

An example of some funds

Fighting poverty and its symptoms in UK communities

The Centre for Social Justice supports charities, small voluntary groups, or other projects tackling poverty in at the local level are invited to apply for the Centre for Social Justice Awards 2009. With a prize fund of £50,000, the Award aims to recognise and reward effective poverty fighting groups from across the UK. In particular the Award is looking for activities that tackle poverty and which are people focused, tackling the causes as well as symptoms, practical, entrepreneurial, driven by conviction and motivated by compassion. There is no application form. Applicants need to describe in 500 words or less how their organisation makes an exceptional contribution to tackling poverty and turning lives around. Previous winners have included a charity that is helping teenagers at risk of social exclusion gain mechanic skills and related employment ; and a supplementary school that works in Tower Hamlets and Yorkshire which helps children overcome their disadvantaged background.

The closing date for entries is the **17th March 2009**.

<http://www.centreforsocialjustice.org.uk/default.asp?pageRef=296>

Funding for seaside towns to shine once more

The Government has announced that four Seaside Towns are to receive £12 million of funding through the Sea Change Programme.

Southport, Great Yarmouth, Bridlington and Hastings are the latest towns to receive grants from the scheme. Sea Change which is managed by the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment (CABE) is a three year grants programme that will run until 2011 and aims to regenerate deprived sea side towns. There are two funding streams. Through Open Programme Local Authorities can apply for grants of between £200,000 and £1,000,000 to fund innovative and inspirational cultural projects.

These can include cultural projects which will contribute to local place-making; arts projects which provide new opportunities for local communities and visitors; improving the quality and the experience of the historic environment; and natural and built environment and public space projects.

Feasibility grants are also available for projects that are at an earlier stage in their development with a view to developing a full application for a later round. In addition to the open programme, CABE will also provide grants of up to £4 million through a proactive commissioning process (applications by invitation only).

A further funding round will open in early 2009.

Deadlines for submitting applications will be the **30th April 2009** for large grants and the **30th June 2009** for open application grants.

<http://www.cabe.org.uk/default.aspx?contentitemid=2442>

Funding for the cost of administering football leagues

This grant from the Football Association may be claimed against the purchase of new computers, computer related equipment or office equipment.

A grant can be applied for based on the size of the league. The size of the league is dependent on the number of registered teams and will be based on £10 per team up to a maximum of £800. There will be a minimum grant available of £250. For leagues with 150 teams or more it will be possible to apply for a grant of up to a maximum of £1,000.

The specific items of equipment that will be considered for grant aid during this period are listed below:-

- *Computer / Laptop Computer / Monitor / Mouse / Keyboard.
- * Printer.
- * Modem.
- * Scanner.
- * Fax Machine.
- * Photocopier.
- * Binding Machine.
- * Shredder.
- * Laminator.
- * Telephone/answer machine.
- * ID Card Printer

Please note that Priority will only be given to equipment purchased for any of the following league officers:- League Secretary, Registration Secretaries, Referees Secretary, Fixture Secretaries, Results Secretaries or Website Editor. The primary use of any equipment purchased must be to assist the administration of the league and should be regarded as essential for that administration.

Grants will not be awarded retrospectively.

Who Can Apply:

Football leagues must meet the following criteria :

- Must be FA or County FA affiliated.
- Must be outside the National League System.
- Must be below Step 5 in the Women's Pyramid of Football.
- Must be 11-a-side / youth / mini-soccer / small-sided (non-commercial) league.
- Must be non-profit making.

Applications will only be accepted in Season 2008/09 from leagues that did not receive grant aid in either 2007 or Season 2007/2008 from this scheme. Please note that applications will be rejected where funding is being sought for similar equipment that has previously been grant aided by The Football Association for use by the same league officer.

Telephone or email the above contact.

Deadline for applications is **1st May 2009**

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Improving cultural understandings between the UK and Japan

The Daiwa Foundation is a grant giving charity that promotes links between the UK and Japan. The Foundation awards grants to individuals and institutions in the UK and Japan in all areas of the visual and performing arts, the humanities, the social sciences, science and engineering, mathematics, business studies, and education, including schools and universities, and grass roots and professional groups. The size of grants available range from £1,000 to £15,000 and can cover all fields of activity, including educational and grassroots exchanges, research travel, the organisation of conferences, exhibitions, collaborative projects between British and Japanese researchers in the field of science and other projects and events that fulfil objectives of the Foundation. The next application deadline is the **31st March 2009**.

An example of a previous project funded by the Daiwa Foundation includes the Cottlesloe School in Buckinghamshire, which received a grant of £1,500 to support an educational exchange between the school and Japanese educational institutions, using drama to explore and understand cultural differences between the two countries.

In addition organisations can also apply for the Royal Society Daiwa Anglo-Japanese Foundation Joint Project Grants. Under this scheme funding of up to £6,000 per annum for two years is provided to cover travel, subsistence and research expenses. Eligible projects should include two teams of researchers: one based in the UK and the other based in Japan.

The next application deadline for the Royal Society Daiwa Anglo-Japanese Foundation Joint Project Grants is the **12th March 2009**.

<http://www.dajf.org.uk/index.asp>

Engaging the public with biomedical science through the arts

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 small to medium-sized projects (up to and including £30 000) the next application deadline is the **3rd April 2009**.

<http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Public-engagement/Grants/Arts-Awards/index.htm>

Performing arts grants for youth projects

Organisations such as registered charities, limited companies and schools that wish to undertake activities that enable young people aged 0-18 to experience the performing arts may be eligible to apply for funding under the Clore Duffield Small Grants for Performing Arts Education programme. This is a £1 million programme that will operate between 2005 and 2010. Eligible organisations can apply for funding of between £1,000 and £10,000. Projects must have a budget not exceeding £30,000.

The awards will fund education programmes that cover every aspect of the performing arts including opera, dance, music, musical theatre, the spoken word and theatre. Early year settings, primary, middle and secondary schools, sixth-form colleges, SEN schools, Pupil Referral Units and voluntary youth organisations are eligible to apply.

Applicants are encouraged to approach the funding opportunity in creative and imaginative ways. Applications should be for a new project and the Trustees will be interested in the potential for projects to serve as models of good practice. Past projects include:

All Saints Roman Catholic School in Warrington received £1,231 to acquire a collection of pitched instruments to replace instruments which are over 30 years old; Art4Change received £9,125. The project involves a new dance company and 4 secondary schools in County Fermanagh to develop a dance education programme; Aune Head Art received £6,000. Pupils from a school in Dartmoor and a school in Plymouth will individually make and perform stories inspired by their own visits to the Dartmoor National Park.

The application deadline is the **11th March 2009**.

http://www.cloreduffield.org.uk/page_sub.php?id=71&parent=35

Biffaward flagship programme to re-open in March 2009

Biffaward, which is one of the largest Landfill Communities Fund schemes has announced that its Flagship programme will re-open for applications on the 2nd March 2009. Biffawards provides grants to support a range of community and biodiversity projects. Through the Flagship programme grants of between £150,000 - £500,000 are available to support projects that have a regional or national impact. The Flagship Scheme supports two themes - rebuilding biodiversity and cultural facilities. Projects must be site-based, within *25 miles of a Biffa operation and ten miles of an active landfill*.

The organisation making the application must be eligible to enrol with ENTRUST as an Environmental Body. Previous winners of the Flagship grants include the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Northamptonshire & Peterborough who won a Flagship grant of £389,930 towards the Great Fen Project. This project, which demonstrates regional and national significance, with long term benefits for biodiversity and communities, will restore more than 3,000 hectares of wildlife habitat to the Cambridgeshire Fens. Biffawards usually support 2 to 3 Flagship projects per year.

A closing date for this fund has yet to be announced. Await update from the website.

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

Public sector grants for environmental projects

The Government has announced that charities and organisations like schools and hospitals have until June 2009 to apply for grants through the Low Carbon Buildings Programme to install green energy generating equipment like solar panels, wind turbines or biomass boilers. Through the scheme charities and public sector bodies can apply for 50% of the costs of installing small scale energy generating equipment such as solar panels, wind turbines or biomass boilers.

To date 367 schools have benefitted from Low Carbon Buildings Programme funds.

Not only do schools have the opportunity to cut their fuel bills by generating their own energy, but pupils can learn about climate change. For example, Sandwich Technology School in Kent, was given a grant of £9,000 from the Low Carbon Buildings Programme to install a wind turbine. Homeowners can also apply for grants of up to £2,500 to help towards the cost of installing small scale energy generating equipment.

Homeowners have until **June 2010 to apply**.

<http://nds.coi.gov.uk/Content/Detail.asp?ReleaseID=389255&NewsAreaID=2>

EURAXESS – mobility centres promoting transnational cooperation

The European Commission has recently launched a call for proposals under the People pillar of FP7, which will fund the transnational operation of the EURAXESS

The objective of the action is to reinforce the European Network of Mobility Centres by promoting transnational cooperation. This will entail activities, such as training sessions, joint workshops and promotional activities, events for transnational audiences and activities to promote more use of the European EURAXESS Jobs Portal for the open recruitment of researchers across Europe.

The deadline for the submission of applications is **22nd April 2009**.

For more information:-

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European call for tenders on bio-clusters

The Commission has recently published a call for tenders to establish methodology and performance indicators for assessing bio-clusters and bio-regions relevant to the knowledge-based bio-economy. The study entails the development of said methodology and performance indicators by analysing selected bio-clusters on three continents. The deadline for receipt of tenders is **3 March 2009**.

For more information:-

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European integration funding for projects

The Home Office has announced that it is now accepting applications for funding under the European Integration Fund (EIF). A total of £5 million is available to support innovative projects that support the integration of third-country nationals of different social, cultural, religious, linguistic and ethnic backgrounds within the UK.

The Fund aims to contribute to the following policy objectives; facilitation of the development and implementation of admission procedures relevant to and supportive of the integration process of third-country nationals; development and implementation of the integration process of newly-arrived third-country nationals in Member States; increasing of the capacity of Member States to develop, implement, monitor and evaluate policies and measures for the integration of third-country nationals; exchange of information, best practices and cooperation in and between Member States in developing, implementing, monitoring and evaluating policies and measures for the integration of third-country nationals.

Proposals are also invited from Local Authorities Adult, Further Education and Community Colleges wishing to offer, or expand capacity for, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) courses that are intended to help legal migrants to become fully functional in UK society. The Home Office is conducting a pre-application workshop for prospective bidders. This will be held in Central London on the 4th February 2009.

The closing date for applications is 4pm on the **6th March 2009**.

https://homeoffice.bravosolution.com/esop/toolkit/notice/public/tender.do?caller=0&tenderId=tender_24097

Funding opportunity to nuclear safety research

Researchers into safety and accident prevention can now apply for funding through a £500,000 scholarship scheme established by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents.

The scheme has been launched following a bequest from BNFL (British Nuclear Fuels Ltd) which will fund two to three scholarships a year for a decade, including for example, PhDs and shorter research projects. The scholarships aim to enable individuals and teams, both in the UK and overseas, to carry out research into safety and accident prevention issues that will produce defined, practical and influential outcomes to help save lives and prevent injuries. Applications are invited for projects in the range of £6k to £20k which address key safety themes including improving standards of driving and reducing home and leisure accidents.

As well as general safety activities, other themes include raising the standards of health and safety management at work, reducing injuries in water, and enhancing risk understanding and awareness through education.

The closing date for the first round of applications is **April 17th 2009**.

http://www.rosipa.com/news/releases/2009/pr652_09_01_09_general.htm

New support package for children from deprived backgrounds

The Department for Children, Schools and Families has announced a new package of support to help all children reach their full potential and narrow the gap in

educational attainment and life chances between children from deprived backgrounds and those who are better off.

The Government's New Opportunities White Paper builds on the Children's Plan and details new policies to provide more support for children and families including; a new package to help head-teachers attract more of the best teachers into challenging schools, including a £10,000 "golden handcuff" for three years' service; an extension of the offer of free early learning and childcare places to 15 percent of the most disadvantaged two year olds in every Local Authority.

This will reach around 23,000 children per year; a new package of support to help young people from low income backgrounds get into higher education, including more support for the most able pupils from the top universities; the aim to have all childcare practitioners to be qualified to level 3 (equivalent to A-level) as a minimum. a new employment support programme for children leaving care, with an offer of an apprenticeship place for all qualified care leavers and funding for a National Care Advisory Service pilot with 9 LAs next year; and building on the success of EMA, and looking forward to the increased education and training participation age from 2013, to review the way in which financial support for 16-18 year olds is made available.

<http://www.surestart.gov.uk/events/newsevents/whatsnew/index.cfm?news=438>

Technical assistance for the purchase of land for affordable homes

The aim of the fund will be to help Community Land Trusts which are organisations that seek to address the lack of affordable housing by securing land and building houses that are partly owned, in perpetuity, by the local community.

The Technical Assistance Fund - up to £2,500.
Other support includes consultancy, guidance and loans.

Reflecting the different stages of establishing and developing a Community Land Trust (CLT), the overarching Community Land Trust Fund has been split into three separate funds:

*The Feasibility Fund- to provide community groups or fledgling CLTs with one day of consultancy support and guidance around establishing their CLT.

*The Technical Assistance Fund - to provide grants up to £2,500 to CLTs or emerging CLTs to employ a consultant or consultants for up to five days in order to develop their initial ideas into a comprehensive business plan.

*The Investment Fund - to provide secured and unsecured loans to eligible CLTs.

The Esmée Fairbairn Foundation and the Tudor Trust are the first contributors to the Community Land Trust Fund, initially standing at £2 million, which is intended to support the development of around 30 operational Community Land Trusts, and the construction of around 150 affordable homes, over the next four years.

www.communitylandtrust.org.uk

Working Neighbourhoods Fund: Working Neighbourhoods Grants

Working Neighbourhoods Grants are supported by Penwith and Kerrier District Councils, West Cornwall Together, Cornwall County Council and Jobcentre Plus

Background:

The Working Neighbourhoods Fund (WNF) replaces the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund and the Deprived Areas Fund and is allocated on the basis of indices of deprivation. Cornwall has been allocated transitional WNF of £600,000 for 08/09 and 240,000 for 09/10 due to the levels of deprivation in Penwith.

WNF aims to bring together the local and community focus of the Department for Communities and Local Government and the Welfare Reform agenda of the Department for Work and Pensions. The purpose of this investment is for local councils, their partners and communities to develop more concentrated, concerted, community-led approaches to getting people in the most deprived areas back to work and tackle worklessness and low level skills.

Cornwall Works provides an overarching strategy and brand for the delivery of welfare to work activity in Cornwall through the Local Area Agreement. It is not a delivery project in its own right but brings together partners, organisations and funding streams to develop a coherent approach to ensuring that more people can enter work, stay in work and progress in work. This strategy relies on both bottom up, community-based delivery approaches and top down, joined-up service delivery in order to achieve the twin goals of **inclusion** of people who are furthest from the labour market and/or long-term benefit dependent and **prevention** of people from dropping out of work or school, and prevention from long-term benefit dependency.

Penwith District Council has decided to pool the WNF into the bigger Cornwall Works pot to ensure wider delivery and best value for money. They have also agreed a £100,000 allocation of WNF for Working Neighbourhoods Grants to be administered through Cornwall Works. The grants should add value and fill gaps in current delivery and Cornwall Works will provide facilitators to assist applicants either to progress their application or to link with other activity/projects/organisations. Additional guidance for applicants and contact details are provided with the application form. Key principles for the Working Neighbourhoods Grants are outlined below:

Objectives

Applications must be in line with the goals of inclusion and (or) prevention set out above. They must demonstrate how they form part of an overall approach to tackling worklessness and low skills levels. Applicants must understand:

- what the wider linkages are
- what the progression routes are for customers
- the need to work in partnership with others for the benefit of mutual customers

Geographical Coverage

Applications can come from anywhere in Penwith and Kerrier but will be prioritised towards the following areas due to high levels of worklessness and benefit dependency:

- Treneere (Penzance)
- St.Clare (Penzance)
- Pengegon/Parc-an-Tansys/Gwelmor (Camborne)
- Redruth North
- Gwavas (Newlyn)
- Heamoor (Penzance)
- Penzance Promenade
- Penbeagle (St.Ives)

- Hayle South and High Lanes
- Helston South
- Camborne North
- Illogan South

Level of Grant

Grants will be awarded from £500 to £5,000. Potential applicants are strongly advised to seek advice before applying, if, in exceptional circumstances, costs are likely to exceed £5,000.

Applicants

To ensure accountability and to safeguard individuals, applicants will be required to be a constituted group or established business in the public/private or voluntary sector. However, so that barriers to accessing Working Neighbourhoods Grants are minimised, support will be given to applicants who do not meet this criterion to link with a host or partner organisation.

Examples of Indicative Activities

This list is a prompt to help with ideas and applications. It is not a definitive list or a set of eligibility criteria.

- Activity that builds motivation, confidence and skills as part of/the start of an overall pathway to employment this might include:
 - community events and social activities
 - taster sessions of group activities
 - development of clubs or self-help groups
 - training or learning activity delivered in ways to engage people who would not normally participate
 - local volunteering programmes/community-based activities such as litter picking, environmental improvements
 - family-based activity
 - inclusion through sport, art, music etc.
- Activity that aims to prevent people from becoming unemployed and/or long-term benefit dependent such as:
 - after school/homework/activity clubs
 - financial capability/debt management
 - healthy workplace programmes
 - education/business links
 - community/business links
- Activity that helps to coordinate local resources for example:
 - community skills audits
 - multi-agency training
 - trainer training

For an application form email info@cornwallworks.org.uk or telephone 01872 355015

Springboard Fund

Springboard is an investment fund created to support the development of innovative ideas that will have a significant impact on the economy of Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.

Seedcorn funding to support early-stage development, feasibility studies or step

change activities

There is no set intervention rate; investments will typically be between £50,000 and £250,000

The Springboard Fund will not provide displacement funding if there is another source that will provide the funding

Organisations

Public, private or voluntary sector organisations

No restrictions

No restrictions

Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly

Applications can be made at any time

Viability - leadership project credibility, value for money and impact will be important considerations in the assessment of any project

Grants are discretionary

Special Form – yes, available to download from the website, supported by proof that the recipient is compliant with current UK legislation

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<http://www.springboardfund.co.uk>

£75,000 Available for Natural Environment Awareness Projects in East Devon

East Devon District Council has launched a major new grant scheme to help fund projects that aim to increase awareness and understanding of the natural world.

The Natural Environment Awareness Grant Scheme offers grants of between £500 and £10,000 to schools, local community groups and local interest groups that seek to further local knowledge of the natural environment.

All projects should result in a lasting improvement to the environment, or to children and young people's understanding of the natural environment. Priority will be given to projects that: are immediately adjacent to a public area/right of way; are visible from public places/rights of way improve or allow public access; or engage schools and local communities in either a formal or informal educational way.

A total of £75,000 is available and the scheme will run **until October 2009**.

<http://www.eastdevon.gov.uk/>

Dartmoor Sustainable Development Fund

The Dartmoor Sustainable Development Fund has been set up to encourage innovative sustainable development projects that help to improve the quality of life for

current and future generations. The Fund will support proposals that focus on environmental, economic, social and cultural aspects of life.

The level of grant support will not normally exceed 50%. For the voluntary sector it will not normally exceed 75%. Up to 100% will be available in exceptional circumstances and in most cases this will require a considerable contribution in kind, such as volunteer time or loan of equipment, premises, land etc. Although there is no prescribed maximum or minimum grant, the average to date has been around £6,000.

Proposed projects should change the attitude and behaviour of individuals and communities in ways that enhance understanding of sustainable development and the role of Dartmoor National Park Authority, while promoting co-operation and social inclusion.

Priority will be given to eligible projects that:

1. involve young people and combat social exclusion;
2. encourage links between urban groups and those resident in Dartmoor National Park;
3. demonstrate innovation or best practice;
4. lever in contributions from other sources;
5. add value or new dimensions to existing sustainability projects; and/or
6. have little access to alternative public funding; and/or
7. bring organisations together to co-operate in tackling problems or promoting new ideas.

Visit the website for further eligibility information and to get an application pack:

<http://www.dartmoor-npa.gov.uk/index/livingin/li-dartmoorsustdev.htm>

Before you complete your application you should first speak to the Sustainable Development Officer on 01626 831067 or email dsdf@dartmoor-npa.gov.uk.