



Funding Bulletin December 2008 – January 2009

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.

John Grant Davies Trust

Priorities/details: Funding for small, grass roots projects which benefit the local community in hard pressed areas of Greater Manchester

Who for? The Trust favours applications which show how those in poverty will be empowered. It will look for evidence that the agenda of the project is set by those in poverty/marginalised groups. The Trust supports projects which show a creative response to a problem in the community. It will fund work which attempts to build up communities and/or which addresses the problems of bringing up children – working with young people and with families. It will consider helping faith groups who seek to make their faith socially relevant in inner city areas. The Trust favours projects which show how some of the money can be retained in the community and which encourage local employment. The John Grant Davies Trust doesn't fund building refurbishment projects or medical charity work.

Grant amount: From £100-£3,000.

Application process: Via application form.

Deadline: Ongoing.

Further information: Application forms and funding criteria, write to: The John Grant Davies Trust, C/o 35 Bordley Walk, Northern Moor, Manchester, M23 0AG, or email: johngrantdaviestrust@tiscali.co.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.

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

Empowerment Fund

Priorities/details: Third sector organisations working toward empowerment across the country are invited to apply for support through the £7.5m Empowerment Fund.

Who for? The purpose of the Empowerment Fund is to give financial assistance to 20-25 eligible third sector organisations and make the most of their potential in supporting empowered communities. The Empowerment Fund will provide three year grants for community empowerment organisations operating across England.

Communities in Control sets out a range of action to find tomorrow's leaders from within communities; help local people understand how they can make their voice heard; make sure that people feel that the town hall is theirs and they can have a say on how services like libraries and social care are delivered and make the best use of new technology such as internet sites to rally people behind their cause and into action. Themes for delivery could include: Community Voices and Leadership; Community Development; Community and Social Media; Community involvement in Planning: Improving communication between citizens and councillors; Social Enterprises and Social Entrepreneurship; Helping small organisations to work together.

Grant amount: It will be divided between 20-25 organisations with either £250,000 or £500,000 grants over three years.

Further information: www.communities.gov.uk/communities/thirdsector/ .



It's your Community

Priorities/details: It's your Community celebrate all the fantastic projects happening up and down the country every week, thanks to their community awards. Awards should be for the benefit of the community, or to build community spirit. If your idea is any of the following: a physical improvement that you can touch; likely to make real, tangible results that you can see; demonstrates fresh, bold thinking, and is innovative enough to inspire others. Why not apply and see what you can do?

Who for? Some examples of the types of projects:

Community Places – Improving the places communities share, revitalising and reinvigorating your community spaces. Community People – Helping bring people together to help create a community where people are valued and respected, where there's a real sense of unity and belonging. Community Pride – Tackling issues head on and restoring a sense of pride, helping put the pride back into your community. Community Landscape – Improving communities natural environments, improving the natural environments where we live.

Grant amount: From £100 and up to £1,000

Application process: Apply online.

Further information: www.itsyourcommunity.co.uk

Tesco Charity Trust - Community Awards Scheme



Priorities/details: There are two categories of Community Awards: Grants to support children's welfare and/or children's educations (including special needs schools); Grants to support elderly people and/or adults and children with disabilities.

Grant amount: One-off donations of between £1,000 and £5,000.

Application process: Via application form, available online.

Deadlines: Grants for children's education and children's welfare – 31 January: Grants for elderly people and people with disabilities - Applications can be made between 1 February and 31 March.

Further information: Tel: 01992 646 768, websites:

www.tescocharitytrustcommunityawards-applications.co.uk

English Heritage - Historic Buildings, Monuments and Designed Landscapes

Priorities/details: The Historic Buildings, Monuments and Designed Landscapes Programme provides grants for the repair and conservation of historic buildings, monuments and designed landscapes in England. Grants are primarily offered for urgent repairs or other work required within two years to prevent loss or damage to important architectural, archaeological or landscape features.

Grant amount: Minimum grant value is £10,000. Projects are usually funded for two-three years. If you are seeking a grant of £200,000 or more you are strongly advised to contact your regional office at an early stage.

Application process: An application pack, which contains further guidance, can be downloaded from the website. Applications should be submitted to the relevant regional office.

Deadline: Applications are accepted by regional offices on a rolling basis and bids considered in two, three or four batches per year.

If you are requesting a grant of £200,000 or more they will normally need to have received your application by 31 January if it is to be considered for the following financial year.

Further information: Email: grants@english-heritage.org.uk, website: www.english-heritage.org.uk/server/show/nav.1121



Society for the Assistance of Ladies in Reduced Circumstances

Priorities/details: The Society's trustees have decided that although their principal charitable activity will remain the making of grants to individual women, in 2009 they will make £50,000 available for grants to other organisations. Applications will be considered for funding towards projects which represent the complete work of a small organisation, or a particular undertaking by a larger one.

Who for? The Trustees will only consider applications for support for projects which are for the exclusive benefit of women in financial need. It cannot consider projects which also benefit: men; children; women who are not in financial need.

Priority will be given to smaller projects where it can be demonstrated that the Society's grant will make a real difference

Application process: Via application form, available online.

Deadline: 15 March 2009.

Further information: Tel: 0800 587 4696, email: info@salrc.org.uk, website: www.salrc.org.uk/institutional_grants.htm

Capacity Builders Capital Grants Programme

Priorities/details: Capacity Builders Capital Grants Programme provides small grants to support premises improvements.

Who for? Available for local resource centres to make improvements to their premises which result in improved availability, or quality and accessibility of accommodation, or shared facilities for local third sector organisations. Grants will be awarded for a range of changes to existing accommodation that will contribute to the programme aims - for example by offering additional meeting, office, storage space, better IT, telephones, access to resources (such as a common library). This is phase 1 of three funding strands under the Capacitybuilders Capital Grants Programme.

Grant amount: Up to £30k.

Further information:

www.governmentfunding.org.uk/VCSLaunch.aspx?SCHEME_ID=12-S178

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

BBC Children in Need

Priorities/details: Children in Need give grants for projects delivered by organisations working with disadvantaged children and young people, who must be 18 years and under, living in the UK, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands.



Children in Need

Who for? Disadvantages experienced by children and young people include: Illness, distress, abuse or neglect; Any kind of disability; Behavioural or psychological difficulties; Living in poverty or situations of deprivation.

The application should focus on the children your project will work with and the differences that your project will make for them. You should clearly be able to demonstrate how your project will change the lives of the children involved for the better. Where possible it should take into account their views and involve them in decisions that affect them.

Application process: Via application form, available online.

Deadline: 15 January 2009.

Further information: Tel: 020 8576 7788, email: pudsey@bbc.co.uk, website: www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/grants/apply.shtml

New closing date for Youth Music Open Programmes

Priorities/details: Youth Music works alongside the formal and community-based sectors to support music-making and training. Their funding complements music in the national curriculum by supporting activities held mainly outside of school hours and delivered by non-



profit making organisations. Youth Music also aims to support wider aspects of music-making through funding training for music leaders, as well as working strategically to bring together partnership organisations from across the music, education and social sectors.

Current open programmes:

First Steps - They have created the First Steps programme to encourage and support regular creative music-making activities for children between 0 and 5 years, especially those who would otherwise lack the chance to take part.

Make It Sound - Make It Sound focuses on music-making for 5-18 year olds who otherwise lack the chance to take part.

Vocalise! - Vocalise! supports music-making where the voice is the main instrument.

Who for? Funding is available to not-for-profit organisations over a period of six to 24 months; Participants must be 0-18 (or up to 25 year olds with special educational needs (SEN), disabilities or in detention); Organisations over one year old; Activities that involve training and development; Structured music-making activities which are planned to advance children and young people's music skills; Music-making activity must take principally outside of school hours.

Grant amount: First Steps - between £5,000 and £15,000 for a period of no less than 6 months and no more than 12 months.

Make It Sound - between £10,000 and £30,000. Be for a period of no less than 6 months and no more than 24 months.

Vocalise! - between £5,000 and £20,000 for a period of no less than 6 months and no more than 18 months.

Application process: Via application form, available online.

Deadline: The current Open Programmes will close on 15 December 2008.

Further information: Tel: 020 7902 1060, email: info@youthmusic.org.uk, website: www.youthmusic.org.uk/looking_for_funding.jsp

HEALTH AND SPORT

Heart Research UK Healthy Heart Grants

Priorities/details: Heart Research UK Healthy Heart Grants support innovative projects designed to promote heart health and to prevent or reduce the risks of heart disease in specific groups or communities.

They have funded more than £280,000 worth of grants around the UK and focus on innovative, original projects that are based around heart health.

Who for? Available to community groups, voluntary organisations and researchers who are spreading the healthy heart message.

Government or local authority funded institutions are not supported, however, community and voluntary groups aided by public money may apply.

Grant amount: Up to £10,000

Application process: Via application form, available online.

Deadline: Applications are only accepted during January and February for the May round of grants and July and August for grants awarded in November, each year. Applications received at any other time of year will be returned.

Further information: Tel: 0113 234 7474, email: lifestyle@heartresearch.org.uk, website: www.heartresearch.org.uk/healthy_heart_grants.htm



Sport England – new strategy

Priorities/details: Sport England has a new strategy designed to get more people playing and enjoying sport and to help those with talent get to the top. The new approach is designed to capitalise on the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity



presented by the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, and to use its power to inspire more people to take part in and succeed in sport. The strategy commits Sport England to deliver on a series of demanding targets by 2012/13: one million more people doing more sport; a 25% reduction in the number of 16 year olds who drop out of five key sports; improved talent development systems in at least 25 sports; a major contribution to the delivery of the five hour sports offer for children and young people. Sport England is working closely with the national governing bodies of sport to deliver the new strategy, and will also build strong partnerships with local authorities. It will reduce bureaucracy by combining its multiple funding streams into a single pot of funding for governing bodies. And it will consult on a new, more streamlined method of funding wider community projects.

Further information: You can download a copy of the Sport England 2008-2011 Strategy at: www.sportengland.org/index/get_funding/how_funding_works.htm

Sport England end of current programme

Priorities/details: Sport England has published the results of a public consultation into the way it distributes around £45m a year of National Lottery funding.

Who for? There are now four new funding streams: Regular themed funding rounds that meet specific needs of community sport; A programme of sustainable investment in facilities; A small grants scheme; An innovation fund to identify and pilot best practice in community sport.

As Sport England moves to the new funding programmes, they will be closing the Community Investment Fund (CIF), which was launched in 2004 as a devolved National Lottery funding programme administered by the nine regions of Sport England.

Application process: To submit an application check the website to find out which region you should contact for the most up to date information on your chances of success. Please be ready to give details of your proposed project including what you are intending to do and how much it is likely to cost.

Further information: Tel: 08458 508 508, email: info@sportengland.org, website: www.sportengland.org

ENVIRONMENT



Naturesave Trust

Priorities/details: The Naturesave Trust is funded directly from the premiums of Naturesave Policies Ltd household, travel and personal accident policies. The scope of projects funded is broad. They seek to financially assist projects that deal with the root of a specific environmental and/or conservationist problem and those that encourage the greater commercial adoption of sustainable development.

Who for? An existing company and or charity which is seeking match funding or funding for a specific project. A new business entrepreneur who is keen to set up a company/organisation, which seeks to promote greater awareness of sustainable development.

Grant amount: From £100 to £10,000 with the average grant being around £2,000.

Application process: Via application form.

Deadline: There are no deadlines for applications, which are dealt with on a 'rolling' basis.

Further information: Tel: 01803 864 390, email: mail@naturesave.co.uk, website: www.naturesave.co.uk/naturesave_trust.html

LOTTERY UPDATE



LOTTERY FUNDED

BIG - Reaching Communities - England

Priorities/details: Reaching Communities has proven to be a very popular and highly competitive programme. Any new applicant should note the high levels of interest in this programme and consider whether your project is not better suited to another Big Lottery Fund programme. Currently 24% of applications are successful. They want to bring about the following changes as a result of their funding through this programme: people having better chances in life, including being able to get better access to training and development to improve their life skills; strong communities, with more active citizens, working together to tackle their problems; improved rural and urban environments, which communities are better able to access and enjoy; healthier and more active people and communities.

Who for? Reaching Communities want to fund projects that respond to needs identified by communities, and actively involve them. They want to fund projects that help those most in need including those people or groups who are hard to reach.

Grant amount: Reaching Communities will give grants of more than £10,000 and up to £500,000, including a maximum of £50,000 for capital grants. They will fund projects for up to five years.

Application process: Via application form.

Deadlines: Currently there is no closing date announced but it is due to close late this year.

Further information: BIG Advice Line Tel: 0845 410 2030, website: www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_reaching_communities

BIG Community Spaces - England

Priorities/details: Community Spaces is a £50 million open grants programme funded through the Big Lottery Fund's Changing Spaces initiative and managed by Groundwork UK on behalf of an experienced national consortium.

The programme empowers community groups to improve public spaces in their neighbourhood. It responds directly to people's aspirations to have better places on their doorsteps – more interesting places for children to play, safer places for people of all ages to sit, greener spaces where people and nature can grow and flourish.

The Community Spaces programme aims to: Create better local environments; Increase people's access to quality local spaces for interaction, play and recreation; Increase the number of people actively involved in developing and running a practical environmental project that is visible in their community; Improve partnerships between communities, support organisations and local authorities.

To successfully apply for a Community Spaces grant, applications must show that projects will improve local neighbourhoods and environments.

A full list of what Community Spaces will and will not fund is available on website below.

Grant amount: Small and Medium Grants - grants of between £10,000 - £49,999. Please note small and medium grants are available on a rolling basis until January 2011.

Large & Flagship Grants - grants of between £50,000 - £450,000

Application process: Details on applying are available online.

Deadlines: Large grants (£50,000 - £100,000) - 9 January 2009; Flagship grants (£100,001 - £450,000) - 30 January 2009.

Further information: Tel: 0121 236 8565, email: info@community-spaces.org.uk
website: www.community-spaces.org.uk/default.aspx?page=3

Lottery's Small Grants Scheme Set for Change

Priorities/details: Following a review of the Awards for All England programme, changes are to be made to the small grants scheme's existing format when it comes to an end in March 2009. Currently Awards for All England is a joint Lottery grants programme supported by Arts Council England, Big Lottery Fund, Heritage Lottery Fund and Sport England. From 1 April 2009 each of the lottery distributors supporting the scheme will have their own small grants programmes up and running. Applications can still be made under the current arrangements until 31 March 2009. The change will mean that each distributor can better address the needs of their applicants and the themes they support. Overall, across all the distributors, it is anticipated that new money available for small grants in 2009-10 will be comparable to money that was available to community groups through Awards for All in 2008-2009.

To ensure this change will be as seamless as possible, the distributors will each run their own small grants programme as follows:

Big Lottery Fund will launch a new small grants programme on 1 April 2009 awarding grants of £300 to £10,000 to local communities in 2009-2010.

Sport England will provide small grants for sports ranging from £300 - £10,000 from 1 April 2009.

Arts Council England will provide small grants through their existing 'Grants for the arts' programme, supporting awards between £1,000 and £100,000.

Heritage Lottery Fund small grants will be provided through the existing 'Your Heritage' (£3,000 to £50,000) and 'Young Roots' (£3,000 to £25,000) schemes. Currently **Awards for All award** grants of between £300 and £10,000 in a simple and straightforward way.

They can fund projects for people to take part in art, sport, heritage and community activities, as well as projects that promote education, the environment and health in the local community.

Application process: You can apply at any time. The application form is short and simple. They aim to tell you their decision within eight weeks of receiving your complete application.

Further information: Tel: 0845 600 20 40, email: general.enquiries@awardsforall.org.uk, website: www.awardsforall.org.uk/docs/eng_change_q&a.doc



LOANS



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Futurebuilders launches new Tender Fund

Priorities/details: Futurebuilders England has launched a new interest-free loan fund for third sector organisations struggling to meet the cost of tendering for public sector contracts.

Who for? The £1m Tender Fund is intended to help third sector providers win contracts where prohibitive tendering costs would otherwise make it difficult for them to bid.

Grant amount: The new Tender Fund will provide interest-free three year loans of between £3,000 and £50,000. This will help organisations who simply need a smaller sum of money to get them through the tendering stage.

Deadline: There is no closing date for applications, and the fund will be available on a first come, first served basis until the £1m runs out.

Further information: Tel: 0191 261 5200, email: info@futurebuilders-england.org.uk

Futurebuilders loan

As well as the above Tender fund Futurebuilders provides loan financing at 6% interest to third sector organisations. They offer loan financing, often combined with grants and professional support, to third sector organisations in England that need investment to help them bid for, win and deliver public service contracts. A £215m investment fund is available and applications can be made online.

Further information: www.futurebuilders-england.org.uk including tips, success stories and a calculator.

GIFT AID

HMRC and Gift Aid - Tax relief for charities

Priorities/details: Gift Aid is an easy way to help your charity or CASC maximise the value of its donations, as you can reclaim tax from HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) on its 'gross' equivalent - its value before tax was deducted at the basic rate. This is 20 per cent from 6 April 2008. You can work out the amount of tax you can reclaim by dividing the amount donated by four. This means that for every £1 donated, you can claim an extra 25 pence. In addition, HMRC will automatically pay your charity or CASC a further three pence for every pound donated. This 'transitional relief' - to adjust to the fall in basic rate tax (from 22 per cent to 20 per cent) - is available on Gift Aid donations made from 6 April 2008 until 5 April 2011. This means that for every £1 donated, your charity or CASC can receive 28 pence, so the total value of the donation is £1.28.

Further information: To help you with Gift Aid HMRC has produced a Gift Aid Tool Kit which can be downloaded from: www.hmrc.gov.uk/charities/giftaidtoolkit.pdf or sent to you if you contact them Tel: 08453 020203.

Full information is on their website: www.hmrc.gov.uk/charities/gift_aid/basics.htm



New Online Gift Aid Mentoring Forum to Benefit Small Charities

Priorities/details: The Institute of Fundraising has today launched its new Gift Aid mentoring forum, www.giftaidhelp.org. The forum will provide those involved with

charities, voluntary groups and organisations access to an online network of experienced professional fundraisers and practitioners.

Aimed at small organisations, charities, clubs and individuals who fundraise for charities, users can access the forum to ask specific questions about Gift Aid, or network with others in order to get new ideas on how to maximize Gift Aid income. The forum is split into sub-sector categories according to the 'experts' areas of Gift Aid knowledge. Categories include faith groups, community and amateur sports clubs, youth and education organisations, and Gift Aid audits.

Individuals are encouraged to post discussion topics and discuss possible solutions to these topics amongst themselves, whilst the experts will share their knowledge and experience of best practice. Whilst the focus is on Gift Aid, questions on other forms of tax-effective giving, including Payroll Giving and gifts of shares and property, are also welcome. IFF particularly hope that this online mentoring support forum will support smaller organisations. As an online service it's accessible 24 hours a day.

Further information: www.giftaidhelp.org
www.institute-of-fundraising.org.uk/

NEWS

The Community Website Builder

Priorities/details: The Community Website Builder allows registered UK charities, non-profit making organisations and volunteer led groups or organisations to build and maintain their own website free of charge. In under 5 minutes, you can have a professional looking, easy to edit website up and running. With no special software, skills or knowledge required, it's easy, quick and fun to set up and maintain your own web presence. The Community Website Builder Service is provided by BT and Recipero for use by UK charities, non-profit making organisations and volunteer led groups only.

Further information: Website: www.communitykit.co.uk

This scheme is operated by BT Better World and Recipero Limited.

'Funding the Future' conference - Central Hall Westminster, Tuesday 9 December

Priorities/details: They would be delighted to welcome you to Britain's largest 'meet the funders' conference, which features over 40 top-level presentations from the key statutory, lottery and trust funders - addressing a morning plenary session and your choice of seven specialist afternoon streams for charities in each field of work.

Further information: Email: conf@actionplanning.co.uk

Your attendance fee of £148 includes VAT, lunch, a networking reception and all presentation materials. Website: www.actionplanning.co.uk

If you are looking for funding and can't find what you are looking for here we have access to both GRANTfinder and the FunderFinder databases at T3SC. Or you could use our Resource Room and the excellent resources and get some support. Look at our funding web page for more resources <http://www.t3sc.org/funding2.htm>

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