



NITHSDALE COUNCIL OF VOLUNTARY SERVICE



External Funding Alert

Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation

Calouste Gulbenkian foundation have announced that in future they will have only one grant programme for which it accepts outside applications.

In its recently published 2009 strategic plan, the Foundation said the only stream open to applications is a new Innovation Fund, which will provide grants of between £10,000 and £25,000, aimed at supporting "genuinely innovative ideas and unusual partnerships across the foundation's cultural, educational and social interests".

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

Esmee Fairbairn Foundation - Relocation

The Foundation has moved offices. The new contact details are:

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

Voluntary Action Fund (VAF) Scotland Community Chest

VAF has announced the re-opening of its Community Chest grant scheme further details of which can be found later in the publication.

The Volunteering Scotland Grant Scheme is likely to re-open in April or May for a limited number of applications.

Further details will be published as they become available.

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

Royal Bank of Scotland Community Cash Awards

This scheme aims to support young people aged 14-25 who want to transform their area and learn practical skills. Grants are awarded to help them tackle the dangers of drugs, crime and play a positive role in their community.

£1 million of grants, ranging from £250 to £5,000, is being distributed by youth charity "The Prince's Trust" to young people who want to run community projects in some of Britain's poorest areas. Projects could range from improving local youth facilities to sex education workshops in schools.

Previous projects supported include:

- An amateur boxing project to give young people greater confidence; and
- A media project to promote community cohesion and greater understanding between the local community and asylum seekers.

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

For further information go to www.princes-trust.org.uk

Britannia Building Society Community Fund

This scheme offers a quick and simple application process to voluntary groups, charities and schools, working within education, specifically numeracy and/or - financial literacy, who require donations of up to £1,000. Whilst the Britannia Community Fund focuses on buying specific items or equipment, e.g. educational toys, books, it will also support small projects in support of their key priorities. They also support individual members with a donation of up to £100.

Further information on the application process can be found on their website.

There are no published deadlines

For further information go to www.britannia.co.uk

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Britannia Building Society Foundation

This scheme will support any voluntary organisation, school or charity that operates within a local community where the Building Society has a high density of members, customers or employee and who are working within the Foundation's key priorities of numeracy and/or financial literacy.

Grants range between £1,000 and £25,000 and the Foundation prefers to fund specific items of equipment but in some circumstances will consider capital expenditure and salary costs.

Further information on the application process can be found on their website.

There are no published deadlines

For further information go to www.britannia.co.uk

Community Food and Health Grants

Small grants of between £500 and £3,000 are available to groups and agencies in Scotland working within low-income communities to improve access to, and take up of a healthy, varied and balanced diet.

Applications are available on 21st April 2009

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

Voluntary Action Fund (VAF) Scotland Community Chest

VAF has re-opened this scheme which can provide grants of up to £1,000 and free training to help small community groups and voluntary organisations in Scotland to sustain and develop their activities.

Groups can apply for funding for a wide range of activities or operational costs. However, VAF is particularly keen to fund activities that will help build and develop strong organisations, for example:

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

This year, groups that meet any of the following criteria will be prioritised for funding:

- Groups based in Clackmannanshire, Inverclyde or South Ayrshire (until the end of September 2009).
- Those working with disability or health related issues.
- Those whose beneficiaries might be disadvantaged through their ethnicity, disability, gender or sexual orientation.
- Groups that 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. Groups receiving a grant will be expected, as a condition of the grant, to attend at least one of the free training events.

The next deadline for applications is 31 March 2009

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

Action Earth

This scheme aims to provide grants to enable people to take part in practical conservation projects and empower them to improve quality of life for themselves, their communities and future generations.

Grants of up to £50 are available to assist groups in England, Scotland and Wales to carry out environmental projects. Promotional material such as stickers, tabards and certificates may also be provided.

A limited number of £250 grants are available in Scotland only, specifically for biodiversity projects.

Projects must take place between 1 March and 31 July 2009. Once applications are received, a decision is made and the applicant notified by post within three weeks.

Full details of schemes and deadlines including terms and conditions, can be downloaded from the Action Earth website.

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

Biffaward Flagship Scheme

The 2009 programme offers grants of between £150,000 and £500,000 to support unique and exciting projects which will make a significant impact at regional or national level. The following two priority themes are supported:

- Rebuilding biodiversity
- Cultural facilities

Projects must be site-based, within 25 miles of a Biffa operation and within ten miles of an active landfill. The organisations making the application must be eligible to enrol with ENTRUST as an Environmental Body.

Application forms are available from Regional Grant Officers.

The deadline to submit Expressions of Interest is 1 July 2009.

For further information go to www.biffaward.org

Particle Physics and Astronomy Research Council

This scheme, open to schools and colleges catering for pupils aged 5-18, provides funding for small-scale projects or events linked to the teaching or promotion of physics and, in particular, particle physics, astronomy and space science.

Grants of up to £500 are available to support the cost of running a science week activity, organising a visit to or from a working physicist, supply cover, transport, marketing and publicity, and materials/resources.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

For further information go to www.iop.org/activity/education/Teacher_Support/

EAGA Partnership Charitable Trust

The Trust is a grant-giving trust that currently supports projects and research in two main areas:

- The relief of fuel poverty and the promotion of energy efficiency; and
- Vulnerable consumers - multiple needs and prefer

There is no minimum or maximum grant and each application is judged on its merits. Projects typically span between one and three years. Larger projects are funded where possible and encouragement is given the co-funding of projects where appropriate. Details of co-funders and the level of their commitment are required.

The Trust understands the need for organisations to recover the full costs of a project. Therefore, will accept the inclusion of an appropriate and reasonable share of overhead costs within a project budget (in addition to the project's direct costs) on condition that the applicant explains to the Trustees' satisfaction:

- What the overhead costs include;
- How the applicant analysed the full costs; and
- How the allocation was calculated.

The deadline for receipt of applications is 1 May 2009 for assessment at their meeting on 12 June 2009.

For further information go to www.eaga.com

Low Carbon Building Programme Phase 2

This scheme supports the installation of microgeneration technologies in public sector buildings, hospitals, local authority housing, housing association properties, schools, and buildings belonging to charities. To date 367 schools and benefited from Low Carbon Buildings Programme funds.

The subsidy rates have been changed since earlier bidding rounds and all technologies can now attract grants up to 50% of installation costs. You can have up to three eligible technologies per site (each site may have more than one property) and organisations operating across more than one site can make multiple applications.

The technologies supported are:

- Solar voltaics;
- Solar hot water;
- Wind turbines
- Ground source heat pumps;
- Automated wood pellet stoves
- Wood fuelled boilers

The application process is managed by the Building Research Establishment who answer any questions you have on 08704 232313 or you can email info@icbphase2.org.uk. You can make applications online or using a paper form.

The deadline for receipt of applications is 30 June 2009

For further information go to www.lowcarbonbuildingsphase2.org.uk

The Drinkaware Trust Ideas Fund

This scheme awards small grants, between £100 and £2,500 to local community initiatives that promote responsible drinking and reduce alcohol related harm. The Trust funds projects ranging from public education campaigns, peer-led education schemes, educational theatre work, conferences, provision for educational materials, training, workshops to other educational events. In particular the Trust welcome applications that aim to further their strategic objectives, which are to:

- Reduce alcohol misuse amongst under-18s; and
- To raise awareness about long term health harms caused by hazardous or harmful levels of drinking.

The Trust accepts applications from registered charities, other voluntary organisations and statutory organisations and partnerships

There are no application deadlines. However you should apply at least two months before your project is due to start.

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

Supergrounds for Schools

This scheme is a £6 million community investment programme, funded by the Royal Bank of Scotland group and delivered through Learning through Landscape, to help primary schools improve their school grounds. Schools can not apply directly but must be nominated by a Royal Bank of Scotland group employee.

Successful schools will receive a package of support worth £7,000 including:

- A cash award of £4,000;
- 4 days of a project advisor's time; and
- A project guide & membership to the Supergrounds Learning Network; 'Create your Playground' Teaching resource.

The period for Royal Bank of Scotland group employees to nominate schools runs from February to March each year. Therefore if you know any RBS employees, now's the time to get their support and nomination.

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

Wolfson Foundation Schools Programme

This scheme supports schools in the UK that are looking for grants to fund building work, IT and other equipment (mainly for the teaching of science and technology) can apply for funding to the Wolfson Foundation's Schools Programme. The main aim of the school's programme is to support schools with a proven record of excellence. In addition, schools with a clear record of continuing improvement may also be considered.

Grants will usually only be made when matching funding has already been raised or pledged. In 2008, the Foundation made grants in excess of £1.5 million through the Schools programme. The level of funding ranges from £20,000 to £50,000 per school.

Schools interested in applying are advised to write to the Foundation at 8 Queen Anne Street, London, W1G 9LD or telephone 020 7323 5730 in the first instance to find out if their project is eligible.

Applications accepted at any time.

For further information go to www.wolfston.org.uk/schools

Third Sector Enterprise Fund

This new scheme is available over the next three years to support organisations that are at an early stage in their ambition to operate in a more enterprising way.

The fund will cover revenue and capital investments as well as the provision of advice and professional support. It will support the following:

- Development of enterprise business models to increase income generation and financial sustainability;
- Organisational development and capacity building, including operations, marketing and business development, workplace changes or re-organisation, governance and financial controls;
- Innovation to improve business and service efficiency and growth potential;
- Skills, skills utilisation and workforce development.

Initially, priority will be given to organisations working in the areas of employability, environmental action, and tackling the underlying causes of health inequality.

Applications are invited from:

- Established third sector organisations with an appropriate legal constitution in place, and social or environmental aims (including aims related to equality and diversity), and who reinvest surpluses for a social purpose;
- Organisations located or operating/trading in Scotland. This could include UK-based organisations working with Scottish beneficiaries;
- Organisations with the potential to grow their turnover and/or become financially sustainable;
- Organisations with appropriate management and governance arrangements in place to support the investment.

A mix of grants and loans between £25,000 and £100,000 will be available up to the end of 2010/11 from a total fund of £12 million. Applications for over £70,000 will require a full business plan. £250,000 will be earmarked exclusively for credit unions, providing around 20 of them with grants of £25,000 to build their capacity, capability and financial sustainability. There will be a two-stage application process; the first stage being self-assessment based on the Fund's published criteria.

Applications will likely accepted as received.

For further information go to www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/People/15300/funding/enterprising-skills-fund

UPCOMING DEADLINES: MARCH - May 2009

The Hedley Foundation

The main objective of the Foundation is the support of young people and the provision of funding for subsidiary objectives of disabled people and the terminally ill and medical equipment

Deadline: 25th March 2009, Max Grant: £3,000

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

Nuffield Foundation – Project Grants

The Foundation supports research and innovation that will bring about beneficial social change. Through its Project Grants Scheme, the Foundation seeks to support self-contained projects that are innovative, practical, generalisable and reflective

Deadline: 27th March 2009, Max Grant: Various

For more information go to www.nuffieldfoundation.org

Tesco Charity Trust – Community Award Scheme

The scheme supports 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 March 2009, Max Grant: £4,000

For more information go to www.tescopl.com

SNH Attractive Places to live Grant

The aims of the scheme are to: encourage a partnership approach to improving the quality, quantity and accessibility of green space; get more communities involved in creating and improving green space; get more people involved in creating and improving green space; get more people using and enjoying their local green space; help improve landscapes that have been damaged by previous land use; and improve the planning, design and management of green spaces.

Deadline: 15th April 2009, Max Grant: various

For more information go to www.snh.gov.uk/ab-grants/o1

SNH Involving People Grant

The scheme will: raise awareness and understanding of natural heritage, and of how it adds to the quality of life; increase opportunities for children and adults to actively learn and care about Scotland's natural heritage through first-hand experience; and encourage more communities, individuals and professional groups to get involved in looking after Scotland's natural heritage.

Deadline: 15th April 2009, Max Grant: various

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

Viridor Credits Environmental Company

This scheme provides financial assistance for environmental-friendly projects and initiatives that promote community participation and partnership approaches.

Deadline: 31st March 2009, Max Grant: £30,000

For more information go to www.viridor-credits.co.uk

UK Film Council – What's the Big Idea? Award

This scheme provides financial assistance is available to groups of young people to work with scriptwriters and develop ideas for short films.

Deadline: 31st March 2009, Max Grant: £3,000

For more information go to www.firstlightmovies.com/funding

ECO-Schools Grant Scheme – Scotland

The Eco-Schools programme provides a simple framework to enable a school to become more sustainable. Schools can apply for three awards: the Bronze Award, the Silver Award and the Green Flag Award.

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

For more information go to www.eco-schools.org.uk

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...

Deadline: 15th April 2009, Max Grant: various

For more information go to

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

SNH Special Places Grant

This scheme will support projects that: improve the care and management of a site's special qualities; improve public understanding of wildlife, landscapes and earth heritage interests; develop new and innovative management techniques; and encourage local people to get more involved in managing sites.

Deadline: 15th April 2009, Max Grant: Variable

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

SNH Supporting Biodiversity Grant

This scheme will encourage action which: improves, protects and manages native species and habitats; restores those that have been lost; and help more people from all walks of life to care about biodiversity.

Deadline: 15th April 2009, Max Grant: Variable

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

Kelvin Valley LEADER Programme

This scheme is designed to bring about a grass roots form of local governance aimed at empowering rural communities to develop their own area using innovative approaches and co-operation. Projects must be community driven, have a wide community benefit and lead to achieving some of the desired outcomes of the LEADER Programme.

Deadline: 17th April 2009, Max Grant: £50,000

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

Community Food and Health Grants

Small grants from £500 are available to groups and agencies in Scotland working within low-income communities to improve access to, and take up of a healthy, varied and balanced diet.

Deadline: 21st April 2009, Max Grant: £3,000

For more information go to

www.communityfoodandhealth.org.uk

SNH Paths and Routes Grant

This scheme will help to provide paths and routes which: are well-planned, managed and promoted; are welcoming and meet the needs of a range of users; take account of land management and natural heritage interests; and offer wider public benefits (health, transport and so on). Help more people to get out and enjoy the natural heritage, particularly close to where people live. Help to provide up-to-date information on outdoor access trends by monitoring the use of paths and routes.

Deadline: 15th April 2009, Max Grant: Variable

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

SNH Rural Land Use Grant – Today for tomorrow

The aims of this scheme are to: encourage land management practices that benefit the beauty and wildlife of the countryside and help those managing land to look after the countryside for current and future generations; and support new approaches to traditional land uses which broaden the range of public benefits they provide.

Deadline: 15th April 2009, Max Grant: Various

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

SNH Waters for Life Grant

This scheme provides support to maintain the natural state of fresh waters. Restore and maintain the processes and habitats which freshwater species depend on. Promote sustainable recreation in Scotland's fresh waters. Promote the sustainable use of Scotland's coastal and marine resources. Make sure the coastline is managed in line with natural processes and in a way that maintains its outstanding contribution to Scotland's landscape. Promote a better understanding of coastal and marine habitats and species, and how human activities affect them. Restore or improve coastal and marine habitats damaged by human activity. Promote effective ways to reduce harmful substances and litter in our estuaries, coasts and seas.

Deadline: 15th April 2009, Max Grant: Variable

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

The Bailey Thomas Charitable Trust

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

Deadline: 1st May 2009, Max Grant: None

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

British Council – Community Cohesion Project

The aim of the scheme is to enable mainstream and supplementary schools/colleges to work collaboratively with a partner school in another country in order to initiate and develop joint curricular activity around community languages to support the global dimension in education.

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

For more information go to

www.britishcouncil.org/schoolpartnerships-community-cohesion

Friends Provident Foundation – Financial Inclusion

This 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.

Deadline: 24th April 2009, Max Grant: £200,000

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

Joseph Rowantree Charitable Trust (JRCT)

The JRCT is committed to a culture of peace and the creation of a peaceful world. Through this scheme, the Trust wishes to support groups or organisations that are working to influence the behaviour and thinking of the public and of people in powerful positions.

Deadline: 27th April 2009, Max Grant: None

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

CEMEX Community Grants

The main aim of the CEMEX Community Fund (CCF) is to support communities in the vicinity of CEMEX quarry and landfill sites to carry out projects which improve or enhance local community facilities and places of interest.

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

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

Joanies Trust

The aim of this scheme is to support and involve young people aged 11-25 through community projects and involvement. The average size of grant is £1,000. The Trust will not award grants for more than one year, although organisations are welcome to re-apply 12 months after the first application. Grants are available for running costs (both project and core costs) and capital costs.

Deadline: 30th April 2009, Max Grant: £1,000

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

Culture 2007 Programme (2007-2013)

Culture 2007 is intended as "a coherent, global and complete tool for multicultural cooperation in Europe, and should contribute actively to the development of a European identity from the grassroots".

Deadline: 1st May 2009, Max Grant: Variable

For more information go to <http://ec.europa.eu>

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 or 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.

Deadline: 5th May 2009, Max Grant: £100,000

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

FP7 – Specific Programme "IDEAS"

The structure of FP7 is based on four specific programmes: Co-operation, Ideas, People, and Capacities – as well as for the European Commission's in-house research facilities, the Joint Research Centre (JRC).

Deadline: 6th May 2009, Max Grant: Various

For more information go to <http://ec.europa.eu>

LIFE Plus (2007-2013)

The LIFE programme 2009 will be launched on 15 May 2009 consists of three strands the specific objectives of which are: Nature and Biodiversity; Environment Policy and Governance; and Information and Communication.

Deadline: 15th May 2009, Max Grant: Various

For more information go to <http://ec.europa.eu>

Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland (Standard Grants)

The aim of the Standard Grant 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.

Deadline: 18th May 2009, Max Grant: None

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

Sportsmatch Scotland

Sportsmatch, is the Scottish Government's business sponsorship incentive scheme for sport, it is designed to improve the quality and increase the quantity of business sponsorship of grass roots sports in particular by: introducing new business to grass roots sponsorship; encouraging sponsors of major events to extend their involvement into the grass roots; encouraging existing sponsors of grass roots sport to increase their support.

Deadline: 13th May 2009, Max Grant: £10,000

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

Action Earth

The purpose of this scheme is to enable people to take part in practical conservation projects and empower them to improve quality of life for themselves, their communities and future generations.

Deadline: 26th May 2009, Max Grant: £250

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