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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

Place Standard Tool and Call for Ideas – Your Community, Your Say, Argyll and Bute Local Development Plan 2

We want people across Argyll and Bute to be involved in shaping the future development of their area. The 2 questionnaires are aimed at finding out what people think about the places they live, work and play in. Both will feed into preparing a replacement Local Development Plan (LDP2) as part of our Pre Main Issues Report engagement with communities, individuals, key agencies and other stakeholders from across Argyll and Bute. The Place Standard Tool, however, has been brought forward jointly by Development Policy, Economic Development and Community Planning and will provide information from across the whole of Argyll and Bute for these services to use. Consultations are now live on the Council web site.

Deadline: 21st April 2017 <https://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/ldp2>

Awesome Energy Community Share Offer

The River Avich hydro project by Awesome Energy Dalriada is in the final stages of development and they plan to start building in May 2017. They are currently running a Community Share Offer aiming to raise £400,000 towards the costs of this 350kW, £1.5m project. You can read the prospectus and the business plan at www.awesome-energy.com, and keep up to date with news by registering your interest there, or visiting their Facebook page: 'Awesome Energy Dalriada'

The Share Offer is open until 30th April 2017 <http://www.awesome-energy.com/>

ARTS AND CULTURE

1. Year of Young People 2018 Open Event Fund

Through this funding opportunity, EventScotland is seeking exciting proposals from both new and existing events taking place in Scotland during 2018, that will capture the imagination, resonate strongly with the objectives for the year and provide strong opportunities for celebration, engagement and high levels of participation. Potential applicants must contact EventScotland to discuss their proposal in advance of preparing an application. Contact them by tel: 0131 472 2313 or by email information@eventscotland.org. If you are currently supported by EventScotland and have an allocated Event Manager then please discuss directly with them in the first instance. Once applicants have discussed their proposal with EventScotland and are eligible to apply, they should complete the application form which will be sent to them. From the logo to the website, the Year of Young People has been co-designed with young people right from the start, and we want to ensure that co-design continues.

Deadline: 12th June 2017 <http://www.eventscotland.org/funding/year-of-young-people-2018/>

2. International Showcase Fund

The International Showcase Fund offers vital support for artists, bands, songwriters and producers based in Scotland who have been invited to play an international showcasing festival or conference. The PRS Foundation grant up to £5,000 as a contribution to;

- Travel
- Accommodation
- Per diems (daily expenses)
- Visas

PRS grant up to 75% of your trips budget. The remaining 25% should be covered by the artist, label, manager, publisher, etc. They fund artists, bands, songwriters and producers to perform at industry facing showcase festivals such as;

- SXSW
- Womex
- Folk Alliance International
- CMJ
- Reeperbahn
- MIDEM
- A3C

- Canadian Music Week
-and more

PRS recommend applying as soon as you have received an official invite from the festival.

Applications may be submitted at any time

<http://www.prsformusicfoundation.com/funding/international-showcase-fund/about-isf/>

3. Funding for Arts and Music Projects

During this funding round grants of £5,000 will be available to registered charities that have an income of over £500,000 for projects that relate to Music and the Arts. The Trust will run four funding rounds each year with a different theme and for each funding round will give priority to projects that focus on homelessness, domestic abuse, prisoners/offenders, training/education, counselling/support and activities for those with limited access or opportunities.

Deadline: 31st May 2017 <https://austin-hope-pilkington.org.uk/what-we-fund/>

4. PRS for Music Foundation Open Grants Programme Announces New Application Deadline

Not for profit organisations based in the UK with projects that involve the creation, performance and promotion of new music of any genre can apply for up to £10,000 of funding from the current round of the Open Fund for Organisations. The Open Fund is available to any not-for-profit organisation based in the UK with an eligible project, this includes: promoters, festivals, orchestras and large ensembles, talent development or composer development organisations, venues and curators. The programme's priority is to support an exciting range of projects which have clear musical outcomes and tangible benefits for music creators of all genres and backgrounds and at different stages of their career. The funding can be used to support touring, recording, promotion and marketing, commissions of new music by UK based creators, music creators' residencies and live programmes featuring new UK music. The activity that you are requesting funding for must start at least 12 weeks after the deadline.

Deadline: 8th May 2017

<http://www.prsformusicfoundation.com/funding/the-open-fund/the-open-fund-for-organisations/>

5. EIFF Talent Lab - Call for Applicants

Taking place this year between 23rd – 26th June, the seventh edition of the EIFF Talent Lab is a great opportunity for emerging Scottish, UK and International filmmakers to participate in a series of tailored masterclasses, panels and networking events with key industry professionals. Applications welcome from screenwriters, producers and directors.

Deadline: 1st May 2017 <http://www.edfilmfest.org.uk/talentdevelopment/eiff-talent-lab>

BUSINESS AND ENTERPRISE

6. Postcode Lottery Green Challenge

The Postcode Lottery Green Challenge is a contest that rewards inventions that successfully combine sustainability, entrepreneurship and creativity. The jury looks for products and services that contribute to an eco-friendly lifestyle, directly reduce greenhouse gas emissions and score highly on convenience, quality and design. The competition aims to elicit promising, creative ideas that will encourage and aid the invention of great new green products and services and combat CO2 emissions and can be put on the market within two years. Since its inception, the programme has helped to reduce more than 10 million kilograms, (10,000 tonnes) of carbon emissions in the UK. The first prize is for more than £440,000 (€500,000). It will be presented to the entrant with the best idea to execute his or her business plan. A further £175,000 (€200,000) will be available to the runner up. The prizes, together with the assistance from leading professionals, will enable the winners to develop their inventions and present them to the world within the next two years. Would-be entrepreneurs aged 18 years or older with a well-thought-out idea are invited to participate in the Green Challenge, which is open worldwide.

Deadline: 1st June 2017 <http://www.greenchallenge.info/>

7. Lloyds Banking Group's Credit Union Development Fund

Grants of up to £100,000 are available to credit unions authorised to operate in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland (provided they have not already received a large grant from the programme). The funding programme has been designed to strengthen the financial position of credit unions and give them the capacity to develop new strategies for sustained and effective growth. Two kinds of grants will be available. Large awards (of between £50,000 and £100,000) will provide a contribution to a credit union's reserves or capital

activities, and help remove barriers to growth and innovation; and Seed funding awards (of between £10,000 and £20,000) will help credit unions to make the changes they need to apply for a large award in a subsequent year or to pay for the costs of merger in certain circumstances.

Deadline: 28th April 2017 <http://www.creditunionfoundation.org.uk/projects/developmentfund>

8. Lloyds Banking Group Social Entrepreneurs Programme Opens for Application

The Lloyds Bank Social Entrepreneurs Programme is a package of support to social enterprises that includes a learning programme, business mentoring and a grant. The programme is aimed at both start up social enterprises and existing social enterprises that want to trade up or scale up. The content of the course and the size of the grant award will vary depending on whether the participant joins Start Up; Trade Up or Scale Up elements of the programme. For example, a grant of £3,000 is available to Start Up a social enterprise; £5,000 to Trade Up or £10,000 to Scale Up an existing social enterprise.

Deadline: 26th April 2017 <https://www.the-sse.org/lbsep/>

9. Scottish Rural Development Programme - Food Processing, Marketing and Co-operation

This scheme supports suppliers and producers whilst enabling them to contribute to the Scottish Government's overall vision for food and drink in Scotland to make Scotland healthier, wealthier and smarter, with stronger communities and production that is socially and environmentally sustainable. Supplier and producers can apply for start-up grants for a new business or development grants for an existing business. Capital and non-capital costs may be funded, examples of activities include developing or creating food processing facilities, including buildings and equipment; marketing products in home and export markets; running co-operative ventures to make sure more value is retained by both farmers and growers; and improving supply-chain efficiency; etc.

Deadline: 16th July 2017

<https://www.ruralpayments.org/publicsite/futures/topics/all-schemes/food-processing--marketing-and-co-operation/>

10. Friends Provident Foundation

There are two outcomes that flow from the overall aim: 'systems change' and 'local economic resilience'.

Systems change: This part of the programme involves a radical assessment of how 'disruptive innovation' might change the financial system – exploring and informing changes to the regulatory, policy or other systemic level that would develop financial system innovations with the potential to deliver our aim. Projects in this category will need to develop and demonstrate methods that will effectively change policy and corporate behaviours in pursuit of wider social objectives. Examples of other projects possibly funded under this outcome would include:

- An exploration of how far the regulatory system considers 'fairness' and 'sustainability' to be measurable market outcomes.
- A comparison of methodologies for changing corporate behaviours.
- Peer-to-peer lending: risks, rewards, regulation.
- Pensions: the potential and limitations of long-term capital.

Local economic resilience: The aim of this part of the programme will be to support the development of local economic resilience. Projects should build on the technologies and approaches that currently assist localities to create economic growth and retain its value.

Projects in this category should build partnerships; either with other funders or with other organisations doing similar work at the local level, to learn from, build upon and share learning between local initiatives in a complementary way. Examples of projects funded under this outcome:

- Local economics in global economies – critical analysis of the evidence on resilient economies.
- The feasibility of collective procurement models for low income communities.

Project Approaches: - Innovation: Development work to propose new solutions.

- **Intelligence:** Research that will gather evidence to support and inform practice.
- **Institutions:** The creation or maintenance of key organisations/functions that are important for building economic resilience.
- **Influencing:** Exploring or piloting ways of influencing corporate, regulatory or policy players.

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

11. Scottish Enterprise RSE Fellowships

The Enterprise Fellowships programme is sponsored by Scottish Enterprise and administered by the Royal Society of Edinburgh (RSE). Enterprise Fellowships encourage greater commercialisation of Scottish research, enabling the holder to concentrate on developing the commercial potential of research, whilst also receiving formal training in relevant business skills. The programme aims to encourage the development of spin-out businesses around technological ideas developed by the Fellows, and within which Fellows would be expected to play a leading, although not necessarily the leading, role. Enterprise Fellowships offer a year's salary to develop a commercial proposition and product, business training to help prepare a viable business plan and access to networks of mentors, business experts and professional advisors. The programme provides entrepreneurship and business skills training through the participating Training Provider, which will be directly relevant to the Fellows as they seek to build their new business. Fellows are expected to attend all the elements of the training and complete any requested assignments. When not attending the business skills training, the Fellows will be expected to progress the development of their idea from a commercial perspective. Enterprise Fellowships are available in the following industry areas:

- Life sciences
- Energy (including oil & gas and renewables)
- Financial services
- Forest and timber industries
- Food and drink
- Tourism
- Aerospace, defence and marine
- Construction
- Chemical sciences
- Textiles
- Creative industries
- Technology and engineering

Applications are open to Academic and research staff, postgraduates and graduates with relevant experience, who are working within a Scottish HEI or RI who are eligible to apply for an Enterprise Fellowship. Eligible expenditure may cover salary, plus travel, consumables and equipment costs as well as legal costs and conference and trade show attendance.

Deadline: 26th April 2017

<https://www.scottish-enterprise.com/services/support-for-entrepreneurs/enterprise-fellowships/overview>

12. £30 Million Third Sector Loan Fund

Loans of between £250,000 and £3m are available to charities and social enterprises looking to raise repayable investment through the Social Investment Business's Third Sector Loan Fund. The Fund can support organisations across all social sectors, focused on improving the economic and social well-being of individuals, particularly those who are vulnerable and disadvantaged. To be eligible for investment the applicant organisation must be a registered charity or social enterprise; be based and have operations in the UK; have a clear social mission with significant, measurable, direct outcomes; be led by a strong management with proven capability to deliver; have a robust business plan and financial projections; and have a clear demonstration of how investment repayment will be made.

An Expression of Interest may be submitted at any time <http://www.sibgroup.org.uk/third-sector-loan-fund>

13. Climate Launchpad Launched in Scotland

Climate Launchpad is the world's largest cleantech business idea competition for the purpose of turning green business ideas into businesses. Provided by Climate-KIC, a public-private innovation partnership that drives innovation in climate change, Climate Launchpad has now been brought to Scotland through the Edinburgh Centre for Carbon Innovation (ECCI). Cash prizes are available worth up to €10,000 which are intended to cover the costs of implementing innovative green business ideas. A certain number of start-ups will also win a slot to enter into the Accelerator. Entrepreneurs based in Scotland that have innovative cleantech ideas are eligible to apply. Applicants should not yet have started a business or if they have then they should have started it less than one year ago. Furthermore, applicants should have no significant revenue and shouldn't have attracted more than €200,000 in investment. Products, solutions and prototypes should not yet have been sold on commercial terms. The Scottish cluster focuses upon emerging strengths in data innovation as well as the two themes of rural and water innovation. However, low carbon ideas in any theme are welcome whether this may be a renewable energy innovation, a sustainable food chain transition, a shift in urban mobility or any other means of addressing climate change as long as it is within the cleantech domain. The cleantech domain here refers to ideas that could be described as: "a scientific innovation that uses existing technology to do more with fewer resources, and has a commercial driver".

Deadline 28th May 2017 <http://climatelaunchpad.org/countries/uk-scotland/>

14. Decommissioning Challenge Fund (DCF) Welcomes Expressions of Interest (Scotland)

Interested parties may now submit Expressions of Interest for the Scottish Government administered Decommissioning Challenge Fund (DCF) where there is a total funding amount of £5 million for the time period 2017-2018. The purpose of this fund is to provide opportunities for Scottish supply chains so that they may benefit from the decommissioning of North Sea Infrastructure. Funding is intended for projects that are promoted and led by organisations with a direct interest in securing onshore decommissioning work and developing innovative business models focused upon decommissioning opportunities. Applications are expected from site owners, ports/harbours operators, local authorities and other public sector bodies and supply chain organisations. The following types of projects will be considered applicable:

- **Catalyst/feasibility:** Projects at an early stage of development may receive support. This may include high level project outlines, developing an initial business case or undertaking feasibility studies that would help a project to compete in the decommissioning market. Advanced projects may also receive support to develop a business case into an investible proposition. This would encourage private sector within the sector through the development of a full business plan, strategic development plan, market demand analysis, valuations or financing options appraisal.
- **Infrastructure and upgrade:** Projects may receive direct capital support for physical structures, upgrades and developments to help existing ports and harbours to compete for decommissioning projects.
- **Specialist and innovative:** Capital funding may be provided for select projects that can demonstrate innovation in regards to new approaches in onshore decommissioning. Funding may also be provided for particular specialist approaches to decommissioning.

The application process begins by first completing the online Expression of Interest form and applicants will be contacted within 20 working days of receipt. Further information concerning potential call stages, project evaluation criteria, the full application process and guidance to support this will be available when the fund opens for applications in the new financial year.

Deadline for Expressions of Interest: 28th April 2017

<https://www.mygov.scot/the-decommissioning-challenge-fund-dcf/>

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

15. Barbara Ward Children's Charity Funding

Charities and organisations helping children who are disadvantaged in some respect can apply for grants from the Barbara Ward Children's Charity. Causes that have previously received funding include educational projects, holidays, care and respite, health and well-being, sport, play and leisure. Grants may also be awarded to charities supporting adults with learning difficulties. Recent awards have ranged from £1,350 to £21,000 and have been used to support both one-off donations and project-related grants for 2-5 years.

Applications may be submitted at any time <http://www.bwcf.org.uk/default.aspx?story=grantapps>

16. Funding to Support Family Based Projects

Registered charities whose activities involve all or most family members in initiatives that support and encourage the family to work as a cohesive unit in tackling problems that face one or more of its members can apply for grants of between £1,000 and £5,000 through the Kelly Family Charitable Trust. The fund also welcomes applications from sports and health-related charities whose activities comply with the above criteria. The Trust will consider both capital and revenue grants. The Trust is happy to support requests for core funding as well as project-based grants, and actively encourages applications from relatively new organisations to help them become established. The charity's volunteers can help families where a parent is disabled or has mental health problems, or a child has special needs.

Deadline: 1st September 2017 <http://www.kfct.org.uk/apply.html>

COMMUNITY FUNDING

17. Community Radio Fund 2017/18

The Community Radio Fund, managed by Ofcom with funding from the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, offers two funding rounds each year. The first funding round is open to radio stations that are not-for-profit, run by local people for local people about local issues. Each funding round will make approximately £200,000 available in grants. There is no set level of funding. Grants will be made as a single lump sum and

are to cover a one-year period only. The funding is intended for community radio licensees broadcasting under a community radio licence in the UK to cover costs including:

- Fundraising to support the station.
- Management.
- Administration.
- Financial management and reporting.
- Community outreach.
- Volunteer organisation and support.

Priority will be given to licensees that have not been awarded a grant in previous funding rounds and to newly-licensed stations. The Awarding Panel considers promoting long-term sustainability a critical, core activity and thus priority will be given to applications that focus on posts that promote long-term financial security and may become self-sustaining.

Deadline: 10th May 2017

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

18. Grants for Improving Lives

Many people experience challenges at some point in their lives. We want to support activity that helps them overcome these difficulties and become more resilient. We want to fund activity that means people:

- are better able to identify ways to take control over their lives and build resilience
- are able to shape the activities and services they use to better meet their needs
- have more access to support and opportunities to improve their lives.

For applications up to £150,000 you only need to fill in a single application form. If you are applying for between £150,000 and £1 million there is a different form and two stage process. To discuss what you're applying for, contact the Advice Team on advicescotland@biglotteryfund.org.uk or 0300 123 7110.

Applications may be submitted at any time

<https://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/global-content/programmes/scotland/grants-for-improving-lives>

19. Weir Charitable Trust (Scotland)

Small community groups and charities based in Scotland can apply to for funding of up to £25,000 to support projects relating to Sport, Health, Culture, Animal Welfare or Recreational Facilities. To be eligible, the applicant organisation will need to have an income of £100,000 or less per year.

Deadline: 31st August 2017 <http://weircharitabletrust.com/how-apply>

20. Change is Good - Tesco Bags of Help Funding

Apply anytime for projects that bring benefits to the community

- Projects can be outdoor or indoor improvements, activities and equipment purchases
- Apply for capital and revenue funding between £1000 and £4000
- Simpler online application process
- Community groups, schools, charities, local authorities and not for profits can all apply
- You can apply again for a different project at any time

To ensure that the programme is really local the number of projects funded every two months has been increased. We still fund projects that improve or encourage the use of outdoor spaces such as allotments and community gardens. But now grants can also fund buying items such as sports kits, camping equipment, spades, litter pickers or specialised medical equipment and improvements to community buildings. Following a public vote in Tesco stores every two months, three projects in each of the local Tesco store areas will receive a grant, with first place receiving up to £4000, second place up to £2000 and third place £1000.

Applications may be submitted at any time <http://bit.ly/bagsofhelp4>

21. 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

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

22. Information and Training Measures for Workers' Organisations – 2017 Call Open

The objectives of the annual Information and Training Measures for Workers' Organisations Call include measures and initiatives to strengthen the capacity of workers' organisations to address, at EU/transnational level, changes in employment and work and social dialogue related challenges. Actions are also expected to contribute to the priorities and activities of European social dialogue, including those laid down in the work programmes of the EU cross-industry and sectoral social dialogue committees, as well as those that form part of the June 2016 Statement of the Presidency of the Council, the European Commission and the European social partners on "a new start for social dialogue". Particular emphasis will be given to strengthening the involvement of social partners in the European Semester and enhancing their contribution to EU policy making. Measures which contribute to addressing the employment, social and economic challenges as identified in the discussions on a European Pillar of Social Rights will also be particularly welcome.

Applicants are advised that access for people with disabilities should be guaranteed for measures funded under this Call. Eligible activities include the following:

- Conferences.
- Seminars.
- Round tables.
- Studies.
- Surveys.
- Publications.
- Training courses.
- Training tools.
- Setting up of networks.
- Development and exchange of best practices.

Social partner organisations representing workers, at European, national regional or local level are eligible to apply. A budget of €4.52 million is available for this Call. Grants are expected to be between €150,000 and €500,000 for up to 90% of eligible costs.

Deadline: 15th May 2017 <http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=629&langId=en&callId=403&furtherCalls=yes>

23. VocTech Seed Fund

The UFI Charitable Trust (Ufi), which aims to help improve vocational skills in the UK's workforce, has announced that it intends to launch a new call for proposals in the near future through their VocTech Seed fund. VocTech Seed offers grants of up to £50,000 for projects lasting up to 12 months. Ufi will be looking for innovative ideas for using digital tech for vocational learning. As the name suggests, VocTech Seed is intended to support innovative and creative projects at a relatively early stage of development. It aims to enable new ideas to reach a point where they can demonstrate their potential to customers or funders and reach the market. Ufi is also particularly keen to support projects which will have long term impact on employers, communities of learners or sectors which cannot easily access current provision because of industry or market conditions, past learning history or other factors.

Deadline: 25th May 2017 <http://www.ufi.co.uk/voctech-seed-2017>

24. Transform Foundation Facebook and Website Grants

The Transform Foundation provides grants for charities to develop an effective social media and web presence with the aim of developing future funding streams. The Foundation has two funding programmes - a Facebook Grant programme (which provides £5,000 of funding to spend on Facebook advertising, with potential scale-up funding of up to £10,000) and a Website Grant Programme (which provides a funding package of up to £18,000 to cover the upfront costs of a new charity-specific website including strategy, design, development and training). The grant programmes are aimed at small to medium-sized charities and

other not for profit organisations. There is a three stage application process. Stage 1 is a simple online form to check eligibility criteria and that the applicant has a clear, measurable plan for deploying the funding to generate income or impact.

Applications for Stage 1 may be submitted at any time

<https://www.transformfoundation.org.uk/facebook-grants>

ENERGY, RENEWABLES AND RECYCLING

25. Low Carbon Infrastructure Transition Programme

Projects that have the potential to increase energy efficiency, reduce carbon emissions and boost local economies will be able to apply for up to £100,000. This funding round targets rural and remote areas in order to help bridge gaps in capacity, skills and resources, underlining the Scottish Government's support for smart, local energy systems as detailed in the draft Energy Strategy. Applications for project development support are accepted from organisations such as:

- SMEs
- Non SMEs
- Community groups
- Registered charities
- Third Sector
- Community Benefit Societies
- Community Interest Companies
- Local Authorities
- Public sector organisations
- Registered Social Landlords
- Academic institutions

Begin your application by telling us about your project. You can fill out an Initial Contact Form and we'll get back to you: Please complete a separate form for each discrete project you wish to be considered. The LCITP team will contact you to build up a picture of your project and recommend the most appropriate next steps within 20 days of receiving your initial contact form. If your project is eligible, the LCITP team will make arrangements to support you to complete the full application form. Once completed and signed (electronic and hard copy required), full applications will be subject to evaluation and given a score by the LCITP Assessment Panel at a monthly Case Conference so that a decision can be made on LCITP support and next steps. It is important that you are helped to understand the decisions and recommendations of the Panel. Therefore each Project discussed and evaluated at a Case Conference will receive a full copy of the completed LCITP appraisal form. Please note that all applications submitted must be approved in writing by an individual with relevant authority within the applicant organisation, before support can commence for any project or activity. Case Conferences are held on the final Tuesday of each month. Final applications and supporting documentation should be submitted no less than one working week in advance of the Case Conference to give Panel members sufficient time to prepare. The schedule for Case Conferences in financial year 2017/18 is:

- 25th April
- 30th May
- 27th June
- 25th July
- 29th August
- 26th September
- 31st October
- 28th November
- 30th January
- 27th February
- 27th March

<https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/low-carbon-infrastructure-transition-programme/5f6d1d09/consultation/intro/>

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.

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
EOI Deadline	28/04/2017	28/07/2017	13/10/2017
Application Deadline	12/05/2017	11/08/2017	27/10/2017
LAG Decision Meeting	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.

<http://www.aiLEADER.org>

27. 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 31st 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 link below:

Deadline for project submission: 14th April 2017

<http://www.greeninfrastructurescotland.org.uk/green-infrastructure-community-engagement-fund>

28. Interreg North West Europe (2014 – 2020)

The fifth call for project proposals under the North-West Europe Programme 2014-2020 will open on **18th 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: 24th May 2017

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

29. Interreg Europe (2014 – 2020)

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

- Research and Innovation
- SME Competitiveness
- Low Carbon Economy
- 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: 30th June 2017

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

GENERAL FUNDING

30. Law Society Charity (UK) Accepting Applications for 2017

The Law Society Charity is a charitable fund set up by the Law Society in 1974. The charity acts entirely independently of the Law Society, supporting charitable work related to the law and the legal profession including projects which promote human rights, access to justice, and legal education. Registered charities can apply for grants of between £5,000 and £15,000 for activities including:

- Supporting the education of the public in legal matters and members of the profession in the interests of the public, in particular by assisting in the maintenance of high standards of general legal education in the profession.
- Supporting charities whose principal aims are to support members of the profession in need. Seeking out and supporting, whether in partnership with others or alone:
- Major charitable projects which will be supported by Local Law Societies and groups (and other means of outreach).
- Exploring joint ventures with other charities, particularly with the charitable arms of firms of solicitors.
- Supporting charitable work done internationally to promote human rights such as, assistance in the development of law, general promotion of legal education and pro bono assistance for people facing capital punishment.
- In exceptional cases, responding to ad hoc applications for support from other charitable organisations whose work redounds to the credit of the profession, but generally not those with narrow geographical limits.

The charity will prioritise projects which promote the needs of excluded, under-represented or disadvantaged groups and minorities.

Deadline: 30th June 2017 <https://www.lawsociety.org.uk/About-us/Law-Society-Charity/Apply/>

31. The Finnis Scott Foundation

Grants are available of between £500 and £10,000 to UK charities and 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. For grants made to individuals, the Trustees usually require a grant to be made through a sponsoring university or registered charity.

Deadline: 31st January 2018 <http://www.finnis-scott-foundation.org.uk/home.html>

32. Edge Fund Opens for UK Applications

The Edge Fund is a very small fund that was initiated in early 2012 by a small group of philanthropists and activists who wanted to explore how funds could be distributed in a way that both devolves the power of donors and creates real and systemic social change. There is £40,000 available for this round which will be distributed to about 30 grassroots groups that are campaigning against the systems that cause injustice. Communities, campaign groups and activists in the UK and Republic of Ireland that are working for social, economic and environmental justice are eligible to apply. To be eligible, groups should meet the following requirements:

- Be not-for-profit.
- Be addressing issues facing a particular community (e.g. racism) to be led by that community (e.g. people of African and Asian heritage).
- Be a small group that is struggling to get funding elsewhere. As a rough guide, the Fund has not yet funded any group with an annual income of more than £25,000; the average income of groups that are funded is around £2,500.

Grants of up to £1,000 are also available to individuals who face challenges because of their personal circumstances or background and who have a real passion for justice and can demonstrate a clear commitment to taking action. The fund does not give grants for traditional charity work, rather it supports activity that challenges abuses of power and aims to change society by bringing an end to the systems that cause injustice.

Deadline: 17th April 2017 <https://edgefund.org.uk/applying/how-to-apply/>

33. Digital News Initiative (DNI) Innovation Fund - Third Round Open

The aim Digital News Initiative is to encourage a more sustainable news ecosystem and promote innovation in digital journalism; through ongoing collaboration and dialogue between the tech and news sectors.

The programme focuses on three key pillars:

- **Product development:** Google and news publishers will establish a 'product working group' to enable a close, ongoing dialogue exploring product developments to increase revenue, traffic and audience engagement.
- **Supporting Innovation:** Google will support and stimulate innovation in digital news journalism over the next three years by creating an innovation fund to support and stimulate innovation in digital news journalism over the next three years.
- **Training & research:** Google will invest in new training and development resources for journalists and newsrooms across Europe, and will fund research into the changing media landscape.

The ambition and intent of the Fund is bold: to help incentivise innovation and spark new thinking, which could come from anywhere in the news ecosystem, to give news organisations - of all sizes - the space to try some new things. Google has set aside up to €150 million for that purpose, which it will make available in the form of awards over the next three years. There are three categories of funding available:

- **Prototype projects:** open to organisations - and to individuals, and to organisations comprised of one individual - that meet the eligibility criteria, and require up to €50,000 of funding over a short period of time to design and test a prototype. These projects should be very early stage, with ideas yet to be designed and assumptions yet to be tested. Google will fast-track such projects and will fund 100% of the total cost.
- **Medium projects:** open to organisations that meet the eligibility criteria and require up to €300,000 of funding. Google will accept funding requests up to 70% of the total cost of the project.
- **Large projects:** open to organisations that meet the eligibility criteria and require more than €300,000 of funding. Google will accept funding requests up to 70% of the total cost of the project. Funding is capped at €1 million.

Applications will be allocated to funding tracks according to the amount of funding requested. The funding tracks are as follows: a) up to (and including) €50,000: fast track for prototypes; b) above €50,000 up to (and including) €300,000: medium track; and c) above €300,000 up to (and including) €1 million: large track.

Eligible expenses include editorial costs (for example, on staff or freelance employees), asset creation cost (such as licenses), engineering costs (e.g. product development, project management, user experience design, database build and maintenance, and hosting) and marketing expenses. Note: marketing expenses will only be covered up to 20% of the total funding awarded. The DNI Innovation Fund is open to organisations and individuals that aim to produce original journalism and to enlighten citizens with trustworthy journalistic content, whose projects focus on encouraging a more sustainable news ecosystem. Established publishers, online-only players, news start-ups, publisher consortia, national or international associations, companies and individuals are all eligible to apply. Collaborative applications with other industry players are also welcome.

Deadline: 20th April 2017 <https://digitalnewsinitiative.com/>

34. Polden-Puckham Charitable Foundation is Open for Round Two

The Foundation offers grants of between £5,000 and £15,000 per year, for up to three years, for projects that address the Foundation's main areas of interest which are:

- **Peace and Security** - The Foundation supports the development of ways of resolving violent conflicts peacefully, and of addressing their underlying causes.
- **Environmental Sustainability** - The Foundation supports work that addresses the pressures and conditions that risk global environmental breakdown.

The funding is only available for practical projects where they are clearly of a pioneering nature, with potential for influencing UK national policy. Registered charities that are working to influence policy, attitudes and values at a national or international level can apply. These may be single issue groups working to achieve a particular change, or organisations with a broader remit. Particular consideration is given to small pioneering headquarters organisations. The financial support is intended for UK registered charities for whom the grant would represent between 5% and 50% of their annual income (organisations with an annual income of between £10,000 and £300,000 approximately). Organisations or projects that are not UK registered charities

will be considered if they can indicate a UK registered charity that is able to receive funds on their behalf. There are normally two funding rounds per year.

Deadline: 15th September 2017 <http://www.polden-puckham.org.uk/>

35. MoD Funding Available for Armed Forces Day Events

Individuals and local groups that would like to hold an event to celebrate Armed Forces Day can apply for funding from the Ministry of Defence. The event can be anywhere in the UK and the funding can be used for a picnic in the park; themed BBQ; knees up in your living room; street party or fête; etc. Applicants should try to hold their event on or in the weeks around Saturday 24th June 2017. The amount of funding the MoD will provide must cover 50% or less of the total costs of running the event. Event organisers should in the first instance register their event on the Armed Forces Day website.

Deadline: 30th April 2017 <https://www.armedforcesday.org.uk/get-involved/organise-your-own-event/>

HEALTH

36. Pink Ribbon Foundation Grants 2017

The Foundation is a grant making trust that provides financial support to UK charities which relieve the needs of people who are suffering from, or who have been affected by breast cancer or who work to advance the understanding of breast cancer, its early detection and treatment. Grants of up to £5,000 are available. Any charity working in the field of breast cancer can apply for a grant. Applications from general cancer charities must demonstrate that the grants requested will be applied to benefit those affected by breast cancer. Where applications relate to general services, details must be given of how many (and what proportion) of the total number benefiting from the charity's work are affected by breast cancer.

Deadline: 26th May 2017

<https://mfip.org.uk/2017/03/31/pink-ribbon-foundation-grants-2017-uk-deadline-26th-may-2017/amp/>

37. Funding for Sensory Rooms and Equipment

Working in partnership with BT and Experia, last year the Lords Taverners installed sensory rooms in 16 special educational needs (SEN) schools. Children with sensory impairments and autism have found that regular access to a sensory room or sensory equipment can have significant improvements on a child's emotional health. Through the programme, funding of up to £5,000 is available to schools that cater for young people under the age of 19 who have a physical/ sensory/ learning disability to purchase sensory equipment and rooms. All rooms and equipment needs to be purchased through Experia Innovations and the school is required to pay a self-help contribution of around 25% of the total cost of the package.

Deadline: 21st April 2017 <http://www.lordstaverners.org/sensory-rooms>

38. Time out Grants (Scotland)

Individuals that have Motor Neurone Disease (MND) or care for someone with MND can apply for small grant of up to £1,000 towards the cost of a holiday or other 'time out'. The grants which are being made available through MND Scotland's Time Out Grants gives people suffering from MND and their carers the chance to enjoy quality time outside their usual routine. People with MND who do not have a carer are not eligible to apply for this grant programme. The grants can be used to go on a holiday, take a regular break to meet friends for coffee, pursue a hobby, or just have time to relax. The grant can be used for any costs that make time out possible; e.g. accommodation, holiday insurance, transport, respite care, or meals out; etc.

Applications may be submitted at any time

<http://www.mndscotland.org.uk/how-we-can-help/grants/time-out-grant/>

39. Funding for Outdoor Play for Children with Learning and Physical Disabilities

Through the programme, special schools catering for children with severe learning and physical disabilities can apply for funding towards outdoor play equipment. Funding is available through the Outdoor Small Packages programme for play equipment packages of up to £15,000 and the Outdoor Major Packages programme for play equipment packages of up to £35,000. Play time is proven to improve children's physical and mental health, help develop emotional responses and learning skills and improving basic numeracy and literacy.

Applications may be submitted at any time

<http://www.lordstaverners.org/outdoor-play-spaces-lords-taverners>

40. Community Mental Health Matters (UK / International)

Comic Relief has launched its Community Mental Health Matters initiative. The initiative offers funding for existing and emerging mental health activities in Malawi, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Applications are welcome from organisations working in in Sub-Saharan Africa to improve the health and wellbeing of vulnerable and disadvantaged people. Applicants may be UK based organisations working in partnership with a local organisation leading the delivery of the project, or Africa-based organisations leading implementation directly. A total of £1.8million pounds of funding is available and organisations can apply for up to £300,000. Proposals must be for projects with a minimum of 12 months and a maximum of 36 months duration.

Deadline: 26th April 2017 <http://www.comicrelief.com/grants/initiatives/community-mental-health-matters>

LAND AND PROPERTY

41. 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>

42. Parks for People

Local Authorities as well as not for profit organisations that own public parks and gardens can apply for grants of between £100,000 and £5 million for the regeneration of parks and public gardens (including squares, walks and promenades). To be considered for funding, applicants need to show that the community values the park as part of their heritage; the parks meet local social, economic and environmental needs; and the park management actively involves local people.

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

43. Funding for Theatres to Carry Out Urgent Repairs

The scheme which has been set up in partnership with the Wolfson Foundation allows both large and small theatres to make 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: 16th September 2017 <http://www.theatretrust.org.uk/grants/urgent-repairs-scheme>

44. ChurchCare - Grants for Fabric Repairs (in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland)

ChurchCare supports all those in parishes, dioceses and cathedrals caring for their buildings. The Fabric Repairs programme helps Parochial Church Councils with the eligible costs of essential fabric repairs in architecturally or historically significant Anglican churches in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. Applications are considered on the grounds of the historic and architectural significance of the building and also on a parish's engagement with the history and interpretation of the site/building. Works eligible for funding tend to be Category A or B recommendations in a quinquennial inspection report and include things such as roof repairs; masonry repairs; rainwater disposal; and drainage.

Deadline: 14th August 2017

<http://www.churchcare.co.uk/churches/funding-and-grants/our-grants/fabric-repairs>

45. Scottish Churches Architectural Heritage Trust

Scotland's Churches Trust aims to advance the preservation, promotion and understanding of Scotland's rich architectural heritage represented in its churches and places of worship of all denominations. The Trust assists with: the repair or restoration of the structure of buildings in use for public worship (the building need

not have a congregation, but must be furnished as a place of worship and be used for occasional services); Other work essential to preserve or to recover the identity or continued function of the building as a place of worship; Conservation work upon items of special artistic quality or having associations with the history of the building; Summary conservation reports. The trust also acts as a source of technical advice and assistance on maintenance and repair. Most grants awarded are in the range of £1,000 - £6,000.

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

46. HLF Announces New 2017 Deadlines for Grants for Places of Worship in Scotland

The Heritage Lottery Fund's (HLF) Grants for Places of Worship scheme offers grants of between £10,000 and £250,000 for projects that involve urgent structural repairs to public places of worship that are listed at grade A, B or C and are currently used for worship at least six times a year in Scotland. Applications will be considered from all faith groups and denominations as long as they are a formally constituted religious organisation. All projects are expected to include works that help the heritage of the place of worship to be more widely understood. This can include funding activities and materials, including digital applications or outputs, to engage people with the heritage of the place of worship, such as new interpretation leaflets, websites or guidebooks, or holding talks or guided tours. HLF can contribute towards costs during the development phase to help applicants establish exactly what repairs the place of worship will need, or whether the proposals for new facilities are suitable. This can include:

- Structural investigation, including access and opening-up work.
- Specialist reports.
- Conservation-based research, analysis and recording.

Funding is available for direct project costs, including:

- Professional fees.
- Activities to engage people with heritage.
- Evaluation.
- Capital work.
- Promotion.

For voluntary organisations, funding is also available for part of the organisation's overheads as a part of the costs of the project. This should be calculated using Full Cost Recovery Applications are considered four times a year.

Deadlines: 2nd June 2017

<https://www.hlf.org.uk/looking-funding/our-grant-programmes/grants-places-worship-scotland>

47. 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: 15th June 2017 <https://www.hlf.org.uk/looking-funding/our-grant-programmes/heritage-grants>

SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION

48. Lord Taverners Minibuses Grant Programme

Last year the Lords Taverners, delivered 32 specially-adapted, wheelchair-accessible minibuses to schools, clubs and youth organisations across the UK. These vehicles give young people with disabilities access to new places and experiences. Lord's Taverners minibuses are based on the current Ford Transit model, with a diesel engine. The average cost to the charity of an accessible minibus is £52,500. Applications will be accepted from schools/ organisations that cater for young people under the age of 25 who have a physical/ sensory/ learning disability. Please note that the Lords Taverners are unable to support schools that cater for socially disadvantaged children, or mainstream schools for children with behavioural problems.

Deadline: 31st July 2017 <http://www.lordstaverners.org/accessible-minibuses>

49. Funding for Schools to Purchase Musical Equipment

Schools in the UK, that wish to purchase 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. To date the Foundation has made awards to over two thousand schools, individual students and teachers improve their access to music through the purchase or upgrade of musical instruments and equipment. The funding has to be made 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.

Applications may be submitted at any time

<http://www.emimusicfoundation.com/index.php/site/awards/>

SPORT FUNDING

50. Sporting Chance Initiative - The Sports Innovation Challenge: 2017 Round

The Sports Innovation Challenge is an opportunity for young entrepreneurs to develop an innovative idea for a sports product, service and/or technology. The competition seeks to foster the innovative talent pool that exists within educational establishments to generate and develop new ideas that can enhance the world of sport. The financial prize fund of £20,000 will be split equally between the respective winners, of which there are no more than five. Winners will receive a gold medal. In addition, each winner will receive:

- £4,000 cash towards the business;
- a one year business incubation package within **The Sport Hive**;
- £2,000 worth of complimentary services from **Partners** across Scotland; and
- mentoring support from sports industry experts.

The Challenge aims to engage the next generation of entrepreneurs in sports innovation. It will help to develop new Intellectual Property in sports and sports technology and support the development of new sports businesses which entrants to the competition intend to establish and commercialise within Scotland. The scheme is open to young entrepreneurs in Scotland, including students and recent graduates who are aged 18 and over attending, or having previously attended, a university, college or research institute. The applicant must be living in Scotland and if they have already graduated, this must have been in the past two years.

Deadline: 20th April 2017 <https://www.sportingchanceinitiative.co.uk/>

51. Cash4Clubs Fund Open for Applications

The Cash4Clubs fund has re-opened for applications and sports clubs can apply for grants of £250 to £1000 for a wide range of sports facilities, equipment and activities. Any sports club can apply as long as they are registered with their sport's National Governing Body or local authority. Applicants should show how their club works with the community, how the funding will benefit them, and what their long-term goals and aspirations for the club are.

Deadline: 26th May 2017 <http://www.cash-4-clubs.com/>

52. Rowing Foundation Grants Programme Re-Opens for Applications

The Rowing Foundation has re-opened its grants programme. The purpose of the Foundation is to promote the participation in rowing of young people (those under 18 or still in full time education) and the disabled of all ages. The Foundation gives grants of £500-£3,000 (up to 50% of the cost of the project) to help British rowing organisations, clubs and schools whose requirements may be too small or who may be otherwise ineligible for an approach to the National Lottery or other similar sources of funds..

Deadline: 12th June 2017 <http://www.therowingfoundation.org.uk/home/>

53. Dan Maskell Tennis Trust

Special schools as well as coaches, clubs, disability groups, associations and individuals can apply for grants from the Dan Maskell Tennis Trust for equipment and specialist wheelchairs to enable disabled people to play tennis. Funding of up to £1,500 is available for groups and clubs and up to £500 for individuals. Individuals can receive support for a sports wheelchair, tennis rackets, coaching lessons with a Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) licensed coach or course fees for official LTA development/Coaching courses. Groups can apply for wheelchairs, court hire, coaching fees and equipment packages which will include, rackets, balls, mini net, and coaching aids such as cones and throw down marker lines. In the case of wheelchairs a deposit will be

required; for individuals the amount of deposit required will depend on the wheelchair type requested, clubs will need to provide a deposit of £250 per chair.

Deadline: 30th June 2017 <http://www.danmaskelltennistrust.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant.html>

YOUNG PEOPLE

54. Youth Partnership Funding

UK organisations and groups of young people active in youth work can apply for funding under Key Action 2 of the European Commission's Erasmus+ programme. Youth partnership projects can last between six months and three years, and organisations can apply for funding to support a combination of activities. Activities must create, develop, test and embed innovative approaches in youth work. Under Key Action 2 Strategic Partnerships for youth, organisations can also apply to undertake transnational youth initiatives which bring together two or more groups of young people from different countries to deliver initiatives fostering entrepreneurship and social commitment. Strategic Partnerships in the youth field must include a minimum of two partners from two different Programme Countries, including the applicant organisation. The number of partners and funding will vary depending on the project's aims and activities. Strategic Partnerships can receive a maximum of 450,000 euro in funding for the maximum project duration of 36 months (12,500 euro per month).

Deadline: 26th April 2017 <https://www.erasmusplus.org.uk/apply-for-youth-partnership-funding>

55. CashBack for Communities Youth Work Fund

The Programme will support the Scottish Government's aim to tackle inequalities by having a greater focus on young people from areas of deprivation, we welcome proposals for the delivery of targeted youth work activity. Programmes proposals must provide diversionary youth work activities for young people ages 10-24 years old who face one or more forms of disadvantage as listed below.

- Living in areas of deprivation (priority will be given to projects working in communities within the top 20% SIMD or most disadvantaged communities within Local Authority areas which do not have communities within the top 20% SIMD))
- Being unemployed, not in education or training; and/or
- Being excluded, or at risk of exclusion from school; and/or
- Being at risk of being involved in antisocial behaviour, offending/re-offending

Full details are contained within the Guidance Notes available from Youthlinks website.

Deadline: 28th April 2017 <http://www.cashbackforcommunities.org/activities/project/1/19/34/Youth-Work-Fund>

56. Digital Technology to Enhance the Environment

O2 has announced that grants of up to £10,000 are available to individuals and teams of UK-based young people aged between the ages of 17 and 24 that use digital technology to make a positive impact on the environment. O2 - The Environment Now is funded by O2 and the National Lottery, and is part of the Our Bright Future programme. As well as funding the programme also offers mentoring, work experience and insight days with industry professionals to help bring ideas to life. To be eligible the project must have a positive and measurable environmental impact in areas such as; energy efficiency or waste and recycling.

Deadline: 14th July 2017 <http://www.o2thinkbig.co.uk/the-environment-now>