

External Funding Alert

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○ The external funding alert from South Ayrshire Council provides details on new funding opportunities available and approaching deadlines of various programmes. More detail on these opportunities can be obtained by clicking on the links provided or by contacting the External Funding Team. If you wish to be added to our mailing list, email: externalfunding2@south-ayrshire.gov.uk. You can also conduct your own external funding search at: www.open4community.info/southayrshire/Default.aspx

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News

CONTRIBUTIONS SOUGHT FOR THE REVIEW OF THE BIG LOTTERY FUND – CALL FOR EVIDENCE

The Government is seeking views on the functions, form, effectiveness, efficiency and governance of the Big Lottery Fund.

The Triennial Review of the Big Lottery Fund is being conducted as part of the requirement for all Government Departments to review their Non Departmental Public Bodies (NDPBs) at least once every three years.

The review team will examine whether there is a continuing need for the functions performed by the Big Lottery Fund, and whether the organisation should continue to operate in its current form.

An assessment of whether the Fund's control and governance arrangements continue to meet the recognised principles of good corporate governance will be conducted if it is decided there is a need for the organisation in its current form.

In order to make a full assessment, the review will take into account the views of people who have an involvement with, or interest in, the Fund.

Responses should be made online by the closing date of 6 January 2014.

Link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/big-lottery-fund-triennial-review-call-for-evidence>

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT VEHICLE FUND

This scheme is a one-off Scottish Government initiative with £1 million available for 2013/14 which is jointly managed by the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO) and the Community Transport Association (CTA). It aims to help community transport operators buy new vehicles either to replace older vehicles or to expand services.

This initiative has arisen because the Scottish Government recognises that funding of vehicles is a particular problem for community transport operators and also because community transport meets a number of social objectives, such as:

- Giving older and disabled people who cannot use mainstream transport mobility and access to services.

- Providing access to health and social care services.
- Helping to build more resilient communities by ensuring that people are not isolated.

The Scottish Government wishes to provide this support to organisations whose transport services are likely to have the biggest impact in their communities. It is anticipated that most of the fund will be used to replace vehicles which are now close to the end of their useful life and are well used in their local communities. However, vehicles for new services will also be considered, applications will need to be exceptional and show a strong case for the need for the vehicle and the impact it would make on lives and communities.

Application forms and guidance notes are available to download from the SCVO or CTA website as detailed below. Questions about the fund should be directed to John MacDonald, CTA, on telephone 0131 220 0052, e-mail john@ctauk.org or Sheila Fletcher, 01349 830724, e-mail Sheila@ctauk.org

The deadline for the receipt of applications is 5pm on Friday 31 January 2014.

Link: <http://www.ctauk.org/in-your-area/ct-vehicle-fund.aspx>

Programme Updates

LLOYDS TSB FOUNDATION FOR SCOTLAND – HENRY DUNCAN AWARDS 2014 – NEW APPLICATION FORM

This scheme supports grassroots charities with an income of less than £500,000 that deliver programmes or services focused on improving the quality of life for people who are disadvantaged – those who have fewer opportunities than the average, which in turn significantly affects their life chances. Disadvantage is often linked to poverty and it may be a result of exclusion or discrimination.

Please note that there is a new application form for the 2014 Henry Duncan Awards, so if you would like to apply make sure you have the correct form and the guidance notes that go with it which you can find them on their website at

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

Funding surgeries give charities the chance to have a face to face chat about their work and how it fits with their funding programmes. You can make an appointment by calling us on 0131 444 4020 or e-mailing enquiries@ltsbfoundationforscotland.org.uk. If you are interested in speaking about making an application, LTSB have a Skype-based funding surgery taking place with individual appointments for each group and is taking place on Wednesday 20 November 2013.

As part of its ongoing commitment to investing in the Scottish community, Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland holds a series of surgeries for local recognised charities. The surgery is an opportunity for you to have a one-to-one session with one of their assessors, and to discuss how to go about submitting an application to the Foundation.

If you wish to attend one of the surgeries, please call 0131 444 4020 to arrange an appointment.

Venues, times and dates of all of their surgeries can be found on the trust's website. Please contact the trust directly to book your appointment.

The next deadline for receipt of applications to the foundations bi-monthly programme is Monday 13 January 2014.

Link: <http://www.ltsbfoundationforscotland.org.uk/index.asp?tm=11>

COASTAL COMMUNITIES FUND (CCF) PROGRAMME – THIRD ROUND

The Coastal Communities Fund (CCF) will encourage the economic development of UK coastal communities by giving them funding to create sustainable economic growth and jobs. The Big Lottery Fund is delivering the CCF on behalf of Government.

Grants of £50,000 and over are available. The following types of organisation can apply:

- local authorities
- regeneration agencies in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland
- other public sector bodies
- charities
- voluntary and community sector organisations
- social enterprises, including cooperatives and community ownership initiatives
- private sector companies.

For CCF round three, as different from previous years, **we are looking for fully developed projects that can spend their CCF award before the programme closes in March 2016.** It is important for potential applicants to be aware of this requirement.

The programme will open for applications from projects in January 2014 and will close for stage one applications on 24 March for Scotland and Northern Ireland

FURTHER INFORMATION

The Big Lottery will be running webinars and telephone interviews to help assess whether projects are suitable for funding from early December and into January 2014. Keep a look out for more details about this on their website.

Organisations can discuss specific project ideas by contacting the BigAdvice line on our website, or email us on ccf@bigfund.org.uk

You can find out more, including the specific priorities for Scotland by visiting the website below.

Link: <http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/global-content/programmes/uk-wide/coastal-communities>

SOUTH AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND

This scheme has a pot of £72,500 available to constituted local community organisations across South Ayrshire working for the benefit of their local area and residents. The fund can be used to help develop the necessary skills and access expertise to develop successful funding bids and more effectively deliver improvements in their areas. For more information, call Marion Young on 01292 612626 or email marion.young@south-ayrshire.gov.uk

Deadline for applications: Monday 27 January 2014

Link: <http://www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/cpp/community-devfund.aspx>

Resources/Information/Publications

Resources

REDUCE TECHNOLOGY COSTS

Through this programme, eligible UK based charities are able to request donated technology products from partners such as Microsoft, Symantec and Cisco.

The products include operating system software and server software, security software and hardware products such as switches, routers, wireless equipment and firewalls.

Although there is an administration fee for charities the CTX programme still gives savings of 92-96% on typical retail prices. For further information visit http://www.ctxchange.org/about_ctx

JUSTGIVING

Online fundraising platform JustGiving is expanding its services to enable any business to fundraise online for charity. This will enable businesses to showcase their employees' achievements, and match their donations with company funds if they choose.

The new tools offer:

- branded company fundraising pages to showcase all a business's employee fundraising activity in one place
- running totals of all donations raised by employees
- the facility for employees to form teams to compete against each other and link their JustGiving individual fundraising pages to their company page
- leader boards featuring the most successful fundraising staff to encourage competition and reward success
- the option for companies to match-fund the sums raised by their employees and to display this total publicly on their company profile
- measurement and reporting of fundraising data

Perhaps you know of a local company that would like to raise funds for your group in this way.

Further details are available via the web link below.

Link: <http://www.justgiving.com/companies>

Identifying sources of funding

If you are looking for funding you may also find these other links helpful:

1. www.guidestar.org.uk
2. www.fundingcentral.org.uk
3. www.acf.org.uk/seekingfunding/index.aspx?id=70
4. www.charitycommission.gov.uk/SHOWCHARITY/RegisterOfCharities/RegisterHomePage.aspx
5. www.family-action.org.uk/section.aspx?id=1037
(Educational Grants Advisory Service: for post-16 students studying at specific colleges or universities)

New Funding Opportunities

Arts, Culture & Heritage

THE RADCLIFFE TRUST

This scheme, established in 1714 as a charitable trust, makes grants to registered charities within the UK principally in two sectors: music, heritage, and crafts.

1. Music Grants

The trust supports classical music performance and training especially chamber music, composition and music education. Particular interests within music education are music for children and adults with special needs, youth orchestras and projects at secondary and higher levels, including academic research.

Applications are considered under the following headings:

- Composition and contemporary music.
- Bursaries for courses and summer schools for UK based students.
- Music therapy/special needs.
- Academic research/projects.
- Youth orchestras.
- Performance projects.
- Educational projects.
- Miscellaneous.

2. Heritage & Crafts Grants

The trust supports the development of the skills, knowledge and experience that underpin the UK's traditional cultural heritage and crafts sectors. This includes support for craft and conservation training, for practical projects, particularly those that include a strong training element, and for strategic and capacity building projects which demonstrate clear benefits to the sector. However, the Trust will consider other projects, should they fall broadly within its remit. The Trust wishes to promote standards of excellence through all its support.

Applicants are advised to submit an application well in advance of the following deadlines:

- **Annual Music deadlines: 31 January and 31 August.**
- **Annual Heritage & Crafts deadlines: 31 January and 31 July.**

Link: <http://www.theradcliffetrust.org/>

Business & Enterprise Development

DG ENTERPRISE AND INDUSTRY

This scheme seeks to support proposals for projects to create an environment in Europe that encourages more web entrepreneurs to start a business and scale it up.

The focus will be on entrepreneurs who use web and mobile technologies as main components in their innovation. The Call is divided into two areas of focus:

1. Accelerate web entrepreneurship in Europe – this aims to attract proposals to develop and test online platforms connecting existing local web entrepreneurship ecosystems and hubs, and build upon these in order to provide new services for web entrepreneurs, complemented with other relevant activities.
2. Co-ordination activities in the area of web entrepreneurs – this aims to support actions across existing stakeholder communities. The aim is to increase the impact, accessibility and reach of the online support platforms and the new services they offer as well as link into other relevant initiatives.

It is anticipated that €10 million will be available.

The Call will open on 11 December 2013 with a deadline of 23 April 2014

Link: <http://www.ec.europa.eu/enterprise/newsroom/>

Children/Young People/Youths

ERNEST COOK TRUST

This scheme targets registered charities that work with children and young people. All applicant organisations should be either schools, registered charities or other recognised not-for-profit organisations that would like to undertake projects which meet the Trusts' objectives and require a small amount of pump-priming in order for such projects to take place.

The small grants programme is for awards under £4,000 with an average award in the region of £2,000-£2,500 and grants are usually awarded for one year only.

Further information and guidance is available from the Ernest Cook Trust website or by telephoning them on 01285 712492.

Applications can be submitted at any time throughout the year.

Link: <http://www.ernestcooktrust.org.uk/>

HENRY SMITH CHARITY: HOLIDAY GRANTS FOR CHILDREN

This scheme will soon begin accepting applications for holiday grants for children in 2014.

The purpose of the programme is to provide children aged 13 and under from disadvantaged backgrounds with a recreational holiday or outing they would not otherwise have the opportunity to access.

Please note that grants are available throughout the UK for holidays in the UK and range between £500 and £2500.

Further information, applications and guidance notes are available to download from the charity's website. However organisations, including schools, are encouraged to contact Jo Marren, Assistant Grants Officer on 020 7264 497831 to assess the latest position as grants are made on a first-come first-served basis.

There are three application rounds planned for 2014 and it usually takes between six and eight weeks for decisions to be made on applications.

The next deadline for receipt of applications for holidays between 1 February and 30 April is March 2014.

Link: www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/documents/HolidayApplicationForm2014.pdf

SEAFARERS CHILDREN'S SUPPORT

This scheme provides help for Seafarers children who are in full-time education and their families are in severe financial difficulties.

The majority of the families they support are single parents. However they do support two parent families where one of the parents is too ill or disabled to work and the other acts as the carer.

The society currently supports over 450 children but is hoping to expand their outreach with the help of local community groups and fellow maritime charities. Grants from the Sailors' Children's Society can be accessed by single parent families on means-tested benefits, while two parent families must also be in receipt of DLA or equivalent to qualify for funding. In recent years, the charity has reported a rise in the number of grandparents requiring financial aid as grown-up children return home with families of their own to support. Without the backing of the charity, many older people would struggle to cope with the emotional and economic strain that caring for young children can put on a household

Based in Hull, the charity operates throughout Britain and has recently assigned Community Engagement Officers in Birmingham, Dover and Glasgow to extend their reach across these cities and

beyond.

Theresa McGuire, newly appointed Community Engagement Officer in Glasgow, said: "My role is to raise awareness of the support available from maritime charities. So many families don't know of the services we can provide for them if they have a nautical connection. It's my job to ensure that all other agencies offering support to families in Scotland know about our work and ask the right questions of their patrons to find out where our help can be given.

"There are grants to provide for children, or to fund holidays or computers, and we work with a variety of different organisations to maximise the number of people we can reach out to. We know how hard it can be for these families to sustain even a simple lifestyle, and a little support – whether financial or emotional – can be all people need to set them back on the right path."

Theresa is keen to make sure that the available support is accessed by those who need it most.

"The organisation does fantastic work with some of the most underprivileged families," she explained, "but we can only reach the people that we know about. If you, or anyone you know, could benefit from the support that we offer, get in touch. It might mean the difference between sink and swim for a family in need."

For further information on the work of the Sailors' Children's Society, contact Theresa McGuire at 07951 615 372 or to apply for financial support, call the helpline on 0800 055 6558.

There are no published deadlines.

Link: http://www.sailorschildren.org.uk/how_we_help/who_do_we_help.asp

Disabilities

BRUCE WAKE CHARITABLE TRUST

This scheme provides grants for the provision of leisure activities for the disabled in the UK.

The trustees will consider grant applications related to the provision of leisure activities for the disabled but favour particularly applications whereby the potential beneficiaries meet one or all of the following criteria:

1. The potential beneficiaries are physically disabled wheelchair users;
2. Improved access for wheelchair users is proposed; and/or
3. A sporting or leisure activity involving disabled wheelchair users is proposed.

Applications meeting the above criteria will be considered from

charitable organisations. Applications on behalf of individuals will only be accepted through a charitable organisation or equivalent recognised body.

All applications should be submitted together with appropriate financial information. Charitable organisations should include a copy of their latest financial statements.

Applications may be submitted at any time and are considered quarterly.

Link: <http://www.brucewaketrust.co.uk/>

Education

THE OGDEN TRUST

This scheme offers educational bursaries and grant programmes to maximise the opportunities available to young people in all parts of the UK's educational system and is now focused on science, particularly physics.

The trust will support educational costs for sixth form scholarships up to £8,000 per annum and Undergraduate Science Scholarships of up to £1,500 per annum.

However it is essential that 50% match funding is provided, preferably with an external sponsor. Schools are required to make a visit to a candidate's home before an Ogden award is made, and give the Trust a written report of that visit.

Individual science students and/or universities are eligible to apply.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

Link: <http://www.ogdentrust.com/>

QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

Covering a wide range of modern and traditional crafts, the Queen Elizabeth Scholarships are worth between £1,000 and £18,000.

The scholarships can be used to fund further study, training and practical experience for the improvement of craft and trade skills.

Eligible applicants are craftsmen and craftswomen of all ages who live and work permanently in the UK. Applicants must be able to demonstrate that they already have a high level of skill and are firmly committed to their craft or trade.

Previous scholarship winners have included antiques restorers, calligraphers, book conservators, potters, silversmiths and upholsterers.

The deadline for receipt of applications for the spring 2014 funding round is 22 January 2014.

Link: <http://www.qest.org.uk/index.html>

Entrepreneurs

THE STARTER FOR 6 MAIN PROGRAMME – 2014 ROUND

This scheme is now open to applications for its 2014 round, an enterprise training programme that supports up-and-coming creative entrepreneurs across Scotland. It aims to turn creative ideas into successful businesses, thereby contributing towards the success of the Scottish economy and raising the awareness and profile of talented entrepreneurs throughout the country.

The programme is weighted towards business ideas that come from across the creative industry sectors and that are genuinely pushing business boundaries in terms of creativity, innovation, design, new markets and product developments.

Applications are welcomed from Scottish entrepreneurs over 16 years of age, who can put forward a new idea, product, service or experience that does not already exist, or at least an innovative spin on anything that does already exist.

Support provided to successful applicants includes enterprise training sessions, peer mentoring from previous Starter for 6 participants, telephone coaching support, the opportunity to network and share ideas with like-minded entrepreneurs in training sessions and events and the opportunity to pitch for up to a maximum of £10,000 of grant funding at the end of the training programme.

The deadline for receipt of applications is midnight on Monday 13 January 2014.

Link: <http://www.culturalenterpriseoffice.co.uk/>

Environment/Energy

CSV ACTION EARTH

This scheme empowers people to make a positive difference to their local environment through volunteering.

You can either join in with a volunteering project, or get a grant to run your own activities that will help protect and restore Scotland's beautiful natural habitats.

Grants ranging between £50 and £250 are available in support of projects including for example creating ponds where frogs can spawn, removing 'alien' trees from forests, building environmentally friendly wheelchair paths as well as improving green spaces and meadows to boost wildlife

Further information, guidance and application forms are available to download from the Action Earth website or call them on 0131 222 9083.

The campaign runs until February 2014 and will accept applications at any time until then.

Link: <http://www.actionearth.csv.org.uk/apply>

GROW WILD

This scheme invites communities, youth groups, environmental trusts and other local organisations to apply for grants that range between £500 and £5,000 to create exciting transformational wild flower sites in their local area.

Your Grow Wild project might be an unloved area that you want to reclaim for the local community or somewhere that's a bit neglected or run-down and you want to turn it into an inspiring space for everyone. Maybe you want to use wildflowers to create a graffiti maze or as part of an arts or local history project or to breathe life into unusual or neglected objects.

Perhaps you want to run a spring or summer season of Grow Wild events and activities for young people? The funders are particularly looking for community projects which involve young people.

Further information and guidance is available to download from the Grow Wild website.

Alternatively if you are a youth group looking for a smaller grant of up to £100, you might want to apply to Youth Scotland for a Young Grow Wild grant – more details available at <http://www.youthscotland.org.uk/projects/growwild/growwild.htm>

The deadline for receipt of applications is 14 January 2014.

Link: <http://www.growwilduk.com/get-funding/what-is-a-community-site/apply-scotland/>

PATHS FOR ALL (SCOTLAND)

This scheme is a partnership of more than twenty national organisations committed to promoting walking for health and the development of multi-use path networks in Scotland. The grant is a limited fund which has been made possible through support from Scottish Natural Heritage.

Grants of up to £1,500 are available for projects that improve, develop and promote paths in order to increase the use of these paths by local people. Projects must:

- Enable the improvement and development of local path networks, or will help improve links with a neighbouring community or amenity, such as a community hall, local allotments or parks.
- Enable the design and/or print of new path promotional materials.
- Demonstrate evidence of need for local path improvement or development.
- Encourage local volunteers to carry out improvement or development work on local paths.
- Encourage more people to use local paths in their communities.

- Be able to show the success of the path improvement or development through appropriate monitoring and evaluation.

Please note that In kind contributions must equate to the same value as the grant requested.

Applications may be submitted at any time up to and including 30 March 2014.

Link: <http://www.pathsforall.org.uk/pfa/support/lplp.html>

WOODLAND TRUST – FREE TREE PACKS

This scheme has 3000 packs of free trees to give to schools, youth and community groups

Packs of either 30, 105 or 420 young saplings, about 20-40 cm in high are available to plant as a group or as a hedge for use by a sports groups wanting to provide shelter or other similar projects.

The deadline for receipt of applications is 9 January 2014 for the chance to receive free trees in March 2014.

Link: <http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/in-your-community/>

Faith Organisations

CINNAMON NETWORK – MICRO-GRANTS (SCOTLAND)

This scheme is working in partnership with the Peter Vardy Foundation and invites local churches in Scotland who want to start a recognised community franchise project to apply for a micro-grant to help with the initial costs of starting (not extending or providing ongoing support) a recognised community franchise project to meet a local need as well as to mobilise volunteers and receive regular financial support. Local churches or groups of churches working in partnership are eligible to apply.

Full details of the type of project that can be supported is available from the Cinnamon Network website.

Grants up to the value of £2,000 for a maximum of 50% of project costs are available for projects. Match funding can be in the form of cash, gifts in kind, premises, professional pro-bono services, asset items and salaries.

There are no published deadlines.

Link: <http://www.cinnamonnetwork.co.uk/micro-grants-scotland/>

Miscellaneous

COMIC RELIEF – INTERNATIONAL GRANTS PROGRAMME

This scheme is open to UK registered organisations including charitable incorporated organisations, community interest companies limited by guarantee, industrial and provident societies and housing associations to apply for Generating Ideas funding to carry out work in sub-Saharan Africa.

Generating ideas grants are usually for no more than six months and, in most cases, have a maximum value of £10,000. Grants are available for planning, consultation, putting together ideas or testing something on a small, pilot basis.

Applicants can select up to three of the following goals for each application submitted:

- Women aged 15 to 49 years and children under five have improved health.
- Disadvantaged children and adults gain access to, and attain, a good quality of education.
- Women and girls are equal and respected members of society.
- Slum dwellers have an improved quality of life.
- Children and young people at risk are safer, with greater opportunities to increase their skills and life prospects.
- People affected by HIV have an improved quality of life.
- Poor people can improve their income through trade, enterprises and employment.

Funding is available for work that will contribute to the following outcomes:

- Better Futures – enabling some of the world's poorest people to gain access to vital services such as health and education.
- Healthier finances – tackling financial poverty and enabling economic resilience in families and communities, as well as supporting enterprise and employment.
- Safer lives – reducing violence, abuse and exploitation.
- Stronger communities – empowering people, organisations and networks to play an effective role in their communities and society, as well as nurturing talent and leadership.
- Fairer society – helping people overcome inequality and have a say in decisions that affect their lives, whoever and wherever they are.

The deadline for the receipt of proposals is noon on Wednesday 8 January 2014.

Link: <http://www.2013.comicrelief.com/apply-for-a-grant>

JOHN ELLERMAN FOUNDATION

This scheme aims to advance the wellbeing of people, society and the natural world. Support is available for charitable work in the arts, environment and welfare. The Foundation is keenly aware of the connections between these areas and their effects on each other and on people's health and happiness.

The Foundation normally supports core funding for two or three years, but will also consider projects. The minimum grant available is £10,000 with maximum grant set, but grants over £100,000 are unusual. Grants can also be used as matched funding.

Please note the Foundation does not consider applications from organisations that:

- Have applied unsuccessfully within the previous 12 months.
- Have had a grant which ended less than 12 months ago.
- Focus on a single medical area, such as an individual disease, organ or condition.
- Are hospitals, hospices, schools, colleges or universities, unless the application is from a leading university specialist unit.

Applications may be submitted at any time; however please note the Arts programme is currently closed.

Link: <http://www.ellerman.org.uk/>

Sport

2014 COMMUNITIES

This scheme provides financial assistance is available to encourage more people in Scotland to take part or volunteer in sport or physical activity, as well as encourage greater community cohesion in the run-up to the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games and beyond.

Grants of between £300 and £2,000 are available to pay for coaching costs, taster sessions and open days, equipment purchase, promotion and advertising, school club links and outreach work, sports kit, transport costs, venue hire and volunteer expenses.

Please remember your total project costs must not exceed £4,000.

Applications may be submitted at any time.

Link: http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_2014_communities

BOOST CHARITABLE TRUST

This scheme provides grants, up to a value of £500, are available to organisations in the UK helping disabled and disadvantaged individuals participate in sport.

Further information and advice is available from the Trust by telephone on 020 7078 1955 or email lucy.till@boostct.org

Applications may be submitted at any time.

Link: <http://www.boostct.org/index.htm>

DICKIE BIRD FOUNDATION

This scheme provides support for individuals throughout Great Britain with the aim of helping disadvantaged young people (under the age of 18) to participate in sport, to the best of their ability, in the sport of their choice, irrespective of their social circumstances, culture or ethnicity.

Eligible costs include sports kit and equipment.

Applications may be submitted at any time

Link: <http://www.thedickiebirdfoundation.co.uk/>

PETER HARRISON FOUNDATION – OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH SPORT PROGRAMME

This scheme makes grants available for charities within the UK operating sports projects which provide opportunities for people who are disabled or otherwise disadvantaged to fulfil their potential and develop personal and life skills.

Applications may be submitted at any time.

Link: <http://www.peterharrisonfoundation.org/index.htm>

SPORTSMATCH – SCOTLAND

This scheme is designed to act as an incentive for businesses to sponsor grassroots sport in Scotland.

The scheme matches cash or in-kind funds between £500 and £10,000. The scheme only applies to amateur sport and must be of benefit to both the sponsor and the organising body. The business sponsors should distribute profits and have a trading or operations presence in Scotland.

It is anticipated that applicants will receive details of the outcome within four to six weeks of receipt of a fully completed application.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

Link: <http://www.sportscotland.org.uk/funding/sportsmatch>

Awards

IT SERVICE AND SUPPORT AWARDS

This scheme aims to showcase IT professionals who demonstrate excellence, professionalism and innovation in the IT sector. The awards recognise, promote and acclaim excellence, professionalism and innovation in the industry and celebrate the achievements of individuals and teams for the contribution they make.

For 2014 there are three award categories for IT service desks-in-house and outsourced – and IT service vendors, as follows:

- Best Managed Service Desk Award
- Best Service Desk Award
- Best Vendor Award

The winning candidate in each of the programme's three categories will receive a cash prize of either £500 or £1,000 and a trophy. Winners and finalists will also receive press coverage as well as publicity on the Service Desk Institute (SDI) website.

Small businesses in the IT service sector (teams and suppliers) operating in the UK may enter this awards programme. They may self nominate, nominate their colleagues or enter a team for one or more award categories.

The deadline for entries for the 2014 awards is Friday 14 March 2014

Link: <http://www.servicedeskstitute.com/events/it-service-excellence-awards/>

THE WATER EFFICIENCY AWARDS

This scheme is open to those organisations in the public, private and voluntary sectors in the UK that, through water-saving activities, are helping to conserve precious resources.

By increasing awareness, sharing good practice and demonstrating that the implementation of water efficiency practices can be cost effective, the sponsor hopes to inspire other organisations to take action and use water wisely.

The following thirteen categories make up the 2014 Awards, which are now open to entries:

1. Built Environment
2. Business and Industry
3. Campaigns and Education

4. Community-led Initiative
5. Farming and Horticulture
6. Innovation
7. Landscape and Gardening
8. Research and Evaluation
9. Exemplar Project in Northern Ireland
10. Exemplar Project in Scotland
11. Project in Wales
12. Environment Agency Chairman's Award
13. The Clare Ridgewell Award for an Outstanding Contribution to Water Efficiency

In addition to formal trophies and certificates, winners and runners-up will benefit from the following:

- The opportunity to feature as case studies in the official 2014 Awards dissemination booklet.
- Being honoured at a ceremony at the House of Lords in spring 2014.
- The use of UK Water Efficiency Awards 2014 'winner' and 'runner-up' logos.

The 2014 ceremony will be held at the House of Lords on Monday 7 April 2014 at the House of Lords.

The deadline for entries is 20 February 2014.

Link: <http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/business/topics/water/32042.aspx>

Trusts

THE TUDOR TRUST

This scheme aims to support work which tries to meet the many different needs of people at the margins of society. The Trust is interested in how organisations tackle these needs, and their root causes, as well as wanting to encourage progress, development and fresh ideas rather than keeping things as they are.

There is no maximum or minimum level of grant. In some situations the Trust may make a loan.

However most grants are made over one, two or three years. The Trust understands that tackling deep-rooted problems takes time so funding is sometimes available over a longer period, usually by making a further grant following on from the original one. However, applicants should be aware that the Trust's funding cannot continue indefinitely.

The Trust also engages with the groups it supports by offering advice and development support where this is needed.

Funding is available for a wide range of people and organisations working to build stronger communities. The Trust does not have specific funding programmes designed to advance a particular agenda as it believes that the groups it supports are best placed to identify problems and develop solutions.

Grants can be used for the following:

- Core organisational costs, such as salaries and day-to-day running costs.
- Project grants.
- Capital grants for buildings or equipment.
- Grants to help strengthen the organisation.
- Voluntary and community groups working in any part of the UK are eligible to apply.
- Organisations must have a constitution and a bank account.
- The Trust's focus is on funding smaller forward-looking groups that are led by capable and committed people.

Organisations that have previously been refused funding by the Trust should not reapply until at least 12 months after the date of the refusal letter.

Further information and guidance is available to download from the trusts website.

Applications may be submitted at any time.

Link: <http://www.tudortrust.org.uk/how-to-apply/>

THE GRAHAM KIRKHAM FOUNDATION

This scheme makes grants for general charitable purposes ranging between £1,000 and £50,000 in the following areas:

- The promotion or development of the study of literature, art, music and science;
- Education for people of any age and physical education for young people at school or university;
- Relief of poverty;
- Relief of illness and research into the prevention of illness;
- The relief of suffering of birds and animals through the support of rescue homes, hospitals, sanctuaries and other similar organisations;
- The relief of poverty and hardship of people connected with the armed services;
- Drug misuse or dependence;
- Facilities for public recreation; and
- The preservation of buildings of architectural interest or sites of historical interest or natural beauty.

Applications should be made in writing to:

Andrew Varnham
Administrator
DFS, Rockingham Way
Redhouse Interchange
Adwick-Le-Street
Doncaster
DN6 7NA

Applications may be submitted at any time.

Link: *None given*

SKINNERS COMPANY – LADY NEVILLE CHARITY

The objective of the Lady Neville Charity is to provide grants that will make a clear and significant contribution to grassroots charitable organisations offering a diverse range of activities and interests.

Registered charities and not-for-profit organisations based in the United Kingdom whose total annual income is less than £100,000 per annum are eligible to apply. One-off grants of between £500 and £1,000 are available for non-recurring expenditure, eg equipment, an event or a particular element of capital building works.

Grants will only be awarded to projects that fall under one of the Charity's priority areas detailed below:

- Local Heritage – for projects anywhere in the UK which help local groups to conserve and restore their landmarks, landscape, traditions and culture.
- Performing and Visual Arts – for groups anywhere in the UK that are involved in undertaking a particular activity in any field in this area.

Applications must be received six weeks prior to the grant-making committee meetings, which are held in May and November of each year.

The 2014 deadlines for receipt of applications are 7 March and 5 September.

Link: <http://www.skinnershall.co.uk/index.htm>

Imminent Deadlines

December 2013 – January 2014

ULVERSCROFT FOUNDATION

This scheme aims to benefit the visually impaired (blind and partially sighted). It provides grants to organisations that work to relieve, assist and improve the treatment and education of those suffering from defective eyesight. It also funds medical research and the provision of facilities for the treatment or alleviation of visual impairment.

DEADLINE: 15 December 2013

MAX GRANT: None specified

Link: <http://www.foundation.ulverscroft.com/index.html>

LECHE TRUST

This scheme currently concentrates its work on the following five areas: The promotion of amity and good relations between Britain and third world countries. Assistance to academic, educational or other organisations concerned with music, drama, dance and the arts. The preservation of buildings and their contents and the repair and conservation of church furniture (with particular emphasis on the Georgian period) conservation in all its aspects. The preservation of the nation's countryside, towns, villages and historic landscapes

DEADLINE: 20 December 2013

MAX GRANT: None specified

Link: <http://www.lechetrust.org/guidelines.htm>

ADAMSON TRUST

This scheme is intended to support organisations and registered charities that provide assistance with the cost of holidays or respite breaks for young people aged 17 and under who have a physical or mental disability.

DEADLINE: 31 December 2013

MAX GRANT: None specified

Link: <http://www.mencap.org.uk/organisations/adamson-trust>

FAITHS IN SCOTLAND COMMUNITY ACTION FUND (FISCAF) (SMALL GRANTS)

This scheme will work with local faith groups to build hope and fight against poverty by providing grants and support in Scotland's most fragile urban and rural communities.

DEADLINE: 31 December 2013

MAX GRANT: £2,000

Link: <http://www.fiscaf.org/index.php?id=3>

HELP THE HOMELESS GRANTS

This scheme provides grants to support small and medium-sized UK charities that work to help homeless people rebuild their lives and re-enter society. Funding is targeted at projects to find practical ways to help disadvantaged individuals return to the community through training or residential facility provision, rather than merely providing short term shelter. It will principally fund capital costs, but may consider revenue costs if necessary to the project.

DEADLINE: 31 December 2013

MAX GRANT: £5,000

Link: <http://www.help-the-homeless.org.uk/applying-for-funding/>

MCDONALDS KICKSTART

This scheme aims to help develop the community football team player and the community itself. Examples of eligible costs include: Club facilities, Grounds-keeping tools, Training courses, Pitch hire and Mini-vans, washing machines, whatever the club and team could significantly benefit from.

DEADLINE: 31 December 2013

MAX GRANT: £2,500

Link: <http://www.mcdonalds.co.uk/>

SCOTLAND – CROSS TRUST (MEDICAL ELECTIVE STUDIES ABROAD)

This scheme, established by Sir Alexander Cross, seeks to provide funds at the appropriate time in a young person's life that could turn someone who may be described as 'an awkward youth', into a successful member of society.

DEADLINE: 31 December 2013

MAX GRANT: None specified

Link: http://www.thecrosstrust.org.uk/individual_4.html

CLIMATE CHALLENGE FUND – PANEL 17 OUTLINE APPLICATIONS

This scheme is designed to enable communities to come forward with their own solutions to make a significant reduction in carbon emissions. Community groups across Scotland are eligible to apply for projects that offer significant carbon emission reduction, be community led and aim to improve the lives of future generations.

DEADLINE: 6 January 2014

MAX GRANT: Various

Link: <http://www.ccf.keepsotlandbeautiful.org/>

THE VOLANT CHARITABLE TRUST

This scheme is open to registered charities in the UK for two broad areas of funding: Research into the causes, treatment and possible cures of Multiple Sclerosis. The Trust is not considering any health care applications, including other medical research, for the foreseeable future, and Charities and projects, whether national or community-based, at home or abroad, that alleviates social deprivation, with a particular emphasis on women's and children's issues. The Trustees have chosen to fund major disaster appeals as the focus of the Trust's International support; therefore, applications for projects overseas are not being considered.

DEADLINE: 10 January 2014

MAX GRANT: None specified

Link: <http://www.volanttrust.com/>

THE BAILY THOMAS CHARITABLE FUND – GENERAL GRANTS

This scheme was established primarily to aid the research into learning disability and to aid the care and relief of those affected by learning disability. The general grants range from £250 upwards.

DEADLINE: 13 January 2014

MAX GRANT: None

Link: <http://www.bailythomas.org.uk/default.aspx>

THE ELEPHANT TRUST

This scheme aims to make it possible for artists and those presenting their work to undertake and complete projects when frustrated by lack of funds. It is committed to helping artists and institutions that depart from the routine and signal new, distinct and imaginative sets of possibilities. Applicants should submit well argued, imaginative proposals for making or producing new work or exhibitions.

DEADLINE: 13 January 2014

MAX GRANT: £2,000

Link: <http://www.elephanttrust.org.uk/docs/intro.html>

THE LEVERHULME TRUST – STUDY ABROAD STUDENTSHIPS SCHEME

This scheme makes awards for the support of research and education in any subject area. The Trust is traditionally a major funding source for those conducting research in British Universities. Studentships support post-graduate and post-doctoral scholars to embark upon an extended period of advanced study or research at a centre of learning in another country (excluding the UK and USA).

DEADLINE: 13 January 2014

MAX GRANT: £17,000

Link: <http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/funding/SAS/SAS.cfm>

LLOYDS TSB FOUNDATION FOR SCOTLAND – HENRY DUNCAN AWARDS 2014

This scheme supports grassroots charities with an income of less than £500,000 that deliver programmes or services focused on improving the quality of life for people who are disadvantaged – those who have fewer opportunities than average, which in turn significantly affects their life chances.

DEADLINE: 13 January 2014

MAX GRANT: £20,000

Link: <http://www.ltsbfoundationforscotland.org.uk/index.asp?tm=11>

BBC CHILDREN IN NEED – MAIN GRANTS PROGRAMME

This scheme distributes the funds raised each year as grants to organisations that work with disadvantaged children and young people, under the age of 18, living in the UK.

DEADLINE: 15 January 2014

MAX GRANT: £100,000

Link: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b008dk4b/features/cin-grants-main-index>

CREATIVE SCOTLAND – YOUTH MUSIC INITIATIVE (YMI)

This scheme provides funding for Training and Continuing Professional Development in music and youth related organisations that will increase their capacity to deliver improved music making to children and young people aged 0-25 years. The three strands to this funding programme are school based music, making access to music making and strengthening youth music

DEADLINE: 15 January 2014

MAX GRANT: Various

Link: <http://www.creativescotland.co.uk/funding/yymi>

SCOTRAIL

This scheme is part of ScotRail's commitment to their social and corporate responsibilities and is managed by Foundation Scotland on their behalf. Funding is available for projects that Support children and young people, Improve the local environment and Improve the general health and wellbeing of local communities.

DEADLINE: 17 January 2014

MAX GRANT: £5,000

Link: <http://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/scotrail.aspx>

VOLUNTARY ACTION FUND – TACKLING SECTARIANISM SMALL GRANT PROGRAMME

This scheme aims to support a range of community-led activities that improve the Scottish Government's understanding of the sectarian issues faced by communities. Successful applicants will also receive free training and development support. Funded projects will also be supported to work collaboratively with other organisations in their geographic area and to link into local structures such as Community Planning and Community Safety Partnerships.

DEADLINE: 17 January 2014

MAX GRANT: £5,000

Link: <http://www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk/>

CLIMATE CHALLENGE FUND – PANEL 17 FULL APPLICATIONS

This scheme is designed to enable communities to come forward with their own solutions to make a significant reduction in carbon emissions. Community groups across Scotland are eligible to apply for projects that offer significant carbon emission reduction, be community led and aim to improve the lives of future generations.

DEADLINE: 27 January 2014

MAX GRANT: Various

Link: <http://www.ccf.keepsotlandbeautiful.org/>

TESCO CHARITY TRUST COMMUNITY AWARDS – CHILDREN'S WELFARE AND CHILDREN'S EDUCATION PROJECTS

This scheme supports local community projects whose core work supports children's welfare and children's educational projects, including special needs schools.

DEADLINE: 30 January 2014

MAX GRANT: £4,000

Link: <http://www.tescopl.com/index.asp?pageid=121>

THE ANCHOR FOUNDATION

This scheme aims to support Christian charities concerned with social inclusion particularly through ministries of healing and the arts. Applications for capital or revenue funding will be considered. However grants for building work will only be considered in exceptional circumstances.

DEADLINE: 31 January 2014

MAX GRANT: £10,000

Link: <http://www.theanchorfoundation.org.uk/information.html>

HISTORIC BUILDING REPAIR GRANTS SCHEME

This scheme covers grants for the repair and conservation of historic buildings assessed as being of outstanding architectural or historic interest. These 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 for urgent repairs that need to be done within two years to prevent loss or damage to important historic fabric.

DEADLINE: 31 January 2014

MAX GRANT: £500,000

Link: <http://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/index/heritage/grants/building-repair-grants.htm>

THE MONEY SAVING EXPERT (MSE) CHARITY

This scheme aims to fight financial and consumer illiteracy and is dedicated to educating and informing adults and children about consumer and debt issues. The MSE Charity will consider full project cost recovery, but costs must only relate to the project itself and not the organisation's core funding. Applicants may be required to provide the remainder of any costs from alternative sources.

DEADLINE: 31 January 2014

MAX GRANT: £5,000

Link: <https://www.msecharity.com/home.aspx>

ROYAL SCOTTISH GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY (RSGS) – SMALL RESEARCH GRANTS

This scheme is designed to provide individual members of the society within higher education institutes with a grant to support geographical research. Applications from postgraduates and those early in their research careers are particularly welcomed.

DEADLINE: 31 January 2014

MAX GRANT: £1,000

Link: <http://www.rsgs.org/grantsandfunding/>

THE RADCLIFFE TRUST

This scheme makes grants principally in two sectors: Music and Heritage & Crafts. Registered charities that are based in the UK are eligible to apply for one-off grants or recurrent annual grants over a two to three year period.

DEADLINE: 31 January 2014

MAX GRANT: None

Link: <http://www.theradcliffetrust.org/>

THE STRATHMARTINE TRUST

This scheme awards various grants and awards to support the completion of research projects and the publication of works associated with Scottish history.

DEADLINE: 31 January 2014

MAX GRANT: Various

Link: <http://www.strathmartinetrust.org/index.htm>

VOLUNTARY SUPPORT CLUSTER

This scheme supports clusters of four to five voluntary and community organisations in Scotland by providing grants to pay for a Volunteer Co-ordinator/Manager (or similar role) who will work across the cluster to help develop volunteering opportunities, management and practices.

DEADLINE: 31 January 2014

MAX GRANT: £30,000

Link: <http://www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk/funding-and-support/volunteering-development-grants/>

Forthcoming Deadlines February – March 2014

THE FIDELIO TRUST

This scheme aims to help individuals and groups of exceptional ability who would not be able to carry out an artistic project or activity without financial support, particularly those who are at an early stage in their careers. The Trust's funds are limited, and it may only be able to part-fund a project or activity.

DEADLINE: 1 February 2014

MAX GRANT: £5,000

Link: <http://www.fideliocharitabletrust.org.uk/>

MUSEUMS GALLERIES SCOTLAND PURCHASE FUND

This scheme seeks to work collaboratively to invest in and develop a sustainable museum and galleries sector for the country in line with Museums Galleries Scotland (MGS) overarching strategy. Grants of between £150 and £600 are available that can cover up to 100% of eligible item purchase costs including ICT, audio visual, environmental monitoring or collections care equipment.

DEADLINE: 1 February 2014

MAX GRANT: £600

Link: <http://www.museumsgalleriesscotland.org.uk/>

EVENTSCOTLAND

This scheme, operated by EventScotland, will support the strategic development of events, outwith Edinburgh and Glasgow, which drive domestic tourism for Scotland and showcase specific towns and regions across the country.

DEADLINE: 1 February 2014

MAX GRANT: £25,000

Link: <http://www.eventscotland.org/>

LEGACY 2014 ACTIVE PLACES FUND

This scheme aims to support the Scottish Government's legacy ambitions for the 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games to encourage more people to be active and take part in sport by providing funding for community projects which create or improve places where people can go to get active. The minimum contribution from applicants seeking funding for projects taking place in an area of Multiple Deprivation (as defined by the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation) is 10% of project costs. Funding can be requested at up to 70% of project costs.

DEADLINE: 1 February 2014

MAX GRANT: £100,000

Link: <http://www.sportscotland.org.uk/sportscotland/funding/Legacy2014ActivePlacesFund>

THE AGNES HUNTER TRUST

This scheme funds a variety of charities that help the blind and visually impaired, are researching into the cause, cure or alleviation of cancer or arthritis, or supporting people with these conditions, help disabled people, including those affected by physical disability or illness and those with mental health problems or learning disabilities and assist with the education and training of disadvantaged people or with youth development projects.

DEADLINE: 9 February 2014

MAX GRANT: £100,000

Link: <http://www.agneshunter.org.uk/>

POLDEN-PUCKHAM CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

This scheme supports projects that seek to influence values and attitudes, promote equity and social justice, and develop radical alternatives to current economic and social structures. The Foundation supports the work of UK registered charities. Support is usually for organisations for whom the grant amount available would represent between 5% and 50% of their annual income (organisations with an annual income of between £10,000 and £300,000 approximately).

DEADLINE: 15 February 2014

MAX GRANT: £45,000

Link: <http://www.polden-puckham.org.uk/>

STANLEY SMITH (UK) HORTICULTURAL TRUST

This scheme makes grants to support the advancement of horticulture. It specifically supports amenity horticulture and education for amenity horticulture.

DEADLINE: 15 February 2014

MAX GRANT: £10,000

Link: <http://www.grantsforhorticulturists.org.uk/Smith.html>

THE LINTEL TRUST

This scheme aims to encourage and enable individuals to live as independently as possible in their homes, and to play an active part in their communities.

DEADLINE: 21 February 2014

MAX GRANT: £2,000

Link: <http://www.linteltrust.org.uk/applying-for-a-grant.html>

THE IDLEWILD TRUST

This scheme makes grants for projects concerned with: The encouragement of the performing and fine arts and crafts; the advancement of education within the arts; and the preservation for the benefit of the public of lands, buildings and other objects of beauty or historic interest.

DEADLINE: 26 February 2014

MAX GRANT: £5,000

Link: <http://www.idlewildtrust.org.uk/>

FORBES CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

This scheme seeks to support people with learning disabilities by making grants towards the following types of capital expenditure will be considered: new buildings; refurbishment of buildings; plant, machinery or other equipment; vehicles for the disabled, furniture and fittings; and IT equipment. However applications for grants towards revenue expenditure will normally be limited to: holidays for the disabled; and costs of training towards employment.

DEADLINE: 28 February 2014

MAX GRANT: £5,000

Link: <http://www.theforbescharitablefoundation.org/homepage/>

INMAN CHARITY

This scheme aims to fund projects with a social welfare focus and those working with disadvantaged people. The directors are particularly interested in supporting the following areas of charitable work: Medical research, Care of the elderly, General welfare, Hospices, The deaf and blind, Care of the physically and mentally disabled and The Armed Forces

DEADLINE: 28 February 2014

MAX GRANT: None specified

Link: <http://www.inmancharity.org/>

THE SYLVIA AITKEN CHARITABLE TRUST

This scheme offers grants to support registered charities throughout the UK, although preference is given to those based in Scotland especially if they are local projects. Funding is intended for organisations which are involved in initiatives that benefit children, young people, students or researchers. In particular the grant aims to aid the development of medical research and higher or further education. Contact the Trust in writing or by telephone for further information at the following address: Administrator, The Sylvia Aitkens Charitable Trust, c/o Fergusons, 24 Woodside, Houston, Renfrewshire, PA6 7DD, Tel: 01505 610412

DEADLINE: 28 February 2014

MAX GRANT: None specified

Link: *None given*

VOLUNTARY ACTION FUND – VOLUNTEERING SUPPORT GRANT

This scheme aims provide grants to support volunteering activities up to 12 months to: Create new or enhanced volunteering projects; Increase the diversity of volunteers, especially those from disadvantaged groups; Improve opportunities, skills and personal development through volunteering; and Enable third sector organisations in Scotland to enhance their services and improve their capacity to deploy, support and train volunteers.

DEADLINE: 28 February 2014

MAX GRANT: £10,000

Link: <http://www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk/>

KELLY FAMILY CHARITABLE TRUST

This scheme funds charities whose activities nurture and support family life. The overall objective is to reinforce the potential benefit and support that family members as a unit can give to each other. 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.

DEADLINE: 1 March 2014

MAX GRANT: £5,000

Link: <http://www.kfct.org.uk/index.html>

YOUTH SCOTLAND – CASHBACK FOR COMMUNITIES SMALL GRANTS SCHEME

This scheme is being managed by a partnership of six national, volunteer-led youth organisations; The Scout Association, Girlguiding Scotland, Boys Brigade, The Girls' Brigade in Scotland, Clubs for Young People (Scotland) and Youth Scotland, the network of youth clubs and groups in Scotland.

DEADLINE: 1 March 2014

MAX GRANT: £2,000

Link: <http://www.youthscotland.org.uk/projects/cashback-small-grants-scheme/how-to-apply.htm>

THE A B CHARITABLE TRUST (ABCT)

This scheme is administered by independent, UK based grant-making organisation founded in 1990 that is concerned with promoting and defending human dignity. The Trust aims to support charities that defend human rights and promote respect for vulnerable individuals whatever their circumstances.

DEADLINE: 7 March 2014

MAX GRANT: £10,000

Link: <http://www.abcharitabletrust.org.uk/index.htm>

LLOYDS TSB FOUNDATION FOR SCOTLAND – HENRY DUNCAN AWARDS 2014

This scheme supports grassroots charities with an income of less than £500,000 that deliver programmes or services focused on improving the quality of life for people who are disadvantaged – those who have fewer opportunities than average, which in turn significantly affects their life chances.

DEADLINE: 17 March 2014

MAX GRANT: £20,000

Link: <http://www.ltsbfoundationforscotland.org.uk/index.asp?tm=11>

PATHS FOR ALL (SCOTLAND)

This scheme is a partnership of more than twenty national organisations committed to promoting walking for health and the development of multi-use path networks in Scotland. The grant is a limited fund which has been made possible through support from Scottish Natural Heritage.

DEADLINE: 30 March 2014

MAX GRANT: £1,500

Link: <http://www.pathsforall.org.uk/pfa/support/lplp.html>

RS MACDONALD CHARITABLE TRUST

This scheme's principal areas of interest are: Neurological conditions, Sight impairment, Child welfare and Animal welfare. The Trustees will consider applications both for revenue and capital funding.

DEADLINE: 31 March 2014

MAX GRANT: £40,000

Link: <http://www.rsmacdonald.com/applications.php>