

Funding Update

January 2011

This funding update assembles the national funding opportunities for the voluntary and community youth sector as highlighted in the NCVYS Strategic Information Service Bulletin during August. Additional information on local grants, which have been omitted from the bulletin for space reasons, is also available. The majority of information about these grants was found at Funding Central (<http://www.fundingcentral.org.uk/>). To access the details you will need to register, which is free.

National grants and awards

Share and Learn Grant Scheme

The Share and Learn Grant Scheme will support VCS front-line organisations who deliver services to children, young people and families to share their experience of supporting and developing their workforce and enable other front-line organisations to learn from their practice. Applications are still welcome from potential Learning Partners – the closing date is 14 January 2011.

<http://www.ncvys.org.uk/index.php?alias=share>

Transition Fund

The Cabinet Office's £100million Transition Fund for civil society organisations has opened. The Fund will help civil society organisations which deliver high quality public services to be more resilient, agile and able to take opportunities presented by a changing funding environment. The Office for Civil Society has appointed BIG Fund (non-Lottery funding operation of the Big Lottery Fund) to administer the fund. They will be holding briefing events in December for civil society organisations which meet the criteria below and are interested in applying to the Transition Fund.

The fund will be open to charities, voluntary groups and social enterprises which meet the following criteria:

- An income of between £50,000 and £10 million;
- At least 60% of income is from taxpayer funded sources;
- At least 50% of taxpayer funded income is spent on service provision in at least one of the following areas – health and social care; homelessness; education and training; offender rehabilitation; welfare to work/ employment services; children and families; debt counselling and legal advice;
- Free reserves must not be more than six months;
- Cuts of least 30% of taxpayer funded income in 2011/12 are being faced, as compared to the most recent set of signed annual accounts;
- The minimum grant size is £12.5k and grants will meet no more than half the taxpayer funded income (i.e. must have lost at least £25k);
- The majority of the grant expenditure will be on change activities;
- The majority of services delivered in England

The application process will close on 21 January 2011.

http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/newsroom/news_releases/2010/101130-transitionfund.aspx



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Underprivileged children and young people

Wooden Spoon is a children's charity dedicated to helping underprivileged children (disadvantaged physically, mentally or socially) and young people to live happier, richer lives. Previous support has been capital toward sports and activity areas, sensory rooms and gardens and playgrounds. Grants are generally in the range £20,000 to £100,000.

http://www.woodenspoon.com/projects/overview_and_applications.php

Greenspaces

The GrantScape Community Greenspace Challenge is a £500,000 grant programme designed to support local communities in creating enjoyable new outdoor greenspaces, including by transforming existing unloved areas. It is specifically designed to benefit the environment both for people and for wildlife, supporting people's health, well-being and access to nature. Grants are available for amounts between £20,000 and £75,000.

<http://www.grantscape.org.uk/grantshome/applyforagrant/gcgc>

Improving quality of life

The Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation provides grant funding in support of a wide range of charitable projects that aim to improve the quality of life for the young, deprived, disadvantaged, disabled and elderly in the UK. Grants are normally in the range £500 to £10,000, but may exceptionally be greater.

<http://syfab.org.uk/fundingnews/2010/06/17/bernard-sunley-charitable-trust/>

Community work

SCM Philanthropy aims to support small charities and individuals who undertake work in the community and help them to help others by funding non-profit making activities, projects and individuals that have the passion and solutions to positively effect change in ailing sectors of society and the environment. On average, grant requests range from £5,000 to £40,000 per year.

<http://www.scmphilanthropy.com/contact>

Funding for youth activities

The Ford Britain Trust awards grants in support of the communities in which Ford's employees work and live. Grants of up to £3,000 are available to projects focusing on: education, environment, children, the disabled, youth activities, and projects that provide clear benefits to the local communities close to Ford's UK locations. The next deadline is 1 March.

<http://www.ford.co.uk/AboutFord/CorporateSocialResponsibility/FordBritainTrust/HowToApply>

Positive activities for young people

The Affinity Sutton Community Grants supports work that improves the lives of those living in Affinity Sutton housing areas in London, the South East, the South West and the North. It provides between £300 and £5,000 to projects which: provide positive activities for young people; offer support for children and families; promote estate regeneration and encourage environmental awareness; promote health, wellbeing and community safety; support community cohesion and engagement; or encourage equality and diversity. The next deadline is Friday 4 February 2011.

http://www.affinitysutton.com/residents/you_and_your_community/community_groups_and_projects/community_grants.aspx

Community sports

Barclays have launched a Community Sports Award as recognition for the outstanding achievements of individuals and groups that use sport to benefit communities across the UK. Awards will be made each month during the Barclays Premier League season. Each monthly winner will receive £1,000 for their group or organisation, and will be entered into the end of season award to win a further £5,000.

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

Digital media

Community Voices aims to inspire, engage and support disadvantaged and isolated communities across England to make a meaningful difference to their lives with the help of digital media. Ten awards of £500 each are available to showcase community media projects through the scheme.

<http://communitychannel.mediatrust.org/featured/inspiring-voices-1/>

Breaks for young people

Breaks 4 Kids funding is available to under-privileged young people travelling as part of an organised group. The group could be a school class, youth club, church group, or a group organised by a body such as the Youth Offending Group or Connexions. Breaks 4 Kids can award up to 50% of the cost of accommodation and food.

<http://www.breaks4kids.co.uk/schools-and-groups/index.aspx>

Helping people discover the Internet

BT Community Connections is an award scheme which offers community groups the chance to get online and help people discover the wonders of the Internet. The award will be 12 months' free connection to BT Business Total Broadband Advance. Priority will be given to applications from community groups that operate in areas of deprivation. Applications must be submitted by 13 January 2011.

<http://www.btplc.com/Responsiblebusiness/Supportingourcommunities/Digitalinclusion/BTCommunityConnections/ApplyingforaCommunityConnectionsAward/index.htm>

Football

The Grow the Game grant scheme is provided and administered by the Football Foundation to stimulate and sustain increased participation in football at a grass-roots level. The deadline for northern regions and the Midlands is 8 February 2011 and the deadline for southern and eastern regions is 28 February 2011.

<http://www.footballfoundation.org.uk/apply/grow-the-game/>

Waitrose scheme

Waitrose Community Matters gives each branch £1,000 (or £500 in its convenience shops) to share out between three local good causes each month such as welfare organisations, community groups, schools or local divisions of national charities.

<http://www.johnlewispartnership.co.uk/Display.aspx?&MasterId=1d1b3ed8-af38-4649-88fb-ad44b0a97ae9&NavigationId=622>

Youth development

The Agnes Trust Fund assists with the education and training of disadvantaged people or with youth development projects. The next application deadline is 9 February.

<http://www.agneshunter.org.uk/what-we-fund/>

Health and social care

The Financial Assistance Fund provides support to Third Sector Organisations who deliver or support health and social care that may be experiencing significant financial hardship in 2010/11. The deadline for applications is noon on Wednesday 19 January 2011. A total of £1 million is available nationwide.

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_123020

Inner city deprivation and health

The Salters' Charitable Foundation (SCF) is keen to support projects related to research, development or implementation of practical solutions to: environmental problems; projects that address inner city problems (particularly in London) of poverty and deprivation, youth crime, barriers to education, and the elderly and infirm; and health. The closing date for applications is 12 noon on the 24 January 2011.

<http://www.salters.co.uk/TheCharities/TheSaltersCharitableFoundation/tabid/71/Default.aspx>

Children and the Arts

The Prince's Foundation for Children and the Arts is seeking partner organisations to develop the 2011 Start Programme. Start provides primary and secondary school students who might never otherwise have the chance, the opportunity to engage with the arts. The deadline for applications is 5pm on 2 February 2011.

<http://www.childrenandarts.org.uk/arts-community/start-how-you-can-get-involved/>

National grants and awards from November's Update that are still open

V Cashpoint

V Cashpoint is funding ideas for a London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games inspired volunteering project to improve your community

<http://vinspired.com/vcashpoint>

Small grants

The Greggs Foundation operates a regional grants programme to support charitable organisations through the provision of small grants of up to £2,000. Funded projects must make a positive difference to people in need in local communities. Priority is given to projects which benefit people with caring responsibilities, people with disabilities and homeless people.

<http://www.greggsfoundation.org.uk/regionalgrants.html>

Lifelong learning

The general call for proposals for 2011 for the EU's Lifelong Learning Programme has been launched. Both citizens and organisations in the field of school and higher education, vocational training and adult learning can for the numerous activities supported by the programme

http://ec.europa.eu/education/news/news2628_en.htm

Sports grants

Sport England Small Grants are for £300 to £10,000 and priority will be given to projects that provide young people aged 11 to 16 with extra-curricular sports; organisations that encourage young people aged 16 and above to continue their participation in sports; and projects that increase the number of adults taking part in sport.

http://www.sportengland.org/funding/small_grants/want_to_apply.aspx

Anti-knife crime activities

The Home Office has launched a new £250,000 fund for projects to tackle knife crime, in memory of Ben Kinsella who was murdered in 2008. The Prince's Trust is looking after the Ben Kinsella Fund and fifty grants will be available in England and Wales, for projects which directly benefit disadvantaged young people and are targeted at areas with high levels of knife crime and serious youth violence.

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/media-centre/news/kinsella-fund>

Education and employment opportunities for disadvantaged young people

The Dulverton Trust provides money for activities that improve education and employment opportunities for disadvantaged young people, such as those at risk of offending or exclusion. The trust particularly likes to fund challenging outdoor activities and mostly supports organisations working in areas where a grant would significantly improve outcomes for local communities. A major grant is available for national charities with an annual income below £50m, and a minor grant is available to smaller charities working at local level with an income below £400,000. The maximum grant available is £3,500.

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

Community and environmental schemes

Biffaward awards funds of between £5,000 and £50,000 to projects that transform community buildings and open spaces such as parks, woodlands or play areas for the benefit of local people.

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

Leisure facilities

The Central Social and Recreational Trust provides grants of up to £2,000 improve leisure facilities for young people under 21.

<http://csrt.info>

Filmmaking and young people

The First Light Youth Film Fund provides funding for organisations that involve young people in filmmaking. Grants of up to £30,000 are available and the next deadline is 11 January 2011.

<http://www.firstlightonline.co.uk/fundingstream/young-film-fund>

Disabled children

The True Colours Trust provides a small grants programme to small, UK-based organisations to carry out projects that provide help for disabled children and their families. Up to £10,000 is available for projects that support programmes for children, their siblings and families, including for young carers.

http://www.truecolourstrust.org.uk/application_guidelines.aspx

Environmental education

The JJ Charitable Trust supports environmental education projects that involve children and young adults. It supports activities relating to sustainable agriculture, bio-diversity, sustainable transport, energy efficiency and renewable energy.

<http://www.sfct.org.uk/jj.html>

Young people's entrepreneurial skills

The Enterprise Challenge Grant Scheme is administered by UK Youth and is supported by international accounting firm Mazars. The grant scheme aims to improve young people's entrepreneurial skills and promote their involvement in enterprising activities across the UK. Grants of up to £250 are on offer. The next funding round deadline is Friday 14 January 2011.

<http://www.ukyouth.org/whatwedo/Programmes/YAA/enterprise>

Transforming communities

Financial assistance is available for projects that transform and improve the local community for the benefit of the community or are looking to fund projects that will help people in getting more from their local community. The Jubilee People's Millions is a joint initiative from the Big Lottery Fund and ITV which aims to mark the Queen's jubilee in 2012 by distributing Lottery funding to projects that will benefit local communities. 60 awards of up to £60,000 (plus VAT) are available 2011. The deadline for applications is 12 noon on Friday 4 February 2011.

<http://www.peoplesmillions.org.uk/apply>

Supporting those most in need

The Hilton in the Community Foundation is committed to supporting those most in need to have a brighter future. Grants are awarded to schools and registered charities/causes working with young people that are considered to be most in need or who have special needs within the UK and Ireland. The next deadline for application is 15 February 2011.

<http://www.hilton-foundation.org.uk/application.htm>

Wildlife

The Big Lottery Fund's Community Wildlife Fund will fund between £300 and £10,000 for projects that bring local people together to discover, enjoy or protect the wildlife in their local area. This includes projects that improve natural community spaces, such as rivers, ponds and woodlands and provide opportunities for children to learn about nature through play.

http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_community_wildlife

Whole family initiatives

The Kelly Family Charitable Trust is interested in funding charities whose activities involve the whole family in initiatives that seek to tackle problematical issues that face one or more of its members, and whose aims include the strengthening of family bonds by helping all elements of the family unit to grow together and support each other. Grants will typically be between £1,000 and £5,000. The next deadline is 1 March 2011.

<http://www.kfct.org.uk/apply.html>

Disadvantaged and homeless people

LandAid's Annual Grants Programme is inviting applications for projects which help disadvantaged or homeless people, especially the young. LandAid will be awarding grants of between £5,000 and £25,000 per project which provide accommodation or assist in meeting accommodation needs, refurbish or renew facilities, or deliver training, life skills or other educational programmes. The deadline for applications is 31 January 2011.

<http://www.landaid.org/latest-landaid-news/landaid-grant-programme-opens.html>

Local grants and awards

Where available the deadlines are in brackets. Click on the locality for further details.

[Cumbria and Southwest Scotland](#) (21 February 2011)

CFM Radio provide the "Cash for Kids" scheme for projects that benefit sick, disabled and disadvantaged children, aged 17 years or younger.

[Eden](#) (7 April 2011)

The Community Fund (£500 to £10,000) is intended to support community-based initiatives that contribute to the sustainability, vitality or well-being of discrete communities.

[Skelmersdale, Lancashire](#) (7 March 2011)

The Whitemoss Community Fund (£5,000 to £20,000) is for community and environmental projects.

[Yorkshire and the Humber](#) (31 January 2011)

The Third Sector ERDF Access Fund scheme (£2,000 to £10,000) is available to help prepare bids for ERDF funding.

[South Yorkshire](#) (31 March 2011)

Grassroots Grants funding (£250 to £5,000) for organisations to continue or expand their work with the local community in Barnsley, Rotherham and Sheffield.

[Hull](#)

The Community Safety Fund is for projects that help reduce or prevent crime and anti-social behaviour in their community.

[Hull](#)

The Community Initiatives Budget is intended to provide support for projects that promote the social, environmental and economic well being of the area.

[Hull and the East Riding of Yorkshire](#) (1 March 2011)

City Health Care Partnership Small Grants Programme (up to £500) is for activities related to health or well being.

[Liverpool](#) (25 February 2011)

The Liverpool ONE Foundation provides funding (£5000 to £10,000) for the prevention and relief of poverty, education and skills attainment (particularly for young people), social and community advancement and health.

[Merseyside](#) (28 January 2011)

Employable Communities Fund (up to £12,000) for projects that direct individuals toward employment.

[Lincolnshire](#) (31 March 2012)

The Redundant Rural Building Grant Scheme (up to 25% of eligible costs – £2,500 to £50,000) is available to individuals, partnerships, limited companies and co-operatives for the reinvigoration of redundant premises to bring them back into public use.

[Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland](#) (4 February 2011), [Lincolnshire](#) (1 March 2011), [Hampshire and Isle of White](#)

The Comic Relief scheme (£1,000 to £10,000) is available to small locally based groups for projects that benefit those who are excluded or disadvantaged.

[Nottinghamshire](#) (4 February 2011)

The J N Derbyshire Community Fund (up to £1,000) supports children and young people.

[Warwickshire](#) (21 January 2011)

The Council is seeking a service provider to ensure that young people with mental health needs receive the best assessment and treatment possible.

[West Sussex](#) (21 March 2011)

The Gatwick Airport Community Trust Fund (£1,000 to £5,000) is intended to benefit those areas most affected by the Airport's operations by minimising the impact that Airport operations have on the surrounding communities.

[Hampshire](#)

The Blue Lamp Trust (up to £5,000) is for organisations to promote the safety and wellbeing of people and property.

[Hampshire](#)

The Hampshire Shrieval Fund (£250 to £5,000) is intended for projects which promote community safety and security, helping to reduce crime and help those who are most at risk from crime.

[Hampshire](#) (21 January 2011)

The Doris Campbell Memorial Fund (£500 to £5,000) supports local projects including those that will make a real difference to young people.

[Hampshire and Isle of White](#) (21 January 2011)

The BAT Legacy Fund (£5,000 to £10,000) is aimed at supporting the work of organisations that are seeking to improve the skills and training of adults as well as overcoming barriers to work.

[Bristol and surroundings](#) (31 January 2011)

The Mall Fountain Fund (up to £1,000) supports local charitable causes within a 25-mile radius of The Mall including Weston-super-Mare, Newport, Stroud, Chippenham and Shepton Mallet.

[Dartford](#) (16 December 2010)

The Community Grant scheme (£500 to £3,000) is for organisations that deliver services to residents and includes a focus on young people.

[Hackney](#) (2 February 2011)

The Borough is seeking the provision of four accommodation-based rough sleeper and single homeless services.

[Richmond](#) (25 February 2011)

Richmond Civic Trust Grant (£500 to £10,000) is for voluntary groups to undertake projects that improve their local environment.

[Richmond](#) (10 January 2011)

The Borough is seeking the provision of Early Years, Emotional Health and Wellbeing for Young People and their Parents and Parenting Support Services (contract value to range between £500,000 and £1,000,000) on behalf of the single Quindrat Commissioning Board.

[Hillingdon](#) (19 January 2011)

The Borough is seeking the provision of floating support and accommodation based services for young people and care leavers.

[Kent](#) (31 January 2011)

Kent Arts Investment Programme is intended to support arts organisations, arts projects and individual artists.

Local grants and awards from January's Update that are still open

[Newcastle](#)

Make your mark funding for organisations carrying out physical and social regeneration projects.

[Kirklees](#)

Funding for the young people's holiday activity programme.

[Doncaster](#)

Mayoral Integration, Cohesion and Myth Busting Fund (up to £500) is for community cohesion.

Doncaster

North Doncaster Development Trust (NDDT) (up to £500) for general charitable activities.

Leeds (14 January 2011)

Arts@leeds funding (up to £1,000) to groups organising artistic and cultural activities which benefit the local community.

Knowsley (13 January 2011)

Youth Opportunity and Youth Capital Funding (up to £5,000) for young people for projects, activities, events, purchase of equipment and improving youth facilities

Nottinghamshire (10 January 2011)

The Council is seeking the provision of a range of advocacy services for children and young people.

Gloucestershire (30 June 2011)

Supporting Active Communities Grant (up to £2,500) to develop the interest, entrepreneurial skills, networks, governance, volunteers, and social enterprises of the community.

Oxfordshire (11 January 2011)

The Stronger Communities Fund (£3,000 to £20,000) is aimed at civil society organisations working to address community needs.

East Devon and the Isle of Thanet

The Gibbons Family Trust issues funding to community organisations working with children and young people under the age of 25.

East Hampshire

The Youth Council Money Pot (up to £250) is for projects improving the lives of young people aged 11-21.

Hounslow (15 March 2011)

British Airways Community Investment Fund (up to £5,000) provides financial support to community and voluntary projects working to improve the development of young people.

London (4 February 2011)

Grants are available to raise participation levels in sports by developing high quality, affordable local sporting facilities.

London

The Bright Ideas Trust works with young people to help them turn good business ideas into reality, and can offer financial support, along with the mentoring and advice critical to ensure the success of start-up and early-stage ventures.

London

The Capital Community Foundation has details of many grants in London .

London (28 January 2010)

Leaders Together is a London based mentoring project, matching leaders from small charities and community groups with senior professionals from a wide variety of backgrounds.

Kingston (28 January 2010)

Small grants (up to £750) available from the council.

Kent (15 March 2011)

The Linda Hogan Community Fund (up to £500) is intended to support community groups for projects and activities that help their local communities.

Ashford (31 March 2011)

Community Grants Fund (up to £10,000) for community projects.

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