vispa.com/howtoapply\(p\).html](http://www.hartrust.vispa.com/howtoapply(p).html)

• Tesco Charity Trust Community Award Scheme

This scheme aims to support local community projects whose core work supports the welfare of children, elderly people and people with disabilities, which are based in areas where Tesco has stores.

Deadline: 31st January 2010 Max Grant: Various

Link: <http://www.tescopl.com>

• Will Charitable Trust – Blindness & Learning Disability Categories

This scheme provides financial assistance to registered or exempt charities whose activities fit one of the Trust's objective areas. Capital and running costs are eligible. Deadline: 31st January 2010 Max Grant: £15,000

Link: <http://www.willcharitabletrust.org.uk>

• UIA Charitable Foundation

This scheme aims to support charities that help people in need to improve the quality of their lives. Grants of up to £1,000 are available for capital or revenue funding. Grants above this level are rarely made.

Deadline: 1st February 2010 Max Grant: £1,000

Link: http://www.uia.co.uk/UIAOL1.0/global/charitable_foundation.aspx

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