



NITHSDALE COUNCIL OF VOLUNTARY SERVICE



June External Funding Alert

Scottish Rural Development Programme – Rural Priorities

This Scheme will have £10 million available in 2009 for capital investment across all elements of Rural Priorities, through an August funding round, to aid Scotland's economic recovery. This will give rural business, both large and small, the chance to kick-start projects that will create sustainable rural communities. There will be a further three rounds in each following year.

The Scottish Rural Development Programme is currently under review and changes in the process are likely to be revealed shortly and will be published when available. **The current deadline for 2009 submission is 31 August**
For more information go to www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Rural/SRDP

Comic Relief: New Grants Strategy and Details of Current UK Programmes

Funding under Cycle One of Comic Relief's 2009-2012 Grant Strategy is now available, via the following programme:

UK Grants

Registered charities and voluntary organisations in the UK are invited to apply for grants of between £25,000 and £40,000. Further information on applications and priorities can be accessed at www.comicrelief.com

CashBack for Communities Fund 2009-2010 – Round 3 Now Open

This scheme will provide grants for organisations which support young people who are currently involved or at risk of becoming involved in violence, alcohol, drugs and or anti-social behaviour. The emphasis is on youth work interventions constructed with and for young people in the 10-19 age group, therefore, requests for large capital items of equipment only will not be supported.

Please note the following changes to the Fund criteria for the next 12 months:

- Priority for awards will be given to new applicants or organisations that were unsuccessful in Rounds 1 & 2
- A ceiling of £10K will be applied to all Round 3 applications
- Each local authority assessment panel will be able to identify an exceptional flagship project with an award exceeding £10K

Please make sure you are applying for the right fund. There are other CashBack initiatives for football, rugby, women and girls football, basketball, Scottish Screen, and Arts & Business Scotland. The Scottish Government website has details www.cashbackscotland.com Regional surgeries will be taking place to allow applicants to improve their bids.

Completed applications should be submitted before 31 October 2009.

For more information go to www.youthlinkscotland.org

Comic Relief Invites Community Foundations to Distribute New Grant Programme for Communities

This scheme will invite applications for grants up to £10,000, from a fund of over £5 million, until 31 March 2011.

Community groups, residents associations, community centres, social enterprises, Community Interest Companies and credit unions will be eligible to apply for a grant for a range of activities that will:

- Increase access to sport and exercise for people who face social exclusion and isolation;
- Help people who are experiencing difficulties in their lives to regain their confidence and self-esteem;
- Build the skills of local people;
- Increase community cohesion; and
- Respond to local economic needs

To apply, applicants must contact their local community Foundation. The Scottish Community Foundation can be accessed using the following link:

<http://www.scottishcf.org/strengthening-communities/apply-for-a-grant/scotland-wide-grant-programmes/sport-relief-grants>

Individual Learning Accounts

The level of income threshold to receive an Individual learning Account (ILA) grant has been raised from £18,000 to £22,000.

You can claim £500 towards part time higher education courses, or £200 towards other vocational based courses and training. For further details visit their website or call 0808 100 1090.

There are no deadlines, For more information go to www.ilascotland.org.uk

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Scottish Arts Council's Capital Grants Scheme 2009/10

This scheme aims to help create opportunities for people to participate in the arts across Scotland by investing in new equipment and improving arts facilities. Applications for grants of between £10,000 and £100,000 are available to cover up to 75% of the eligible project costs are invited from organisations involved in the arts.

Applications are accepted for the following:

- New equipment to support participation in the arts and artistic production.
- Minor building work and fit-out of spaces

In addition, the scheme will support projects which priorities the needs of a number of participant groups as identified in the recent report Taking Part in Scotland: Summary of Key Findings.

These are:

- People living in deprived areas;
- Disabled people;
- People aged 65+;
- Ethnic minority communities; and
- People living in rural areas

The deadline for receipt of applications is 21 August 2009. For more information go to www.scottisharts.org.uk

Future Jobs Fund

This scheme encourages voluntary organisations to bid for funding to create jobs from the Future Jobs Fund, announced in the Budget. While the money is targeted at providing those aged 18 to 24 with jobs for six months, there will also be funding for older people from disadvantaged groups and areas worst hit by unemployment. National sports organisations have pledged to create at least 5,000 jobs through the fund for young people as sports coaches, swimming and fitness instructors and other leisure posts.

Details of the formal bidding process will be announced shortly, but in the meantime large organisations such as social enterprises and voluntary sector bodies are invited to come forward with their initial ideas for new jobs that will benefit the community. £95m is available for Scotland although bids should not exceed £6,500 per job created.

Contact details and further information is available from the Department for Work and pensions website via the link www.dwp.gov.uk/campaigns/futurejobsfund

Communities and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES) Now Open to Applications

The Scottish Government is providing grants for community groups and householders interested in using renewable energy to meet some of their own energy needs.

The new Communities and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES) is managed for the Scottish Government by Communities energy Scotland.

CARES continues the support available for communities under the previous Scottish Community and Householder Renewables Initiative (SCHRI) and builds on this by increasing the maximum grant levels by 50%.

Grants are available for technical assistance projects, such as feasibility studies, and capital projects involving the installation of equipment and associated infrastructure.

Capital grants of up to £150,000 are available. The maximum technical grant available is £10,000.

The basic premise is that applicants must be Scotland-based, legally constituted, non-profit distributing community groups. The aims of CARES is to deliver:

- A reduction in CO2 emissions;
- A reduction in reliance on imported energy by making communities more self sufficient on meeting their own energy needs;
- An increase in renewable energy capacity in Scotland;
- A reduction in energy bills; and
- Added value for communities: increase skills base for local trades, a stronger partnership within communities delivering wider social and economic benefits from renewable energy projects, greater awareness within communities of renewables and climate change.

Applications can be made at any time. Interested parties should contact their local CARES Development Officer in the first instance. For further information go to www.communityenergyscotland.org.uk

Fidelo Charitable Trust

The scheme – grants in support of the arts, in particular the dramatic and operatic arts, music, speech and dance.

Institutions, colleges, arts festivals and other arts organisations may seek financial support for individuals or groups of exceptional ability, whom they have been responsible for selecting, to enable them to:

- Receive special tuition or coaching (e.g. in the case of musicians to attend masterclasses)
- Participate in external competitions;
- Be supported for a specially arranged performance; and/or
- Receive support for a special publication, musical composition or work of art.

Applications from individuals or groups seeking support for them will not be accepted.

Further information and a one-page application form can be downloaded from their website.

The closing date for receipt of applications is 1 October 2009

For more information go to www.fideli charitable trust.org.uk

Community Chest

This scheme provides a small grant programme of up to £1,000 and free training to help small community groups in Scotland with an income of less than £25,000 sustain and develop their activities. Groups can apply for funding for a wide range of activities or operational costs, for example:

- Training for committee members and volunteers;
- Visits to other organisations or conferences; and
- Professional support or consultancy

Groups are particularly welcome to apply if they:

- Work with disability or health related issues
- Have beneficiaries disadvantaged through their ethnicity, disabled, gender or sexual orientation;
- Provide childcare

Free training will be offered to all groups applying for a grant on topics such as charity law, making successful funding applications, and monitoring and evaluation. The training events will also provide information on where groups can go for further support and funding. Groups receiving a grant will be expected, as a condition of the grant, to attend at least one of the free training events.

For further assistance contact either Patricia or Chris at the Voluntary Action Fund on 01383 620780. Alternatively you can download an application form and guidance notes from their website.

Applications are welcome throughout the year with deadlines in the 30 June, 30 September and 31 December

For further information go to www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk/grant-schemes

Will Charitable Trust

This scheme provides capital and/or running costs to registered or exempt charities for activities in the following categories:

- Conservation of the countryside in Britain, including its flora and fauna
- Care of, and services for, people suffering from cancer and their families
- Care of blind people and the prevention and cure of blindness
- The provision of residential care for mentally handicapped people in communities making a lifelong commitment to provide a family environment and the maximum choice of activities and lifestyle

Grants vary in amount, but generally fall within the range of £5,000 to £15,000 with the total amount awarded varying from year to year according to available funds.

In the current financial climate, commitments to make future payments are given only in exceptional circumstances, with grants normally being one-off annual grants. Projects supported by the Trust are therefore likely to require some form of contribution from the applicant.

The Trust distributes income twice yearly in March and November with each category considered only once a year.

The following deadlines apply

- Applications relating to Cancer and Conservation should be submitted from June, and be received by 31 August at the very latest
- Applications relating to Blindness and Mental Handicap should be submitted from November and be received by 31 January 2010 at the very latest

Contact: Grants Administrator, Will Charitable Trust, Sunbury International Business Centre, Brooklands Close, Windmill Road, Sunbury-on-Thames, Middlesex, TW16 9DX. Tel: 01932 724148, Fax: 01932 724200

UPCOMING DEADLINES: June - August 2009

RSWT - Biffaward Flagship Scheme

This scheme aims to support community and environmental projects, effectively reaching those that most need support. Grants of £150,000 to £500,000 are available for projects that offer something unique and exciting that no other project in the region or country has. The scheme supports two themes - rebuilding biodiversity and cultural facilities.

Deadline: 1st July 2009, Max Grant: £500,000

For more information go to www.biffaward.org

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

Social Entrepreneurs Fund

The Social Entrepreneurs Fund is aimed at individuals who want to set up and run a business with a social and/or environmental purpose. The fund will provide financial and business support to help get new enterprises off the ground. There are three levels of Award, depending on how far an idea has been developed.

Deadline: 1st July 2009, Max Grant: £20,000

For more information go to

www.socialentrepreneursfund.co.uk

Friends Provident Foundation

The scheme aims to create conditions throughout the UK to improve access to appropriate financial services for those who are currently excluded, particularly those on low incomes or otherwise vulnerable to market failure. The Foundation does not expect to make financial commitments over £200,000 in cash terms and is willing to consider requests for loans, part-loans, underwriting, or other forms of financial support, in addition to grant funding.

Deadline: 10th July 2009, Max Grant: various

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

Lloyds TSB Foundation - Standard Grant Scheme

The aim of this scheme is to support charities that are focused on improving quality of life and creating equality of opportunity for people in Scotland, particularly those who are disadvantaged or marginalised. There are two categories of application depending on whether the application is for under £2,500, or over £2,500.

Deadline: 13th July 2009, Max Grant: none

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

BBC Children in Need

The Trust distributes the funds raised each year as grants to organisations that work with disadvantaged children and young people, under the age of 18, living in the UK. It aims to positively change the lives of those affected by: disability; behavioural or psychological problems; poverty or situations of deprivation; or illness, distress, abuse or neglect.

Deadline: 15th July 2009, Max Grant: None

For more information go to

www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/charity/grants

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: 15th July 2009, Max Grant: £10,000

For more information go to www.sportscotland.org.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

Hilton in the Community Foundation

Hilton in the Community Foundation (HCF) is committed to supporting those most in need to have a brighter future. The purpose of HCF is to support young people worldwide, whilst its vision is to make a real difference to those most in need - in places where Hilton International operates. Grants can be awarded for medium to long-term projects (i.e. over one year) or for one-off causes. A maximum limit of three years of support can be provided (either a tranching grant or three separate applications).

Deadline: 4th August 2009, Max Grant: Various

For more information go to www.hilton-foundation.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

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

