



# NITHSDALE COUNCIL OF VOLUNTARY SERVICE



## May External Funding Alert

### Re-launch of the Environmental Key Fund

#### Small Grants Programme

This scheme will provide grants of up to £2,000 for small-scale community projects which either: provide a public facility for leisure and recreational purposes; improve biodiversity; or maintain or restore a place of worship or listed building or structure.

The first deadline for applications to this scheme will be the 4<sup>th</sup> December 2009 with future deadlines occurring annually.

#### Main Grants Programme

This scheme will provide grants of between £10,000 and £30,000 to projects which either

- Remediate contaminated land or water
- Reduce or mitigate the effects of pollution
- Provide or improve a park or other public amenity for leisure or recreational purposes
- Conserve biodiversity at a specific site
- Maintain, repair or restore a place of worship or building of historical or architectural significance

The first deadline for applications to this scheme will be the 4<sup>th</sup> September 2009 with deadlines occurring quarterly thereafter.

For more information about the Environmental Key Fund, please visit their new website [www.environmentalkeyfund.com](http://www.environmentalkeyfund.com) which is due to go live towards the end of May.

### Big Lottery Fund: Launch of Secret Millionaire Fund

The Big Lottery Fund has teamed up with the Channel 4 programme Secret Millionaire, giving viewers an opportunity to nominate worthy organisations for grant funding.

The Secret Millionaire Fund will support projects that give people a better chances in life, build stronger communities, improve rural and urban environments or promote healthier and more active people and communities.

Lottery funding worth £1 million has been set aside, to be allocated as grants of between £300 and £10,000 to organisations across the UK.

The Secret Millionaire website will be live until 21 December 2009. Visitors to the website can nominate or apply for a grant at any point during this timescale.

For more information go to [www.channel4.com](http://www.channel4.com)

### Abbey Launches free guide to PR

Financial services company Abbey has launched a free guide to Public Relations (PR) designed to help charities together with voluntary and community groups get the most out of promoting their work to potential volunteers and funders. The free guide covers:

- How to work with corporate partners
- What journalists want from media releases and press materials
- Planning media activity
- Best time of day to contact people working in the media
- How to evaluate your PR activity and
- General top tips

For more information go to [www.abbeynational.com](http://www.abbeynational.com)

### Heroes Return 2

The Big Lottery fund has announced the opening of this scheme for veterans, spouses, widows and carers wishing to mark overseas anniversaries throughout 2009 and 2010 for veterans wishing to attend 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary events overseas.

Applicants can apply for a grant of between £150 and £5,500 depending on the number of people taking part and the destination. A fixed amount of money will be available for each veteran and their spouse and/or carer towards the cost of their visit.

Contact the Heroes Return 3 helpline on 0845 00 00 121 or email [general.enquiries@biglotteryfund.org.uk](mailto:general.enquiries@biglotteryfund.org.uk)

The programme is open between 1 April 2009 and 31 January 2011

For more information go to [www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog\\_heroes\\_return](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_heroes_return)

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## New Funding

### Scottish Arts Council Funding

The following schemes provide financial assistance to community, public (including local authorities and schools) and commercial organisations in Scotland for arts projects involving crafts, drama, dance, literature, music and visual arts. Deadlines and maximum or minimum grant values vary for each project type.

- Crafts - £500 - £8,000 - no deadlines
- Dance - Min £5,000 - 6 October
- Traditional dance - min £5,000 - 6 October
- Drama - to be confirmed - 7 July
- Literature - £500 - £5,000 - 7 July & 6 October
- Writing and storytelling fellowships - £9,000 - no deadline
- Literature and storytelling development workers - £9,000 (50% of costs) -no deadlines
- Translation - £100 - £2,500 -no deadline

### Music

- Education and Outreach projects - £500 - £5,000 - 6 October
- Recording YMI training - £500 - £5,000
- Continuing Professional Development - £500 - £5,000 - no deadlines
- Creating New Music - £5,000 - £15,000 - 7 July and 6 October
- YMI Demo Fund - £1,000 - £6,000
- Informal Sector Fund - £500 - £5,000 - no deadlines
- Informal Sector Fund Small Grants - £5,000 - £30,000 - 7 July and 6 October

### Visual Arts

- New work - £1,000 - £25,000 - 7 April and 6 October

Application forms are available from the Arts Council on 0845 603 6000 or from [www.scottisharts.org.uk](http://www.scottisharts.org.uk)

### Young Scot - Arts Action Fund

Through this scheme Young Scot and the Scottish Arts Council are offering young people aged 1-26 the opportunity to follow their artistic dreams and fund their creative talents. Grants are for both individuals and groups and examples of the types of projects that can be funded are listed below:

- Travel to an audition
- Highlight a school performance
- Hire space to put together a new dance
- Buy some props for a show
- Buy some gig equipment
- Help to fund your own art exhibition

The Arts Action Fund is able to award £200 to individuals or £750 to groups of young people aged 11-26 years.

Application forms are available from their website at the link below. Alternatively to receive a hard copy call free on 0808 801 0338 or email: [infoline@youngscot.org](mailto:infoline@youngscot.org)

There are no published deadlines; however you should apply at least 10 weeks before the project start date.

For more information go to [www.youngscot.org](http://www.youngscot.org)

### Community Asset Transfer Loan

Applicants will have to pay a non-refundable arrangement fee of £1,000, plus all the security and legal fees incurred in setting up the loan. The Unity Trust Bank provides Community Asset Transfer Loans to enable charities, community organisations and voluntary groups to improve building donated from local authorities through the Community Asset Transfer scheme.

Where the property involved is leasehold, it is a requirement that there is more than 35 years remaining on the lease at the time of the final repayment. Loans of £100,000 up to £6 m are available over a 25 year repayment period with interest fixed at 1% above the Bank of England base rate.

Interested organisations are advised to contact the Community Asset Transfer Loan Manager, Neil Forman, at the Unity Trust Bank for further information. Tel: 0121 616 4161 or go to [www.unity.co.uk/information](http://www.unity.co.uk/information)

**There are no published deadlines**

### Trees for Communities/Trees for Schools

This scheme provides funds for schools and community groups to be actively involved in tree planning projects. Grants ranging from £100 to £700 are available to support up to 75% of planting costs.

**The deadline for applications is 31 May 2009**

For more information go to [www.treecouncil.org.uk](http://www.treecouncil.org.uk)

## **E.ON Sustainable Energy Fund**

This scheme, formerly known as the E.ON SOURCE FUND supports projects which either result in the production of energy from a sustainable source or which reduce the amount of energy used by a community organisation. Community groups, charities and not-for-profit organisations that benefit young people, elderly people or people in fuel poverty can apply for grants of up to £ 20,000 (for up to 90% of costs) to implement sustainable energy projects in community buildings. Joint proposals, for example with local authorities, will be considered although the community organisation must be the lead applicant.

To be eligible projects must:

- Result in the creation of renewable energy and/or a reduction in the amount of energy used;
- Have a positive impact on the local community;
- Have a measurable positive impact on the local environment which will most likely be demonstrated through carbon savings;
- Be used to purchase and implementation of capital equipment, physical measures and associated costs;
- Involve and/or have consent from their local community;
- Be sustainable beyond the support of the Fund: and
- Be completed within 12 months of a grant being awarded.

**The new deadlines for applications are 12 June and 16 October 2009.**

For more information go to [www.eon-uk.com](http://www.eon-uk.com)

## **Biodiversity Awards**

This scheme awards support and encourage groups that carry practical environmental projects, creating or upgrading wildlife habitats or improving the life of Scotland's wildlife.

**The deadline for receipt of applications is 31 July 2009**

For more information go to [www.actionearth.org.uk](http://www.actionearth.org.uk)

## **CSC Action Earth Awards**

This scheme awards to help projects to purchase plants, tools and materials and to cover volunteer expenses. This can cover projects of all sizes and can cover community clear ups to litter picks.

**The deadline for receipt of applications is 31 July 2009**

For more information go to [www.actionearth.org.uk](http://www.actionearth.org.uk)

## **Community Food and Health Scotland Youth Fund**

This scheme provides grants for the cost of staff, volunteers or peer educators completing the Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland Elementary Food and Health course.

Grants for developing healthy eating activities with young people are also available. This may include; healthier options in youth cafes/snack bars, equipment and food to run healthy cookery courses, gardening activities.

Grants of up to £1,000 are available towards the costs of both the course and healthy eating activities.

**The deadline for receipt of applications is 17 April 2009**

For more information go to [www.communityfoodandhealth.org.uk](http://www.communityfoodandhealth.org.uk)

## **Help a Heart Grants**

This scheme will provide up to £2,000 of grant support for projects that could make a real difference to people living with a heart condition or who are at high risk of heart disease, then the BHF Help a Heart Grant is for you.

Further information and heart packs can be obtained by contacting the BHF Orderline on 0870 600 6566, or email and ask for Help a Heart Grant application pack, quoting code number G248. Alternatively you can download an application form and guidance notes from their website

**The deadlines for receipt of applications in 2009 are: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2009, Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2009 and Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2009**

For more information go to [www.bhf.org.uk](http://www.bhf.org.uk)

## **Learning Launchpad**

This scheme aims to support young people aged 14-25 who have an innovative idea that will enable them to be successful outside the confines of academia. The fund is open to individuals, groups or early-stage organisations regardless of whether they are charities, social enterprises or for-profit organisations. The fund will support projects designed by young people that will both develop themselves and encourage social change within disadvantaged communities.

Initial support can be for up to £30,000 followed by stage-two opportunities up to £100,000.

**The next application deadline is 5pm on Thursday, 11 June 2009.**

For more information go to [www.learninglaunchpad.org](http://www.learninglaunchpad.org)

## **The William Grant Youth Opportunities Fund**

This scheme provides support for voluntary organisations and charities that providing services to re-engage young people not in education, employment or training in the areas where William Grant & Sons has business interest, namely Girvan, Dufftown, Bellshill and Hamilton.

So far, the fund has awarded grants ranging from £3,000 to £75,000. To read more about the types of projects to receive awards visit the Scottish Community Funds website.

**There are no published deadlines.**

For more information go to [www.scottishcf.org/williamgrant](http://www.scottishcf.org/williamgrant)

## **Great Britons Award Scheme**

British Airways' Great Britons award scheme is open to all UK residents aged 16 and over who need support to develop their talent in the following fields:

- Fashion
- Art and Design
- Performing Arts
- Innovation
- Sport
- Helping the Community

If you're committed to being the best in your field, you could win a flight to any destination in the world where British Airways flies and a camcorder to film your journey. Just tell them your storey so far for your chance to win. Further information is available from their website.

**There are no published deadlines.**

For more information go to [www.greatbritons.ba.com](http://www.greatbritons.ba.com)

## **The Equitable Charitable Trust**

This scheme supports projects for children and young people under the age of 25 who have a disability and/or are from disadvantaged backgrounds. UK charities and community organisations can apply for grants that fall into three broad categories:

- Education projects that support the learning and development of disabled children and young people
- Education projects for disadvantaged children and young people, particularly those that support delivery of the National Curriculum or vocational learning.
- Education projects that will help to increase participation in, or improve the quality of, education for disadvantaged or disabled children and young people in developing countries.

Support can be awarded for project costs, capital expenditure, equipment and/or the salary costs of a post. Priority is given to organisations and charities with annual incomes of under £5 million.

Grants awarded range on average between £5,000 and £25,000. although it is rare for a multi-year grant to exceed £10,000 per annum.

**Applications can be submitted at any time and are considered monthly by the Trustees.**

For more information go to [www.equitablecharitabletrust.org.uk](http://www.equitablecharitabletrust.org.uk)

## **Trusthouse Charitable Foundation**

This scheme includes tow overarching themes to the Foundation's grants programme:

- Rural issues
- Urban deprivation

Within these themes you can apply under a wide range of topics such as older people, youth, sport etc for revenue and capital projects. There is a one-page downloadable application form to complete as well as sending in essential documents and written details of the project.

The average grant is £6,000 though they can range from £1,000 to £30,000.

**Applications can be made at any time.**

For more information go to [www.trusthousecharitablefoundation.org.uk](http://www.trusthousecharitablefoundation.org.uk)

## **Tudor Trust**

This scheme supports a wide range of need including: young and older people, community needs, relationships, learning, housing, substance abuse, mental health, criminal justice and financial security and prefer to support organisations with a turnover of less than £1 million.

The Trust aims to encourage growth and progression and development, not just keeping things as they are. They are interested in building stronger communities. Grants can cover core funding, development funding, projects, capital grants or mix of them. However there are a lot of exclusions, so take a look at their website.

**There are no published deadlines**

For more information go to [www.tudortrust.org.uk](http://www.tudortrust.org.uk)

## UPCOMING DEADLINES: MAY - JULY 2009

### **Austin & Hope Pilkington Trust**

The Trust's aim is to support charitable work within their eight areas of priority. The priorities are as follows: children; Youth; The Elderly; Medical; Music and the Arts; Overseas; Community and Disability

**Deadline: 1<sup>st</sup> June 2009, Max Grant: £10,000**

For more information go to [www.austin-hope-pilkington.org.uk](http://www.austin-hope-pilkington.org.uk)

### **Scottish Veteran's Fund**

The purpose of this scheme is to assist groups and organisations that in turn offer assistance to Scotland's ex-Service personnel, their families and their dependants, and is administered in collaboration with Veterans Scotland. The Fund has been designed to provide discreet amounts of funding to one-off projects.

**Deadline: 1<sup>st</sup> June 2009, Max Grant: various**

For more information go to [www.scotland.gov.uk](http://www.scotland.gov.uk)

### **Action Earth**

This scheme is a campaign coordinated by the national charity CVS (Community Service Volunteers) Environment and sponsored by the Environment Agency in England and Wales and Scottish Natural Heritage in Scotland. The purpose of the campaign 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: 9<sup>th</sup> June 2009, Max Grant: £250**

For more information go to [www.actionearth.org.uk](http://www.actionearth.org.uk)

### **BT Community Connections**

The purpose of the BTCC Cluster Award is to encourage networking between community groups that have shared objectives, whilst enabling a substantial number of people to get online.

**Deadline: 9<sup>th</sup> June 2009, Max Grant: BTCC Award package**

For more information go to [www.btcommunityconnections.com](http://www.btcommunityconnections.com)

### **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: 1<sup>st</sup> July 2009, Max Grant: £500,000**

For more information go to [www.biffaward.org](http://www.biffaward.org)

### **Social Entrepreneurs fund**

The social Entrepreneurs Fund is aimed at individuals who want to set 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: 1<sup>st</sup> July 2009, Max Grant: £20,000**

For more information go to

[www.socialentrepreneursfund.co.uk](http://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: 10<sup>th</sup> July 2009, Max Grant: various**

For more information go to

[www.friendsprovident.co.uk/foundation](http://www.friendsprovident.co.uk/foundation)

### **Tesco Charity Trust Community Award**

This scheme supports local community projects whose core work supports the welfare of children and education, which are based in areas where Tesco has stores.

**Deadline: 30<sup>th</sup> June 2009, Max Grant: £4,000**

For more information go to [www.tescopl.com](http://www.tescopl.com)

### **Ulverscroft Foundation**

This scheme provides grant funding to organisations and projects that will have a positive effect on the quality of life of visually impaired people.

**Deadline: 30<sup>th</sup> June 2009, Max Grant: None**

For more information go to [www.foundation.ulverscroft.com](http://www.foundation.ulverscroft.com)

### **Forward Scotland - Landfill Communities Fund**

Forward Scotland administers this scheme on behalf of the landfill operator Viridor Waste Management. Grants are given for capital and certain revenue expenditure. Grants do not normally exceed £30,000. Improvements to locally important 5 listed buildings may be funded up to a maximum of £6,000.

**Deadline: 30<sup>th</sup> June 2009, Max Grant: £30,000**

For more information go to [www.forward-scotland.org.uk](http://www.forward-scotland.org.uk)

### **VAF - Community Chest**

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. The programme has £400,000 available over the two years 2009-10 and 2010-11.

**Deadline: 30<sup>th</sup> June 2009, Max Grant: £1,000**

For more information go to [www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk](http://www.voluntaryactionfund.org.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: 13<sup>th</sup> July 2009, Max Grant: none**

For more information go to [www.fundingthefuture.org.uk](http://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: 15<sup>th</sup> July 2009, Max Grant: None**

For more information go to

[www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/charity/grants](http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/charity/grants)

