

Investing in Communities

The BIG Lottery Fund has re-launched its flagship Investing in Communities Programme aiming to bring real improvements to communities and people in Scotland. Investing in Communities will now have a primary focus on tackling need and addressing inequalities; have a limited number of clear outcomes and linked priorities; and will focus on supporting applications that have a chance of success.

There are three investment areas which make up Investing in Communities:

- Growing Community Assets aims to help communities have more control and influence over their own future through ownership of assets
- Life Transitions aims to support projects that help people at key times of change, helping them to make their lives better for the future
- Supporting 21st Century Life aims to support projects that build stronger families and stronger communities

Investing in Communities funds between £10,000 and £1 million, and closes on June 2015. It will fund a wide range of organisations including voluntary and community organisations, local authorities and community councils, social enterprises and private companies (provided the grants do not contribute to the profits they distribute). Investing in Communities cannot fund individuals or sole traders.

Before you apply you should contact the BIG Lottery fund on 0300 123 7110 or by email at:

enquiries.scotland@biglotteryfund.org.uk

Investing in Ideas

Investing in Ideas has re-opened for applications with a new application form and guidance. The basis of Investing in Ideas has remained the same, however, the requirement that ideas must fit with an Investing in Communities Investment Area has been removed. Investing in Ideas awards grants of £500 to £10,000 to test and develop ideas that could eventually become fully-fledged projects or lead to improved service delivery. Investing in Ideas could pay for the things that can turn your basic idea into a well-planned project including market research, feasibility studies, business planning, community consultations and professional advice. For more information call 0845 4 10 20 30.

Changes to 2014

Communities

The 2014 Communities fund has changed, the maximum grant available has doubled to £2,000 and the application process has been simplified making the grants easier to access. Local sports clubs, voluntary and community organisations, community councils and schools can apply for grants of £300 to £2,000 to support and stimulate grass roots involvement in sport and physical activity. For more information email:

enquiries.scotland@biglotteryfund.org.uk

Woodland Trust Tree Planting

The Trust is offering a range of tree packs to suit schools, youth groups and communities who would like to plant native trees. There's no deadline but the trees are for autumn and there are a limited number of packs available.

<http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/en/Pages/default.aspx>

IMPACT Awards

Would you like to receive an award of up to £30,000? The IMPACT Awards are open to registered charities that are at least 3 years old, working in a health-related field in the UK. Up to 20 awards are available ranging from £3,000 to £35,000, plus free training. The closing date for applications is 24th September 2010. To apply or find out more information please visit:

www.kingsfund.org.uk/gskimpactawards

Cashback for Communities - Event

A series of funding workshops will be held from Monday 19 July to mid August. These workshops will be helpful to first time applicants thinking of applying for a CashBack for Communities award. Places are limited at each session, therefore booking is essential. For more information call 0131 313 2488.

Grant Directory

Voluntary and community groups are urged to take advantage of the funding directory that has been funded by East Lothian Council, the Scottish Government and European Community Tyne Esk LEADER Programme money.

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. The East Lothian 4 Community website (www.open4community.info/eastlothian) is a FREE online funding search tool especially for local organisations in East Lothian.

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

www.open4community.info/eastlothian

Research Grants

The Nuffield Foundation is inviting applications through its Research and Innovation Grants programme. The Foundation supports charitable and non-profit organisations with creative ideas to identify change or interventions which will have a practical impact for researchers, policy makers, and practitioners. There are currently 3 grant programmes: Law in Social Society; Children and Families; and Open Door - this programme is for projects that advance social well being, but lie outside their main programme areas. Grants normally range between £5,000 and £150,000. For more information visit:

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

Ashden Awards

The Ashden Awards for Sustainable Development are now open for applications. The aim of the award, which is open to schools, businesses, not for profit organisations, the construction sector, the public sector and for organisations that promote organisational change, is to reward organisations that have excelled at providing sustainable energy at a local level. The award is for existing not new projects. The **closing date for UK projects is the 26th October**. For more information visit:

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

James Caan Foundation

The Foundation supports UK charities as well as education initiatives in Pakistan. The objectives of the foundation are to promote education (including social and physical training). It will also help those who assist in the treatment and care of those suffering from mental or physical illness of any description or in need of rehabilitation as a result of such illness. There are no set deadlines. Detailed proposals of your charity's objectives should be sent to email: info@hbpe.com.

Age Concern

Grant for third sector organisations in Scotland working to improve the lives of elderly people. Grants of up to £2,000 are available. The application process is ongoing and interested applicants may apply at any time. Funding is available for costs associated with eligible projects. For more information call 0845 833 0200.

Lintel Trust

A grant or a loan are available for third sector organisations undertaking projects that encourage mainstream social housing for marginalised groups and promote community cohesion in Scotland. Grants are made up to a maximum value of £5,000. Interest free loans are also available. The next **deadline is 13 August 2010**. For more information visit: <http://www.linteltrust.org.uk/>

Canoe Foundation Grant

Grants are available for third sector organisations in the UK attempting to improve people's lives through the sport of canoeing. There is no deadline and the process is ongoing. Interested applicants may apply at any time. For more information email: mandy.delaney@bcu.org.uk

Nationwide Small Grants Scheme

The Foundation makes grants to registered UK charities which offer financial and/or housing related support to survivors of domestic abuse and older people. The funding programmes under which the Foundation makes grants to survivors of domestic abuse and older people includes developing financial capability and fighting financial exclusion and to support housing needs. Priority is given to applications for work engaging families of beneficiaries; applications for work which fits more than one objective (e.g. aims to address the financial and the housing issues of survivors of domestic violence / older people identified); and work supporting those groups identified who are from deprived areas. The maximum grant available is £5,000 and to be eligible, applicants need to be registered charities with an annual turnover of below £500,000. Applications can be submitted at any time. For more information visit:

<http://www.nationwidefoundation.org.uk/default.asp>

New Rural Broadband Challenge Fund launches

Does your community have an idea for a broadband project? If so, you can bid in to a new £1million Euro challenge fund, which aims to improve the coverage and the speed of broadband in rural areas. The Rural Broadband Challenge Fund will be delivered through the LEADER programme which supports small-scale, community driven projects in rural Scotland.

Applications to the Rural Broadband Challenge Scheme will be assessed by LEADER Local Action Groups using their existing procedures. Local Action Groups will then submit suitable bids to the Scottish Government for final assessment by an independent panel. The deadline for bids to the Scottish Government is **24th September 2010**. You can get contact details for the LEADER Officer by emailing: Leader@eastlothian.gov.uk

Captain Scott Society

The Captain Scott Society Spirit of Adventure Award is available to TSOs throughout the UK. The scheme is intended to support groups undertaking adventurous endeavours. In particular, the scheme wishes to fund adventurous "firsts", which have not previously been attempted. Examples of eligible projects include: the scaling of unclimbed peaks; Navigational firsts; Sporting firsts; Expeditionary firsts. The deadline is the end of March each year. For more information visit:

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

Bridging the Gap

Financial assistance is available to voluntary and community groups to regenerate coalfield communities. Projects that aim to benefit Prestonpans West, Tranent and Macmerry are eligible. Project can apply for between £500 and £10,000. The Trust is especially interested in projects concerning small-scale environmental improvements, local heritage and leisure activities. Funding is available to cover both capital and revenue costs for projects that can be completed within 12 months. Applications can be submitted at anytime and a decision will usually be made within 12 weeks. For more information visit: <http://www.coalfields-regen.org.uk/> or contact the Coalfields Regeneration Trust on 01290 426870 or email info@coalfields-regen.org.uk

Cray Trust Grant

The Cray Trust Grant is provided and administered by the Cray Trust and is for third sector organisations active in the East of Scotland. The scheme is intended to support charitable organisations carrying out projects involving young people or animals and work in disadvantaged areas. Grants range from £100 to £20,000 and will cover costs associated with eligible projects. For further information on how to obtain this grant locally, please contact the following: Cray Trust, Springfords, Dundas House, Westfield Park, Eskbank, Midlothian, EH22 3FB.

St Nicholas Care Fund

Grants are provided and administered by the Archdiocese of Glasgow and are for groups active in Scotland. The St Nicholas Care Fund Grant is intended to support groups that tackle social need. In particular, the scheme is keen to fund work in the following areas: children, young people and the elderly; people with disabilities; those struggling with poverty or unemployment; those suffering due to alcoholism and drug abuse; those suffering from discrimination; people experiencing mental illness. The next **deadlines are 9th August and 1st November 2010**. For more information call 0141 226 5898 or email PCTrust@rcaq.org.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

- **Lloyds TSB Foundation**
www.fundingthefuture.org.uk
- **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

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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.