



NITHSDALE COUNCIL OF VOLUNTARY SERVICE



July External Funding Alert

Big Lottery Fund: Big Thinking - A Strategic Framework 2009 - 2015

Following a recent consultation exercise, the Big Lottery Fund (BIG) has published its new strategic framework, Big Thinking. The framework sets out the principals that will underpin BIG's approach to delivering funding in the UK until 2015.

The consultation asked stakeholders and the wider public how BIG's estimated budget of around £2.8 billion for new funding programmes should be spent over the next six years.

New Missions and Visions are outlined in the framework which explains BIG's aim of bringing real improvements to communities and the lives of people most in need. Three UK-wide themes have been set:

- Community Learning and Creating Opportunity
- Promoting Community Cohesion and safety
- Promoting Wellbeing

The direction of all of BIG's future programmes will be influenced by the principals of BIG Thinking; however, those currently in operation will continue, unaffected.

A copy of the framework is available via the link below.

For more information go to www.biglotteryfund.org.uk

Media Box

This scheme provides three different types of grants ranging from £100 to £80,000 to encourage young people to produce media projects. Media box aims to give disadvantaged 13-19 year olds an opportunity to develop and produce creative media projects using film, television, print, radio or online platforms. The beneficiaries should be young people who want to create a media project and get the chance to express their ideas, boost their personal development and get their voices heard.

Further information is available from their website, telephone 020 72117 3701 or email mediabox@mediatrust.org

For further information go to www.mediatrust.org/youth-media/mediabox

The Act Foundation

This scheme can provide grants up to £10,000 for disabled people or carers of children/or young people with a disability. It will provide larger grants to charitable organisations providing services to disabled people.

The Act Foundation will also fund residential respite breaks for the disabled person and mobility equipment to aid independence such as wheelchairs. The website clearly states the types of things that they will fund.

For more information go to www.theactfoundation.co.uk

The Family Fund

This scheme gives grants that relate to the additional needs of severely disabled children and young people, which help relieve the stress of everyday life. They will consider any grant request that will make a difference to the lives of a disabled child, young person and their family. Families can apply for things from attraction tickets to zoo trips, but they also encourage requests from young people that have particular meaning to their age group such as driving lessons, laptops and equipment for college.

For further information go to www.familyfund.org.uk

The Independent Living Fund

This scheme provides funds for people aged 16-65 year receiving over £200 worth of services p/w and receiving the highest care component of DLA. Eligible applicants may be entitled for up to £455 to continue living at home. Application forms are available from the Local Authority Social Work Department or the address below. Applicants are visited at home by one of the fund's social workers together with the local authority social worker to agree a joint care package.

They can be contacted at the Independent Living Fund, PO Box 7525, Nottingham NG2 4ZT, Tel 0845 601 8815 or email: funds@ifl.org.uk

For further information go to www.ilf.org.uk

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The Fox Memorial Trust

This scheme provides one-off grants for people who are disabled and in need in the UK. It will fund disability/mobility equipment and will occasionally contribute to the cost of holidays for people who are disabled as a means of respite. Applications: to be made in writing either directly by the individual or through a social worker, Citizens Advice or other welfare agency, or a third party.

Contact: Fiona Le Masurier, Crambe House, Cambe, York, YO60 7JR Tel: 01653 619368

EventScotland: National Events Programme

This scheme is operated by EventScotland which is Scotland's national events agency, responsible for attracting, creating and developing sporting and cultural events throughout the country.

The minimum award is £4,000 and the maximum £25,000 up to 25% of the total event budget.

The programme does not provide long-term or core funding. EventScotland does not offer replacement funding and will not fill a budget gap created by the withdrawal of another funder.

The deadline for applications for events which take place from 1 May 2010 to 30 April 2011 is 2 October 2009.

For further information go to www.eventscotland.org

Gateway Exchange Fund

This scheme operated by the Scottish Community Foundation provides grants of up to £5,000 for constituted, not for profit groups that aim to support those who are seeking funding assistance to promote healing, creative self expression, transformation and renewal through innovative projects which can make a difference in areas of deprivation and need throughout Scotland.

Applications and guidelines are available from the Scottish Community Foundation website or by contacting them on 0131 524 0300 or 0141 225 6670

For further information go to www.scottishcf.org/page11264.cfm

2009/10 Voluntary Sector Development Fund (VSDF)

The VSDF scheme contributes to the costs associated with meeting phase two registration requirements set by the Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) for managers of housing support services, and support workers, practitioners and supervisors in care home services for adults. The Fund invests in voluntary organisations in Scotland in order to develop a confident, competent workforce.

The scheme is open to voluntary organisations that are registered with the Care Commission and employ staff in the specific groups which are listed below.

- Support workers in care home services for adults
- Practitioners in care home services for adults
- Supervisors in care home services for adults
- Managers of housing support services

Funding awarded to any one voluntary organisation will be £35,000. the maximum contribution to funding each qualification will be as follows:

- SVQ2 - £2,500
- SVQ3 - £3,000
- SVQ4 - £4,000
- Leadership and Management for care Services (previously RMA) - £3,000
- HNC - £1,400

The deadline for receipt of applications is 5pm on Friday 4 September 2009.

For more information go to www.ccpscotland.org

BBC Children in Need (CIN) - Fun and Friendship Programme

This scheme will help organisations that support independent socialising for disabled youngsters.

Applicants should demonstrate that their programmes improve social interaction, that young people are involved in determining how they are developed, and that they are committed to sharing what they learned.

£3m is available within the programme which will offer up to 12 three-year grants of up to £300,000 each.

The deadline for applications is 31 July 2009.

For further information go to www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/grants/fundandfriendship.shtml

The Baily Thomas Charitable Trust

This scheme provides financial support to voluntary organisations that are: registered charities; or are associated with a registered charity; schools and parent teacher associations. The main grants and small grants programmes provide funding to aid the care and relief of those affected by learning disability. The Charity will fund projects concerning children and adults with the conditions generally referred to as severe learning difficulties or autism.

Funding is normally considered for capital or revenue costs and for both specific projects and general running and core costs.

Three grant schemes operate as follows:

- Main grants programme - Grants range from £250 upwards, with no upper limit.
- Smaller grants programme - The Charity also provides small grants of up to £4,000. these are assessed outside of normal grants meetings.
- Research Grants - A limited fund is available for research projects. Grants range from £250 upwards, with no upper limit.

Grants are normally paid as a one-off payment and in some cases an element of match funding is a requirement. Some examples of the type of project that the Trust might fund are listed below:

- Capital building/renovation/refurbishment works for residential, nursing and respite care, and schools
- Employment schemes, including woodwork, crafts, printing and horticulture
- Play schemes and play therapy schemes
- Day and social activities centres including building costs and running costs
- Independent living schemes
- Support in the community schemes
- Swimming and hydrotherapy pools and snoezelen rooms

Applications are considered at meetings held in June and December each year. Therefore applications should therefore be submitted no later than 1 May or 1 October.

For further information go to www.bailythomas.org.uk/applications

The Four Acres Trust

This scheme supports charities (registered in Great Britain and Northern Ireland) working in the following areas:

- **Mentoring schemes** - Mentoring schemes for young people aiming to achieve a significant change in lifestyle and aspirations. They cannot fund schemes linked to school or college.
- **Youth work in local communities** - Core costs of local youth organisations using volunteers to deliver programmes for young people aimed at improving their future prospects. They cannot fund schemes that are properly the responsibility of the youth service.
- **Respite breaks and holidays for young people** - They support charities providing opportunities for young people and their families to experience challenging activities on a holiday or short break. They expect beneficiaries or their families to contribute to the cost. They do not fund overseas trips or visits to holiday camps unless it can be shown the beneficiaries cannot participate in something more challenging.
- **School holiday activity schemes** - They will part fund so long as beneficiaries make a contribution to the cost. They cannot support schemes that are simply a child care service during school holidays.
- **Adventure and other training centres** - They support charities booking places at adventure training centres. They do not directly fund centres or bursary schemes.

Prior to making an application the Trust advises organisations to carefully read their Funding Criteria. If still unsure they can be contacted on 01981 580002. Whilst their grant policy is prevention rather than cure grants can be for core costs or specific purposes, but applications must clearly show what the need is and how it is to be met.

Grants range from £3,000 to £75,000

There are no published deadlines however the Trustees meet in February, April, June, August, October and December. Applications are usually processed within three months.

For further information go to www.fouracretrust.org.uk

UPCOMING DEADLINES: July - September 2009

Anchor Foundation

The aim of the Foundation is to support Christian charities concerned with social inclusion particularly through ministries and the arts. 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.

Deadline: 31st July 2009, Max Grant: £10,000

For more information go to www.theanchorfoundation.org.uk

Waste Recycling Environmental (WREN)

The Landfill Communities Fund must be used for the purposes of implementing social, environmental and community based projects complying with specific 'approved objects' or categories in the Landfill Tax Regulations.

Deadline: 2nd September 2009, max Grant: various

For more information go to www.wren.org.uk

Scottish Power Energy People Trust

The Scottish power Energy People Trust's objective is to help combat fuel poverty. Assistance is available for organisations to fund projects of schemes that will help fuel poor or vulnerable groups of people, with priority given to projects that are aimed at helping families with young children and young people.

Overheads/administration costs should not exceed 15% of the overall funding requested, unless in exceptional circumstances, where a reason should be included.

Deadline: 4th August 2009, Max Grant: £100,000

For more information go to www.energypeopletrust.co.uk

Cattanach Charitable Trust

The Trust believes that helping young children and improving their well being can bring about a healthier and happier community. The focus is on organisations and projects which offer hope of a better life to children, especially those under 10 years of age, and their families and communities. By targeting its grants in this way, the Trust means to address the needs of young children living in difficult and deprived circumstances, and to help them make the most of their talents and opportunities. Grants will be made for revenue or capital funding, and for project or core funding. The Trustees will also consider the inclusion of up to 12% for management costs in an application for project funding.

Deadline: 31st July 2009, Max Grant: £10,000

For more information go to www.cattanach.org.uk

Lintel Trust Scotland Mainstreaming Equalities

Grants are awarded to community and voluntary organisations for housing-related projects that help people to live as independently as possible in their own homes and communities.

The Lintel Trust's broad aim is to encourage and enable individuals to live as independently as possible in their homes, and to play an active part in their communities.

Deadline: 14th August 2009, Max Grant: £100,000

For more information go to www.energypeopletrust.co.uk

Joanies Trust

The Trust will consider projects that offer intensive support with young people aged 11-25, as well as projects that promote preventative work and diversionary activities. The Trust is particularly interested in projects that lead to employment, accreditation, further education and integration.

Deadline: 31st August 2009, Max Grant: £1,000

For more information go to www.joaniestrust.org.uk

Kelly Family Charitable Trust

This scheme provides support that encourages the development of strong and supportive family bonds through activities that help all elements of the family unit to grow together and support each other. The Trust offers both capital and revenue grants which can be used to fund activities that nurture and support family life.

Deadline: 1st September 2009, Max Grant: £5,000

For more information email:

administrator@learmonth9.freereserve.co.uk

Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH)

SNH schemes, funded by the Scottish Executive, aim to: conserve or protect and improve Scotland's natural heritage; and help people to understand, enjoy and care for the environment in a 'sustainable' way (in other words, in a way that can be maintained without using up natural resources or damaging the environment for future generations). Grants are made under eight schemes

Deadline: 1st September 2009, Max Grant: various

For more information go to www.snh.org.uk

Scottish Biomass Heat Scheme

The scheme provides grants to install renewable biomass heating systems. The scheme is targeted at businesses, specifically small to medium-sized enterprises. The scheme will also encourage the development of district heating demonstrators from private developers.

Deadline: 4th September 2009, Max Grant: £100,000

For more information go to www.usewoodfuel.co.uk

The Cross Trust (Scotland)

This scheme provides support to allow young people from Scotland the freedom to achieve their potential as students and as adults in the modern world. The overwhelming majority of awards are made to individuals. Individual applicants should be between the age of 18 and 30 and must be of Scottish birth or parentage. Applicants must be in genuine financial need and demonstrate evidence of merit - either academically or otherwise.

Deadline: 4th September 2009, Max Grant: various

For more information go to www.thecrosstrust.org.uk

Lloyds TSB Foundation (Scotland) Standard Grant Scheme

The aim of the Standard Grant Scheme is to support charities that are focussed on improving quality of life and creating equality of opportunity for people in Scotland, particularly those who are disadvantaged or marginalised.

Deadline: 14th September 2009, Max Grant: various

For more information go to www.fundingthefuture.org.uk

Sportsmatch Scotland

This scheme aims to match sponsorship which has been given to an eligible sports body by a company, Trust or private individual to fund projects to encourage new participation at grassroots level. Thus, if, for example, a local business gave £1,000 in sponsorship to its local football club to organise coaching in local schools, sportsmatch would be able to match that with £1,000 of government money - and thereby double the amount of money available to the club.

Deadline: 16th September 2009, Max Grant £10,000

For more information go to www.sportscotland.org.uk

Elephant Trust

The 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: 21st September 2009, max Grant: various

For more information go to www.elephanttrust.org.uk

Faiths in Scotland community Action Fund (FISCAF)

This scheme aims to be flexible, responding to local need so that people and communities grow and change for the better. Funding is targeted at local faith groups for projects that tackle poverty in Scotland's most fragile urban and rural communities. A wide range of initiatives may be funded.

Deadline: 30th September 2009, Max Grant: £15,000

For more information go to www.fiscaf.org

Forward Scotland

This scheme provides grants for capital and certain revenue expenditure including improvements to locally important listed buildings (maximum £6,000). The amount requested must include a contribution from a Third party to cover the 10% amount which cannot be met through Landfill Tax.

Deadline: 30th September 2009, Max Grant £30,000

For more information go to www.forward-scotland.org.uk