



Nithsdale CVS Funding Bulletin August 2011

The 'Be the Boss' Programme (BtB)

BtB is a service offered through the Royal British Legion aimed at supporting Service Leavers to plan, fund and grow their own small businesses. Funded by the UK Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS), the Legion and its partner organisations will offer training in small business set-up, assistance in writing a business plan and financial forecast, funding to assist in the launch or growth of a business, periodic health checks and business mentoring to applicants from across the United Kingdom.

The programme consists of the following two types of funding:

- **Business Grant** - a grant of up to £7,500 can be provided for eligible applicants to assist with the costs of starting up in business.
- **Business Loan** - a loan of up to £30,000 can be provided to support businesses.

The Royal British Legion will also increase the support available to those choosing to participate in the scheme by including services providing business information, advice and guidance and mentoring support.

Anyone who has been discharged from the UK Armed Forces, looking to start-up or expand their own business in the UK may apply.

Interested parties are required to register on the Legion sponsored website via the link below and submit a business plan, before completing the online application form.

Applications can be made at any time.

Link: <http://www.civvystreet.org>

Creative Scotland

This scheme has 15 new Investment Programmes. Individuals and organisations can now apply for financial support.

Creative Scotland funding programmes include Access, Audience Development and Participation. Full details of programmes, contact details and their funding surgery schedule are available from their website via the link below.

Deadlines are dependent on programme.

<http://www.creativescotland.com/investment/investmentprogrammes>

Kellogg's Swim Active Grants

This scheme – the scheme re-opens on 20 October 2011. Applications will be accepted from not-for-profit organisations such as; swimming clubs, schools, facilities, pool operators, community organisations and enterprises. The programme offers minimum grants of £10,000 and seeks to support any aquatic activity which enhances motivation, removes barriers and increases participation in the sport.

Projects must focus on one or more of the following areas:

- reach deprived communities;
- target non swimming individuals;
- break down barriers to participation in aquatic activity;
- increase participation in aquatic activity; and
- target socio-deprived communities.

Example projects that could be supported include: Supportive social sessions for mums-to-be and new mums; to provide an additional social opportunity; aquatic Youth Clubs for young people aged 14-19.

Deadlines for applications will be published as they become available.

Link <http://www.swimming.org/get-involved/kelloggs-swimactive>



Women's Fund for Scotland

This scheme has published new guidelines on how it will prioritise organisations predominantly run by/for women and women-only projects which seek to support and empower women back into employment. Projects may be funded that meet the aim of the fund to support projects that enable women to be better able to cope with the effects of the economic downturn and to make changes that enable them to turn lives around.

Grants of £2,000 - £5,000 are available for projects that address at least one of the following three outcomes:

1. Women are more equipped to access opportunities that will lead to employment:

- Building confidence and self esteem
- Improve mental health and wellbeing
- Increase motivation
- Support through challenging times i.e. domestic violence/abuse, addictions, recovery, family breakdown
- Literacy and numeracy skills

2. Women are able to access employment:

- Vocational and non vocational training, qualifications (associated childcare costs)
- Volunteering opportunities
- CV support, interview skills

3. Women have access to income maximisation advice and support:

- Advocacy, life skills
- Legal and financial advice and support

Applications can be made using the form available on their website via the link below. Nevertheless should you have any queries contact the Grants Team on 0141 341 4960 or email them at grants@scottishcf.org. However please note that it takes around four months to process an application. Therefore apply in plenty of time before the Grants Committee dates.

Committee dates for 2011 are as follows:

- 3 October 2011; and
- 6 December 2011.

Link: <http://www.scottishcf.org/grantsforwomen>

EMI Music Sound Foundation and/or Equipment Awards

This scheme provides grants up to £2,000 for schools that wish to purchase musical instruments and equipment.

To date the Foundation has made awards to over 2,000 schools, individual students and teachers to improve their access to music through the purchase or upgrade of musical instruments and equipment. The funding has to be made for music education that is beyond statutory national curriculum music teaching.

The deadline for receipt of applications is 16 September 2011.

Link: <http://www.emimusicfoundation.com/index.php/site/awards>

Enterprise Music Scotland - Traditional Arts Small Projects Fund

This scheme is designed to provide support for traditional artists, groups and organisations to create, platform, tour and showcase their work. The fund will support successful applicants offering imaginative projects in Scottish Traditional Dance, Music and/or Storytelling, and will also support professional development projects.

Each applicant can apply for an award of between £250 and £3,000. However all information, including full criteria, application form and notes, is available from their website via the link below.

The next two deadlines for receipt of application are 30 September 2011 and 28 February 2012.

Link: <http://www.emusicscotland.co.uk/financial-support/>

Prince's Scottish Youth Business Trust (PSYBT)

PSYBT is a charitable organisation helping young people start up and continue in business.

It can provide business planning and start up advice, grants and low interest loans, book-keeping training and ongoing support from a dedicated mentor.

Further information is available on their website via the link below.

Link: <http://psybt.org.uk>

Organ Fund

This scheme exists for the purpose of supporting the provision and restoration of pipe organs.

The trustees meet twice a year and the fund has already made grants totalling over £220,000 to more than 580 places of worship which is an average of £400 per organisation.

The deadline for receipt of applications is 30 September 2011, with the next date likely to be April 2012.

Link: <http://www.onorganfund.org.uk/index.htm>

Performing Arts Fund

This scheme will have art form focus for the Fund's work with two schemes launched each year - one for individuals and one for community groups.

In 2011 the focus is dance, in 2012 it will be music, and in 2013 the focus will be on theatre. This will be an ongoing cycle enabling each sector to know when support for their artform will be available.

Each year funding is distributed via two types of grant, one for individual artists and the other for community groups.

There are no published deadlines.

Link: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/performingartsfund/eligibilit>

'see me' Local Grants Scheme

The 'see me' Local Grant Scheme and Equality Fund has been set up to encourage and support new ideas for groups across Scotland to fight stigma in their local area. Up to £4,000 will be available per health board area to local groups who aim to promote positive messages of mental health.

A second pool of funding, a new 'see me' Equality Fund will award up to £6,000 to tackle the mental health and stigma issues faced by equality groups whilst celebrating diversity and promoting equality for all.

The deadline for applications is 1 September 2011.

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

Community Chest

This scheme is a small grant programme providing grants to help small community groups sustain and develop their activities. Groups can apply for funding for a wide range of activities or operational costs.

Voluntary Action 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;

professional support or consultancy. Priority for funding will be given to groups working with:

- Disability or health related issues
- People excluded due to their ethnic origin, gender, sexual orientation or gender identity
- Families and young people
- Older people Amount - up to £1,000 and free training

Groups wishing to apply for a Community Chest grant can download an application form and guidance notes from their website via the link below.

The deadlines for receipt of applications to the Community Chest programme are welcome throughout the year with the deadlines being 15 September 2011 and 15 January 2012.

Link: http://www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk/5_40/grants/community_chest

BIG Lottery Fund: Community Spaces Scotland

This scheme seeks to support the rejuvenation of indoor and outdoor spaces for community benefit. The aim is to support local communities to become more involved in, and manage, indoor and outdoor spaces within their communities so that people can come together to share the space and become healthier, fitter etc.

Grants can be used for buildings and spaces that need improvements to their appearance, functionality, accessibility, usefulness and sustainability. Projects will need to meet all three of the outcomes expected which are:

1. Communities come together to make better use of local spaces and places, including getting a wider, increased and better range of uses from communal areas.
2. Communities come together to improve their environment, covering not only green environmental activities but also communities improving their physical environment including buildings. This might include (for example) improvements to village halls, clearing a neglected path network, or improving facilities at a local park to encourage access.
3. Communities come together to get healthier and be more active, including improving both physical and mental health and well being.

A wide range of spaces and meeting areas will be supported, including:

- Local parks
- Community paths and gardens
- Play parks
- Allotments
- Community centres
- Village halls - e.g. new floor, kitchen, heating

Applications are welcome from: Voluntary and community organisations, whether registered charities or not, Schools Community councils, Social enterprises, Private companies where the project is for community benefit and no profits accrue for the company. Local authorities cannot apply but can be part of a partnership application. Applicants do not have to own the land or building; a suitable lease may be fine.

A complex set of criteria for eligibility has been devised. Only areas in urban and rural areas of greatest need are eligible for support. The most deprived 25% of Scottish data zones in one of the five following types of area are eligible:

- Large urban areas over 125,000 people;
- Other urban areas of between 10,000 and 125,000 people;
- Accessible rural areas with populations of fewer than 3,000 people within a 30 minute drive of a larger town;
- Remote rural areas with populations of fewer than 3,000 people within 30-60 minutes drive of a larger town;
- Very remote rural areas with a population of fewer than 3,000 more than 60 minutes from a settlement of 10,000 or more.

Also, the most deprived 50% of data zones within the following areas can apply:

- Accessible small towns with a population of between 3,000 and 10,000 within a 30 minute drive of a settlement of more than 10,000;
- Remote small towns with a population of between 3,000 and 10,000 within a 30-60 minute drive of a settlement of more than 10,000;
- Very remote small towns with a population of between 3,000 and 10,000 more than a 60 minute drive of a settlement of more than 10,000.

A full analysis of the geographic eligibility guidelines is available from the BIG Lottery website. An eligibility checker is also available to check whether your postcode is eligible.

£9 million is available over three years. Grants can be for between £10,000 and £250,000 over up to two years. Most grants will be for less than £100,000. The money can be spent on project-related revenue costs, capital costs and full cost recovery overheads. Grants cannot be used to purchase land or buildings. Up to 95% of project costs can be funded. The 5% community contribution can include in-kind support.

There is a two stage application process with guidance, application forms and deadlines available from BIG's website via the link below. It is anticipated that grants will be paid from early 2013.

Link: http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/css_approach_eligibility.pdf

Scottish Community Foundation (SCF)

This scheme, operated by SCF on behalf of Comic Relief, will distribute grants; between £1,000 - £10,000, to organisations to empower local people enabling them to create lasting change in their communities. SCF will distribute in total £365,647 between 2011 and 2013. Projects should be run by people directly affected by the issues they are dealing with and priority will be given to small, locally based groups or organisations in areas of disadvantage that have a clear understanding of the needs of their community. This can also include "Communities of Interest" which cover a wider geographical area.

Projects must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Increase local services
- Build skills of local people
- Increase community cohesion
- Respond to local economic needs
- Increasing sport and exercise for people who face social exclusion and isolation
- Using sport as a tool to help people who are experiencing difficulties in their lives to regain their confidence and self esteem.

Application forms to apply for a grant for Comic Relief funded projects can be downloaded from SCF's website via the link below. Alternatively you can contact the Foundation on 0141 341 4960 or email them at grants@scottishcf.org

The current round which opened on Monday, 15 August will close on Wednesday, 2 October 2011.

Link: <http://www.scottishcf.org/strengthening-communities/apply-for-a-grant/scotland-wide-grant-programmes/comic-reliefgrants/>

Carnegie UK Trust

This scheme provides funding for up to five not-for-profit conference organisers to attract leading public policy thinkers and commentators to debate issues of public concern.

The support of the Trust will, provide up to £3,000 to, allow event organisers in consultation with the Trust, to invite a small panel along with a chair to take part in a debate during the conference. The intention is to allow conference organisers to attract guests who may require, for example, travel expenses from abroad, fees and other expenses.

Further information is available from their website via the link below.

Link: <http://www.carnegieuktrust.org.uk/changing-minds/carnegie-challenge-2011>

CSV Action Earth

This scheme will support environmental activity using volunteers or good projects that improve biodiversity. There are three different types of grants ranging from £50-£500 to cover materials, tools and expenses.

1. SNH Local Nature Reserve Awards - up to £500 for small volunteer-led projects on existing and proposed Local Nature Reserves
2. SNH Biodiversity Awards of up to £250 for volunteer groups providing or improving wildlife habitats
3. CSV Action Earth Express Awards which are easy-access grants of up to £50 for volunteers to improve their local public accessible environment in a number of ways

You can apply online, download forms or get more information from their website via the link below.

Apply as soon as possible as grants are allocated on a first come first serve basis.

Link: <http://www.actionearth.org.uk/joomla/>

EventScotland – National Funding Programme

This scheme complements the International Funding Programme. Events which take place outside Edinburgh and Glasgow are eligible.

Further information is available from their website, via the link below, or by contacting them directly on 0131 472 2313.

The deadlines for receipt of applications are:

- 7 October 2011 for events taking place from 1 May 2012 onwards; and
- 3 February 2012 for events taking place 1 September 2012 onwards.

Link: [http://www.eventscotland.org/funding-and-resources/national-events-programme/Flytipping Small](http://www.eventscotland.org/funding-and-resources/national-events-programme/Flytipping%20Small)

Grant Scheme

This scheme is designed to support landowners/managers in Scotland who have experienced persistent problems of flytipping. The objectives of the scheme are:

- to facilitate the removal of flytipping at upwards of ten locations during the current financial year; and
- to prevent reoccurring flytipping at the same locations over the next financial year.

A total fund of £50,000 is available for distribution during the 2011/12 period. Applications can be made for individual grants of between £500 and £10,000. The following projects will be considered for grant funding:

- Clearing the land of flytipped material.
- Creating deterrents to flytipping.
- Raising awareness of penalties and alternatives.
- Making responsible waste disposal/recycling of waste more accessible.

Businesses, community groups and local authority landowners/managers in Scotland may apply. Applicants must be able to provide evidence of persistent flytipping on their land.

The deadline for receipt of applications is 9 September 2011.

Link: <http://www.dumbdumpers.org/>

Bank of Scotland Foundation – Small Grants Programme

This scheme accepts applications from charities registered in Scotland. The Foundation provides up to £20,000 investment around two themes:

1. Developing and improving local communities;
2. Financial literacy, financial inclusion and social housing

Further information and guidance is available from their website via the link below.

The next deadline for receipt of applications is 14 October 2011.

Link: <http://www.bankofscotlandfoundation.org/small-grantsprogramme>

BT Community Connections

This scheme offers community groups the chance to get online and help people discover the internet. If your group helps the community access the internet and improves people's ICT skills, you could be eligible to apply for a year's free broadband.

Further information and guidance is available from the BT website via the link below.

The deadline for receipt of applications is 15 September 2011.

Link: <http://www.bt.com/communityconnections>

Swim21/British Gas Club Grant

This scheme supports Swim21 accredited swimming clubs, and clubs working towards accreditation to help with club development. The scheme is administered by the Amateur Swimming Association.

Grants of up to £1,000 for accredited clubs, or up to £500 for clubs working towards accreditation, are available.

Further information and application forms are available from the website link below.

The next deadline for receipt of applications is November 2011.

Link: <http://www.swimming.org/>

The Scottish Investment Fund (SIF)

This scheme is a £33 million programme funded by the Scottish Government. It provides assistance to third sector organisations in Scotland through strategic investment in individual organisations supported by integral business support and management development.

The purpose of the Fund is to build capacity, capability and financial sustainability in the third sector; ensuring a strong and active sector that reaches its potential and makes a key contribution to the national outcomes of the Scottish Government.

Under the current phase, investments can range from £100,000 to £500,000 and may be provided as one or more finance methods, including loans, strategic investments (based on specified social outcomes), equity investments or other investment methods.

There is no specific minimum or maximum investment percentage, although most offers will involve a 50% nonrepayable finance package. Any repaid capital and interest is re-invested into the Fund to provide further investment.

SIF investment may be applied in areas such as operations, marketing and business development, governance and financial controls. The Fund will also enable organisations to invest in assets such as buildings, plant and machinery.

Established, 'investment-ready' third sector organisations, located and trading in Scotland, with social aims may apply. For Phase 2 of the Fund, the Scottish Government is particularly interested in making investments in new, innovative and pioneering models of social enterprise.

The deadline for receipt of applications for this round is 14 October 2011.

Link: <http://www.scottishinvestmentfund.co.uk/>

2014 Communities

This scheme aims to encourage groups to get involved in sport and physical activity, which can include walking or gardening groups. Grants will be available to groups who are looking to encourage participation, volunteering and community interaction through their sports projects. There are three key aims:

1. More people take part in sport or physical activity
2. More people volunteer in sport or physical activity
3. More people and communities are brought together through taking part or volunteering in sport or physical activity

Applications from low participation groups are particularly encouraged i.e. women & girls, people who are disabled, people over 50 years of age, people under 25 years of age and people from black and minority ethnic communities.

Grants, from £300 - £1,000, are available to partly fund costs of a larger project, however, the total project costs must not exceed £2,000 and you can only apply for one grant in a 12-month period. Decisions will be made within 15 working days.

Further information is available by calling 0870 240 2391 or go to the BIG Lottery website via the link below.

Applications may be submitted at any time.

Link: http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_2014_communities.htm

2012 Ashden Awards for Sustainable Energy

This scheme takes the form of a national competition open to voluntary organisations, schools, local authorities and businesses throughout the UK to identify practical and innovative schemes that demonstrate sustainable energy in action at local level. The Awards operate retrospectively: that is they reward projects that have already been put into action. They bring sizeable cash prizes, a big PR opportunity, and the chance to network nationally and internationally with projects sharing similar aims.

The deadline for applications is 25 October 2011.

Link: http://www.ashdenawards.org/our_work

CashBack Small Grants Scheme

This scheme funds programmes of activities for young people including: sports events, music tuition, camping trips, outdoor activities, drumming, art, swimming lessons, first aid courses, healthy eating projects and sailing courses. It is estimated that more than 12,000 young people have benefitted from these activities.

Groups that are members of the partner organisations are eligible to apply for this new year of funding. Grants of up to £1,000 are available to fund the start up costs of a group of unit, and up to £2,000 to fund an existing group to run a particular programme of activity. Groups should apply directly to the organisation of which they are a member.

Further information is available from the Youthscotland website via the link below.

The deadlines for receipt of applications are 1 September 2011, 1 December 2011, 1 March 2012 and 1 June 2012.

Link: <http://www.youthscotland.org.uk/projects/cashbacksmall-grants-scheme.htm>

LandAid - Training, Education and Support Fund and Capital Projects Fund

This scheme makes grants of between £5,000 and £25,000 available to registered charities and registered community interest companies in the United Kingdom. The following two funds are available:

1. Training, Education and Support Fund - Funding is available for training, education or support programmes that are targeted at disadvantaged young people, this can include NEETS, homeless and those from a low income background. Projects should engage young people and lead to employment or recognised qualifications.
2. Capital Projects Fund - Funding is available for the refurbishment, conversion, extension or new build of facilities for young and disadvantaged people. This can include hostel/foyers, community or youth centres and accommodation. Preference is given to projects that have an education or learning element.

Applications may be submitted at any time.

Link: <http://www.landaid.org/>

The Woodward Charitable Trust

This scheme is one of the Sainsbury Family Charitable Trusts which was specifically established under a Trust Deed dated 26 July 1988. The Trust aims to support small-scale, locally-based charitable initiatives in the UK. The Trust offers the following types of funding:

- Main grants:
 - Small grants of between £100 and £5,000 (around 80 grants are made per year).
 - Large grants of over £5,000 (around five grants are made per year).
- Children's summer playscheme grants of between £500 and £1,000 (about 30 grants are made per year).

Funding is primarily for one-off projects, but the Trustees are willing to consider funding running costs, including core cost and salaries. Applicants must state any funding from other sources.

Applications must be in support of the following activities within the Trust's current funding priorities:

- Children and young people who are isolated, at risk of exclusion or involved in anti-social behaviour.
- Minority groups including refugees, gypsies and travellers. Projects that promote integration and community cohesion will be favoured.
- Prisoners and ex-offenders. Projects that help the rehabilitation and resettlement of prisoners and/or exoffenders are supported as well as requests to help prisoners families.
- Disability projects which can include rehabilitation and training for people who are either physically disabled or learning disabled, as well as help to improve employment prospects.
- Homelessness, especially affecting young people and women, and covering facilities such as women's refuges.
- Arts outreach work by local groups for the benefit of disadvantaged people.
- Environmental projects, especially with a strong educational element.

The Trustees favour small-scale, locally based initiatives. Applications are accepted from UK registered charities with an annual turnover of less than 300,000. However applications for summer playschemes will only be accepted from UK registered charities with an annual turnover of less than £100,000. Projects should be for children between the ages of five and 16 from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Applications for the Trustees' meeting in January 2012 will be accepted between 1 September and 30 November 2011. 2012 deadline for summer playscheme grant applications: 26 March 2012 (5pm).

Link: <http://www.woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk/guidelines.html>

Epic Awards

This scheme, provided by Voluntary Arts Network, the development agency for arts participation, is designed to draw attention to work taking place within the voluntary and amateur arts sector. The awards aim to provide these groups with the opportunity to raise their profile and to win a package of prizes including training, equipment and publicity.

Following the success of the first Epic Awards in 2010, which ran across England only, the sponsor has decided to extend the 2011 scheme to groups across the UK and the Republic of Ireland. The awards will be made under the following four categories:

- Engagement
- Partnerships
- Innovation
- Creativity

Successful groups receive an electronic Epic Award winner pack including logo and branding that can be used on all communication, if desired. The winner of each of the four categories will receive £250 worth of gift vouchers and runnersup will receive £100 worth of gift vouchers. These can be redeemed at GreatArt. Each winning group will also receive annual membership of Arts Development UK, worth £165.

Voluntary or amateur art and craft groups/organisations in the United Kingdom and Ireland are eligible to apply i.e.:

- those arts and crafts that people undertake for self improvement, social networking and leisure, but not primarily for payment;
- groups that are self-organised;
- not-for-profit groups.

The deadline for receipt of entries is 11 November 2011 (5pm).

Link: <http://www.epicawards.co.uk/>

IMMINENT DEADLINES

Lloyds TSB Foundation (Scotland) Henry Duncan Awards

This scheme, named in honour of the Reverend Henry Duncan who founded the first Trustee Savings Bank, aims to support and work in partnership with charities operating in Scotland in order to improve the quality of life for people who are disadvantaged or at risk of becoming disadvantaged.

Deadline: 12th September 2011 Max Grant: £20,000

Link: <http://www.ltsbfoundationforscotland.org.uk/index.asp?cat=Home>

CashBack for Communities Fund (Scotland)

This scheme provides grants, created from the proceeds of crime, to youth organisations based in Scotland. Priority will be given to events and activities that address inequalities, and particularly to proposals which focuses resources in high crime areas to fill gaps in provision for young people aged 10-19 years.

Deadline: 16th September 2011 Max Grant: £30,000

Link: <http://www.youthlinkscotland.org/Index.asp?MainID=11388>

Faiths in Scotland Community Action Fund (FiSCAF)

This scheme works with local faith groups to build hope and fight against poverty by providing grants and support in Scotland's most fragile urban and rural communities. Grants may be spread over a maximum of three years, with no more than £7,500 being awarded in the first year. However funding is not available for: The promotion of a particular faith; Building/refurbishment projects; and Ongoing running costs of established organisations and projects.

Deadline: 30th September 2011 Max Grant: £15,000

Link: <http://www.fiscaf.org/index.php?id=1>

Ulverscroft Foundation

This 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: 30th September 2011 Max Grant: None specified

Link: <http://www.foundation.ulverscroft.com/>

FORTHCOMING DEADLINES

The Baily Thomas Charitable Fund

This scheme was established primarily to aid the research into learning disability and to aid the care and relief of those affected by learning disability. Funding is normally considered for capital or revenue costs and for both specific projects and general running and core costs. Normally one-off grants are awarded but exceptionally a new project may be funded over two or three years, subject to satisfactory reports of progress. In some cases an element of match funding is a requirement.

Deadline: 1st October 2011 Max Grant: Various

Link: <http://www.bailythomas.org.uk/default.aspx>

The Fidelio Charitable Trust

This scheme was established in 2008 in support of the Arts in the United Kingdom. The Trust aims to help individuals and groups of exceptional ability who would not be able to carry out an artistic project or activity without financial support, particularly those who are at an early stage in their careers. The Trust's funds are limited, and it may only be able to part-fund a project or activity.

Deadline: 1st October 2011 Max Grant: £5,000

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

The Elephant Trust

This scheme was created in 1975 by Roland Penrose and Lee Miller with a view to developing and improving the knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the fine arts in the United Kingdom. The Trust's aim is 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: 10th October 2011 Max Grant: £2,000

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

BBC Children in Need - Small Grants Programme

This scheme 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 October 2011 Max Grant: £10,000

Link: http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/grants/general_grants_Shtml

The Esmée Fairbairn Collections Fund

This scheme is administered by the Museums Association (MA) and has been developed from the Esmée Fairbairn Museum and Heritage Collections strand and the MA's Effective Collections programme. The Fund is open to all museums and galleries in the United Kingdom. Applicants, or one applicant in a partnership, are normally expected to be Accredited (or working towards this). However, occasional exceptions may be made for organisations which are not accredited museums, but whose activities are based on the care and interpretation of collections of historical, artistic or scientific interest, provided they are in the public sector or have charitable status.

Deadline: 31st October 2011 Max Grant: £100,000

Link: <http://www.museumsassociation.org/home>

Swimathon

This scheme offers grants to promote swimming to local communities. The funding aims to encourage more people to enjoy swimming and to enhance the experience for people who wish to swim. Match funding is not a specified requirement.

Deadline: 4th November 2011 Max Grant: £2,500

Link: http://swimathon.org/page.php?page=tsf_Grants

Rules Criteria

The Lintel Trust

This scheme is an unendowed charitable trust that works with voluntary organisations and local communities throughout Scotland to help provide solutions for people in housing need. It comprises a series of subsections, including the following: Older People; Equalities; and Geographical / issue specific.

Deadline: 11th November 2011 Max Grant: £2,000

Link: <http://www.linteltrust.org.uk/index.html>

Rowing Foundation

This scheme encourages participation in rowing by the young or disabled through the provision of equipment, such as boats, sculls, ergos, oars and essential safety equipment. Coaching, revenue or any commitments requiring long term support are rarely approved.

Deadline: 28th November 2011 Max Grant: £2,000

Link: <http://www.therowingfoundation.org.uk/formsdeadlines/>

RBS Sport for You

This scheme aims to support those sports clubs that play a vital role in society, creating a place for social interaction and an environment where different generations come together to be active and share the joy of sporting participation. The grant must be used to benefit the club as a whole. It may not be spent on individuals.

Deadline: 30th November 2011 Max Grant: £1,000

Link: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/sport/othersports/Amateur>

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