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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

NEWS AND UPDATES

Argyll and Bute Community Empowerment Event

Find out more about the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act and what it means for your community.

Saturday 11th March 2017 to register an interest email: communitydevelopment@argyll-bute.gov.uk

ARTS AND CULTURE

1. Support for Cultural Activities

The Open Projects Fund is available to a wide range of organisations and individuals working across Scotland in the arts, screen and creative industries. It supports a broad spectrum of activity including creative and professional development, research and development, production, small capital requirements, touring and collaborations, festivals, arts programming, audience development, etc. Support is available for projects of different scale and duration with the maximum period of award being set at 2 years. Awards are made in the range £1,000 to £100,000 (or up to £150,000 by exception).

Applications may be submitted at any time

<http://www.creativescotland.com/funding/funding-programmes/open-project-funding>

2. Expressive Arts Competition Fund 2016-17

The Voluntary Action Fund (VAF) is inviting schools and community based organisations working with children aged 10 - 11 in Scotland to apply to the Expressive Arts Competition Fund 2016-17. Through the competition the VAF is inviting children to explore the theme "What my mother* means to me..." * 'Mother' in this context is not gender specific and therefore could mean anyone that undertakes this role and espouses these values to the children - whether a teacher, an older brother/sister, parent, grandparent. Children may choose to work individually, in pairs or small groups to produce their chosen art. They can choose to write a 500 word essay; make a short film; write a poem; or use photography. VAF is particularly targeting organisations across the Central belt but will consider applications to participate from across Scotland. Grants of up to £400 are available to cover related costs e.g. tutors, sessional workers, art materials, equipment or transport.

Deadline: 16th January 2017

<http://www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk/funding-and-support/expressive-arts-competition/>

3. Tom McGrath Trust - Small Grants Awards

The Tom McGrath Trust was set up to honour the life and legacy of Tom McGrath; a poet and playwright who passed away in 2009. Inspired by Tom's passion for supporting Scottish playwrights, the Trust aims to be a source of inspiration, stimulation and support for artists seeking to develop their craft. The Small Grants Awards are supported by Creative Scotland, supporting playwrights and translators working in Scotland by contributing towards expenditure which makes writing for the stage possible. In order to be considered eligible for a grant of up to £500, applicants must be either: a playwright who has had a play produced professionally in the UK; or a pre-professional playwright who had demonstrated commitment and energy to developing their craft. Applicants must have either been born in Scotland, or otherwise should have lived and worked there for at least three years. Eligible items for support may include: travel and research, equipment, costs of staging performed readings of new work and childcare and general living costs to support artists' development.

Deadline: 24th February 2017 <https://tommcgrath-trust.org.uk/small-grants/>

4. Translation Residencies 2017

In 2017 Cove Park will award five funded **Translation** Residencies for translators with a commission to translate a book of any genre by a Scottish author. For the purposes of this application a Scottish book is one whose author is resident in Scotland or was born in Scotland. Residencies will be four weeks in length and will take place at a date to be confirmed between mid-May and end June. Translators can be working into any language and can be based anywhere. In partnership with Publishing Scotland, the Translators will be offered a networking opportunity as part of their residency, and there will also be a showcase event.

Deadline: 13th January 2017 <http://covepark.org/apply-or-book>

5. Film Residencies 2017

Building on the success of 2016's pilot Film Residency, in 2017 Cove Park will award 2 funded Filmmaker Residencies of 3 weeks each during the summer months, for 2 filmmakers / writer-directors working in Scotland. Within the residencies, the selected filmmakers (screenwriters or writer/directors) can invite, or ask Cove Park to invite on their behalf, up to 2 individuals from different fields or sectors. This aims to bring a new dynamic to the filmmaker's research or practice, and to the wider mix of artists on site.

Deadline: 16th January 2017 <http://covepark.org/apply-or-book>

6. Beyond Borders Music Programme Re-Opens for Applications

The Performing Rights Society (PRS) for Music Foundation, the UK's leading funder of new music across all genres, has announced that its Beyond Borders fund has re-opened for applications. The Beyond Borders Fund provides funding of up to £15,000 to stimulate collaborations between organisations in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales and Southern Ireland. The scheme enables music creators to produce exceptional new music to be performed in at least two UK countries. Launched in 2010, the scheme has supported over 40 projects so far, bringing together organisations and music creators across the UK and abroad. Beyond Borders has been made possible by a pioneering UK wide partnership between PRS for Music Foundation, Arts Council of Wales, Arts Council of Northern Ireland, Arts Council of Ireland / An Chomhairle Ealaíon and Creative Scotland who joined forces to support cross border collaboration.

Deadline: 23rd February 2017

<http://www.prsformusicfoundation.com/Partnerships/Flagship-Programmes/Beyond-Borders/>

7. Awards for Young Musicians Opens for 2017 Applications

The Awards for Young Musicians programme has been running for 18 years and during that time has provided support to more than 1,000 exceptional young musicians. The 2017 awards programme is now accepting applications and can provide funding of up to £2,000 per year (the average award is £500) to young musicians between the ages of 5 and 17 who are learning a musical instrument and are in financial need. Support is available for instrumental tuition costs, purchase or hire of an instrument, instrumental accessories such as cases, bows, reeds etc., fees for long term music course, travel costs for attending music courses, ensemble membership fees, exam fees and audition fees and associated travel costs. As well as financial support applicants will also receive advice, guidance and access to a range of music-making, mentoring and performance opportunities including the opportunity to attend the annual awards day, where all award winners come together for a day of cross-genre music making with the best musicians in the industry.

Deadline: 3rd March 2017 <http://www.a-y-m.org/2017-awards-programme-launching-soon/>

BUSINESS AND ENTERPRISE

8. Argyll & the Islands LEADER Programme - Farm Diversification

As part of the Argyll & the Islands LEADER Programme support is available for Farm Diversification. Grants up to 50% of total eligible costs will be available for projects with a minimum expenditure of £10,000 for farm businesses looking to diversify. The following are examples of Farm Diversification for which support may be available. Though not exhaustive, any projects with innovative diversification ideas can apply-

Leisure & Recreation: Golfing, equine, water sports, mountain bike trail, country trail.

Tourist Accommodation: Glamping Pods, wigwams, self-catering, B&B, caravan sites, bunkhouses

Tourist Facilities: Visitor centre, farm walks, wildlife parks, farm museums, heritage trails, adventure playgrounds

Residential Letting: Conversion of redundant farmhouse or cottage, conversion of redundant farm buildings

Rural Services: Bakery/confectionary, snack bar, restaurant, boarding kennels/cattery, IT facilities, gallery, exhibition space, music/performance area

Processing of Forest Products: Wooden furniture, chippings and compost bark, wood turning

Retail: Bakery, butcher, dairy, fruit/veg, farm shop, retail outlet

Eligible businesses must be able to demonstrate that they have the legal right to carry out the project to be funded on the land for the duration of the project and associated monitoring period (e.g. landlord consent for tenanted holdings). Grants are claimed by projects retrospectively and applicants will need to provide evidence that funding for the remaining 50% of project costs is in place when applying.

EOI Deadline: 20th January 2017 www.aiLEADER.org

9. Social Business Trust

Social Business Trust is a registered UK charity that supports and provides business advice to social enterprises based in the UK, in order to support the growth of selected social enterprises and help them to achieve greater social impact. Applications for support are welcome from social enterprises across all sectors. Applicants must have annual revenues of at least £1m or robust plans to achieve that soon, this should include a significant proportion of earned income; a minimum of 1,000 people per year must benefit, directly or indirectly, from the organisation's goods or

services and the organisation should be based predominantly in the UK, serving UK beneficiaries. Funding from SBT can provide both capital investment and professional expertise.

Applications may be submitted at any time <http://www.socialbusinesstrust.org/>

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

10. Holiday Grants for Children

The Henry Smith's Charity is currently accepting applications for its Holiday Grant for Children Programme. Schools, youth groups and not for profit organisations can apply for grants towards holidays or outings within the UK for children aged 13 and under who are from deprived areas or have a disability. Applications can be considered for holidays or outings that have the objective of providing children with a break they would not otherwise have the opportunity to experience. 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. The maximum grant is usually £2,500 for any one trip. Grants are normally limited to a maximum of two-thirds of the total cost of a trip as the charity would expect some local partnership funding to be in place.

Deadline: 17th March 2017 <http://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/holiday-grants-for-children.html>

11. Wallace & Gromit's Children's Charity Grants

The Charity provides grants to registered charitable hospitals and hospices across the UK to enhance and enrich the quality of life of sick children in hospitals. Since 2003, Wallace & Gromit's Children's Charity has given over £2 million in grants to 291 projects in 93 different hospitals and hospices, providing life-saving medical equipment, free family accommodation, a range of arts, music and play therapy programmes, sensory equipment and facilities and respite care. Previous projects supported include funding to the Demelza Hospice Care for Children in Kent to provide pre and post bereavement music therapy; and a grant to Lister Hospital to fund a Rhino Sensory Voyager, a piece of machinery that projects coloured images into ceilings and walls, plays sensory music and has fibre optic lights, water bubbles and hand held sensory toys, helping to distract and entertain children treated at the hospital.

Deadline: 20th January 2017 <https://wallaceandgromitcharity.org/about#grant-making>

COMMUNITY FUNDING

12. Argyll & Bute Council Grant Funding to Support Local Communities

Community groups in Argyll and Bute are being encouraged to submit applications for funding from Argyll and Bute Council's Supporting Communities Fund for 2017/18. The Supporting Communities Fund replaces the Third Sector Grants and the criteria for funding has been widened to include parent councils and community councils. There is now **one round of funding annually**. The Supporting Communities Fund programme is aimed at supporting communities and helping to kick start new projects and events. The Council is particularly keen to encourage new groups with fresh ideas. Advice and support on funding is available from the Council's Community Development and Social Enterprise teams. If you require a hard copy or for further information or guidance please email communitydevelopment@argyll-bute.gov.uk or phone the following for your local Community Development Officer. Bute & Cowal - **01700 501357** Sharon MacDonald, Helensburgh & Lomond - **01436 658735** Audrey Baird Oban, Lorn & the Isles - **01631 567944** Laura MacDonald, Mid Argyll, Kintyre & the Islands - **01546 604270** Antonia Baird

Deadline: 10th February 2017 <http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/council-and-government/third-sector-grants>

13. Community Food and Health - Capacity Building Fund

Groups and organisations in Scotland that are running food and health activities in low-income areas can apply for funding of up to £500 from the capacity building fund to develop and strengthen their organisations. Funding is available to build the knowledge, skills and expertise of volunteers, staff or the management committee. Examples of the types of activities that can be funded include: Making sure staff and volunteers understand current nutrition messages and are confident in delivering them; helping staff and volunteers to develop knowledge, skills and expertise to deliver learning opportunities to the people they work with; and making food and health activities as inclusive as possible. Funding can cover the costs of course fees; conference, workshop or learning event fees; costs associated with taking part in a capacity building activity, e.g. travel costs for volunteers, childcare costs for volunteers or for staff attending a course or event outside normal working hours.

Deadline: 20th January 2017 <http://www.communityfoodandhealth.org.uk/funding/cfhs-funding-opportunities/>

14. Postcode Community Trust- Small Grants Programme

Through the Small Grants Programme, the Trust will provide grants of £500 - £20,000 for projects that benefit communities through grass-roots sports, arts and recreation programmes and healthy living initiatives that improve a community's physical and mental health. Funding is available to registered charities, voluntary organisations, community interest companies and social enterprises. Please note that only registered charities can apply for grants above £2,000.

Deadline: Expressions of Interest: 10th February 2017 <http://www.postcodecommunitytrust.org.uk/>

15. Postcode Local Trust

The Trust provides financial support for charities and good causes which help communities enhance their natural environment in a way that benefits the wider community. Registered charities in England, Scotland can apply from £500 - £20,000 whilst other constituted not for profit organisations may apply for up to £2,000 for community based projects that improve local ecology and habitats, encourage bio-diversity and benefit the wider environment. The type of projects that can be funded include good causes which enable local people to benefit wildlife and engage with the natural environment; projects that enhance biodiversity or renovate/create new green habitats; sustainable energy projects benefitting local areas and local people; enhancement of play areas vital to a local area; and volunteering initiatives of local importance.

Deadline: 10th February 2017 <http://www.postcodelocaltrust.org.uk/>

16. WHSmith Community Grant

Voluntary organisations, charities schools and pre-schools can apply for grants of up to £500 from the WHSmith Trust. The WHSmith Trust is an independent registered charity that uses the proceeds of the compulsory carrier bag charges across the UK to offer the grants to support good causes in the local communities where WHSmith operates.

Deadline: 31st March 2017 <https://blog.whsmith.co.uk/community-grants-application/>

17. Digital Participation Charter Fund

Groups and organisations that work closely with local communities in Scotland can apply for grants of up to £10,000 from the Digital Participation Charter Fund (previously known as the Digital Challenge Fund). The fund aims to support organisations to contribute to building basic digital skills as part of broader work to tackle issues of poverty and inequality. The funding is provided by the Scottish Government and administered by the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO). There are three specific key target groups that SCVO are looking to target through the Charter Fund. These are:

- Older people
- Disabled people
- Job Seekers

To be eligible for funding applicants should work closely with local communities, operate in and spend the entirety of their grant in Scotland. Applications will also be accepted from organisations working in partnership with others. Funding can be used to assist organisations with the cost of projects which aim to build the basic digital skills of those who are older, on lower incomes or facing other forms of inequality. Priority will be given to:

- Projects which can demonstrate a track record of working with individuals who facing issues such as poverty, social isolation and other forms or inequality. (Previous experience of delivering digital skills training is not necessary.)
- Organisations which aim to embed basic digital skill development work into their day-to-day activity with service users.

Deadline: 12th January 2017 <http://digital.scvo.org.uk/participation/apply-for-funding/faq/>

18. The Co-op Local Community Fund

Small, locally based voluntary and community groups including registered charities can apply for grants to support projects which benefit the local communities around Co-op food stores and funeral homes. No minimum or maximum amount of funding is specified but in the past applicants have received grants of up to £2.5k

Applications may be submitted at any time <http://www.coop.co.uk/membership/local-community-fund/>

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

19. Homes for Scotland Professional Skills Fund Now Open

The Homes for Scotland Professional Skills Fund has been launched by The Construction Industry Training Board (CITB) and Homes for Scotland (HFS). The number of homes that are currently being built in Scotland is still 40%

down on pre-recession levels, with skills shortages being a significant supply increase. Expertise is required across all areas relating to the production of new houses, which may include surveying, management, sales and marketing. Scottish housebuilders have advised that more needs to be done in order to tackle the variety of skills challenges within the sector. The aim of this fund is to ensure that non-trade staff receive the required training in order to ensure that the industry may deliver the tens of thousands of homes needed by Scotland. Individual levels of support for funded projects have not been stipulated. Funding will assist CITB levy-paying members of HFS to target training for employees, graduate trainees as well as those who are on undergraduate placements. According to HFS, providing enough homes for Scotland's growing population is crucial for both social wellbeing and economic success. Furthermore, with four jobs being supported for every home that is built, employment potential is substantial.

Deadline: December 2017

<http://www.homesforscotland.com/Latest-news/ID/586/CITB-and-Homes-for-Scotland-launch-new-250000-fund-to-train-non-trade-employees>

20. Woman to Woman Fund

Rosa's Woman to Woman Fund offers grants of up to £25,000 to local grassroots women's organisations across the UK. Grants are available for groups with an income of under £100,000 per year to support a wide range of charitable work that benefits women. Project themes can include, for example, building confidence and leadership skills, tackling harassment and violence, training in financial literacy and increasing engagement in decision-making. Rosa especially wants to support groups that work with disadvantaged communities or in disadvantaged areas. Grants can pay for core work, as well as mobilising volunteers, leadership development, communications and advocacy. As well as grants, Rosa will provide additional support that women's groups identify, including mentoring, training and networking opportunities.

Deadline: 16th January 2017 <http://www.rosauk.org/resources/blog/woman-to-woman/>

21. National Third Sector Fund

The fund is open to Third Sector organisations delivering in the H&I LA/CPP areas. Delivery may be in one or more LA/CPP areas. Eligible areas are: Argyle & Bute, Highland, Moray, Orkney, Shetland and Western Isles. The fund aims to support/develop employability skills in participants. All unemployed people are eligible for funding from the Fund with a focus on young people between the ages of 16 and 24 years with 2 or more barriers to employment. All costs must be essential and directly related to the delivery of the programme. The general rule should apply: *"If you remove the ESF activity would the delivery organisation still have those costs – if answer is yes then the cost would not be eligible."* Costs **may** include the following:

- Staff Costs (including any related employers costs)
- Consultancy fees and contractors charges
- Premises costs
- Marketing
- Materials
- Consumables
- Direct participant costs-such as travel
- Dependent care

Bidders should be aware that as this is an ESF funded programme that they will have to comply with all accounting and administration procedures required of ESF funding and that this may have resource implications for them. All applications must be submitted via the Public Contracts Scotland portal.

Applications are being accepted now <http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/>

ENERGY, RENEWABLES AND RECYCLING

22. Transport Scotland's Low Carbon Travel and Transport Challenge Fund (LCTT Challenge Fund)

Transport Scotland's Low Carbon Travel and Transport Challenge Fund (LCTT Challenge Fund) is now open for applications. The Energy Saving Trust has been appointed by Transport Scotland to administer the fund. Public, community and third sector organisations can apply for funding under the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) 2014-2020 Programme to facilitate the delivery of active travel and low carbon transport hubs. Organisations can bid for up to 40/50% of their total project costs, up to £2M, with the remainder of project costs provided through match funding from other non-European public sources. If you have any questions, would like to discuss your project proposal and/or would like support in developing your application, please contact the Energy Saving Trust LCTT Challenge Fund team. Email: lctt@est.org.uk Phone: 0131 555 8691

Deadline: 28th February 2017

<http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/scotland/businesses-organisations/transport/low-carbon-travel-and-transport-challenge-fund>

23. Growing a Greener Britain

The Growing a Greener Britain charity was set up by The Landscape Group (a nationwide contractor that looks after public green spaces across the UK) to help fund community projects in publicly-owned parks and open spaces. The charity aims to support creative and innovative ideas that improve local greenspaces and also funds projects that will provide people with training and work experience opportunities and provide local employment opportunities through the creation of maintenance projects. A total of £50,000 of funding is available and The Landscape Groups will pledge a maximum of £5,000 towards money raised through Spacehive website.

Applications may be submitted at any time

<https://www.spacehive.com/Profile/GrowingaGreenerBritain/funds/GrowingaGreenerBritain>

24. Funding to Tackle Climate Change

The Sustainable Futures programme recognises that climate change caused by human activity is threatening the well-being of humanity and aims to develop and promote sustainable, low-carbon alternatives. The Trust will fund work undertaken by charities and not for profit organisations that explores and promotes mechanisms that could better align business and investor behaviour with environmental sustainability; campaigns, initiatives and mechanisms which encourage radical, large scale shifts in behaviour and culture away from consumerism towards more sustainable ways of living and using resources; and campaigns and movements that give marginalised or under-represented groups a voice on issues of environmental and economic justice and encourages organisations from outside the traditional environmental field to get involved in environmental justice.

Deadline: 27th March 2017 <http://www.jrct.org.uk/sustainable-future>

25. Scottish Power's Energy People Trust

Since its formation in 2005 the Trust has given more than £13 million in grants to projects. Charitable organisations can apply for grants of up to £50,000 to support projects or schemes covering the following:

- Energy efficiency measures - improving home energy efficiency through draught proofing, insulating and/or other practical measures.
- Income maximisation - providing funding to front line charities that carry out benefits advice to households missing out on financial help that they are entitled to through welfare benefits and tax credits.
- Fuel debt assistance - providing assistance, or funding the provision by other persons of assistance, to reduce or cancel debts for household electricity or gas supply, where such assistance is provided as part of a package of measures aimed at providing customers with long-term relief from fuel poverty.
- Any combination of the above.

A maximum of 30 fully completed applications will be presented to the Trustees at any one meeting and applications are considered on a first come, first served basis. Any eligible and complete applications not dealt with will be carried forward to the next meeting.

Deadline: 18th January 2017 <http://www.energypeopletrust.com/content/default.asp?page=s4>

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 / Tel No 01546 604899 for more information.

EUROPEAN FUNDING

26. 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.

The Argyll and the Islands LEADER LAG is part-financed by the Scottish Government and the European Community LEADER 2014-2020 programme. For details on the application process, applicants should visit

<http://www.aiLEADER.org>

	March	June	September	December
EOI Deadline	20/01/2017	28/04/2017	28/07/2017	13/10/2017
Application Deadline	03/02/2017	12/05/2017	11/08/2017	27/10/2017
LAG Decision Meeting	16/03/2017	22/06/2017	21/09/2017	07/12/2017

27. Interreg Europe (2014 – 2020)

INTERREG Europe is one of the instruments for the implementation of the EU's Cohesion policy Third call for project proposals will open on **1st March 2017 until 30th 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: 30th June 2017 <http://www.interregueurope.eu/>

GENERAL FUNDING

28. The Transform Foundation

The Transform Foundation has funding available to help charities develop an effective web presence. The £18k funding package will help to equip charities with the technology to transform their organisation; a digital engagement focused strategy to future-proof the charity; a professionally designed website to inspire supporters; and measurement built in to help the charity track results and maximise impact.

Applications may be submitted at any time <https://www.transformfoundation.org.uk/>

29. The Baring Foundation

The Baring Foundation, in partnership with the Legal Education and Esmee Fairbairn Foundations, has re-opened two funds under its Strengthening the Voluntary Sector programme. These funds aim to support registered UK charities to use the law and human rights based approaches effectively in their work.

Deadline: 23rd January 2017

<http://baringfoundation.org.uk/launch-of-strengthening-the-voluntary-sector-programme-funding-round-2016/>

HEALTH

30. Grants for the Care of and Services for Blind People

Through the programme UK charities can apply for funding for the care of and services for blind people, and the prevention and/or cure of blindness. Charities which exist primarily for the care of blind and partially sighted people are most likely to succeed, but the Trustees will consider other charities (for instance those who care for people with multi-disabilities) where the projects are specifically aimed at the blind or partially-sighted element of their work. Around 12 charities are supported each year with grants varying from around £5,000 to £20,000.

Deadline: 31st January 2017 <http://www.willcharitabletrust.org.uk/blind.htm>

31. Barchester Healthcare Foundation

Barchester's Charitable Foundation is a grant giving charity that helps older people and other adults with a disability across England, Scotland & Wales to lead more fulfilled lives and reach their full potential. The foundations focus is on connecting or re-connecting people with others in their local community, helping combat isolation and loneliness and enabling people to be active. Funding of between £100 and £5,000 is available for individuals and small community groups to help improve people's mobility, independence and quality of life. Individual applications must be completed by a third party sponsor such as a health care professional, social worker or charity/support group representative.

Applications may be submitted at any time <http://www.bhcfoundation.org.uk/>

LAND AND PROPERTY

32. Scottish Land Fund

Community led organisations in Scotland can apply for funding of between £10,000 and £1 million through the Scottish Land Fund (SLF). The funding aims to support projects both in urban and rural Scotland that will help local community development through the ownership of land and buildings. A total of £10 million is available for 2016-17. Applicants can be from one of a wide range of representative community bodies, including voluntary organisations. To apply, contact the Big Lottery Fund Scotland to discuss your idea at advicescotland@biglotteryfund.org.uk or on **0300 123 7110**. Projects that are eligible will be assigned a Scottish Land Fund Adviser from Highlands and Islands Enterprise, who will help you develop your idea and get ready to submit your application. The SLF will fund the purchase of land or land assets. Eligible organisations can also request some revenue funding to help with the cost of developing their proposal or initial running costs of their project after acquisition.

Applications may be submitted at any time <https://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/scottishlandfund>

33. Wolfson Foundation / Theatres Trust Urgent Repairs Scheme

Theatres Trust has now launched the Urgent Repairs Scheme, a new fund set up in partnership with the Wolfson Foundation to enable both large and small theatres to deliver urgent building repairs. Theatres with leases of more than 15 years that are in need of immediate repair and maintenance, and which could otherwise face closure, will be able to apply for grants of up to £15,000. The scheme is open to all theatres operating a year-round programme of live performance with no less than 30 performances a year; theatres that are not statutory listed will need to demonstrate the architectural significance of their building.

Deadline: 15th March 2017 <http://www.theatretrust.org.uk/grants/urgent-repairs-scheme>

34. Roof Protection Scheme

For a limited period, Allchurches Trust is making available grants to churches of any denomination that would like to guard against metal theft by installing a roof alarm system. The scheme is simple: a grant of £1,000 towards the cost of an alarm/protection system approved by your insurer (whoever that may be), and in turn a commitment by your Church Council (or equivalent) to maintain the system for five years.

Deadline: 28th February 2017 <http://www.allchurches.co.uk/news/roof-protection-scheme/index.aspx>

35. Historic Scotland - Historic Building Repair Grants Scheme

This scheme covers grants for the repair and conservation of historic buildings that are considered to have outstanding architectural or historic interest. Grants are intended to achieve the appropriate repair of those elements of a building that provide structural stability and give protection from the weather. Grants are primarily intended for urgent repairs that must be done within two years to prevent loss or damage to important historic fabric. Rates of grant are assessed on an individual basis, but are not usually less than 25% of eligible costs. The maximum level of an individual grant does not normally exceed £500,000, including fees and VAT. Projects that will cost less than £10,000, including fees and VAT, are not normally considered for grant assistance. Organisations or individuals with a legal responsibility for the repair of a historic building in Scotland may apply. Applicants should usually own the building, or otherwise should hold a full repairing lease. This should have at least 21 years to run, or should be able to demonstrate that an agreement to acquire the property in question is in place.

Deadline: 31st January 2017

<https://www.historicenvironment.scot/grants-and-funding/our-grants/historic-environment-repair-grant/>

36. Funding for Heritage Projects

Grants of over £100,000 are available to support a wide variety of larger heritage projects. The funding which is being made available through the Heritage Lottery Fund's Heritage Grant Scheme is available to not-for-profit organisations; and partnerships led by not-for-profit organisations for any project relating to national, regional and local heritage. This can include for example archaeological sites; collections of objects, books or documents in museums, libraries or archives; cultural traditions such as stories, festivals, crafts, music, dance and costumes; historic buildings; histories of people and communities; and histories of places and events; etc. Heritage Grants applications go through a two-round process. This is so that organisations can apply at an early stage of planning their project and get an idea of whether they have a good chance of getting a grant before they send a proposal in greater detail.

Deadline: 16th March 2017 <https://www.hlf.org.uk/looking-funding/our-grant-programmes/heritage-grants>

SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION

37. Award for Supporting Innovation in Teaching and Learning in Higher and Secondary Education

The Royal Geographical Society (RGS) has announced that it is seeking applications through The Ray Y. Gildea Jr Award. The Ray Y. Gildea Jr Award is the society's first endowed award to support innovation in teaching and learning in both higher and secondary education. RGS offers a grant of £1,000. Applications can be made for projects to research, develop and/or pilot innovations in teaching and learning in any field of geography in higher or secondary education.

Deadline: 15th February 2017 <http://www.rgs.org/OURWORK/GRANTS/TEACHING/RAY+Y.+GILDEA+JR+AWARD.HTM>

38. The Finnis Scott Foundation

Grants of between £500 and £10,000 are available to UK charities or individuals in the areas of horticulture and plant sciences, as well as fine art and art history. Funding can be used for both capital and revenue projects. In the last five years, over one million pounds has been awarded in grants to a great variety of projects. Preference is given to making grants to smaller charities where the grant would have a significant impact.

Deadline: 24th March 2017 <http://www.finnis-scott-foundation.org.uk/home.html>

SPORT FUNDING

39. Funding for Sports Facilities

Schools, and other organisations such as local authorities, area sports associations, sports trusts and charities; etc. can apply for funding of up to £500,000 (to a maximum of 50% of the project costs) through the SportScotland Sports Facilities Fund. Grants are available to help with the provision or upgrading of sports facilities that are for the public good and which benefit the community. The fund supports capital projects such as; the provision, extension or upgrading of sports facilities and changing accommodation; meeting rooms with a sport related use; floodlighting; and storage facilities; etc. Applicants will also need to demonstrate what links they have established/will establish with the sports programmes, strategies and/or initiatives operated by the local authority, national governing body for sport and their associates/partners. On some school/community facilities such as swimming pools for example SportScotland may require an Access Agreement with sport's governing body(s) and/or relevant local sports clubs to provide access at appropriate times and at affordable prices.

Applications may be submitted at any time <https://sportscotland.org.uk/funding/sport-facilities-fund/>

40. Dickie Bird Foundation Grants

The Dickie Bird Foundation was founded by former Test Cricket umpire Harold "Dickie" Bird MBE in March 2004, and provides grants, usually for up to £5,000, to assist financially disadvantaged young people under 16 years of age to participate in the sport of their choice irrespective of their social circumstances, culture or ethnicity. The aim of the grant is to help young people, who, through no fault of their own, are disadvantaged or underprivileged due to the financial situation of their family/guardians or carers and therefore are unable to follow or continue in the sport of their choice. The grants are to help with the cost of essential sports equipment.

Applications may be submitted at any time

<http://www.abae.co.uk/aba/index.cfm/news/dickie-bird-foundation-offers-funding-for-youngsters-to-participate-in-sport/>

YOUNG PEOPLE

41. CashBack for Communities – Small Grants Scheme Opens for Applications

Cashback for Communities is a Scottish Government initiative that uses funds recovered from criminal activity to support positive activities for young people. Through the scheme Volunteer lead youth groups in Scotland can apply for funding of up to £2,000 to enhance their programmes for young people and get their projects off the ground. The scheme can provide up to £1,000 to support the start-up costs of new projects or groups or up to £2,000 to support projects run by existing local groups. CashBack for Communities is a partnership of six national, volunteer-led youth organisations, these are: The Scout Association; Girlguiding Scotland; Boys Brigade; Girls' Brigade in Scotland; Boys and Girls Clubs (Scotland); and Youth Scotland. To be eligible the applicant needs to be a member of one of the six partnership organisations listed above.

Deadline: 1st March 2017 <http://www.cashbacksmallgrants.org/>

42. Funding to Support Disadvantaged Young People

Organisations must normally be registered charities or in the process of applying for registration. The Weaver's Company Benevolent Fund supports projects working with disadvantaged young people (aged 5 to 30 years) to ensure that they are given every possible chance to meet their full potential and to participate fully in society. The Fund also aims to help young people at risk of criminal involvement to stay out of trouble and assist in the rehabilitation of offenders, particularly young offenders both in prison and after release. Grants are usually no more than £15,000 per annum, and to make sure grants of this size have an impact, we will not fund large organisations. To be eligible for funding, local organisations such as those working in a village, estate or small town should normally have an income of less than £100,000. Those working across the UK should normally have an income of not more than £250,000. Grants are usually given for one year.

Deadline: 31st March 2017 <http://www.weavers.org.uk/content/grant-application-guidelines>

43. Spaces for Change (S4C)

Spaces for Change (S4C) is a UK wide programme that will find, fund, support and connect young people aged 16-24 to start and run social ventures that unlock the potential of unused or under-utilised spaces for the benefit of the local community, especially other young people. From 2016-2019 100 awards will be available for young leaders consisting of up to £5,000 project funding, a dedicated award manager providing tailored support, cohort support, and peer to peer networking opportunities for sharing knowledge and learning. Young people aged 18 – 24 will also have the opportunity to crowd fund alongside their award with supported by **Spacehive**. This will enable the young person to demonstrate tangible support from the local community for their idea, learn valuable skills, as well as increasing the chances of sustainability of the social venture.

EOI Deadline: 15th January 2017 <http://youngunltd.org.uk/looking-for-support/spaces-4-change/>

44. Esmee Fairbairn Foundation

Esmee Fairbairn Foundation has launched a funding stream for young care leavers. Funding is available to support charitable work in the following areas:

- Work that develops long lasting, supportive relationships for young people in and leaving care.
- Work that has a positive impact on the support that care leavers receive from their local authority and other statutory services.

Applications may be submitted at any time <http://esmeefairbairn.org.uk/what-we-fund/young-people-leaving-care>