



External Funding Monthly

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Welcome to External Funding Monthly, Dacorum Borough Council's e-newsletter offering information & advice on funding opportunities from outside sources including the European Union, National Lottery, UK Government, Trusts, Foundations & other grant giving bodies.

This newsletter is for all officers & members of Dacorum Borough Council, as well as partnerships, Town & Parish Councils and voluntary & community groups that work within the Borough.

Hi Everyone

Welcome to the March 2010 edition of External Funding Monthly.

Kind regards

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LATEST FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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Reducing crime and creating a safer Dacorum

National Home Safety Equipment Scheme (UK) In

The main focus of this new scheme is to provide home safety equipment to the most disadvantaged families in areas with the highest accident rates. 'Safe at Home' will be run by The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) until March 2011. RoSPA aims to work with existing and new local Home Safety Equipment Schemes in the areas with the highest accident rates. This support will take the form of information, training and the provision and fitting of home safety equipment. One of the long term objectives of Safe At Home is to promote understanding of the importance of home safety and to build the capacity of local communities to run their own schemes providing equipment and advice to families.

For further information and how to participate in the scheme please contact the Safe At Home team for further information or email: nhses@rospa.com
<http://www.safeathome.rospa.com/index.htm>

Women's Diversionary Fund (UK) Ch SE VC

The Corston Independent Funders Coalition and the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) have announced the launch of The Women's Diversionary Fund, a joint £2 million programme to help transform the way women are treated by the criminal justice system. The fund will provide grants to third sector organisations to support further growth in community services for women and contribute to building the confidence of courts in alternatives to custody. The Fund will focus on service development or continuation, filling gaps and further developing services and building organisational and sector capacity. There will not be an open application process, instead third sector organisations currently delivering in this or related fields will be invited to apply....

<http://www.corstoncoalition.org.uk/womens-diversionary-fund-announced>

Action Grants for the Prevention of and Fight against Crime (UK)

The European Commission has issued a call for proposals for operating grants through its "Preventing of and Fight against Crime" programme. Not for profit and governmental organisations operating on the European level and active in the general field of fighting crime are eligible to apply for operating grants. The aim of the operating grants is to support the implementation of the annual activity programme of eligible non-governmental organisations and not to support single actions / projects. The Commission is seeking to fund the work programmes of organisations that are active in the following areas:

- Preventing juvenile crime, urban crime or drug related crime
- Improving transparency and accountability³ of non-profit organisations in the European Union and thus contributing to the protection of these organisations against any abuse of financial criminal nature
- Fight against trafficking in human beings and against sexual exploitation of children

- Protection and support of crime victims and witnesses of crime, including of terrorism.

The total amount of funding available to support this call is €1.5 million and it is unlikely that the Commission will support applications for operating grants of less than €80,000.

The closing date for applications is the 10th March 2010.

http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/funding/isec/wai/funding_isec_en.htm

Creating a cleaner and healthier environment

New £19 Million Competition in the Field of Low and Ultra Low Carbon Vehicles (UK)

The Technology Strategy Board has announced that it is launching a competition with up to £19m available to invest in innovative, industry-led collaborative research, development and demonstration in the field of low and ultra low carbon vehicles. The Technology Board expect to support three to six projects. They welcome applications from any type of industry-led consortium. Strong participation from vehicle manufacturers (VMs) and/or tier 1 suppliers is however expected. A partnering event has been set up to facilitate consortia building for this competition; it will be held at Warwick University, Coventry, on 4th February 2010. This is the fourth competition under the innovation platform's Integrated Delivery Programme (IDP). The programme aims to integrate the low carbon vehicle innovation chain, from the science base, through collaborative R&D to fleet-level demonstration and is supported by the Office for Low Emission Vehicles, the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council, Advantage West Midlands, One North East and Invest Northern Ireland. **The competition will open on the 8th February 2010 and will run until the 1st April 2010...**

<http://www.innovateuk.org/content/competition/integrated-delivery-programme-competition-4-.ashx>

Ecominds - Urgent Notice to Small Grant Applicants (England) Ch SE VC

Ecominds has announced that due to the large number of applications received to date, **the closing date for Small Grants has been brought forward to 12 noon, Friday 30 April 2010.**

Through the small grants programme, Ecominds will fund a range of community and voluntary groups who want to encourage people with experience of mental distress to get involved in environmental projects, such as:

- Improving open spaces and wildlife habitats
- Designing public art; and recycling.

Ecominds, which is run by Mind as an award partner of the Big Lottery Fund, is looking to fund smaller projects with grants of up to £20,000. To be eligible for funding projects must have:

- Both a mental health and environmental perspective
- Involve people with direct experience of mental distress
- Encourage community access, collaboration, and improve the environment and environmental sustainability
- Have a budget of under £250,000.

The amount of funding currently available for Small Grants is limited and prospective applicants are encouraged to consider carefully before applying.

<http://www.mind.org.uk/ecominds>

One Planet Living Grant Scheme (UK) LA Ch SE VC

Through the One Planet Living (OPL) Grant scheme, schools, community groups and charitable organisations can apply to their local B&Q store for funding to support a local community project. Projects must support at least one of the following themes; conserve nature; save energy; grow your own; and local culture and heritage. The

scheme provides £50 to £250 (at retail cost) of B&Q materials, for example, pond liners, plants, peat-free compost for projects such as a pond/wildlife garden or paints labelled low or minimal VOC for redecoration projects. It is important that the project is sustainable. Thus, the materials and methods used should not cause environmental damage in the short or long-term. The final result should have a long-lasting benefit to the community. OPL Grants do not cover maintenance, so the project should be designed for easy care. Projects must be local to a store and pupils must be involved in school projects. To apply for a grant, applicants will need to contact the environmental champion or store manager at their local B&Q store to discuss project details. **Projects can apply for funding between 1 February 2010 and 30 September 2010 and successful projects must collect their materials no later than 31 October 2010...**

http://www.diy.com/diy/jsp/corporate/content/environment_ethics/ethics/community/grants.jsp

EU Announces Next Life+ Funding Round (UK) LA Ch SE

The European Commission has announced that the 2010 funding round under its Life+ Programme will open for applications on the 5th May 2010. LIFE + programme is the EU's main fund for supporting environmental projects. With a budget of €2.143 billion, Life + (2007 -13) will address all four priority areas of the Sixth Environment Action Programme. These are; Climate change; Nature and biodiversity; Health and quality of life; and Natural resources and waste. LIFE+ funding is available to both public and private bodies registered in the EU. It is suggested that potential applicants start preparing their 2010 proposals already on the basis of the 2009 application package. It is however very important that the final version submitted in 2010 uses only the 2010 application forms and follows all the instructions in the 2010 application guide (these will be made available on 5 May 2010 on the Life+ web site). Previously supported projects include Groundwork Sheffield which received funding to address climate change by increasing the quality of green roofs. Measures foreseen include the establishment of a UK green roof code of best practice and the encouragement of its adoption through a Green Roof Innovation Awards scheme and Business Solutions Europa Limited which received funding to produce and promote animated cartoons to help European children learn more about the environment, sustainability and climate change. **The provisional closing date for applications will be the 1st September 2010...**

<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/funding/lifeplus.htm>

Farmers Offered New 'Green Funding' Deal (UK)

The Carbon Trust has announced financial help is now available for farmers to invest in energy-saving equipment. British farmers are now eligible to apply for unsecured, interest-free loans for between £3,000 and £20,000 to help them upgrade to more energy-efficient equipment. The new funding has been provided to help the farming sector to meet the carbon reduction aims laid out the Government's Low Carbon Transition Plan. Examples of energy efficiency upgrades which the Carbon Trust loans will fund are; thermal screens, used in greenhouse horticulture, typically cost up to £20,000, and can save over £10,000 / 100 tonnes of CO₂ annually; milk cooling accounts for one third of the energy consumption of dairy farms. New systems cost £3,000, and save up to £1,000 / 6 tonnes of CO₂ a year; Insulation used in field horticulture crop stores, typically costs around £17,000, and saves up to £10,000 / 50 tonnes of CO₂ a year; upgrading heating and ventilation controls, in livestock farms, typically costs £3,000, and saves over £4,000 / 23 tonnes of CO₂ a year; grain drying humidity controls, used in arable farming, typically costs £3,000, and saves around £1,500 / 10 tonnes of CO₂ a year..

http://www.carbontrust.co.uk/news/news/press-centre/2009/Pages/farmers_offered_new_green_funding_deal.aspx

European Local Energy Assistance Grant (UK) LA

The European Commission and the European Investment Bank (EIB) have launched a new €15 million grant aid initiative to help local and regional authorities accelerate their investments in energy efficiency and renewable energy projects. Known as the European Local Energy Assistance (ELENA) facility this grants programme will fund technical assistance such as feasibility and market studies, structuring of programmes, business plans, energy audits, preparation of tendering procedures and contractual arrangements; etc that will help cities and regions in Europe bring forward viable investment projects in the areas of energy efficiency; renewable energy sources and sustainable urban transport. ELENA covers up to 90% of eligible costs required for technical support related to a clearly identified investment programme. In general projects need to be in excess of €50 million. Small projects can be supported when they are integrated into larger investment programmes. In principle proposals can be submitted and funding agreements signed, until the end of 2011, except if the amount allocated to the ELENA facility has been exhausted before that time. **There will be no calls for proposals and assistance will be granted on a first-come first-served basis.**

<http://www.eib.org/about/press/2009/2009-255-european-commission-and-european-investment-bank-launch-european-local-energy-assistance-elena-facility.htm>

Community Sustainable Energy Programme (England) LA Ch SE VC

Not for profit organisations such as community groups, charities, schools, colleges and faith groups, etc are being invited to apply for funding to install renewable energy technologies (such as wind turbines and solar panels) and energy saving measures (such as roof and cavity wall insulation). Under the new Community Sustainable Energy programme £8 million will be available for the installation of microgeneration technologies and energy efficiency measures (Capital grants) and £1 million for project development grants. The maximum Capital grant available is £50,000 or 50% of the project costs. The maximum project development grant is £5,000 or 75 per cent of the study cost - whichever is lower. The funding programme is being managed by the Building Research Establishment on behalf of the Big Lottery Fund's "Changing Spaces" Programme. Project development grants (for studies investigating the feasibility of installing any combination of the technologies) will be awarded on a first-come first-served basis until all funds are spent. Capital grants will be awarded on a competitive basis at quarterly selection panel meetings. **The next application deadline is the 7th May 2010....**

<http://www.communitysustainable.org.uk/>

Screen East launches £3.5 million Low Carbon Fund (East England) In

Screen East has announced the launch of a new £3.5 million Low Carbon Investment Fund for the Film, Documentary, TV and Computer Games industry with the East of England. The Fund will provide access to production finance for regionally-based production businesses (Completion funding and development funding is ineligible). The main aim of the Fund is to enable Screen East to make commercial investments which support the development of a low carbon, sustainable film, television and computer games industry. Organisations interested in applying for funding are required to attend

two workshops relating to low carbon production processes. These are the Low Carbon Workshop (Wednesday 24th February 2010) and Investment Readiness Workshop (Tuesday 2nd March 2010). To register on the workshops, please email Sam Burton at sam@screeeast.co.uk or call 01603 776922. Spaces are limited to maximum of 30 people per workshop.

Boiler Scrapage Scheme (England) In

The Boiler Scrapage Scheme is one of the Energy Saving Trust's programmes open to 125,000 householders in England living in an owned or privately rented home, giving them £400 off a new A-rated boiler or renewable heat technology, when they scrap the old, inefficient G-rated boiler. To be eligible for this scheme; householders

(including tenants) under 60 must be scrapping a boiler that is in working order and is the main boiler used to heat the home; householders (including tenants) that are 60 and over can apply for the scheme regardless of whether the boiler they are scrapping is in working order, however it must still be the main boiler used to heat the home. Homeowners, and those that rent from private landlords and are in receipt of certain benefits, may also be eligible for a grant of up to £3,500 (or £6,000 where oil, low carbon or renewable technologies are recommended) under the Warm Front Scheme. For more details visit www.warmfront.co.uk....
<http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/Home-improvements-and-products/Heating-and-hot-water/Boiler-Scrapage-Scheme#vouchers>

Delivering lifelong learning

Funding to Engage People with Science (UK) In LA Ch SE VC

The Wellcome Trust is inviting organisations and individuals to apply for funding through its Arts Awards. The Arts Awards support projects that engage the public with biomedical science through the arts including dance, drama, performance arts, visual arts, music, film, craft, photography, creative writing or digital media. Applications are invited for projects up to £30,000. The aim of the awards is to support arts projects that reach new audiences which may not traditionally be interested in science and provide new ways of thinking about the social, cultural and ethical issues around contemporary science. The scheme is open to a wide range of people including, among others, artists, scientists, curators, filmmakers, writers, producers, directors, academics, science communicators, teachers, arts workers and education officers. For medium sized projects up to £30,000 **the next closing date for applications is the 30th April 2010...**

European Cooperation in the field of Scientific and Technical Research (UK)

The European Commissions has launched a new call for proposals for European Cooperation in the field of Scientific and Technical Research (COST). COST brings together researchers and experts in different countries working on specific topics. COST does NOT fund research itself, but supports networking activities such as meetings, conferences, short term scientific exchanges and outreach activities. Currently more than 200 scientific networks (Actions) are supported. COST invites proposals for Actions contributing to the scientific, technological, economic, cultural or societal development of Europe. Proposals playing a precursor role for other European programmes and/or initiated by early-stage researchers are especially welcome. COST is organised in nine broad Domains. These are Biomedicine and Molecular Biosciences; Chemistry and Molecular Sciences and Technologies; Earth System Science and Environmental Management; Food and Agriculture; Forests, their Products and Services; Individuals, Society, Culture and Health; Information and Communication Technologies; Materials, Physical and Nanosciences; Transport and Urban Development. Applicants are invited to locate their topic within one Domain. However, inter-disciplinary proposals not fitting readily into a single Domain are particularly welcome and will be assessed separately by the Trans- Domain Proposals Standing Assessment Body. Proposals should include researchers from a minimum of five COST countries. Financial support in the range of €100 000 p.a. for normally four years can be expected. **The closing date for preliminary proposals is the 26th March 2010...**

http://www.cost.esf.org/participate/open_call

Britain Sasakawa Foundation Grants Programme (UK) LA

Schools in the UK that wish to develop links with Japan and Japanese schools are able to apply for funding through the Britain Sasakawa Foundation. The Foundation makes small grants of up to £1,500 to support activities that support the study of the Japanese language and culture, School, Education and Youth exchanges. In the past

the Foundation has made grants towards visits between the UK and Japan between by teachers and young people and the teaching and development of Japanese language and cultural studies in schools. Schools that have successfully applied to the Foundation include George Mitchell School, who received a grant of £1,000 to support an international week at the school with focus on Japan and County Upper School, Bury St Edmunds, which received a grant of £5,000 to help fund a study tour to Japan by eight Year 11 students and two teachers. **The next closing date for applications is the 31st March 2010.**

<http://www.gbsf.org.uk/>

Funding for Joint Curriculum Projects with French Schools (England) LA

The British Council is currently seeking applications for funding from primary / secondary state schools and sixth form colleges in England which have an established partnership with a school in France. Schools can apply jointly with a neighbouring school if the nature of the project lends itself to inter-school co-operation. Funding of £4000 is available to undertake a joint curriculum project with the French partner school. Projects should be innovative, creative and involve joint activities with the French school while being fully embedded into the curricula of both schools; should ensure regular and necessary communication takes place between pupils and staff from both schools, and work towards a concrete collaborative outcome; must include a visit to the partner country. Activities undertaken during the visit should be strictly linked to the project; and projects should aim to have a wide impact within the school and local community and should show an element of partnership sustainability. Visits must take place between April 2010 and March 2011...

<http://www.britishcouncil.org/schoolpartnerships-france-joint-projects.htm>

ERASMUS MUNDUS 2010 - Call for Proposals (UK)

The European Commission has announced a new call for proposals under the Erasmus Mundus programme. Erasmus Mundus is a cooperation and mobility programme in the field of higher education that aims to enhance the quality of European higher education and to promote dialogue and understanding between people and cultures through cooperation with Third-Countries. In addition, it contributes to the development of human resources and the international cooperation capacity of Higher education institutions in third countries by increasing mobility between the European Union and these countries. The overall available amount under this call for proposals is approximately €105,2 million, aiming at a minimum mobility flow of 3,881 individuals. This Call for Proposals aims to support projects under all three Actions of the programme. These are Erasmus Mundus Joint Programmes; Erasmus Mundus Partnerships; and Promotion of European higher education. **The deadline for submission of applications under all three Actions is the 30th April 2010...**

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus_mundus/funding/2010/call_eacea_29_09_en.php

MEDIA 2007 - Support for the Networking and Mobility of Students and Trainers in Europe (UK) In

The European Commission has announced a new call for proposals through its Media programme. The Media programme is the Commission's main programme for supporting the European Audiovisual sector. One of the objectives of the programme is to encourage exchanges and cooperation, in supporting the networking of European training players, in particular Higher education institutions, training organisations and partners of the audiovisual sector and to encourage the mobility of students and trainers in Europe. This notice is aimed at pan-European consortia of Higher education institutions, training organisations and partners from the audiovisual sector whose activities contribute to the attainment of the above objectives of the MEDIA programme. The following actions and their activities, taking place in the MEDIA countries, are eligible. Actions aiming at developing the capacity of future audiovisual professionals to understand and integrate a European dimension to their

work by improving expertise in economic, financial and commercial management; new audiovisual technologies; and in script project. The maximum amount available under this call for proposals is €2 000,000 and the financial support from the Commission cannot exceed 50% or 75% of the total eligible costs. **The deadline for sending in applications is 30 April 2010...**

http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/media/training/forms/initial/index_en.htm

The ICT Excellence Awards Open For Entries (UK) LA

Schools across the UK are being invited to put themselves forward for Becta's 2010 ICT Excellence Awards giving them the chance to showcase their use of ICT across the curriculum. The awards aim to identify and reward whole school excellence in ICT and reward those organisations who support school improvement with ICT.

There are six awards categories in total. Four awards categories open to schools, these are:

- Best whole-school with sub-categories for 13 regions - the nine English regions, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales and Service Children's Education
- Beyond the school with sub-categories for primary (including early years) and secondary
- Leadership, management and collaboration with sub-categories for primary (including early years) and secondary
- Learning experience with sub-categories for primary (including early years) and secondary.
- And there are 2 categories for organisations supporting schools these are:
 - Support for schools (local authorities) for local authorities who support school improvement with ICT
 - Support for schools (wider organisations) for organisations other than local authorities who support school improvement with ICT.

Winning schools will receive a cash prize. **The deadline for entries is the 24th March 2010.**

School Grants Scheme (UK) LA

UK schools and colleges catering for pupils in the age range 5-18 are able to apply for funding from the Particle Physics and Astronomy Research Council for small-scale projects or events linked to the teaching or promotion of physics. Projects linked to astronomy, space and particle physics are particularly encouraged. Grants of up to £500 may contribute to costs such as running a science week activity, organising a visit to or from a working physicist, supply cover, transport, marketing and publicity, and materials/resources. Previous projects to receive funding include St Clements Danes School for a trip to the JET Fusion Research Facility; and St John's High School for a Practical Rocketry workshop to design a water propelled rocket. **The closing date is the 1st June 2010..**

http://www.iop.org/activity/education/Teacher_Support/Grants/page_4712.html

British Council School Linking Visits (England) LA

The British Council has announced a small amount of additional funding has become available to support linking visits with the UK and China, Uganda, Zambia and Japan. Up to £1,000 is available to teachers and headteachers from primary, secondary, and special schools, sixth form and further education colleges to support short visits to a partner school in the above countries to set up a curriculum based partnership or develop an existing link. The programme aims to develop a better understanding of the structure and organisation of the partner school; provide a solid base for the development of a joint curriculum partnership; sharing of best practice. **The next application deadline for School Linking Visit funding is the 1st May 2010.** For further information please click on the link below..

<http://www.britishcouncil.org/schoolpartnerships-study-visit-funding.htm>

The Bosh Technology Horizons Award (UK) LA In

The Bosh Technology Horizons Award, supported by the Royal Academy of Engineering is now open for entries. The aim of the award is to create an interest for engineering amongst young people and to encourage them to consider engineering as a potential career in the future. The competition is open to all young people between the age of 14 to 24, and entrants need to write an essay answering to the question 'Are engineering and technology essential for future development?'. To help answer this question, entrants are encouraged to choose something they are passionate about and evaluate the impact that engineering and technology has in this area, giving examples. There are two categories in the competition, these are; 14 to 18 and 19 to 24 year olds. The winner of the younger age group will receive £700 and second place will receive £350, and there are five prizes of £150 each. For the winner of the older category the winning prize will be of £1,000, the second prize will be £500 and five prizes of £250 each. **The deadline for entries is the 22nd March 2010....**

UK-India Connections through Culture (UK) LA

The British council Arts has announced "Connection Through Culture: India-UK", a new programme aimed at building and supporting collaborative working between the UK and India in the arts. Any arts producer or representative of an arts organisation in the UK or India is eligible to apply. The programme has following key areas, these are; finding out more about the arts, companies, artists or festivals in either India or the UK; creative networking; developing specific projects and relationships; and showcasing collaborative work. The level of grants available varies from between £500 and £5,000. **The deadline for applications is the 8th March 2010.** For further information please click the link below...

<http://www.britishcouncil.org/india-arts-connectionthruculture.htm>

£2 Million Flexibility and Innovation Fund Invites Bids (England)

The Learning and Skills Improvement Service (LSIS) has announced that it is seeking applications through its £2 million Flexibility and Innovation Fund. Further education and skills providers and provider representative bodies are invited to submit bids, for up to £90,000, for innovative projects leading to activities with the potential to secure significant improvements in sector practice or performance. In particular LSIS are looking to support applications that are innovative in terms of current sector practice; are aligned to priorities set out in the new National Improvement Strategy for the learning and skills sector; and has the potential to secure significant improvements in sector practice or performance, i.e. the anticipated learning from the project is transferable to other organisations across the sector; etc. **The next closing date is the 18th June 2010...**

<http://thirdsector.lsc.gov.uk/new2millionflexibilityandinnovationfundinvitesbids.htm>

Immersion Courses In China Come To An End (UK) LA

The British Council has announced that they will no longer be running immersion courses in China for UK secondary schools. However there will still be a range of opportunities available through the British Council to support the teaching of Chinese and school partnerships with China, these include; Chinese Language Assistance (CLAs); Mandarin Chinese Speaking Competition; China Activity Grants; Connecting Classrooms; The Connecting Classrooms Online Community; School partnerships; Global Gateway; eLanguages. For further information on these schemes and their respective deadlines click on the link below....

<http://www.britishcouncil.org/schoolpartnerships-learn-chinese-in-china.htm>

Further Funding For Regenerative Medicine Research And Development (UK)

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The Technology Strategy Board has announced that it is to invest a further £6 million, and is inviting British companies to bid for funding through two new competitions that

will open on the 8th March 2010. As part of a £21.5 million programme in regenerative medicine, £4 million will be invested in commercial research and development projects in regenerative medicine therapeutics, and £2 million in feasibility projects in regenerative medicine tools and technologies. The aim of the Developing Therapeutics competition is to enable UK businesses to carry out preclinical and clinical development of regenerative medicine therapeutic products; this will enable consortia to accelerate product development to take advantage of future market or funding opportunities. And the aim of the Tools and Technology Feasibility Studies is to enable UK businesses to address challenges currently being faced by developers of regenerative medicine therapeutics through the development of platform technologies....

Encouraging business and local employment

Europe's Information Society Policy Support Programme (UK)

The European Commission has launched the fourth call for proposals under Europe's Information Society Policy Support Programme (ICT PSP). The aim of the ICT PSP is to support transnational pilot actions and thematic networks to stimulate innovation and competitiveness through the wider uptake and best use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) by citizens, governments and businesses.

The themes for the 2010 call for proposals are:

- Using ICT for a low carbon economy and smart mobility
- Developing Digital Libraries; ICT for health and inclusion
- Open innovation for future internet-enabled services in "smart" cities
- ICT for improved public services for citizens and businesses
- Developing a multilingual web.

This call for proposals is open to consortiums of organisations consisting of national Governments, public administrations and private sector organisations from a minimum number of different Member States or associated countries. The total budget available is € 108 Million.

Closing date for applications will be the 1st June 2010.

http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/activities/ict_psp/index_en.htm

£1,000 Shell LiveWIRE Grand Ideas Awards (UK)

The Shell LiveWIRE Grants Ideas Award is now open to applications to young entrepreneurs aged between 16 and 30 years of age. Each month, up to four awards of £1,000 will be awarded to new businesses (within their first 12 months of trading) with the most innovative and unusual ideas. **The deadline to submit applications is the last day of each month.**

<http://www.shell-livewire.org/#>

Nationwide Foundation Small Grants Programme (UK) Ch

Through the small grants programme, the Nationwide Foundation makes grants of up to £5,000 to registered charities with incomes of under £500,000, which fit the Nationwide Foundation's funding guidelines. Under its small Grants programme the Foundation currently makes grants in the following areas. These are:

- Money Matters - which aims to tackle financial exclusion affecting disadvantaged groups across the UK. In particular the Foundation seeks to support survivors of domestic abuse to build their financial capability in order to help them live independently and achieve improved quality of life; and older people who face financial exclusion in order to help them achieve improved quality of life.
- Home Matters - which aims to address housing issues and homelessness among vulnerable groups in the UK. In particular support survivors of domestic abuse to live independently and achieve improved quality of life; and to support older people with their housing needs.

Applications to the Small Grants Programme can be made at any time.

<http://www.nationwidefoundation.org.uk/grants.asp#a2>

Support for Young People Starting Up in Business (England, Scotland and Northern Ireland) [In](#)

Young people wishing to start up their own business may be able to apply for funding and other support measures through the Prince's Trust Business Programme. The programme can provide support to young people who are; aged 18-30; unemployed or working less than 16 hours a week; and living in England or Northern Ireland. The type of support available includes a low interest loan of up to £4,000 (up to £5,000 for a partnership); ongoing advice from a business mentor; access to a wide range of products and services. This includes a free legal helpline, sponsored by Barclays; a grant of up to £1,500 in special circumstances (subject to local availability); and a test marketing grant of up to £250 (subject to local availability). Young people in Scotland aged 18-25 may be eligible. **Applications to the programme can be made at any time.**

http://www.princes-trust.org.uk/about_the_trust/what_we_do/programmes/business_programme.aspx

Skills for the Future Programme Opens for Applications (UK) [Ch](#) [SE](#)

The Heritage Lottery Fund's (HLF) has announced that the new Skills for the Future programme is now open to applications. This is a new £5million grant programme that will deliver up to 1,000 paid training opportunities for people across the UK seeking a career in heritage. It will not only support traditional conservation training but also a wide variety of skills needed to engage people with heritage and utilise new media and technology. The programme is open to applications from organisations and partnerships – for example of community and voluntary organisations, professional bodies and learning and training providers and will provide grants of between £100,000 and £1 million for projects which provide paid training placements to meet a skills gap in the heritage sector, and fully support trainees to learn practical skills. **To support applicants the HLF is running a number of pre-application workshops in December and January.** For more information on these please click on the link below.

<http://www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/programmes/Pages/Skillsforthefuture.aspx>

UnLtd Announces Level 2 Funding Round to Support Social Entrepreneurs (UK) [SE](#)

UnLtd, the national charity that supports social entrepreneurs, has announced that the Millennium Awards (Level 2) competition will be open for expressions of interest from the 26th February 2010. UnLtd's Millennium Awards provide practical and financial support to social entrepreneurs in the UK to develop their ideas and projects. Level 2 Awards provides grants of up to £15,000 to support people whose ideas are already developed or pay for the living expenses of Award Winners to help them devote more time to their projects. **Information days regarding Level 2 Awards for MAT and HEFCE applicants will be held during the Spring Competition on the 26th of February and the 12th of March in London. For further information click on the link below...**

<http://www.unltd.org.uk/template.php?ID=158&PageName=level2criteria>

Enterprising Young Brits Awards Open For Entries (UK) [In](#)

Enterprising Young Brits Awards, run by Enterprise UK, in partnership with the Daily Mail, the Institute of Directors and the Department of Business, Innovation and Skills, is now open for entries from young entrepreneurs aged 30 and under who have grown their own idea, exploited an opportunity, or developed a new way of doing things. There are five different categories, these are:

Business Entrepreneur- For enterprising individuals who have started their own business, large or small

Social and Environmental – For ventures combining the principles of a successful business with an emphasis on the social and environmental benefits it can provide
Teen – For anybody aged 13 – 19 who is making an idea happen; Creative – For enterprising individuals, businesses and endeavours that have shown creative flair
Open – This one has been left open, applications are welcome from all industries and sectors. Enter this category if you feel your business doesn't fall into any of the others.

The winner of each category will receive £1,000. **The deadline for entries is the 5th March 2010.**

Meeting housing need

Nationwide Foundation Small Grants Programme (UK) Ch

Through the small grants programme, the Nationwide Foundation makes grants of up to £5,000 to registered charities with incomes of under £500,000, which fit the Nationwide Foundations's funding guidelines. Under its small Grants programme the Foundation currently makes grants in the following areas. These are:

- Money Matters - which aims to tackle financial exclusion affecting disadvantaged groups across the UK. In particular the Foundation seeks to support survivors of domestic abuse to build their financial capability in order to help them live independently and achieve improved quality of life; and older people who face financial exclusion in order to help them achieve improved quality of life.
- Home Matters - which aims to address housing issues and homelessness among vulnerable groups in the UK. In particular support survivors of domestic abuse to live independently and achieve improved quality of life; and to support older people with their housing needs.

Applications to the Small Grants Programme can be made at any time.

<http://www.nationwidefoundation.org.uk/grants.asp#a2>

Challenge Fund for Social Housing Family Intervention Projects (FIPs) 2nd Round Now Open (England) SE LA

The Government has made available £2.6 million of central funding for a second round of bidding through the Challenge Fund for social housing Family Intervention Projects (FIPs). The FIP Housing Challenge Fund is an initiative between central government, social housing providers and children's services, to expand provision of Family Intervention Projects for tenants in social housing, who are facing eviction or other enforcement action due to anti-social behaviours or other problems. These households often suffer multiple disadvantage and delivering FIP services to these households has the potential to have a far reaching impact on family members and the wider community. Proposals must be submitted by children's services and social housing providers (housing associations, registered social landlords, ALMOs, Councils). Bids are welcome from areas who did not bid in Round 1, and those who were unsuccessful or who wish to further increase project capacity. **The deadline for applications is the 23rd February 2010.** For further information please click on the link below. .

<http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/everychildmatters/strategy/parents/ID91askclient/thinkfamily/tf/>

Promoting culture, arts, leisure and tourism

PRS for Music Foundation Announces 2010 Application Deadlines (UK) Ch SE VC

The PRS for Music Foundation, which is the UK's largest independent funder for new music of any genre, has announced the closing dates for its funding schemes for

2010. Its main aims are to stimulate and support the creation and performance of new music in the UK, ensuring this reaches a wide audience. The PRS Foundation provides a range of grants to support performance groups, festivals, promoters and organisations. Since March 2000 it has supported over 3000 new music initiatives with over £12 million. The average size of grants in 2008 was £3,000.

The closing dates for applications are the 12th February, 16th April, 9th August and the 15th October.

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

Legacy Trust UK's Community Celebrations (UK) Ch SE VC

Legacy Trust UK has announced that it is making up to £4 million available to provide opportunities for communities across the UK, to link with other cities, regions and festivals to host large scale outdoor celebrations building up to 2012, the year of the UK celebrating London staging the Olympic and Paralympic Games. The Trust is looking to give five grants of £750,000 that will allow communities to come together to host 'large scale' outdoor celebrations at moments of real local significance. This could mean celebrating moments of national importance, media relevance, Olympic inspired or of sporting or cultural significance. They should also relate to celebrations/festivals around regional, local or community interest. The intention is that these five projects, after premiering in their home cities, will be given the opportunity to make their way, along with their many participants, to the five London Host Boroughs in July 2012 to create a spectacular event which will involve thousands of people from the five Host Borough communities and from around the UK. There is a two stage process for this programme. **The deadline for expression of interest is the 5th March 2010.** Organisations that are then shortlisted will require to complete stage two proposals. **The deadline for the second stage is the 28th May 2010...**

<http://www.legacytrustuk.org/national-programmes/community-celebrations/>

Sportsmatch (England) Ch SE VC

Sportsmatch, which is funded by Sport England to support the development of grassroots sport has announced that it is now seeking applications for funding for 2010/11. Through the scheme, Sportsmatch offers pound for pound matched funding to investments made by businesses, trusts and individuals into projects that encourage sports participation at grass roots level. The funding available is primarily for running costs (maximum grant £100,000) although capital awards of up to £25,000 can be made through the scheme. This can include non personal sports equipment such as outdoor basketball nets, kwik cricket surfaces, boats, sports wheelchairs etc. The scheme is open to community based sports projects, in particular those that benefit young people, disability groups, black and minority ethnic groups and/or women and girls. Since its original launch in November 1992, Sportsmatch, together with commercial sponsorship, has invested more than £102 million into 5784 community sports projects across England. Previous grant recipients include Devizes School, a secondary school and specialist sports college in Wiltshire. They obtained a three year sponsorship from a local construction firm, Gaiger Brothers, which amounted to £10,000 per year. The school matched this with a further £10,000 from Sportsmatch and were able to run an annual multi-sports coaching camp during the school summer holidays. **Applications to the scheme can be made at any time...**

<http://www.sportengland.org/funding/sportsmatch.aspx>

Sport Relief Grants (UK) Ch SE VC

A large number of Community Foundations have announced that funding is available to local groups with an income of less than £50,000 per year and working for the benefit of disadvantaged and excluded communities. The funding which is being made available through the Sport Relief programme provides grants of between £500 and £1,000 to supports activities which build a sense of community, increase people's skills and increase their sense of achievement. Sport Relief is a programme

supported by Comic Relief which is working with the Community Foundation Network across the UK to distribute the funding. The types of projects they will fund include; parent and toddler groups; dad and lads groups; equipment and material for youth groups; community festivals; cross generational work; befriending for older isolated people; lunch clubs; running costs for self help groups. Potential applicants will need to contact their local Community Foundation. **The closing date for applications is the 5th March 2010.** To access your local Community Foundation website please click on the link below...

Music Grants for Older People (England & Wales) Ch SE VC

The registered charity, Concertina makes grants to charitable bodies which provide musical entertainment and related activities for the elderly. The charity is particular keen to support smaller organisations which might otherwise find it difficult to gain funding. Since its inception in 2004, it has made grants to a wide range of charitable organisations nationwide in England and Wales. These include funds to many care homes for the elderly to provide musical entertainment for their residents. Some of the charities that have received grants from the charity include Age Concern, Exmouth which received a grant for entertainments for the elderly in Exmouth and surrounding areas and Sue Ryder Care, Lancashire to fund access to music therapy workshops at Birchley Hall near Wigan and St Helen's. **The next application deadline is the 30th April 2010....**

<http://www.concertinamusic.org.uk/>

Young Roots (UK) LA Ch SE VC TP In

Young Roots offers grants of between £3,000 and £25,000. The scheme aims to involve 13-20 year-olds (up to 25 for those with special needs) in finding out about their heritage, developing skills, building confidence and promoting community involvement. Projects need to be related to the local and culturally varied heritage of the UK. For example, it could involve young people researching a local archive or doing practical casework on a nature reserve. Projects must also show how young people are managing and participating in the project. Projects should promote social inclusion and equal opportunities by involving a wide range of young people of different abilities and cultural backgrounds. **Applications can be made at any time.**

<http://www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/programmes/Pages/youngroots.aspx>

Funding for Music Making Activities (UK) Ch SE VC

Youth Music, the UK's largest children's music charity has announced its grant making programme is open for applications. Through its "Open Programme", grants of between £5,000 and £30,000 are available to support projects that provide music-making activities for children and young people in support of Youth Music's goals. Youth Music will fund any non profit-making organisation more than one year old that is committed to music-making activities for children and young people up to 18 (or up to 25 if they have special educational needs, disabilities or are in detention). Youth Music aims to support music making activities principally in out of school hours such as during weekends, holidays as well as in breakfast and after schools clubs. Youth Music understands that programmes may need to begin in school hours especially if the proposal involves encouraging first time participation in music. To help with this, Youth Music will consider applications for programmes where up to 25% of the time is spent in school hours. The proposed programme should aim to encourage children and young people to eventually make music outside of school hours. **The next closing date for applications is the 10th May 2010...**

<http://www.youthmusic.org.uk>

Citizens for Europe (2007 - 2013) - Town Twinning Support Measures (UK) TP

Citizens for Europe is a €235 million programme to actively involve the public in the process of European integration. This programme provides grants to encourage cooperation between citizens and citizens' organisations in various countries. This

measure is a tool to develop the quality of projects submitted within Action 1 'Active Citizens for Europe'. It supports the exchange of experiences, expertise and good practice, as well as activities which may lead to the establishment of long-lasting partnerships and networks. A project must involve at least two participating countries, of which at least one is an EU Member State. The maximum is 12 months. At least two events per project have to be foreseen. The amount of the grant will be calculated on the basis of a balanced, detailed forecast budget, expressed in euro. The grant may not exceed a maximum rate of 80 % of eligible costs of the action concerned. The minimum grant eligible is €30,000. The maximum grant eligible for a project within this measure is €100,000. **The deadline for applications is the 1st June 2009.**

http://ec.europa.eu/citizenship/programme-actions/doc496_en.htm

Call for Proposals - The Thematic Networking of Twinned Towns (UK) TP

The European Commission has indicated that there will be a new call for proposals under its thematic networking of Twinned Towns initiative, which is part of the new Active Citizens for Europe Programme (2007 -2013). Through the Thematic Networking of Twinned Towns initiative grants are available for towns with existing town twinning links to come together in thematic networks that address issues of common concern. This Programme provides financial support for conferences and workshops that address specific themes, involving at least three towns, developed within the framework of existing town twinning agreements. These events should be the starting point for future joint initiatives between the twinned towns. The maximum grant to be awarded is €22,000 per project. A maximum of €40,000 per project can apply if at least 10 towns participate in the project. The minimum grant awarded is €2,500. Applications are accepted from municipalities and twinning committees, local and regional governments and associations representing local authorities. **The closing date for applications will be the 1st September 2010....**

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/citizenship/funding/2010/index_en.php

Call for Proposals - Town Twinning Citizens Meetings (UK) TP

Under the Town Twinning Initiative, which is part of the new Active Citizens for Europe Programme (2007 -2013) grants of between €2,000 and €20,000 are available to support Town Twinning citizens meetings. Town twinning citizens' meetings consist in bringing together a wide range of citizens and citizens' groups from towns already twinned to further develop strong, informal and personal relations between their citizens, to reinforce the participants' commitment to European integration; and to contribute to the development of an active European citizenship. To be eligible the applicant needs to be the municipality or its twinning association in which the meeting will take place. **The deadline for applications is the 1st June 2009.**

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/citizenship/action1/towntwinning/funding_en.htm

Encouraging community involvement

Cracking the Code (England) Ch

Cracking the Code is a bursary Scheme from the National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO) to improve governance within Third Sector infrastructure organisations. The scheme offers up to £500 to improve the way that community and voluntary organisation are led and governed. The type of activities that could be funded include; organising a Board away day; attend training on the latest legal updates or the roles and responsibilities of board members; improving an organisation's recruitment and induction systems; holding a stakeholder forum to improve strategic planning; and or carrying out a governance review. In return for the bursary the NCVO will ask organisations to write a case study and develop a method to share the knowledge and experiences with other in the local area. **The deadline**

for applications is the 31st March 2010...

Joint International Development Grants Programme 2009 (UK)

The Baring Foundation and John Ellerman Foundation have announced that the Joint International Development grants programme 2010 is open for applications. The aim of the programme is to build the capacity of and improve the effectiveness of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and community-based organisations (CBOs) in Sub-Saharan Africa to address problems arising from the long term forced migration and displacement of people. This does not include economic migration. The Foundations will accept applications from registered charities; voluntary and constituted not-for-profit organisations in the UK which have had an income of over £150,000 and less than £15 million for each of the last two years. Such UK charities will need to have close working partnerships with non-governmental and community-based organisations in Sub-Saharan Africa and to seek to benefit people disadvantaged or marginalised by long-term migration and displacement. The Foundations are especially encouraging applications from African-led voluntary organisations based in the UK fitting these requirements. Applicants can apply for grants of up to five years. **The deadline for applications is the 26th March 2010.** <http://www.baringfoundation.org.uk/program.htm>

HBOS Foundation - Community Action Programme (UK) Ch

Through its Community Action programme, the HBOS Foundation makes grants of up to £10,000 to support a diverse range of local activities. The programme which is available in those communities where the HBOS bank operates, is open to registered charities and has two key themes: Money advice and financial literacy, and developing and improving local communities. Previous projects funded include a grant of £2,500 to Ravenscliffe Special School in Halifax to purchase an adapted tricycle providing pupils with the opportunity to engage in fun filled exercise sessions whilst providing much needed sensory stimulation and a grant of £2,100 to purchase sensory play equipment, arts and crafts materials and a number of musical instruments for a family support centre based in Perth for children, young people and adults with autistic spectrum disorder. **Applications can be made at any time.**

New £2 million Access to Volunteering Pilot Fund Launched (England) Ch SE VC

The Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) has announced the launch of a new £2 million Access to Volunteering Pilot Fund. Organisations in Greater London, the West Midlands and the North West can apply for grants of between £250 and £5,000, which can be used to help overcome barriers that stop disabled people volunteering, such as specific equipment, a lack of suitable access and understanding of disability issues. The fund operates between autumn 2009 and spring 2011. In addition to supporting disabled volunteers, the pilot will test different ways to apply for funds such as video applications and face-to-face pitches. The grant fund is being managed by a consortium comprising Charities Aid Foundation, RNIB and Digital Public. **The next deadline for applications is the 19th April 2010. Additional deadlines are the 28th June 2010 and the 6th August 2010.**

Futurebuilders (England)

The Office of the Third Sector, has announced that **the Futurebuilders Fund is now fully committed and is currently closed for new applications following the strong demand for investment funding.** The Futurebuilders Fund was set up in 2004 to provide loans and grants to third sector organisations to help their build their capacity to deliver public services. The Fund, which is managed by the Social Investment Business under contract to the Cabinet Office, has offered investments to over 370 third sector organisations and shown that there is an appetite for loan

finance in the third sector. In 2009 alone, Futurebuilders investees won over 230 public service delivery contracts.

<http://www.socialinvestmentbusiness.org/our-funds/futurebuilders-fund/>

Improvements To Reaching Communities Programme Process (England) LA Ch SE VC

The Big Lottery Fund has announced that they are going to make at least £100 million available across England through their revamped flagship "Reaching Communities" programme for the next five years. This will include making access to the programme easier. Applicants seeking smaller grants will enjoy a simpler application and assessment process, and for those applying for larger grants will learn sooner whether their project as a chance of receiving funding. Those invited to the second stage, will have a much higher chance of being successful for funding. The main aim of Reaching Communities is to help bring real improvements to communities and to the lives of people most in need. The new funding will be available for Charity, Community Groups, and voluntary organisations from this spring. BIG are also looking at a dedicated capital stream offering funding within Reaching Communities for community buildings...

http://www2.biglotteryfund.org.uk/pr_100209_eng_rc_big_steps_to_make_flagship_funding_programme_even_better

Civil Society Challenge Fund (UK)

The Department for International Development (DFID) has announced that the Civil Society Challenge Fund (CSCF) **will re-open for applications on the 1st April 2010**. The CSCF is an annual competitive fund which can provide up to £500,000 for 5 years for projects that support the British government's fight against world poverty in the developing world and to help raise awareness of development issues within the UK. The fund is open to not-for-profit UK-based civil society organisations, networks or coalitions which share DFID's overall goal of poverty eradication. DFID welcome applications from Non-governmental organisations; Membership groups; Faith based organisations; Trade unions, etc. Applicants need not be organisations whose primary purpose is international development. However, applicants need to demonstrate that they have an established and effective relationship with local civil society organisation(s) in the countries where the project will be implemented. Projects supported in the last round include; the empowerment of excluded women in Rural Nepal and HIV prevention & impact mitigation among prisoners, their partners & families & prison workers in Kenya..

<http://www.dfid.gov.uk/Media-Room/News-Stories/2010/Results-of-Civil-Society-Challenge-Fund-2010-Competition-announced/>

Citizens for Europe (2007 - 2013) - Citizens Projects (UK)

Citizens for Europe is a €235 million programme to actively involve the public in the process of European integration. This programme provides grants to encourage cooperation between citizens and citizens' organisations in various countries. This measure addresses a major challenge of the European Union today: how to bridge the gap between citizens and the European Union. It aims at exploring original and innovative methodologies capable of encouraging citizens' participation and stimulating the dialogue between European citizens and the institutions of the European Union. A project must involve at least five participating countries, of which at least one is an EU Member State. A project must involve at least 200 participants. The maximum project duration is 12 months. The amount of the grant will be calculated on the basis of a balanced, detailed forecast budget, expressed in euro. The grant awarded may not exceed 60 % of the total amount of the project's eligible costs. The minimum grant will be €100,000. The maximum grant eligible for a project within this measure is €250,000. **The deadline for applications is the 1st June 2009...**

http://ec.europa.eu/citizenship/programme-actions/doc38_en.htm

Meeting the needs of children and young people

BBC Children in Need Grants (UK) Ch SE VC

BBC Children in Need provides grants for up to three years to properly constituted not for profit organisations working with disadvantaged young people aged 18 or under. Funding is available to organisations (including schools) that work with young people who are suffering from illness, distress, abuse or neglect, are disabled, have behavioural or psychological difficulties and / or are living in poverty or situations of deprivation. Last year the programme made grants of £33 million to over 1,500 organisations. **The next closing date 15th April 2010.**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/grants/>

Tesco Charity Trust Community Awards (UK) Ch SE VC

The Tesco Charity Trust has announced that it is now accepting applications for projects that support the Elderly and Adults and Children with disabilities. The funding is available to community and voluntary groups who can apply for grants of between £1,000 and £5,000. The Tesco Charity Trust has been in existence since 1987 and aims to provide approximately £600,000 in grants each year. Previous projects supported have included part funding to purchase minibuses; befriending schemes; luncheon clubs; and day trips / social trips - for elderly / disabled people. In addition the Trust also provides grants for projects that support children's education and welfare. The next application round to support children's education and welfare projects will re-open on the 1st May 2009. **The closing date for applications for projects that support the Elderly and Adults and Children with disabilities is the 31st March 2010..**

http://www.tescopl.com/plc/corporate_responsibility_09/community/making_difference/charitablegiving/tesco_charity_trust/

Funding for Summer Playschemes (UK) LA Ch SE VC

The Hilden Charitable Fund has announced that application forms for its Summer Playscheme Grants Programme, to help community groups run Summer Playschemes for the benefit of children from refugee and ethnic minority families, will be available from February 2010. Funding of up to £1,000 is available for Summer Playschemes for children aged 5 - 18 years lasting for 2 - 6 weeks with strong volunteer support. The funding is available to voluntary agencies with an income of less than £150,000. During the previous year, the Hilden Charitable Fund allocated £20,000 for a play scheme programme. 21 projects were funded. Applications from organisations working with refugee and immigrant communities were given priority and most projects funded were based in Greater London. In addition to the Summer Playschemes the Hilden Charitable Fund provides grants to community and voluntary organisations for projects and activities which are unlikely to raise funds from public sources, known sometimes as 'unpopular causes'....

<http://www.hildencharitablefund.org.uk/play.htm>

Young Carers Grants Programme (UK) LA Ch SE VC

The Princess Royal Trust for Carers has announced the launch of the 2010 Young Carers Grant Programme. A total of £1.5 million is available to third sector and other not for profit organisations that work with the most isolated and vulnerable young carers. During this funding round the programme will continue target funding at effectively reaching the most isolated and vulnerable young carers; young carers from potentially excluded communities; and young carers experiencing a significant negative impact (emotional and/or physical) as a direct result of their caring role. There will be a single round of awards and application will be by a two stage process, beginning with an expression of interest. Applicants are asked to demonstrate how their proposed project meets with the following three specific aims. Reduce the extent of inappropriate caring roles for the most isolated and vulnerable young

carers; increase the support available for the most isolated and vulnerable young carers and increase knowledge and resources to develop replicable models of support for the most isolated and vulnerable young carers. It is anticipated that approximately 25 applications will be selected to move on to the second stage of the application process. The maximum grant available is £72,500 over three years from July 2010. **The closing date for applications is the 5th March 2010.**

<http://www.carers.org/articles/comic-relief-young-carers-grants-programme-09,5334,CA.html>

The Hedley Foundation (UK) Ch

The Hedley Foundation invites registered charities in the UK to apply for up to £5,000 support mainly young people with their education, creation, support, training, health and welfare. The Foundation also support disabled people and the terminally ill with provision of specialist equipment and support for carers. Last year the Foundation received 1,467 applications, of which less than two-thirds were within their funding criteria. The made 348 grants (averaging £3,000). The Trustees meet six times a year. The closing date for a meeting is three weeks beforehand. For more information on the Foundation including application deadline please click on the 'More' link....

<http://www.hedleyfoundation.org.uk/>

Improving social care and health

Get Connected Opens for Applications (England) LA

Registered providers of adult social care in England and independent sector organisations supporting personalisation in adult social care have the opportunity to apply for grants of up to £20,000 to enhance the use of ICT for the benefit of people who use adult social care services, family carers and/or staff. The funding available is for capital expenditure such as IT equipment. There is a total of £12 million available which will be distributed through four investment cycles. The level of grants available is dependent on the size of the applicant organisation. A registered care provider with 250 or more full-time equivalent staff is not eligible for investment in this cycle, but may be eligible in Cycle 3 or Cycle 4. Micro and small organisations (employing up to 49 full-time equivalent staff) or domiciliary care agencies with 1-3 branches can apply for grants of up to a value of £20,000 to improve access to ICT in order to enhance quality of life and/or skills or a grant of £2,000 to purchase essential equipment associated with ICT work. Medium-sized organisations (employing 50-249 full-time equivalent staff) or domiciliary care agencies with 4-20 branches can apply for a grant of £20,000 to improve access to ICT in order to enhance quality of life and/or skills. This is subject to matched funding being identified by the organisation making the bid. There will be three further investment cycles later in 2010. **Potential applicants will need to provide basic details to indicate their wish to apply to the fund by the 19th February. The deadline for submitting full applications is the 16th April 2010...**

<http://www.scie.org.uk/workforce/getconnected/index.asp>

Department of Health Third Sector Strategic Partner Programme Opens for Applications (England) Ch SE VC

The Department of Health (DH) has announced that grants of up to £200,000 are available to Third sector organisations that can advice on and work collaboratively with the DH in achieving its strategic health objectives. The funding which is being made available through the DH's Third Sector Strategic Partner Programme is looking to support national voluntary sector organisations that provide a service similar to that provided by the National Health service or by local authority social services. The role of the strategic partners will be to advise and inform the Department about key issues in the health and social care field and to develop

capability and capacity in the third sector. Through this call for proposals the DH is seeking to reach and engage with lead third sector organisations working in and with Mental Health organisations; Women's Sector organisations; Carers organisations; Armed Forces and Veterans Charities; Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender organisations; and Offender Health and Social Care organisations. Only one application will be successful under each of these areas. **The closing date for applications is the 12th March 2010...**

<http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Managingyourorganisation/Financeandplanning/Section64grants/StrategicPartnerProgramme/index.htm>

Professional Development Grants (UK) Ch SE

Help the Hospices has announced that they are currently seeking applications through their Professional Development Grants programme. The programme is open to applications from clinical and non clinical staff working in full UK member hospices of Help the Hospices and clinical staff working in associate member hospices. The professional development grants will fund a wide range of courses, conferences and study days that will contribute to the quality of care given to patients in need of palliative care, and their families. Priority will be given to applications for; accredited courses and study days; conferences and courses specifically focusing on palliative care. Grants available are of up to 50% of the course or module fees, up to £750 per year for any one course, and a maximum of £1,500 over a four year period. For conferences, grants will be of up to £75 per day or 50% of the total cost. Any grants awarded to an individual working for an associate member of Help the Hospices must be match-funded by their employing organisation, and funding will only be available towards courses specifically focused on palliative care. Applications can be made at any time...

<http://www.helpthehospices.org.uk/our-services/grants/uk/professional-development-grants/>

DH Opens Application Process for New Volunteering Fund (England) LA Ch SE

Following the statement by the Department of Health (DH) in late 2009, that it would launch a new "Health and Social Care Volunteering Fund" to replace the Opportunities for Volunteering (OFV) scheme, the DH has announced the application timetable for the local element of the Fund. Under the Fund, third sector organisations can apply for grants and business support for projects that use volunteer to improve adult social care and reducing health inequalities. Eligible organisation may normally apply for a maximum amount of grant, of £35,000, available but tapering off over 3 years. Local projects will be targeted through a rolling programme of application rounds that target all regions in each funding year so that all regions are included but at different times of the year. London, South East and East of England **(opens for applications on the 19th April with a closing date of 12th July 2010)**

The Big Ideas Grant (UK) LA Ch SE

The Department of Health (DH) has launched the Bright Ideas Grant (B.I.G), a £50K fund aimed at helping unlock the potential of those hundreds of small ideas that people have for improving health and social care services. The DH is looking for ideas that help ensure people's experience of health and care services is a good one and that they feel they are able to retain their personal dignity and self respect. Ideas can be big or small. Anyone is eligible to apply for B.I.G whether as an individual or an organisation, just need to have seen something related to dignity in care that wants changing or made better and have an idea for how to do that. Grants will be of up to £10,000. B.I.G is not about mainstreaming, rolling out or continuing existing projects, no matter how innovative they are. B.I.G cannot be used to buy new equipment or activities that have already being used in care service, tried and tested as promoting dignity in some way e.g. a mobility scooter, a computer, a Wii Fit, dance classes etc. **The deadline for submitting ideas is the 18th March 2010.**

Meeting the needs of older people

Tesco Charity Trust Community Awards (UK) Ch SE VC

The Tesco Charity Trust has announced that it is now accepting applications for projects that support the Elderly and Adults and Children with disabilities. The funding is available to community and voluntary groups who can apply for grants of between £1,000 and £5,000. The Tesco Charity Trust has been in existence since 1987 and aims to provide approximately £600,000 in grants each year. Previous projects supported have included part funding to purchase minibuses; befriending schemes; luncheon clubs; and day trips / social trips - for elderly / disabled people. In addition the Trust also provides grants for projects that support children's education and welfare. The next application round to support children's education and welfare projects will re-open on the 1st May 2009. **The closing date for applications for projects that support the Elderly and Adults and Children with disabilities is the 31st March 2010...**

http://www.tescopl.com/plc/corporate_responsibility_09/community/making_difference/charitablegiving/tesco_charity_trust/

Promoting Healthy and Caring Lifestyles

European Return Fund Call for Proposals 2010 (UK) LA Ch SE VC

The Home Office has announced that the call for proposals for the European Return Fund 2010 is now open. Established on 1 January 2008, the fund aims to support the efforts of European Union (EU) member states to return migrants from outside Europe to their countries of origin. It will run until 31 December 2013 and is planned over two three-year funding periods. The fund prioritises voluntary return and joint return actions by member states, and aims particularly to support fair and effective implementation of common standards on return. At least £500,000 is available to co-fund projects that seek to set up or improve counselling and return information measures. Eligible applicants include NGOs, charities, academic institutions, central and local government, intergovernmental organisations, limited companies and any partnership made up of these organisations. Projects can last a maximum of three years. The UK Border Agency intends to hold two pre-application workshops during the call period for prospective bidders to attend. These will be held in London and Manchester in February 2010 and limited spaces will be available on a first come, first served basis. **The closing date for completed applications is 1600 on Thursday 25 March 2010.** For further information on how to apply and to register for the workshops please click on the link below...

<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/aboutus/workingwithus/workingwithasylum/assist-edvoluntaryreturn/european-return-fund/>

Extra Funding To Reward Children Walking To School (England) LA

Living Streets, a national charity that stands up for pedestrians, and rewards children who walk to school has announced that they have received £800,000 funding boost from the Government for their scheme 'Walk Once a Week'. The extra funding will be used to expand the scheme to at least 900 more schools with a focus on the West Midlands, Greater Manchester, Merseyside, and Tyne and Wear. 'Walk Once a Week' since it began to run six years ago, operates in every London borough and has seen fifty-nine per cent of girls and sixty per cent of boys in participating schools take part in the scheme and walk to school at least one day a week. The scheme supports the Government's Walk4Life campaign, part of our national Change4Life movement helping families to 'eat well, move more and live longer.

<http://www.livingstreets.org.uk/news/uk/press-release/-/minister-launches-wow-funding>

Parent Participation Grants (England) LA CH SE

The Together for Disabled Children Partnership has announced that the deadline for applications to phase 3 of the Parent Participation Grant Scheme is the 30th April 2010. The Parent Participation Grant Scheme is part of the Aiming High for Disabled Children programme supported by the Department for Children, Schools and Families. A total of £5 million is available between 2008 and 2011 to support the development of the involvement of parent carers in the planning and strategic development of services for disabled children. Under phase 3 of the programme a total of £10,000 is available for each Local Authority area in England to help local groups develop parent participation activities. The Application form and guidelines will be published shortly on the Together for Disabled Children Partnership website. <http://www.togetherfdc.org/Topics/PPFundingandGrants.aspx>

Developing Community Cohesion

Faith in Action Fund Round 2 Opens for Applications (England) VC

The Community Development Foundation has announced that a second funding round for its Faith In Action Programme is now open for applications. Faiths in Action is a £2 million grants programme sponsored by Communities and Local Government and administered by the Community Development Foundation that is open to faith, inter faith, voluntary and community sector organisations at national, regional and local levels in England. The aim of the fund is to support the government's aspiration to help faith communities and others to promote understanding, dialogue and develop strong and sustainable partnerships. The Fund is particularly keen to support projects that focus on the inclusion and participation of women and young people and those which involve partnerships between one or more organisations. Faiths in Action supports delivery of the Government document, Face to Face and Side by Side. All applications must therefore directly relate to one or more of the fund's four priorities which are derived from this framework. These are; developing the confidence and skills to "bridge" and "link" ; supporting shared spaces for interaction and social action; developing structures and processes which support dialogue and social action; and improving opportunities for learning which build understanding. The maximum grant available is £6,000 and **applications can be submitted at any time.**

<http://www.cdf.org.uk/web/guest/faiths-in-action>

The National Churches Trust (UK) VC

The National Churches Trust which was launched in 2007 as the only national, non-profit organisation dedicated to supporting and promoting places of worship used by Christian denominations throughout the UK provides grants of around £2 million per year for the restoration and modernisation of places of worship. In 2010 the National Churches Trust is offering the opportunity to apply for the following grants. Repair Grants of £10,000 and above for structural repair projects that will cost more than £50,000. Community Grants from £2,500 to £25,000 for providing facilities that will benefit your place of worship and local community, e.g. accessible toilets, kitchens and meeting rooms. **The Grants Committee meet quarterly to make decisions on applications and grant applications can be made throughout the year...**

Refugee Integration Awards Scheme (England) SE

UnLtd, the Foundation for Social Entrepreneurs has announced that the closing date for applications to its Rise programme for Refugees is the 21st March 2010. Funded by the European Refugee Fund Phase III and with the support of the UK Border Agency, the RISE Refugee Initiative for Social Entrepreneurs programme aims to

unleash and encourage the potential of refugees as social entrepreneurs. Grants of between £500 and £5,000 are available to small groups of refugees and individuals to set up projects that will make their communities a happier, safer, healthier and more just place as well as support refugees to achieve their full economic and social potential. The RISE programme has already funded over 100 refugees projects in England. Unltd will also provide dedicated support including; training opportunities, tools and resources to ensure you develop your own skills as well as helping you develop your project...

<http://unltd.org.uk/template.php?ID=55&PageName=rise:refugeeawardsscheme>

Call For Proposals Launched By The European Programme For Integration And Migration (UK)

EPIM, the European Programme for Integration and Migration has announced a call for proposals open to existing Pan-European, Non-Governmental Organisations, platforms and networks, or NGOs operating at the European level. EPIM aims at strengthening and balancing the programme in between its 3 current focus areas. Therefore, priority will be given to organisations/projects concentrating on one or more of the following areas which are set below by order of importance:

- The role of media in integration
- Mainstreaming of migrants' voices
- Access to fundamental rights, services and justice for undocumented migrants.

Up to 5 projects will be supported and grants will be of up to € 50,000 over a period of 12-18 months. EPIM will support project costs, including an appropriate contribution to core costs. **The deadline for applications is the 31st March 2010.**

Rejuvenating Dacorum

Funding for Rural Areas (England) In LA Ch SE VC

Local community groups and businesses within rural areas have the opportunity to apply for funding through Leader Local Action Groups. Leader Local Action Groups are a community based bottom up approach within the England Rural Development Programme to address key issues within specific rural areas. The total level of Leader funding available is £105 million. Each of the xx Local Action Groups provide grants to deliver area specific development plans. Each area has specific grant making priorities which can include supporting small rural business, farmers markets, tourism, the environment, etc. For information on which areas are covered by the Leader approach and information on specific grant priorities and application procedures, please click on the more link...

Acting on Climate Change

There are no funding opportunities to report this month

General Grant Making Bodies

Hilden Charitable Fund (UK) Ch SE VC

The Hilden Charitable Fund has announced that **the next deadline for submitting applications is the 26th March 2010.**

Within the UK, the Hilden Charitable Fund makes grants to projects that address disadvantages, notably by supporting causes which are less likely to raise funds from public subscriptions. In particular, the Fund wants to support projects that address homelessness; asylum seekers and refugees; Community based initiatives for disadvantaged young people; Penal Affairs. Preference is given to supporting small

community organisations with an income of less than £200,000 per year. During 2009 the average grant given was £5,000.

<http://www.hildencharitablefund.org.uk/>

The Mark Leonard Trust (UK) Ch SE VC

Not for profit organisations and organisation with a charitable purpose can apply for funding through the Mark Leonard Trust. The Mark Leonard Trust is one of the Sainsbury Family Charitable Trusts and focuses on environmental education in the UK. In particular the Trust seeks to support projects that focus on:

- Finding practical ways of involving children and young adults; sustainable agriculture and bio-diversity
- Sustainable transport, energy efficiency and renewable energy and youth work that supports the rehabilitation of young people involved in anti-social or criminal activities.

Projects supported in the past have included:

- A grant of £10,000 to the Federation of City Farms and Community gardens towards a pilot project in Coventry to develop food growing activities in schools
- A grant of £10,000 to Plumpton College to complete the construction of an environmentally friendly classroom.

Applications to the Trust can be submitted at any time.

http://www.sfct.org.uk/mark_leonard.html

Volant Charitable Trust (UK) Ch SE VC

Registered charities whose purpose is to alleviate poverty and social deprivation with particular emphasis on children's and women's issues have the opportunity to apply for funding through the Volant Charitable Trust. The Trust which was set up by the author J K Rowling also supports research into the causes, treatment and possible cures of Multiple Sclerosis. However this funding stream is currently fully committed and is not considering further applications for funding in this area at the present time. In addition the Trustees will as and when appropriate, support disaster appeals. The Trust will support both capital and revenue funding. Applications for funding requests of £10,000 or less, for those projects based in Scotland only, are dealt with by the Trust's appointed agents, the Scottish Community Foundation. **The closing date for applications is the 30th July 2010....**

<http://www.volanttrust.com/index.html>

FORTHCOMING FUNDRAISING TRAINING COURSES

For a timetable of upcoming training courses see...

<http://www.thirdsector.co.uk/events/>

USEFUL FUNDING RESOURCES

Search for funding opportunities at 'Grants 4: Dacorum' for FREE at

<http://www.grants4.info/dacorum/>

Community Action Dacorum provides specialist funding advice to local voluntary and community groups including the management of the new Grassroots Grants Programme <http://www.dacorumcvs.org.uk>

Hertfordshire County Council's funding information portal. Useful toolkits, funding databases and local grant information. <http://www.hertsc.gov.uk/hern>

An online guide for voluntary and community groups seeking grant aid applicable to Hertfordshire. <http://www.funding4herts.org.uk>

Funding Central is a free to access website offering access to information on available grants, loans and contracts. It also has a newsletter service that is tailored to your search criteria. www.fundingcentral.org.uk,

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