

## Sustainable & Active Travel Grants

SEStran is now inviting applications for Sustainable and Active Travel Grants of between £500 and £5,000. The £80,000 scheme, which replaces the successful Travel Plan grants scheme for Local Authorities and Health Boards is now open to all public, private and non-profit organisations. A condition of the grant is that funding of up to £5,000 will be provided, subject to the applicants providing the equivalent in match funding.

Applications will be treated on a case-by-case basis, but preference will be given to organisations which already have a travel plan in place, or where a detailed Travel Survey has been carried out. There is no formal deadline for applications, but all projects must be completed no later than 31st March 2011. Applicants should therefore submit their proposals as early as possible.

To apply or for more information, please visit:  
<http://www.sestran.gov.uk/projects/sustainable.php>  
Completed applications should be sent to:  
[lisa.black@sestran.gov.uk](mailto:lisa.black@sestran.gov.uk)

## Co-operative Membership Community Fund

The Community Fund is a grants scheme which helps local communities throughout the UK. Since starting the initiative in 1997, the Co-op has helped thousands of clubs, community groups and local charities. The scheme is unique in that it is funded by generous Co-operative members donating some or their entire share of profits, which is then given away in the form of small grants in their local communities. To be successful, a group must carry out positive work in the community and a project must:

- address a community issue
- provide a good long-term benefit to the community
- support co-operative values and principles
- ideally be innovative in its approach

If your community, voluntary or self-help group needs a grant of up between £100 and £2,000, you can apply using the online form at:

[www.co-operative.coop/membership/local-communities/community-fund](http://www.co-operative.coop/membership/local-communities/community-fund)

## ACT Foundation Grant

Grants for third sector organisations for building, equipment and respite breaks in the UK. For more information visit:  
<http://www.theactfoundation.co.uk/>

## Mickle Fund Grant

Grant of up to £10,000 for third sector organisations in Scotland with general charitable purposes which benefit people of all ages. For more information call 0141 332 0001.

## BRIT Grant

British Record Industry Trust will fund third sector organisations undertaking projects which aim to encourage young peoples' involvement in music within the UK. Eligible projects must involve working with young people and exploring the benefits of music. For further information on how to obtain this grant locally, please contact the following: 020 78031300.

## BIG Free Funding Event

The Big Lottery's Scotland outreach team will be running a Lothian information event. This will enable local groups to find out about all of BIG's funding programmes in Scotland ranging from its flagship Investing in Communities fund to its small grants schemes such as 2014 Communities and Awards for All. Each event will consist of a presentation on BIG funding programmes followed by the opportunity for groups to speak to staff about project ideas.

The **Lothian event is on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September**. There will be 2 half-day events 10-12.30 or 1.30-4pm. It will be held at Loanhead Miners Community Centre, 74 The Loan.

To register visit:

[https://secure.tylerevents.co.uk/ei/getdemo\\_ei?id=156&s=3JW0LKPEV](https://secure.tylerevents.co.uk/ei/getdemo_ei?id=156&s=3JW0LKPEV) or telephone 0300 123 7110

**Registration closes on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2010.**

## Community Wildlife

Grants are available for community wildlife projects that help people discover, enjoy and protect wildlife in their local area. The Community Wildlife Fund programme aims to improve rural or urban environments so that people can enjoy them. The programme also aims to involve the local community in more wildlife based events.

The programme funds projects that:

- Protect wildlife habitats.
- Create nature trails, woodland walks or wildlife gardens.
- Improve natural spaces such as rivers, ponds and woodlands

Grants range from £300 to £10,000. The next **deadline is 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2010**. For more information call 0845 367 0610 or email:

[general.enquiries@biglotteryfund.org.uk](mailto:general.enquiries@biglotteryfund.org.uk)

## 2014 Communities increases maximum grants

The maximum grant available through the Big Lottery Fund 2014 Communities fund has doubled from £1,000 to £2,000, and the application process has been simplified to make the grants easier to access. Local sports clubs, voluntary and community organisations, community councils and schools can apply for grants of between £300 to £2,000 to support and stimulate involvement in sport and physical activity. For more information on how to apply, got to: [www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog\\_2014\\_communities](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_2014_communities)

## Voluntary Action Fund - Community Chest

The Fund is aimed at smaller community groups and voluntary organisations across Scotland, and provides grants of up to £1,000, plus free training to groups with an annual income under £25,000. Groups can apply for funding for a wide range of activities or operational costs. However, they are 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 and conferences; or professional support and consultancy. You can download an application form and guidance notes from: [www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk](http://www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk)

## Club Development Grant

The programme is intended to support volleyball clubs throughout Scotland to further improve their structures and delivery. Grant award sums are as follows:

- Clubstart: £400 per award.
- Early Club Development Award: £100 per award.
- Club Development Award: £250 per award.
- Gold Star Club Development Award: £500 per award

For more information visit:

<http://www.scottishvolleyball.org/>

## Help the Homeless Grant Scheme

Grants are available to small to medium sized charities in the UK working to assist homeless people to return to the community. Grants of up to £3,000 are available for capital project costs. The next deadlines are 30<sup>th</sup> September and 31<sup>st</sup> December. For more information visit:

<http://www.help-the-homeless.org.uk/index.htm>

## UK Mammals Grant

Grant for voluntary conservation organisations to support work relating to the conservation of mammals in the UK. Grants are usually made in the region of £9,000. The next deadline is 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2010. For more information visit:

<http://ptes.org/>

## Scout Association

Grants are available for Scout organisations in the UK undertaking recruitment and development projects. Grants are for values over £2,000 and are provided for a maximum of three years. The **deadline is 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010**. For more information email:

[development@scout.org.uk](mailto:development@scout.org.uk)

## Tyne Esk LEADER Funding 2008-13

The Programme will run from 2008-2013 and use a community-led approach of delivering sustainable rural development. The overall aim of the Programme is to revitalise rural communities and to enable a progressive rural economy, resulting in stronger local communities and business networks. The LEADER Programme will provide grants to projects that are innovative in nature and demonstrate community support and involvement. Funding is mainly for rural areas with populations of less than 10,000, eligible areas are the whole of East Lothian excluding Musselburgh. The next **deadline for applications is Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2010**. Please contact the LEADER Officer on 01620 82 7101 or email [leader@eastlothian.gov.uk](mailto:leader@eastlothian.gov.uk) for further information or visit [www.tyneesk.co.uk](http://www.tyneesk.co.uk)

## Grocers' Charity Grant

The scheme is intended to support organisations working on projects that cover many areas of interest, including: the relief of poverty (including youth); disability; medicine; the arts; heritage; the Church; and the elderly. Particular emphasis is placed on the first two categories. Eligible organisations must be a UK-registered charity. Costs associated with eligible projects can be funded. Application **deadlines are 1<sup>st</sup> September and 1<sup>st</sup> November 2010**. For further information on how to obtain this grant locally, please contact the following number 020 7606 3113 or email: [anne@grocershall.co.uk](mailto:anne@grocershall.co.uk)

## UnLtd 4iP Awards

The UnLtd 4iP Fund is a joint initiative of Channel Four's 4iP Fund and UnLtd - the Foundation for Social Entrepreneurs. The Fund has been established to develop ideas for digital media projects - including websites, games and mobile applications - that have the potential to stimulate real change to people's health and well-being. Ideas should be provocative, edgy, risky and fun. Projects should support one or both of the challenge themes: body image or food habit. The awards are £5,000 and the best fifty will be picked.

**The deadline for submissions is 17<sup>th</sup> September (12 noon)**. Contact UnLtd for application forms by emailing: [4iP@unltd.org.uk](mailto:4iP@unltd.org.uk)

For more information visit:

<http://unltd.org.uk/template.php?ID=204&PageName=unltd4ipawardscriteria>

## Health Improvement Fund – East Lothian

The Health Improvement Fund is provided and administered by the East Lothian Community Health Partnership. Funding is intended for projects in East Lothian that will promote social capital and address well-defined health inequalities associated with socio economic deprivation literacy, numeracy, gender, age, ethnicity and religious affiliation, disability status, sexual orientation, and occupational social class.

Grants of up to:

- £20,000 per annum for three years (up to three available)
- £5,000 per annum for three years (up to five available)
- £2,000 on a one off non-recurring basis (up to five available)

The application **deadline is 17<sup>th</sup> September 2010**. For more information call 0131 536 8106 or email:

[Alison.Allison@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:Alison.Allison@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk)

## Comic Relief – Scotland

The scheme is provided by Comic Relief and administered in Scotland by the Scottish Community Foundation as part of its Community Grants programme. Funding is intended to support local projects that will directly benefit people who are excluded or disadvantaged through low income, rural or social isolation, age, disabilities, race, sexuality or gender. It should support work in small geographical areas such as a town, village or estate - not wide areas such as a city or district borough, unless the project is aimed at a specific target group of people with a distinct shared theme. 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 and are undertaking actions as a means of addressing these needs. For more information visit:

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

## 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](http://www.awardsforall.org.uk)
- **Big Lottery Fund**  
[www.biglotteryfund.org.uk](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk)
- **Heritage Lottery Fund**  
[www.hlf.org.uk](http://www.hlf.org.uk)
- **Sportscotland**  
[www.sportscotland.org.uk](http://www.sportscotland.org.uk)
- **Scottish Arts Council**  
[www.scottisharts.org.uk](http://www.scottisharts.org.uk)

### Other Funding Sources

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

## Contacts

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](mailto: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](mailto:jleslie@eastlothian.gov.uk)

Alternatively any correspondence should be sent to Signpost at the address below.

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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.