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If you need further information on any of these grants schemes, how to apply or are going to apply, Contact the Social Enterprise Team Tel: 01369708547 [thirdsectorenquiries@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:thirdsectorenquiries@argyll-bute.gov.uk)

## ARTS AND CULTURE

### 1. Training and Continuing Professional Development Fund

The Scottish Music Centre, which promotes Scottish music talent, is inviting applications to the Training and Continuing Professional Development Fund. The Fund aims to support individuals, organisations and networks who work out with school settings to undertake training and continuing professional development that will strengthen youth music in Scotland for the benefit of young people. A total of £50,000 available in this financial year. Individuals can apply for grants of £500 - £750. Organisations can apply for grants of between £500 and £5,000. The funding is available to individuals who are already involved in the delivery of youth music projects or seeking to take part in training to widen their career opportunities to include delivery of music projects. The funding is available to organisations that wish to increase their capacity to develop and deliver improved music-making opportunities to young people.

**Deadline: 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017**

<http://www.scottishmusiccentre.com/development/training-and-continuing-professional-development-fund/>

### 2. Funding to Support Arts Projects

The Fidelio Trust offers grants of up to £5,000 in support of the Arts, in particular Music, including Opera, Lieder, Composition and Dance. The Trustees aim to help individuals and groups such as Colleges, Arts Festivals and other arts organisations who would not be able to carry out a project or activity without financial support. Funding is available towards tuition or coaching costs; to participate in external competitions; to be supported for a specially arranged performance; and to receive support for a special publication, musical composition or work of art.

**Deadline: 1<sup>st</sup> June 2017** <http://www.fideliocharitabletrust.org.uk/index.php>

### 3. Idlewild Trust

The Idlewild Trust is a grant making trust that supports registered charities concerned with improving opportunities for young professionals working creatively in the arts, particularly at an early stage in their careers; and supporting the conservation of important works of art and objects that are being lost through the lack of funds to look after these works. The Trust awards around £120,000 each year in grants and makes grants of up to £5,000.

**Deadline: 7<sup>th</sup> September 2017** <http://www.idlewildtrust.org.uk/apply-grant>

### 4. Women Make Music Grant Scheme

Through the grant scheme, financial support of up to £5000 is available to women musicians to create new music in any genre. This can range from Classical; Jazz; Experimental; Urban; Electronica; and Pop. Grants are available for projects that support the creation, performance and promotion of outstanding new music; that enable the UK's most talented female music creators to realise their potential; and to inspire audiences. The fund can support projects by women songwriters, composers, artists, bands and performers who are writing their own music. Please note that PRS no longer fund organisations through Women Make Music.

**Deadline: 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017** <http://www.prsformusicfoundation.com/funding/women-make-music-2/>

### 5. The Ragdoll Foundation

The Ragdoll Foundation's Open Grant scheme supports not for profit organisations working with children and young people using the arts and creative media. Grants of up to £50k are available.

**Applications may be submitted at any time** <http://www.ragdollfoundation.org.uk/portfolio/grant-giving>

## BUSINESS AND ENTERPRISE

### 6. ASDA Community Capital Fund

ASDA Community Capital Fund from Social Investment Scotland offers loans between £10k and £50k to support early stage social enterprises looking to access social investment for the first time.

**Deadline: March 13<sup>th</sup> 2017**

<http://www.socialinvestmentscotland.com/looking-for-investment/our-funds/asda-community-capital/>

### 7. Funding to Promote a More Resilient and Fairer Economic System (UK)

The Friends Provident Foundation provides financial support to projects that promote a more resilient, sustainable and fairer economic system. Support is available for projects that aim to transform corporate behaviour and financial

systems; as well as for projects that build local economic resilience. Trustees will consider applications for grants, loans, underwriting or other forms of financial support.

**Deadline: 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017** <https://www.friendsprovidentfoundation.org/programme-overview/>

### 8. Prince's Countryside Fund Due to Re-open

Each year the fund makes £1 million available and organisations and charities that are helping to protect and sustain Britain's farming and rural communities are able to apply for funding of up to £50,000. To be considered for funding projects need to contribute to one of three countryside issues, these are to improve the prospects of viability for family farm businesses; sustain rural communities and drive economic vibrancy; and support aid delivery in emergency and building resilience. Funding will be available for both capital and revenue costs. Applicants can be social enterprises, not-for profit organisations, charities and Community Interest Companies; etc.

**Deadline: 13<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

<http://www.princescountrysidefund.org.uk/grant-giving-programme/grant-programme>

## CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

### 9. BBC Children in Need Main Grant Programme

Grants of over £10,000 per project are available to not for profit organisations and schools that work with young people who are experiencing disadvantage through: illness, distress, abuse or neglect; any kind of disability; behavioural or psychological difficulties; and / or living in poverty or situations of deprivation. Schools can also apply for funding but the project must be additional to their statutory duties.

**Deadline: 1<sup>st</sup> June 2017** <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/3XW7FvN20PD3xr2c1T62Xly/main-grants>

### 10. Funding for Summer Playscheme Grants Programme

Registered charities that want to run summer play schemes for children between the ages of 5 and 16 can apply for grants of between £500 and £1,000. The funding is made available by the Woodward Charitable Trust which supports about 35 playschemes each year that run for a minimum of 2 weeks or 10 days across the summer holidays. Preference is given to small local playschemes that provide a wide-ranging programme of activities; schemes that involve a large number of children; schemes catering for those from disadvantaged backgrounds or that have a disability; schemes that are inclusive such as projects that work with children from a range of backgrounds, abilities and race; and schemes where past users are encouraged to come back and help as volunteers. Grants can only be paid to registered charities. Organisations that are not a registered charity can still apply but need the agreement of a registered charity to accept the grant on their behalf.

**Deadline: 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017** <http://woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk/>

### 11. Holiday Grants for Children

Schools, youth groups, not for profit organisations and charities will be able to apply for a grant from the Henry Smith Charity' Holiday Grants programme. The programme provides access to recreational trips or holidays for groups of children less than 13 years of age who experience disadvantage or who have disabilities. Applications can be made for grants towards a single trip, which could be a day trip or a longer residential of up to seven days in length. This could be to a countryside or city location but must be outside of the children's immediate locality. Examples include camping, trips to adventure activity centres or the seaside. Grants of between £500 and £2,500 are available; to cover a maximum of two thirds of the cost of a holiday or trip, the remainder of the funding must be raised elsewhere. Applications for trips that take place between the 1st May and the 30th June 2017 will be accepted between the 1st March and the 19th May, decisions are made on a first come-first served basis (within the application periods stated) until funds are spent.

**Deadline: 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017** <http://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/holiday-grants-for-children.html>

### 12. Summer Play Scheme Programme 2017 Opens for Applications

The Fund supports community groups and voluntary agencies with an income of less than £150,000 that run summer play schemes for children between the ages of 5 and 18 in disadvantaged communities. Supported schemes should be locally based, last between two and six weeks and have strong volunteer support. Some priority will be given to projects which show that they are inclusive of children from refugee families and have BME involvement.

**Deadline: 24<sup>th</sup> May 2017** <http://www.hildencharitablefund.org.uk/>

## COMMUNITY FUNDING

### 13. Bank of Scotland Foundation

The Bank of Scotland's next round of funding for registered Scottish charities is to improve local communities and promote financial inclusion. Small grants up to £10k and Medium grants up to £25k are available

**Deadline: 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017** <http://bankofscotlandfoundation.org/funding-programmes>

### 14. Funding for Christian Charities Promoting Social Inclusion

The Anchor Foundation provides grants of between £500 and £10,000 per year to Christian Charities that encourage social inclusion through ministries of healing and the arts. Funding can be awarded for up to three years. The Foundation will consider applications for either capital or revenue funding. Only in exceptional circumstances will grants be given for building work.

**Deadline: 31<sup>st</sup> July 2017** <http://www.theanchorfoundation.org.uk/>

### 15. Community Radio Fund to Re-open for Applications

Funding will be available to not-for-profit radio stations that have a social purpose, and work to involve their target community in running the service. Funding will be available to Community Radio Stations towards their core running costs. These can include management costs; administration, financial management & reporting costs; fundraising to support the station; community outreach work; and the costs involved in using volunteers; etc. Grants can only be made to community radio licensees which are broadcasting under a community radio license (and not an RSL, for example). The average grant awarded over the last few years has been in the region of £15,000.

**Deadline: 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/tv-radio-and-on-demand/information-for-industry/radio-broadcasters/community-radio-fund>

### 16. Armed Forces Covenant Fund: Local Grants Scheme Opens for 2017

The Ministry of Defence (MoD) is currently accepting applications for grants of up to £20,000 for projects in the UK that support the armed forces community and meet MoD priorities. Registered charities, community interest companies, local authorities, schools, and armed forces units with a UIN can apply as long as they have experience and a track record of working with the Armed Forces Community, and a real understanding of the issues facing the Armed Forces Community. The funding is for projects that respond to the local needs of the Armed Forces Community and improve recognition of the Armed Forces Covenant, and:

- Help integrate Armed Forces and civilian communities across the UK, and/or
- Deliver valuable local services to the armed forces community.

Applicants must work closely with their Local Partnerships to ensure that their project is properly connected locally, responds to recognised need and does not duplicate other provision. The grants will pay for most of the things needed for the project whether it is people's time, buying or hiring equipment, or minor improvements to land or buildings. This is not a general fund for organisations to support their core activities simply by adding members of the armed forces community to their beneficiary group in order to apply for funding. Applications will be accepted throughout 2017 and will be considered four times over the next 12 months.

**Applications may be submitted at any time**

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/591735/AFC\\_Guidance\\_Local\\_grants\\_2017-18.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/591735/AFC_Guidance_Local_grants_2017-18.pdf)

## EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

### 17. Student Ideas Competition Opens for Applications

Jisc, which is a United Kingdom non-departmental public body whose role is to support post-16 and higher education, has announced that its Student Ideas Competition is open for applications. Grants of up to £3,000 are available for new ideas that use technology to make life better for the UK's learners, staff and researchers. The competition is open to teams of people working or studying in higher or further education or skills in the UK. Winning teams receive £2000 to attend the design sprint events in August 2016 and develop the idea submitted. A further £3,000 funding could be made available if the idea proves to be viable.

**Deadline: 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2017** <https://elevator.jisc.ac.uk/>

### 18. Buttle UK Employment Education and Training Grants Programme

Buttle UK provides packages of support worth up to £2,000 to young people who receive no support from their parents or guardians to help them to further their education or employment. To apply, the young person must have a clear education, training or employment goal that they are pursuing or want to pursue within 3 months of applying. Grants can provide direct financial support; help them to set up home and/or to improve their emotional, mental or physical well-being. Some of the essential items that may be funded are: Equipment to take up a training opportunity; interview clothes; a computer for study; travel costs to college; essential household items; recreational or social activities and counselling.

**Applications may be submitted at any time** <http://www.buttleuk.org/need-support/young-people#help>

### 19. The Seed Fund Now Open on a National Level

The Seed Fund was established by food brand experts, The Collaborators, in 2013 and is supported by a range of PR, social marketing and private equity firms. The Collaborators have recently partnered with Great Taste; a blind-tasted food awards. Now in its fourth year, the Seed Fund supports new food brands in the UK to become successful and inspiring businesses. The key aim of the Fund is to help start-ups and small producers in UK grow and flourish within the food and beverage sector. The Fund is looking for applications from small producers in the UK who have been awarded a great taste award in the previous year as well as start-ups that have been trading for less than four years that have £500,000 of turnover. The overall winner will receive a year's worth of support from an expert team of Seed Fund mentors as well as £100,000 worth of branding and marketing development from The Collaborators. A total of 12 companies will be selected for The Seed Fund Academy. This is a series of workshops, mentoring sessions and talks that will take place throughout the country over the course of the summer season. A variety of industry experts will host the academy, which will cover a wide spectrum of disciplines such as social media, marketing, raising finance and food photography.

**Deadline 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

<http://www.arts.ac.uk/student-jobs-and-careers/funding-and-mentoring/seed-fund-money-for-business/>

## ENERGY, RENEWABLES AND RECYCLING

### 20. Scottish Power's Energy People's Trust

Scottish Power's Energy People's Trust provides grants to grassroots organisations that help people who are on low incomes, live in poor housing or suffer ill health.

**Deadline: 24th May 2017** <http://www.energypeopletrust.com/content/default.asp?page=s4>

### 21. Growing a Greener Britain Small Grants Programme Opens to Applications

Growing a Greener Britain has been set up by idverde UK, a nationwide contractor that creates and maintains parks and open spaces across the UK, to help fund community projects in publicly-owned parks and open spaces across Britain. Constituted community groups in Great Britain can apply for grants of up to £1,000 for projects which transform green spaces in Great Britain. This includes Improvements or modifications to publicly-accessible green spaces

Applicants must satisfy Growing a Greener Britain's charitable objectives of:

- Creating improvements to free, publicly accessible green space.
- Providing local employment opportunities through the creation of maintenance projects.
- Providing training and work experience opportunities for those in the local community.
- Promoting green open spaces within the local community.

Applicants are advised that funding is limited and as such some projects may not receive funding.

**Applications may be submitted at any time** [www.growingagreenerbritain.org/small-grant-programme/](http://www.growingagreenerbritain.org/small-grant-programme/)

Please note that all Argyll and Bute Council officers considering applying for European funding should contact the European Team - [genna.lugue@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:genna.lugue@argyll-bute.gov.uk) / Tel No 01546 604899 for more information.

## EUROPEAN FUNDING

### 22. Argyll and the Islands LEADER

The Argyll and the Islands LEADER funding Programme aims to "support community-led economic growth and sustainable rural development within the Argyll and the Islands area". Grants are awarded by the Local Action Group (LAG) to projects that can clearly demonstrate at least one of the following key themes:

- Strengthening the rural economy through maximising the sustainable use of natural, cultural and heritage resources as an economic driver in the area of Argyll and the Islands.
- Enhancing services and facilities within the area of Argyll and the Islands for the purpose of attracting individuals, families, visitors and investors for the purpose of growing and maintaining economically viable communities.
- Small Business Support & Farm Diversification.

For details on the application process, applicants should visit <http://www.aiLEADER.org> the 2017 dates for LEADER funding rounds can be found below:

	June	September	December
<b>EOI Deadline</b>	28/04/2017	28/07/2017	13/10/2017
<b>Application Deadline</b>	12/05/2017	11/08/2017	27/10/2017
<b>LAG Decision Meeting</b>	22/06/2017	21/09/2017	07/12/2017

The Argyll and the Islands LEADER LAG is part-financed by the Scottish Government and the European Community LEADER 2014-2020 programme.

### 23. ESF Aspiring Communities Fund

A new European funded Aspiring Communities Fund is open for applications, with a **deadline for submission of 5pm on Friday 7 April 2017**. The fund is aimed at community anchor organisations and third sector organisations that promote or improve the interests of communities that experience inequalities of outcome as a result of social or economic disadvantage. There are two stages that organisations should consider applying for, and the challenge fund is to be open for several funding rounds. This fund is being delivered by the Social Justice and Regeneration Division, with the Scottish Government as Lead Partners for the 2014-2020 European Social Fund (ESF) Programme. More information regarding the fund, application form, and information events can be found here:

<http://www.gov.scot/Topics/People/15300/ESFTPSI/AspiringCommunities>

### 24. ERDF Green Infrastructure Community Engagement Fund

The Green Infrastructure Community Engagement Fund is now open for applications. It is aimed at projects that will support communities to better use, develop or plan their green infrastructure. The fund is open to public sector and voluntary sector organisations. The Community Engagement Fund advises that projects must:

- Be completed by **31<sup>st</sup> December 2018**
- Have eligible budgets between £50,000 – 120,000
- Will benefit an urban area of populations of more than £10,000

The intervention rate is maximum 40% in Lowland and Uplands areas or 50% in the Highlands and Islands areas. Project must demonstrate match funding. Full details about the fund including eligibility and the application process are available in the following link: <http://www.greeninfrastructurescotland.org.uk/green-infrastructure-community-engagement-fund>

**Deadline for project submission: 14<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

### 25. Interreg North West Europe (2014 – 2020)

The fifth call for project proposals under the North-West Europe Programme 2014-2020 will open on **18<sup>th</sup> April 2017**. The Programme's mission is to produce measurable positive change in North-West Europe around three themes:

1. Innovation
2. Low Carbon
3. Resource and material efficiency

Governmental organisations, civil society (non-profit organisations), education and knowledge institutions such as universities, intermediate bodies such as chambers of commerce or development agencies, enterprises, social enterprises and social housing providers can apply for grants of up to 60% of eligible costs. Applications must include partners from at least two different Member States in North-West Europe (Ireland, Luxembourg, Switzerland, and parts of France, Germany and the Netherlands).

**Deadline for project submission: 24<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

More information about the Programme can be found at <http://www.nweurope.eu/>

## **26. Interreg Europe (2014 – 2020)**

The third call for project proposals under the INTERREG Europe Programme 2014- 2020 will open on **1<sup>st</sup> March 2017 until 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017**. The programme will fund the following four priorities:

1. Research and Innovation
2. SME Competitiveness
3. Low Carbon Economy
4. Environment and resource efficiency

Interreg Europe supports interregional cooperation projects. These are projects that involve partner policy organisations from at least three different countries in Europe who come together for three-five years to learn from each other and to address a regional policy issue of common concern. Interreg Europe co-finances **up to 85% of project activities**. Depending on the number of partners involved, duration of interregional learning etc., the average total budget of a project is expected to be €1-2 million.

**Deadline for project applications: 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

More information can be found at: <http://www.interregeurope.eu/>

## **GENERAL FUNDING**

### **27. Equally Safe Violence against Women and Girls Fund Open to Applications in Scotland**

Administered by the Voluntary Action Fund (VAF) and funded by the Scottish Government, the Equally Safe Violence Against Women and Girls Fund (ESVAWGF) 2017-20 supports the development of measures to tackle all forms of violence against women and girls. This includes projects that build capacity in local partnerships to strengthen responses to violence and abuse, the delivery of frontline services, or projects which focus on prevention and early intervention. Applications are accepted from incorporated third sector organisations; community interest companies; statutory bodies; and partnerships where the lead applicant must be an incorporated third sector organisation. As the focus of this funding is to ensure the provision of high quality front line services, priority is likely to be given to applications from incorporated third sector organisations that can demonstrate a record of effective and successful delivery on violence against women and girls. Organisations previously in receipt of funding under the Children's Services Fund are also eligible to submit an application to the ESVAWGF for project work relating to children and young people in line with the fund's outcomes. This is an open and competitive fund. There is no upper limit to the amount that can be applied for. The Fund has an estimated value of £6.8 million per annum.

**Deadline: 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

<http://www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk/funding-and-support/violence-against-women/>

### **28. Promoting Equality and Cohesion Fund Opens for Applications**

The Scottish Government is inviting applications for the Promoting Equality and Cohesion Fund 2017-20. Incorporated not for profit organisations and statutory bodies can apply for funding for projects that work with people who are disadvantaged due to age, disability, gender (sex), gender identity/ reassignment, race, religion or belief, and sexual orientation. The fund is worth £2.5 million per year and will run between 2017 and 2020. No maximum grant amounts are specified but due to the extremely competitive nature of the fund applications should be moderate and realistic and the associated costs focused on the direct delivery of the project. Priority for funding will be given to projects that can demonstrate a strong track record of delivering effective services.

**Deadline: 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017** <http://www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk/funding-and-support/equality-fund/>

### **29. 2017 Stephen Lloyd Awards Open for Applications**

The Stephen Lloyd Awards are now open for applications. The aim of the awards is to help create success by finding and nurturing innovative ideas and projects that can lead to social change. The awards committee is particularly interested in supporting ideas that address social problems at a systemic level. Anyone or any

organisation that has an innovative idea that seeks to address a problem systemically can apply. The winning applicant will receive significant pro bono advice for their idea from the Committee's extensive network of contacts, as well as funding of up to £20,000. Shortlisted applicants will also be awarded up to £2,000 to further develop their idea, and will also benefit from similar pro bono expertise.

**Deadline: 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017** <http://www.stephenlloydawards.org/>

## HEALTH

### 30. Dementia Friendly Communities Fund Opens for Applications (Scotland)

The second phase of the Dementia Friendly Communities Fund has opened for applications. A total of £2 million is available to start up geographical communities and communities of interest that assist people affected by dementia. There are three funding options available: Option 1 - £150,000 over three years with 10% minimum match-funding or in-kind contribution; Option 2 - £225,000 over three years with 33% minimum match funding or in-kind contribution; Option 3 - £35,000 over one year with 10% minimum in-kind contribution. The funding can be used for start-up, running and staff costs. Applications should include practical examples of how you will involve people affected by dementia (including carers) in the planning, delivery and evaluation of the community. Examples of the kinds of projects the fund will consider for support are provided in the online guidance documents.

**Deadline: 30<sup>th</sup> March 2017** <http://www.lifechangestrust.org.uk/people-affected-by-dementia/funding-opportunities>

### 31. Royal College of Pathologists Public Engagement Innovation Grant Scheme (UK)

The Royal College of Pathologists has announced that applications are now being accepted for the Public Engagement Innovation Grant Scheme 2017. Under this scheme grants of up to £1,000 are available for individuals or organisations who wish to run a project that engages audiences such as school students, undergraduates, health professionals or local communities with pathology. All proposals must include the involvement of pathologists and/or laboratory scientists as a key part of the activity and applicants are advised to contact the public engagement team prior to submitting an application. All projects funded through the scheme must be completed by the **30<sup>th</sup> June 2018**. Applicants are encouraged to contact the public engagement team prior to submitting an application. The team will be able to offer practical support in terms of help, advice and resources and will be happy to discuss potential project ideas. They will also be able to put applicants in touch with pathologists who may be willing to be involved in their project.

**Deadline: 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

<https://www.rcpath.org/discover/pathology/events-landing-page/funding-for-public-events.html>

### 32. Scotch Whisky Action Fund

The Fund is looking to support and develop a range of projects/initiatives which will deliver targeted interventions designed to tackle alcohol-related harms across three themes:

- Young people (aged under 18)
- Families
- Communities

Awards of up to £25,000 for a one year period can be made through this Fund. There are two categories of award as follows:

- **Seedcorn funding** - Awards made under this category could fund new initiatives and test out innovative approaches designed to reduce alcohol-related harm. Awards could also be used to fund existing smaller scale projects that are seeking to expand or develop their services.

You must tell us how you plan to evaluate your project if seeking an award under this category. Please note that whilst you can apply for up to £25,000 under this strand, an award of this level would only be granted in exceptional circumstances. In practice, we would expect to make awards in the region of £10,000 for new or innovative projects.

- **Growth and Development** - Awards made under this category could fund projects that are seeking to consolidate and build on emerging, successful practice in relation to the reduction of alcohol-related harm.

You must be able to provide evidence of any evaluation of your work to date. We will look for evidence that the project is needed and that the approach taken has proven to be effective.

**Deadlines: 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017** <https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/scotch-whisky-action-fund/>



## LAND AND PROPERTY

### 33. Parks for People Grants

The Heritage Lottery Fund's (HLF) Parks for People funding helps to conserve the heritage that makes both historic parks and cemeteries special, and it gives local people a say in how they are managed in the future. Projects improve people's wellbeing and knowledge of their area, and make communities better places to live, work and visit. Applicants need to show that the local community values the park or cemetery as part of their heritage, and that they are already actively involved in its management. Not-for-profit organisations and partnerships led by not-for-profit organisations can apply including local authorities, charities, trusts, community interest companies, social enterprises, parish councils, voluntary organisations and community groups. Grants of between £100,000 and £5 million are available to support the following:

- Landscape design layout.
- Surviving or lost historic features or buildings.
- Natural heritage including priority habitats and species.
- Archaeological sites, earthworks or features from an earlier phase of design.
- Collections of plants, trees, objects or documents.
- Cultural traditions such as stories, festivals, fairs and crafts.
- People's memories and experiences of the park or cemetery.
- The history associated with individual features such as memorials or veteran trees.

There is a two-round application process. Applications can be made at an early stage of planning in order to get a good idea of whether the project will receive funding. The second round application will require greater detail and must be received up to 26 months after the first round decision.

**Deadline: 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017** <https://www.hlf.org.uk/looking-funding/our-grant-programmes/parks-people>

### 34. Funding for the Historic Regeneration of Towns and Cities

Single organisations (such as Local Authorities) or partnerships of not for profit organisations can apply for grants of up to £2 million through the Heritage Lottery Fund's (HLF) Townscape Heritage Initiative to regenerate historic environments in towns and cities across the United Kingdom. The programme aims to address problems in areas of particular social and economic need. Applicants need to submit a portfolio of projects that together have the potential to regenerate and transform conservation areas in need of investment. Second-round applications can be submitted up to 12 months after first-round approval. The second round is not competitive; a grant will be offered to the applicant if it meets the HLF's criteria and priorities.

**Deadline: 8<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

<https://www.hlf.org.uk/looking-funding/our-grant-programmes/townscape-heritage>

### 35. National Churches Trust Launches New Maintenance Grants Programme

The National Churches Trust, supports the repair and revitalisation of church buildings for the benefit of all the community. This is a pilot programme, in partnership with the Pilgrim Trust, offering awards of between £1,000 and £2,500 to encourage churches to act on small, urgent maintenance issues and repairs to listed church buildings, as identified in a recent Quinquennial Inspection Report, condition survey or report by a gutter management contractor, and costed at between £2,000 and £10,000. Proposed works must be to the main listed church building, and applicants must be able to show they have already raised 50% of the total repair costs, and to have obtained two quotes for the works.

**Deadline: 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017** <http://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/our-grants/maintenance-grants>

### 36. Funding for Housing Projects that Cater for People with Special Needs

The Quaker Housing Trust provides grants and interest free loans to housing projects that cater for people with a wide range of needs, including homes for people with mental & physical health problems; learning difficulties; people who would otherwise be homeless; and women escaping domestic violence; etc. To be eligible for funding, applicants need to have legal charitable status and be a small organisation (with an annual turnover of not more than £1 million and without access to sufficient income, reserves, nor other fundraising, to pay for the work).

**Deadline: 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017** <http://www.qht.org.uk/>

## SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION

### 37. Connecting Classrooms Fund

Grants of £3,000 are available to enable teachers (who have completed the British Council's 'Teaching Core Skills' training programme) to visit a partner schools overseas. Each visit will involve participating in an event, arranged in country by the British Council. The events will bring together schools from the UK, their partners and other local schools to share experiences and good practice of implementing core skills within the curriculum. Schools participating in the connecting classrooms programme will have to work with a schools based in one of the following countries: Egypt, Iraq, Lebanon, Jordan, Morocco, Occupied Palestinian Territories, Yemen, Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Ethiopia, Malawi, Sudan, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe. To be eligible to apply, the UK will have identified a partner school in one of these countries.

**Deadline: 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

<https://schoolsonline.britishcouncil.org/about-schools-online/about-programmes/connecting-classrooms/apply>

### 38. Funding for Schools to Purchase Musical Equipment

Schools in the UK, that wish to buy musical instruments and equipment can apply for funding of up to £2,000 through the EMI Music Sound Foundation's Instrument and/or Equipment Awards. So far, the Foundations has made awards to over two thousand schools, individual students and teachers. The funding is available for music education that is beyond statutory national curriculum music teaching. The Foundation cannot fund retrospectively and schools are not eligible for financial assistance under this scheme if they have already purchased their instruments or if they do so before their application has been approved.

**Deadline: 21<sup>st</sup> August 2017** <http://www.emimusicfoundation.com/index.php/site/awards/>

### 39. Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE) 2014-2020

The Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE) provides the general quality framework for the European and international cooperation activities that a higher education institution (HEI) may carry out within the Erasmus+ Programme. The award of an Erasmus Charter for Higher Education is a pre-requisite for all HEIs in the EU Member States, the EFTA-EEA countries, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey that want to apply and participate in learning mobility of individuals and/or cooperation for innovation and good practices under the Erasmus+ Programme.

**Deadline: 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017**

[http://www.up2europe.eu/calls/erasmus-charter-for-higher-education-2014-2020-selection-2018-eacea-03-2017\\_1601.html](http://www.up2europe.eu/calls/erasmus-charter-for-higher-education-2014-2020-selection-2018-eacea-03-2017_1601.html)

### 40. Grants to Enhance the Teaching of Mathematics

The London Mathematical Society has announced that Mathematics Teachers in the UK can apply for grants of up to £400 to attend specific one or two day conferences/events organised by professional mathematical organisations. The aim of the grant is to facilitate mathematical professional development to allow teachers in UK schools/educational institutions to develop their subject knowledge. The grant can contribute to the costs of registration for the course and a proportion of the travel and subsistence expenses of attendees. Any application for a grant under this scheme must be made by a teacher of mathematics or ITE provider based in the UK. The grants are open to teachers of mathematics from primary school to A-Level or equivalent (inclusive of STEP/AEA).

**Deadline: 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017** <https://www.lms.ac.uk/grants/teacher-cpd-grants>

### 41. Funding to Support Joint Projects between UK and French Schools (UK)

UK schools that wish to organise reciprocal visits to their existing partner schools in France can apply for funding of up to £5,000 through the Lefèvre Trust. The Trust must involve pupils aged 11 - 19 that work with their partner school on joint curriculum based projects. The programme aims to give more young people the knowledge, skills and understanding to work not only bilaterally but in a global context - and contribute responsibly to society - locally and globally. The British Council will accept grant applications from schools, sixth form colleges and comparable institutions providing full-time general, vocational, technical or special needs education.

**Deadline: 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

<https://schoolsonline.britishcouncil.org/about-schools-online/about-programmes/french-exchange/lefevre>

#### 42. UK-German Connection – Celebratory Fund

Primary and secondary schools, FE colleges and youth groups that have an established partnership with a similar organisation in Germany can apply for a grant of up to £1,500 to help fund celebrations of their partnership. Grants can be used towards activity-related costs, e.g. materials, resources, dissemination activities; and travel, accommodation and subsistence costs related to the celebratory activity. Applications from clusters of schools or youth groups or cross-sector clusters are also welcome. Priority will be given to schools and groups who have not previously received funding from UK-German Connection. Applicants must contribute at least 25% of the overall eligible activity costs through participants' contributions and other sources of funding.

**Deadline: 31<sup>st</sup> May 2017** <http://www.ukgermanconnection.org/celebratoryfund>

### SPORT FUNDING

#### 43. Erasmus+ Sport - Collaborative Partnerships (UK / EU)

The European Commission has launched a new call for proposals through its Erasmus+ Sport - Collaborative partnerships programme to support innovative projects relating to sport and physical activity. Collaborative partnerships consisting of not for profit and public organisations can apply for grants of up to €400,000 for innovative projects that combat doping at grassroots level, notably in recreational environments such as amateur sport and fitness; that fight match fixing; and / or develop innovative approaches to tackle violence, racism and intolerance in sport. A particular focus will be put on projects that address grassroots sports. To be eligible to apply, the collaborative partnership must be transnational and involve at least five organisations from five different Programme Countries.

**Deadline: 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017** [https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/actions/sport/collaborative-partnerships\\_en](https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/actions/sport/collaborative-partnerships_en)

#### 44. Swimathon Foundation Announces 2017 Funding

The funding aims to encourage and support UK organisations which increase access to swimming and provide activities aimed at helping individuals and communities enjoy the benefits of swimming throughout their lives. Organisations including community groups, swimming clubs, senior groups, youth groups, sports clubs, disability charities, scout groups and healthy living groups in the UK are eligible to apply. Grants of between £300 and £2,500 are available for innovative and sustainable projects which will help more people participate in and enjoy swimming and to make swimming more accessible. Applicants must demonstrate in their application how the funding will allow them to:

- Introduce people to swimming who would otherwise not swim.
- Increase the frequency that existing swimmers go to the pool.
- Improve the swimming experience for new or existing swimmers.

Applicants must be a representative of, or have the support of a pool participating in Swimathon 2017.

**Deadline: 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017** <https://swimathonfoundation.org/grants-scheme-information>

#### 45. Comic Relief Invites Applications for £1m Levelling the Field (UK) Programme

Comic Relief is inviting UK based partnerships to apply for funding for proposals which use the power of sport to achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls in the UK. Comic Relief is seeking proposals from organisations working in partnership in the UK that are using the power of sport to empower women and girls to reach their full potential.

**Deadline: 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017** <http://www.comicrelief.com/grants/initiatives/levelling-the-field-uk>

### YOUNG PEOPLE

#### 46. Ernest Cook Trust Grants Programme

Schools, charities and not for profit organisations wishing to encourage young people's interest in the countryside; and literacy, numeracy and science can apply for funding to the Ernest Cook Trust (ECT). The Trust operates two grant making programmes. The small grants programme (under £4,000) and a large grants programme (grants in excess of £4,000). Applications to the small grants programme may be submitted at any time.

**Deadline: large grants programme 31<sup>st</sup> July 2017** <http://ernestcooktrust.org.uk/grants/>

#### 47. CashBack for Creativity Fund (Scotland)

Creative Scotland has launched a £1.5 million CashBack for Creativity Targeted Fund that aims to tackle inequalities in the arts. Organisations in the arts, screen and creative industries can apply for up to £120,000 to support arts

activities focusing on Scotland's most disadvantaged young people (aged 11-24). The fund is targeted at young people from areas of deprivation; those who are unemployed, not in education or training; young people who have been excluded or are at risk of exclusion from school; young offenders; and young people at risk of antisocial behaviour.

**Deadline: 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017**

<http://www.creativescotland.com/what-we-do/latest-news/archive/2017/02/cashback-for-creativity-phase-4-fund-launched>

#### **48. O2 Announces Grants for Young Digital Entrepreneurs Addressing Environmental Improvement**

The Environment Now initiative has been set up to support young people with developing their own digital ideas to help the environment, in areas such as recycling, reducing waste and improving energy efficiency. Grants are available with no minimum, up to a maximum of £10,000. The programme will provide a total of 50 individual grants over its lifetime. Successful applicants will be supported by the programme providers, together with sustainability partners and they will also be allocated a professional mentor to work with them. The programme offers support, work experience and insight sessions with industry professionals to help bring young people's ideas to life. Participants will also benefit from training on confidence, networking, presenting, project management and budgeting to ensure their project is sustainable. The money can be used to help individuals in supporting their innovative ideas around digital technology, where the idea is intended to find innovative solutions to environmental issues. The scheme is open to applications from entrepreneurial UK-based young people (aged between the ages of 17 and 24) who are passionate about the environment and who want to use digital technology to make a positive difference. Young people may apply as part of a small team, with a designated project leader. The applicant can be part of a group at a college, university, youth group or a small seed start-up business.

**Deadline: 14<sup>th</sup> July 2017** <http://www.o2thinkbig.co.uk/>

#### **49. Empowerment Grants for Care Experienced Young People**

Empowerment grants are for groups or organisations who are committed to developing young people's confidence and skills, and want to help them exercise their rights and give them more opportunities to participate in community life. This could be through projects such as peer research or peer education, volunteering programmes, taking ownership of a community asset, e.g. a local park or young people led workshops. We would like care experienced young people to take the lead in designing projects that interest them, so engaging with young people in this way should be a priority. We will be awarding small grants of between £500 and £10,000 to groups or organisations working with care experienced young people aged 14-26.

**Deadline: 29<sup>th</sup> March 2017** <https://www.tfaforms.com/4599849>

#### **50. Youth Challenge Fund**

The Youth Challenge Fund provides grants of up to £2,500 for joint thematic activities between UK and German youth groups, including a visit to Germany. The funding aims to enhance young people's international experience and intercultural awareness by supporting UK-German youth partnerships undertaking a bilateral collaborative project. At least eight young people from each participating institution/youth group must be involved in the visit and the project activity surrounding the visit. The visit must include a minimum of four full days of collaborative thematic activities. Applicants must contribute at least 25% of the overall eligible activity costs through participants' contributions and other sources of funding.

**Deadline: 31<sup>st</sup> May 2017** <http://www.ukgermanconnection.org/youthchallengefund>

#### **51. Funding for Projects that Support Children and Young People**

Registered Charities can apply for grants ranging from a few hundred pounds up to £30,000 per year for up to 2 years that are working in the areas of education or health with one of the Foundation's four chosen focus groups. These are children and young people with disabilities; children and young people who are sick in hospital; and children and young people who are life limited (requiring palliative care). Grant applications for up to £5,000 can be approved by the Director; up to £10,000 can be approved by the Committee, and applications for more than £10,000 are recommended to the Trustees for final approval. There is no limit on the amount of money that a charity can request. However, the Foundation is a small charity and generally will not make awards of over £30,000 (per year). Funding can be requested for up to 2 years for any particular project.

**Deadline: 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017** <http://dmthomasfoundation.org/what-we-do/grants/dmtf-central-grants/>

## 52. Funding for Youth Residential Trips (Scotland)

Youth Leaders can apply for funding through the Scottish Youth Hostelling Association (SYHA) new Youth Active grant scheme. The fund aims to help young people from disadvantaged backgrounds take part in a school or youth group residential trip to build confidence, resilience, social and employability skills. Teachers and Youth Leaders can apply for up to 40 per cent support for each eligible young person who would not otherwise have this opportunity due to deprivation or other disadvantage. Applications must be received at least ten weeks prior to arrival and grants are deducted from the final bill.

**Applications may be submitted at any time**

[https://www.syha.org.uk/syha-charity/syha-youth-activegrants.aspx?dm\\_i=LQE,429KP,6LKTGE,EPOFF,1%20](https://www.syha.org.uk/syha-charity/syha-youth-activegrants.aspx?dm_i=LQE,429KP,6LKTGE,EPOFF,1%20)