



Funding Bulletin - May 2008

This newsletter was compiled by T3SC with information from NAVCA, Fit4Funding and direct from funders themselves. It showcases just a few of the hundreds of funding opportunities T3SC have information on.

Our Support and Development Team can also offer assistance with putting together a quality funding bid; please get in touch to see how we can work with you to help you achieve your aims.

Charles Hayward Foundation

Priorities/details: The Charles Hayward Foundation is a grant-making charitable trust which is located in the UK. They make grants to registered charities.

Who for? Programmes: Heritage and Conservation, Criminal Justice, Hospices, Older People, Overseas, Youth at Risk.

Community facilities in the North West are also eligible under the small grants scheme. They prefer funding a project in its early stages rather than finishing off an already well supported appeal. They value projects that are preventive or provide early intervention. The preferred area of impact is at the community and neighbourhood level.

Grant amount: Small grant scheme up to £5,000 only to charities with an annual turnover of less than £250,000. In their other programmes, grant sizes are typically from £10,000 to £25,000 one-off grant. Where agreed, project funding may be granted for a maximum of three years in duration, and will be tapered downwards if appropriate. Project funding may be up to £15,000 per year over three years

Application process: Applications should be made in writing to the Administrator.

Deadline: Trustees meet four times a year,

Further information: Website: www.charleshaywardfoundation.org.uk/

Tel: 0207 370 7063 / 0207 370 7067



THE FREEMASONS' GRAND CHARITY

Freemasons' Grand Charity - Non-Masonic Grants

Priorities/details: The Freemasons' Grand Charity regularly supports national charities that are not connected with Freemasonry.

Who for? Major Grants over £5,000 are not normally made for capital building projects, whether for new buildings, renovation, updating or extension. Minor Grants up to £5,000 are given towards core funding for smaller charities whose annual income does not exceed £1 million.

Major and minor grants are awarded under the following headings: Vulnerable people; Medical Research; Youth Opportunities. Major and minor grants are only made to registered charities in England and Wales.

Grant amount: Major Grants - Charities seeking funding for specific projects can apply for grants of over £5,000. Minor Grants- Smaller charities can apply for a grant of £5,000 or less for general purposes.

Application process: Local charities (i.e. serving an individual city or region) should apply to the Provincial Grand Lodge of the region in which they operate - contact details for Provincial Grand Lodges are on website below. Before applying for a grant, you are advised to read the detailed Grant Application Guidelines.

Deadlines: Major and minor grant applications are considered at meetings held in January, April and July. Applications are currently being accepted for consideration at the meeting to be held in July 2008. The closing date for applications is **Friday 30 May 2008**.

Further information: Contact the Non-Masonic grants team, Tel: 0207 395 9294, Website: www.grandcharity.org/pages/nonmasonic_grants.html

Futurebuilders – reopening

Priorities/details: A £215m fund has opened to all third sector organisations delivering public services. An extra £65m is released for not-for-profit organisations. Offering loans-based investment packages.



Investing in the third sector
Improving public services

Who for? Futurebuilders provides flexible finance to organisations that are delivering public services or want to start contracting with public bodies, such as local authorities, primary care trusts or learning and skills councils. From April 2008 it is extending its support to organisations working across all areas of public service delivery, including sport, recreation and leisure, environmental projects, waste and recycling, legal aid, and the arts.

Further information: To register your interest before the fund opens, or to find out more about how loan finance can help your organisation achieve sustainability, visit: www.futurebuilders-england.org.uk or Tel: 0191 261 5200.



Big Issue Invest launches major new fund in the Community Transport sector

Priorities/details: Social investment business Big Issue Invest, part of The Big Issue group of companies, has announced that it is to team up with the Community Transport Association (CTA) to offer financial support and advice to its member organisations. They will assist community transport organisations in their bid to scale-up their operations, become more sustainable and play a greater role in community regeneration and inclusion. As part of the partnership, plans are underway for an innovative new fund, which will provide enterprising community transport organisations with a finance option to procure their own vehicles on the back of public sector

contracts they have successfully bid for. This new partnership is timely in light of proposals in the Local Transport Bill, the most significant to affect community transport regulation for nearly 30 years.

Who for? Whether enterprising organisations have issues concerning vehicle purchase, loans or potential leasing of office space, they should get in touch to discuss the kind of support that might be suitable for them. If your community transport organisation would like to purchase new vehicles, Big Issue Invest would love to hear from you.

Further information: Contact Ian Curd at Big Issue Invest, Tel: 020 7173 6020, Email: ian@biginvest.co.uk, Website: www.biginvest.co.uk

LOTTERY UPDATE

Mind - Ecominds BIG Changing Spaces funding

Priorities/details: The Big Lottery Fund has awarded Mind £8.8million from its Changing Spaces programme to start up an exciting new grants scheme. 'Ecominds' will fund projects across England that will help transform local environments and build the confidence and self-esteem of people with mental health problems.

Grant amount: Over the next five years Ecominds will award grants up to the value of £250,000 to 125 environmental projects.

Further information: Website:

www.mind.org.uk/News+policy+and+campaigns/Press/Eco090408.htm

Tel: 0845 766 0163, Email: contact@mind.org.uk



For better
mental health

BIG - The People's Millions

Priorities/details: The People's Millions, the exciting collaboration between the Big Lottery Fund and ITV has returned for a fourth year. They are looking to build on the success of previous years by continuing The People's Millions competition in 2008. They have already funded 229 projects across the UK, and hope to fund 90 new projects in 2008.

Who for? They are particularly interested in funding projects that: Get people involved in their local community; Help people who are most in need; Are original and imaginative.

There are four themes: Making the local environment cleaner, safer or greener; Improving the local natural environment; Improving the design, appearance, or accessibility of local amenities; Providing opportunities or facilities for enjoying the local environment or local amenities.

Grant amount: The maximum grant will be £50,000. The People's Millions must be the majority funder. You must be able to show that you have already raised any extra money you will need.

Deadline: 12pm on Thursday 15 May 2008.

Application process: Apply online.

Further information: Website:

www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_peoples_millions

BIG advice line: 0845 410 2030



BIG - Family Learning

Priorities/details: This is a programme that helps parents to understand more about how their children learn and encourages adults and children to learn as a family. They want to support families who face barriers to learning or who are not confident helping their children to learn.

Who for? They are particularly interested in hearing from projects where learning is not based on getting a qualification and those that will help families who have not been involved in learning together before.

Grant amount: Grants of over £10,000 and up to £500,000, though they would expect the average grant to be between £100,000 - £150,000. They will fund projects for up to five years.

Deadline: The programme closes on 29 August 2008

Further information: BIG advice line Tel: 0845 410 2030, Website:

www.biglotteryfund.org.uk



Priorities/details: The Big Lottery Fund is delivering myplace on behalf of the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF). This is not Lottery funding. myplace aims to deliver world class youth facilities driven by the active participation of young people and their view and needs.

Funded projects must deliver all the following outcomes:

- Parents and communities feel that young people have exciting and safe places to go in their leisure time where they can get involved in an attractive range of activities;
- Particularly the most disadvantaged, participate in positive leisure time activities that support their personal and social development; more young people have access to information, advice and support services from within places they feel comfortable;
- Stronger partnership working between local authorities, third, private and public sector partners to plan, deliver and operate financially sustainable youth facilities with and for young people.

Grant amount: Grants available are between £1 million and £5 million. The total available is £190 million between 2008 and 2010. £160m will be available in year one of which up to £50 million is available through the Fastrack route.

Application process: Application and guidance materials for the first funding round will be available from 6 May 2008.

Deadline: For fast track application - 29 July 2008. The deadline for the standard route is 30 September 2008.

Further information: Regional seminars are taking place during early May to inform groups about myplace: North West Warrington; Wednesday 14 May (am). Please contact your regional office if you would like to attend. See website for details. BIG advice line, Tel: 0845 410 2030, Website:

www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/

Heritage Lottery Fund – New simpler application process

Priorities/details: The Heritage Lottery Fund has introduced new application material for all its programmes. A new website section provides all the information you will need to choose the right grant programme for your heritage project.



Grant amount: Programmes: Heritage Grants (grants of £50,000 or more), Your Heritage (grants of between £3,000 and £50,000), Young Roots (grants of between £3,000 and £25,000 for young people celebrating heritage).

Application process: Online pre-application advice forms and application forms are now available. All application material and guidance is also available to download in PDF form. The following targeted programmes: Townscape Heritage Initiative; Landscape Partnership; Joint Places of Worship are available in PDF format only. They are currently working at creating online applications for these programmes.

Deadline: You can still apply for a Your Heritage or Young Roots grant under the old programme until 30 June 2008.

Further information: Website: www.hlf.org.uk/English/HowToApply/

ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS



Community Sustainable Energy Programme (CSEP)

Priorities/details: The Community Sustainable Energy Programme (CSEP) is an open grants programme run by BRE as an award partner of the Big Lottery Fund.

It aims to achieve the following outcomes:

- Reduction in CO2 emissions.
- Increased community awareness of climate change and how changes to our behaviour can reduce it.
- Increased skills base of local trades (for example, local builders and building-service subcontractors working on renewable energy projects for the first time).
- Reduction in energy bills.
- Reduction in reliance on imported energy and increased independence from commercial energy suppliers.
- Stronger partnerships within local communities with lasting social benefits.
- Growth of local enterprise in new technologies.

Grant amount: CSEP will provide £8 million to community-based organisations for the installation of microgeneration technologies, such as solar panels or wind turbines and energy efficiency measures including loft

and cavity wall insulation. It will also provide £1 million for project development grants that will help community organisations establish if a microgeneration and energy efficiency installation will work for them.

Further information: Website: www.communitysustainable.org.uk
Tel: 0845 3671 671, Email: info@communitysustainable.org.uk

Natural England - Access to Nature

Details: Access to Nature is a £25 million grant scheme to encourage people from all backgrounds to understand, access and enjoy our natural environment. It is funded by the Big Lottery Fund's Changing Spaces programme and Natural England.

Who for? The scheme will focus on three broad themes: Community awareness and active participation; Education, learning and volunteering; Welcoming, well-managed and wildlife-rich places. The priority will be to fund projects that make a lasting change in areas of high social, economic and/or environmental deprivation. To qualify for funding, organisations must show evidence of partnership working and how they intend to involve the people they are trying to reach in developing, making decisions about and implementing the project.

How much? Grants of between £50,000 and £500,000. In addition they will make a small number of larger grants of over £500,000 for projects which have a national significance.

Application process: Application forms and guidance notes will be available at launch from website below. It will be a two stage process.

Further information: Website: www.naturalengland.org.uk/accesstonature
Email: Accesstonature@naturalengland.org.uk or enquiries@naturalengland.org.uk



Community Spaces

Priorities/details: Community Spaces is a £50 million open grants programme that is managed by Groundwork UK as an Award Partner to the Big Lottery Fund.

Who for? The programme helps community groups create or improve green and open spaces so that the quality of life in neighbourhoods across England is enhanced. Projects must be within a two mile radius of a residential area. Projects must be open to the public 'most of the time'.

Grant amount: Small grants of between: £10,000 - £25,000; Medium grants of between: £25,001 - £49,999. Community Spaces will also be awarding a limited number of Large and Flagship grants: Large grants of between: £50,000 – £100,000; Flagship grants of between: £100,001 – £450,000. There will only be one bidding round for large and flagship grants.

Application process: Community groups will be able to apply for these grants from summer 2008 and will have approximately nine months to submit their Stage 1 application form. It is a two-stage process. Facilitators will be able to provide expert and specialist advice to every project; they will also be able to provide support to applicants to complete the Stage 2 application form.

Further information: Website: www.community-spaces.org.uk/
Advice Line Tel: 0845 3671 671, Email: info@community-spaces.org.uk

RSWT - Local Food

Priorities/details: Grants are available for not-for-profit groups and organisations in England delivering such projects as growing, processing, marketing and distributing local food; composting and raising awareness of the benefits of such activities.

Grant amount: There are three levels of funding available through Local Food: Small Grants – Between £2,000 to £10,000
Main Grants - Between £10,001 to £300,000
Beacon Grants - Between £300,001 to £500,000

Application process: Two stage application process for all three sizes of grant. Forms can be completed in a word interactive document downloadable from website below and emailed to: localfood@rswt.org Hard copy: Forms can also be handwritten and posted.

Deadline: For the Small and Main grants there are no deadlines, it is a rolling programme, although all funded projects must be completed by March 2014.

Applications for Beacon Grants need to be submitted before the end of June 2008 and full Applications by the end of November 2008.

Further information: To request your hard copy First Stage Application form, Tel: 0845 3671 671 or see: www.localfoodgrants.org/index.php/grants
Email: localfood@rswt.org

Local
Food



Tubney Charitable Trust - new funding strategy.

Priorities/details: Wishing to strengthen its positive impact on the biodiversity of the UK and the welfare of farmed animals both in the UK and internationally, The Tubney Charitable Trust has announced a new, more focused approach to its charitable giving.

Who for? Beginning on 3 June 2008, this will see the Trust awarding grants to invited applicants only. The Trustees have chosen to close the charity's open programmes and to focus on funding proactive work with grants being provided on an invitation-to-bid basis only.

Grant amount: Please note that a sum of £1.5 million has been allocated to make grants under the Conservation of the Natural Environment programme for applications received between now and that date.

Unfortunately, due to the limited sum available, with immediate effect, The Trust will no longer consider applications for land acquisition projects.

Application process: Invited applicants only.

Deadline: The deadline for online applications to the Trust's current open programmes will be 5pm on 2 June 2008.

Further information: Website: www.tubney.org.uk, Tel: 0118 958 6100
Email: info@tubney.org.uk

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE



Prince's Trust Community Cash Awards

Priorities/details: Community Cash Awards are grants of up to £5,000 to help young people set up a project that will benefit their community. You just have to come up with an idea for a project that will improve life in a local community in the UK. Maybe

a new basketball court, a music studio, a youth club, sex education workshops in schools, a youth advisory board, even a local magazine.

Who for? Anyone who is: aged 14-16 and is in school, but struggling; or aged 16-25, unemployed or working less than 16 hours a week can apply. They focus their efforts on helping young people who need it most. To be eligible 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. The following are not eligible: Formal groups or organisations; Expeditions or overseas travel; Fundraising activities for charity; Trips and outings, unless they have educational value.

Grant amount: Funding of up to £1,000 is available for 14-16 year olds; Funding of up to £5,000 is available for those aged 16-25. They will also provide you with advice and support to give you the best chance of success.

Application process: To apply, Tel: 0800 842 842 or fill out an online form.

Further information: Website: www.princes-trust.org.uk

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Adobe discounts for charities

Are you a charity looking for software? Adobe offer Charities discounts of up to 65%.


Who for? Charitable organisations which operate on a not-for-profit basis and whose aim is one or more of the following: Relief of poverty; Advancement of education; Advancement of social and community welfare; Advancement of culture; Advancement of the natural environment.

Further information: Contact your preferred Adobe Authorised Reseller:

Jigsaw, Tel: 0870 730 6868; Phoenix Software, Tel: 0845 265 1265;

Micromail, Tel: 00 353 (0)21 4515590; Pugh Tel: 01974 200217

Website: www.charitytimes.com/pages/ct_e_newsalerts/adobe/index.htm

d  **nate a PC** & put your unneeded hardware to good use

Donate a PC - Computer hardware for the Voluntary and Community Sector

There is a free 'matchmaking' service for individuals and organisations to donate un-needed hardware (computers, printers etc) to UK charities, not-for-profit organisations and educational establishments (hardware only - not software). It is primarily for those with only one or two items to donate and/or who can not use a suitable recycling organisation. However they also have a

comprehensive list of organisations that have larger quantities of computer equipment to donate to charities.

Further information: Website: www.donateapc.org.uk

NEWS

Charityfair 2008

Tuesday 10 and Wednesday 11 June 2008 - Central Hall Westminster

Charityfair is the biggest and best learning experience for the voluntary sector. Charityfair 2008 presents you with a choice of workshop sessions covering every aspect of charity learning. 1,200 delegates and visitors are expected over the two days, attending a choice of over 80 workshops and visiting over 30 exhibitors in the resource area. Places are limited and offered on a first come, first served basis. Book your place now!

Further information: You can download the Charityfair 2008 brochure and book online at: www.charityfair.org.uk , Tel: 08450 777 707



Non-charities can claim Gift Aid

Small public benefit organisations that do not have charitable status can claim Gift Aid, according to guidance from the Office of the Third Sector. The guidance says donations to small groups such as community associations and playgroups can be funnelled through umbrella charities that have the power to make grants to them. Donors will be able to give to voluntary groups through such bodies, which will claim 28p Gift Aid on each pound donated and pass it on to local groups.

The move could help thousands of small organisations to claim back an extra £6m, estimates Kevin Curley, Chief Executive of community associations umbrella body NAVCA. 'Gift Aid is an important source of cash for the voluntary sector. For a small organisation, we could be talking about just a few hundred pounds, but that could make a huge difference at a local level and let them do a lot of things.'

Further information: Article: www.thirdsector.co.uk/News/FinanceBulletin



Edge Upstarts Awards 2008

The Edge Upstarts Awards recognise excellence in all aspects of social enterprise, including providing a rich learning environment for the young and disadvantaged. The 2008 awards recognise in particular those employers who pass on practical skills and those who benefit from learning-by-doing.

The 2008 award categories are: Social Entrepreneur of the Year; Social Enterprise of the Year; Young Social Entrepreneur of the Year; Social Enterprise Mentor of the Year; Social Enterprise Trainee of the Year

Application process: Go to their website to make a nomination. It is quick and easy with their simple online form.

Deadline: All nominations must be received by 18 May 2008.

Further information: Contact Charlotte Eisenhart, Tel: 0207 881 5649,

Email: upstarts@newstatesman.co.uk,

Website: www.edgeupstarts.org/2008/about_the_awards

Camelot Foundation closed

After a decade of supporting young people's charities around the UK the Camelot Foundation will be closing on 31 March 2008. All of our grant programmes are now permanently closed, and therefore regrettably we cannot accept any new grant requests. The last ten years have seen an investment of over £20million in a range of projects run by organisations working with some of the most vulnerable and marginalised young people in our society.

Further information: Website: www.camelotfoundation.org.uk

European Union Grants Directory

The annual European Union Grants Directory is available on CD-Rom, or the Internet it contains details of over 400 grants available from the European Commission. Grants range from £3,000 and cover a range of activities: racism, women's issues, the environment, child protection, education, training, the disabled, human rights, energy, transport and more. The EU Grants Directory 2008 contains outline details of grant regimes offered by the European Union for organizations throughout the world. The Directory is not designed to answer all questions but outlines what is available. The CD-Rom version costs £49.99 and the Internet Download £35.99



Further information: Website: www.europeangrants.com/directory.html

If you are looking for funding and can't find exactly what you are looking for here we have the FunderFinder database at T3SC which you are free to use. Or you could use our Resource Room to fill in your application form, have a cup of tea, use the excellent resources and get some support.

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