

Association of Community Councils Local Grant Scheme

The Association of East Lothian Community Councils has obtained LEADER funding of £50,000 to support small projects by local community groups. The scheme will assist projects in East Lothian to access LEADER funding for eligible projects up to a value of £1,000, using a simplified system. Match funding must be available for each application, but this can come from any source. Applications can be made using a simplified form. Community Groups should approach their local Community Council for an application form and more information.

Red House Home Trust Grant

The grants are intended to support third sector organisations which offer support, education and training to young people under the age of 22 residing in East Lothian. The scheme also aims to support organisations that assist young people who are living in deprived circumstances or require help adjusting to independent living. Grants are between £250 and £1,000. For further information please visit:

http://www.scott-moncrieff.com/charitable_trusts/page8.html

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 2nd August 2010. Please contact the LEADER Officer on 01620 82 7101 or email leader@eastlothian.gov.uk for further information or visit www.tyneesk.co.uk

Almond Trust Grant

The scheme is intended to support charitable organisations undertaking projects to further understanding of the Christian faith in the UK. In particular, the scheme wishes to support projects that facilitate reading, study and teaching of the bible. For further information or to find out how to obtain this grant please write to:
Mr J. L. Cooke
The Almond Trust
111 Dulwich Village
London
SE21 7BJ

Small Scale Cinema Grants

The scheme is to support the development of public cinemas, community cinemas, film clubs and other similar bodies providing an annual programme of screenings in non-metropolitan areas. Grants of up to £5,000 are available for capital investment in equipment and other items that will directly improve the presentation of screenings at local venues. Stage 1 applications must be **submitted by 14 June**. For more information call 07740 928420.

Action Earth

The Action Earth campaign provides small grants across England, Scotland and Wales to groups and individuals for projects aimed at improving the local environment. The campaign is administered by the Community Service Volunteers (CSV). The aim of the campaign is to bring about positive environmental change.

Eligible projects must:

- Be practical and visual
- Have an immediate or lasting environmental impact
- Involve volunteering
- Take place between 1 March and 31 July.

For more information telephone 0121 328 7455 or email:

naseem@csevenvironment.org.uk

Express Grants

The Scottish Community Foundation's Express Grants are for groups based in Scotland looking for funding of up to £2,000 to make a big difference to their communities. As the name suggests, Express Grants have a straight forward application process, and a short turnaround time, meaning that within 6 weeks, applicants will know if they have been successful. For more information visit: <http://www.scottishcf.org/>

Drinkaware Trust

The Awareness Project Grant is intended to help organisations develop existing and successful alcohol-awareness projects for people aged under 18 or between 25 and 44. The scheme aims to encourage the growth of existing projects so that they meet the Drinkaware targets of:

- Helping to reduce alcohol misuse
- Reducing alcohol related injuries
- Changing the drinking culture in the UK

For further information on how to obtain this grant locally, please contact the following:

Andy Law, The Drinkaware Trust, 7 - 10 Chandos Street, London, W1G 9DQ.

Tel: 020 7307 7450

Email: alaw@drinkawaretrust.org.uk

Free Funding Help

Voluntary and community groups struggling for cash during the recession are urged to take advantage of a new website that has been funded by East Lothian Council, the Scottish Government and European Community Tyne Esk LEADER Programme money. The East Lothian 4 Community website (www.open4community.info/eastlothian) is a **FREE** online funding search tool especially for local organisations in East Lothian.

Every year, hundreds of millions of pounds worth of grants, loans and awards are on offer to help groups buy new equipment, carry out staff training, and improve their buildings and much, much more. And now groups can use the new website to search through hundreds of available funds –from all the major Government and Lottery schemes, down to local authority grants and hard-to-find charitable trust funds.

Find out for **FREE** what's available to your group –sign up at East Lothian 4 Community at:

www.open4community.info/eastlothian

British Humane Association Grant

The Grant is available for third sector organisations in the UK. The scheme is intended to support projects which will benefit those who are in need. In particular the scheme wishes to support projects with the following themes:

- The relief of inhumane activities
- The relief of sickness or poverty
- Providing benefit to local communities

Grants are between £2,000 and £25,000

For more information please write to:

British Humane Association

Priory House

25 St John's Lane

Clarkenwell

EC1M 4PP

Crash Support Scheme

Crash provides support to frontline organisations helping homeless people across the UK. The charity works with the construction and property industry to offer practical help and advice to improve facilities provided by charitable organisations for the homeless. The application process is ongoing and interested applicants may apply at any time. For more information please call 020 8742 0717.

Club Start Grants

Financial assistance is available to support start-up volleyball clubs across Scotland. Grants of up to £400 are available. For more information email: info@scottishvolleyball.org

Henry Smith Charity

Their programme areas are: hospitals and medical care; hospices and palliative care; medical research; disability; elderly; young people at risk; drugs and alcohol; community service; family services and the homeless. They have a number of grant programmes for under and over £10,000 depending on the size of the organisation. There are no specific deadlines. For more information please visit:

www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk

Telephone 020 7264 4970

Victoria & David Beckham Trust

The scheme aims to fund projects assisting sick or disabled children and young people aged between 1 and 18 years old. The application process is ongoing and interested applicants may apply at any time. The Trust will fund any costs associated with eligible projects. For further information on how to obtain this grant please write to the following:

Victoria and David Beckham Charitable Trust
c/o 180 The Strand
London
WC2R1BL

Charles Hayward Foundation

Financial assistance is available to support charitable organisations in carrying out community projects. The Foundation places emphasis on funding projects that are developmental or innovative, and is keen to support activities that would not otherwise happen. The Foundation prefers to fund projects in early stages that provide early intervention to society's problems. The Foundation will make grants in the following areas: Heritage and conservation; criminal justice; older people; and hospices. Grants typically range from £10,000 to £25,000. The Foundation also operates a **Small Grant** scheme for smaller organisations offering grants up to £5,000 for activities that fit into the aforementioned categories. For further information call 020 7370 7063.

Grant Aid for Scouting Headquarters

Loans are provided and administered by Grant Aid for Scouting and are for Scout Groups active in the UK. Loans are available for the capital cost of providing land or buildings and for IT equipment. For more information email: info.centre@scout.org.uk or telephone 020 8433 7100

Common Goods Fund

East Lothian Council is responsible for administering the Common Good Funds for the following four areas: Dunbar, Haddington, Musselburgh, and North Berwick. These funds have to be administered separately by the Council for the "common good" of the inhabitants of each area.

Eligible projects could be run by a club or a group which provides a benefit to the community. Members of the public may also apply for a grant to support an event, project or facility which is openly available to the inhabitants of the areas listed above. The fund will cover all costs associated with eligible projects. For more information call 01620 827792

Triodos Social Enterprise Fund

Financial assistance is available in the form of venture capital to help high impact and commercially sustainable social enterprises develop and grow their business. The Fund will invest significant minority stakes in between seven to 10 social enterprises with a proven business model and the desire to grow. Investment size will generally range from £250,000 to £750,000. The Fund total is now £4 million. It is anticipated the Fund will be fully invested by July 2011. Eligible organisations must:

- Have been trading for at least two or three years and have at least £400,000 of annual sales.
- Have a scalable business model and ambitious growth plans with a regional or national reach.
- Have an outstanding and entrepreneurial management team.
- Be willing to share ownership, governance and full profits with social investors

For more information email: whitni.thomas@triodos.co.uk

Social Entrepreneurs Fund

This fund is aimed at individuals who want to set up and run a business with a social or environmental purpose. The fund will provide financial and business support to help get new enterprises off the ground. Awards range from £500 up to £20,000. For more information on the Social Enterprise Fund, see the Social Entrepreneurs Award Strategy. Firstport and Scotland UnLtd will manage the fund. For more information visit:

<http://www.firstport.org.uk/> or www.unltd.org.uk

Scottish Investment Fund

This Fund aims to help established Third Sector organisations secure a transformational step change in their capacity, capability and financial sustainability. The business plan of organisations seeking investment will be assessed for loan funding before any non-repayable element is considered. As well as providing financial support, the fund will pay for development and business support where appropriate. To find out more visit the Scottish Investment Fund website at:

<http://www.scottishinvestmentfund.co.uk/index.cfm>

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

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

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

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

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Carlyle House, Lodge Street, Haddington EH41 3DX

Tel 01620 827282 Fax 01620 827482



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www.eastlothian.gov.uk

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.