

Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland Re-opened for applications

Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland has announced the reopening of its grant-making programme and is inviting charities to apply for funding from the £2 million available for 2010.

There will be 2 funding programmes that groups can apply to:

- **The Henry Duncan Awards** - to help grassroots charities that work to improve the lives of people who are disadvantaged or are at risk of becoming disadvantaged
- **Capacity Building Programme** - designed to help organisations run as effectively as it can by working with groups to identify strengths and set out opportunities for development

The first deadline for applications for Henry Duncan Awards is May 24, with further deadlines in July and September. The capacity building programme is also now open for applications, and charities can apply for one of these awards at any time.

Details on the criteria and other information on how to apply can be found on the Foundations website at: www.ltsbfoundationforscotland.org.uk

Funding Event – 18th May

The Scottish National Rural Network is holding a rural funding event. It is an opportunity to find out the latest news about rural development and funding opportunities, to hear about some excellent projects and businesses and to connect with a wide range of other people who live and work in your region and elsewhere.

Tuesday 18th May 2010
10.30am to 3.30pm
Carberry Tower, Musselburgh

If you would like to hear more about the event or to book a place please call 01463 251723 or email: regionalevents@ruralgateway.org.uk

Nationwide Small Grants

Small Grants Programme for charities working with older people. The Foundation awards grants of up to £5,000 on a 2 monthly basis. See:

www.nationwidefoundation.org.uk

Support for Acquiring a Business

Development trusts looking to purchase a commercial business can access information, support and an on-line forum through Acquiring Businesses 4 Good. If you are interested in finding out more contact:

wendy@dtascot.org.uk

Food Projects

Small grants of between £500 and £4,000 available to groups with proposals which encourage healthy eating. For more information:

www.communityfoodhealth.org.uk

EU “Next Life+” Fund

The European Commission has announced that the 2010 funding round under its Life+ Programme will open for applications on the 5th May 2010. LIFE + programme is the EU's main fund for supporting environmental projects, and the four priority areas include climate change and natural resources / waste. The provisional closing date for applications is the 1 September 2010. To find out more, and get examples of previously funded projects see:

<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/funding/lifeplus.htm>

Comic Relief

The Comic Relief UK grants programme is now open for applications from voluntary and community sector organisations. The fund can provide both capital and revenue funding for projects which address a range of issues including community development and local disadvantaged communities. Please visit the website for more information:

<http://www.comicrelief.com/>

ASDA Foundation

The Foundation supports a range of good causes around the UK. Applications are open to all registered charities, community groups and individuals in the UK, as long as they have the support and involvement of local ASDA colleagues. Applications are accepted throughout the year. Eligible individuals/organisations must:

- Operate in the UK
- Be providing a clear benefit to their local community
- Be non-profit making
- Have direct support and involvement from one of the ASDA colleagues

To apply visit your local ASDA branch and speak with a member of staff. For further information visit:

<http://your.asda.com/asda-foundation>

Youth in Action

Youth in Action is a European Programme which supports activities relating to young people. The Youth for Europe strand encourages young people's active participation and citizenship. The Youth for Europe strand has three main elements:

- Youth Exchanges
- Youth Initiatives
- Youth Democracy Activities

There is a rolling timetable for applications to Youth for Europe and more information can be found at: www.britishcouncil.org

Stronger Communities

This new resource offers free facilitation and support to set up a new community organisation and support the development of existing community organisations. For further information visit:

enquiries@strongercommunities.org.uk

Community-Owned Rural Shops

A new website and network for community owned rural shops has been launched. The site aims at helping groups running, or interested in running, their local shop communicate with each other, share ideas and experiences and be inspired by others. There is a learning resource on setting up and running a community-owned shop and a directory of communities who are already running a local shop: <http://www.plunkett.uk.net>

Big Lottery Fund Update

BIG have recently announced that they will have an estimated £400 million to be invested in Scottish communities over the next 5 years. Details on the different programmes will be made available in June. In addition BIG have also announced a £50 million investment in supporting younger and older people who are most in need. Details will be available shortly. See website for more information:

www.biglotteryfund.org.uk

2014 Communities

Small grants for charities, community organisations, schools, social enterprises and sports clubs to encourage more people to take part and volunteer in sport or other physical activities. It hopes to use the power of sport and volunteering to bring communities across Scotland together. For more information visit:

enquiries.Scotland@biglotteryfund.org.uk

Or telephone 0870 240 2391.

Cash 4 Clubs

Grants are available for sports clubs throughout the UK to improve facilities, buy new kit and equipment, and increase sporting opportunities. For more information email:

cash4clubs@betfair.com

Awards for All

Funding is available for voluntary groups, schools, local authorities and health bodies in Scotland to carry out projects that will improve their local community. Grants are between £500 and £10,000.

For more information visit:

www.awardsforall.org.uk

Youth Scotland Small grants scheme

The Cashback Small Grants Scheme provides positive opportunities for young people. Member groups of the following national youth organisations can apply for up to £2,000: Youth Scotland, The Scout Association; Girlguiding Scotland; Boys Brigade; The Girls Brigade in Scotland and Clubs for Young People (Scotland).

All member groups of the six partner organisations above are eligible to apply for the funding, which will fund start-up costs up to £1,000 and programme or activity costs up to £2,000. For more information go to:

www.youthscotland.org.uk/projects/cashback-small-grants-scheme.htm

Philip Lawrence Awards

Local groups that make a real contribution to their local community and the lives of others, and groups that promote respect and understanding of faiths, culture and communities internationally are being invited to enter the Philip Lawrence Awards. Winning groups receive cash awards of up to £1,000 to invest in sustaining or developing the award-winning activity.

Groups made up of any number of nominees aged 11 to 20 years are eligible to enter. Nominations may be made by, for example school teachers; governors; youth and community workers; police officers; local authority members; staff in Racial Equality Councils; people in voluntary and community sector bodies. For more information, please visit: www.philiplawrenceawards.net

EventScotland's National Events Programme

Round 15 of EventScotland's National Events Programme is now open to applications. Funding is available to support events taking place from January 2011 onwards (outside Edinburgh and Glasgow) that showcase Scotland and help to generate tourism. The National Funding Programme does not provide long-term or core funding, but is designed to support additional elements or new activity specifically to help events grow.

For more information please visit:

www.eventscotland.org/funding-and-resources/national-events-programme or tel: 0131 472 2313.

Earth Love Fund

The Earth Love Fund Grant is provided and administered by the Earth Love Fund and is intended to support community groups and artists that are carrying out awareness-raising art events inspired by the connection between the world's forests and Western lifestyles. Small grants of between £250 and £500 are available. For more information or to apply please telephone 01865 200208 or email earthlove@gn.apc.org

Field Skills Council

Grant for third sector organisations undertaking projects for underprivileged children and environmental education in the UK. Grants are made for 80% of the course costs, up to a maximum value of £3,000. The application process is ongoing and interested applicants may apply at any time. For more information email: kidsfund@field-studies-council.org

MacRobert Trust

Grant for charities undertaking a variety of charitable activities in the UK. Priority to activities focused on: youth; community welfare; disabled people; education; science and technology; services and the sea; hospitals and homes for ex-service people. Grants are made between the values of £5,000 and £10,000. The next application deadline is 31st May 2010. For more information please telephone 013398 81444.

Naturesave Trust

Grants are available for specific projects to promote greater awareness of sustainable development, projects that deal with a specific environmental or conservational problem and those which seek to encourage greater commercial use of sustainable development. Grants are available for between £100 and £10,000. The application process is ongoing and interested applicants may apply at any time. For more information telephone 01803 864 390 or email mail@naturesave.co.uk

Useful contacts and websites

For general information on funding issues there are a number of important sources on the Internet. The following are just a few you may find interesting and will let you have information on what they fund and how to apply:

Lottery Funding

- **Awards for All**
www.awardsforall.org.uk
- **Big Lottery Fund**
www.biglotteryfund.org.uk
- **Heritage Lottery Fund**
www.hlf.org.uk
- **Sportscotland**
www.sportscotland.org.uk
- **Scottish Arts Council**
www.scottisharts.org.uk

Other Funding Sources

- **The Tudor Trust**
www.tudortrust.org.uk
- **BBC Children in Need**
www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/index.shtml
- **The Robertson Trust**
www.therobertsontrust.org.uk
- **Esmée Fairbairn Foundation**
www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk

Versions of this leaflet are available on request on audiotape, in Braille, large print or your own language.
☎ Phone 01620 827199

If you are seeking advice on running a voluntary organisation and any associated matters contact **ELVON** on 01875 615423 or email elvon@scvo.org.uk

As **Signpost to Funding** is looking to offer a useful service to community groups, the voluntary sector and others with regards to funding sources it would be helpful if readers could provide feedback on whether they have found this edition helpful and what they would like to see covered in future editions.

For feedback and general advice on funding contact **Jacqui Leslie** on 01620 827829 or email jleslie@eastlothian.gov.uk

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Just a reminder that the East Lothian Council website has a 'Funding and Social Economy' section where you will find information on funding advice and support, latest news bulletins and social enterprise support.