

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

SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL BOOST TO HELP NEW BUSINESSES WITH AMBITION

New or start-up businesses across South Ayrshire can still take advantage of fantastic modern office accommodation, hands-on business support and mentoring – and even grant funding – thanks to South Ayrshire Council's AMBITION enterprise and employment programme.

The intensive support is part of the AMBITION – a £1.5 million, four-part enterprise programme to encourage start-ups, business growth, employment and social enterprise.

The programme is delivered from three incubator units at Heathfield in Ayr and at Girvan and Maybole – each providing the ideal location to develop and grow a new business, with additional meeting, conference and hot-desking facilities available.

Complementing the practical support the incubator units offer a 'wraparound' package of mentoring, access to expertise and advice, and hands-on support to ensure businesses get the best possible start and really get the chance to grow.

For further information about the incubator units or any other aspect of the AMBITION programme, call 01292 616265 or visit: www.ambitionprogramme.co.uk



Programme Updates

PEOPLE'S POSTCODE TRUST – 2014 SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME UPDATE

2014 dates for funding applications are:

1. Open: 6 January 2014; Close: 21 February 2014.
2. Open: 5 April 2014; Close: 20 May 2014.
3. Open: 4 July 2014; Close: 19 August 2014.
4. Open: 6 October 2014; Close: 7 November 2014.

Funding is available for projects providing assistance in one or more of the Trust's following fields of operation:

- Prevention of poverty; reduction of distress and suffering.
- Promote, maintain, improve and advance health.
- Advancement of citizenship or community development.
- Advancement of public participation in sport.
- Advancement of human rights, conflict resolution or reconciliation.
- Advancement of environmental protection or improvement.

Registered charities, SCIOs, constituted voluntary and community groups, social enterprises, community interest companies (CIC), not-for-profit organisations and sports clubs are eligible to apply.

Grants normally range from £500 to £10,000 for organisations in Scotland and England and up to £5,000 for those in Wales.

Application forms and guidelines are available to download from the website.

Link: www.postcodetrust.org.uk/small-grants.aspx

SOUTH AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND

£65,000 is 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 28 April 2014

Monday 28 July 2014

Monday 27 October 2014

Monday 26 January 2015

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

BANK OF SCOTLAND FOUNDATION – MEDIUM GRANTS PROGRAMME LAUNCHED (SCOTLAND)

Charities registered in Scotland may apply for grants of between £10,001 and £25,000 for projects in the following areas:

Developing and improving local communities – The Foundation feels that it is important to help individuals and groups work together to ensure a better quality of life within their community. Practical ways of making this happen may include:

- Initiatives designed to encourage the involvement in the community of those too often excluded.
- Working with people on low incomes, at risk from poverty or with problems finding accommodation.
- Improving the standard of local facilities.

Financial literacy and financial inclusion – The Foundation believes that making informed judgements and taking effective decisions regarding money are important skills and it aims to help make these essential skills both easy and accessible for all. Initiatives that the Foundation is particularly interested in supporting are:

- Promoting financial awareness and money advice.
- Enhancing debt counselling services within the community.
- Supporting life-skills in all age groups and sections of the community.

The 2014 deadlines for applications are 14 April 2014 (5pm), 14 July 2014 (5pm) and 13 October 2014 (5pm).

Link: www.bankofscotlandfoundation.org/medium-grants-programme

Resources/Information/Publications

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 their website.

Link: www.ctxchange.org

IDENTIFYING OTHER 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

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 service offers:

- branded company fundraising pages to showcase all a business' 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.

Further details are available via the web link below.

Link: www.justgiving.com/companies

RESOURCE EFFICIENT SCOTLAND

A Scottish Government funded programme delivered by Zero Waste Scotland, working to engage Scottish business, the public sector (including local authorities and housing associations and third sector organisations) on the benefits of using resources more efficiently and to help them implement resource efficiency actions within their organisation.

There are three main elements to the programme:

1. Advice and support service:

(Tel: 0808 808 2268) this service provides free advice, support, training and access to funding to help organisations implement resource efficiency measures.

2. Sector Programmes:

These programmes provide a strategic sector focused approach with activities tailored around specific resource-use 'hotspots'

3. Innovation:

This area of work involves the development of new resource efficient products and technologies, business models, working practices and de-centralised renewable energy infrastructure – providing solutions for the sector support and advice services.

Support for local authorities is provided through one of the sector programmes.

For more information contact Warren McIntyre, Programme Area Manager on 01786 433930 or email warren.mcintyre@resourceefficientscotland.com

Link: www.resourceefficientscotland.com

New Funding Opportunities

Arts, Culture & Heritage

THE ARTS TRUST OF SCOTLAND

An independent Scottish Charitable trust which awards grants to artists and principally assists:

- Artists of considerable talent to develop their skill, ideas and potential.
- The development of emerging artists who live and work in Scotland.

The Trust's objective is to help working artists in Scotland fulfil their potential, realise their visions and enable those who value the contribution of Scotland's arts, artists and creativity to national life, to contribute to their continued development.

The Trust typically allocates around £40,000 funding per year, with funding decisions taken at Trustee meetings, held twice a year. Awards are likely to be between £500 and £2,000, with a maximum of roughly 10 successful applicants awarded grants in each round.

The Trust also wishes to support Scottish artists wanting to work in an international context. One of its interests is, therefore, to offer annual international travel bursaries, which will have a separate application process in the future.

The deadline for receipt of applications is 12 noon on Thursday 13 February 2014.

Link: www.artstrustscotland.org.uk/intro.htm

THE IDLEWILD TRUST

This scheme aims to support the arts, culture and conservation in the national arena. The Trust will consider making grants of up to £5,000 for projects concerned with:

- The encouragement of the performing and fine arts and crafts.
- The advancement of education within the arts.
- The preservation for the benefit of the public of lands, buildings and other objects of beauty or historic interest.

Applications are accepted from the following organisations:

- UK registered charities.
- Churches that are accepted charities with an income of less than £100,000.
- UK publicly exempt charities, such as public museums and some educational establishments.

Funding is available under the following four categories:

1. Education
2. Museums and Galleries
3. Performing Arts
4. Preservation and Conservation

The 2014 deadlines for receipt of applications are 26 February and 24 September 2014.

Link: www.idlewildtrust.org.uk/how-to-apply.htm

YOUTH ARTS HUB DEVELOPMENT FUND

Launched by Creative Scotland, the fund aims to boost youth arts provision across Scotland, in line with the vision set out in the country's National Youth Arts Strategy for children and young people.

The fund is open to Scottish based arts and cultural organisations with a proven track record in delivering quality youth arts programmes. Total budget is £3.5 million, with a minimum award of £200,000. Most awards are likely to range between £200,000 and £300,000 with a maximum award of £400,000 in exceptional circumstances, eg. for reasons of geography, complex partnerships and/or scale of delivery.

In addition to delivery costs, eligible expenditure may include:

- overheads;
- IT infrastructure;
- project management costs;
- rehearsal space;
- studio costs;
- equipment; and
- transport.

It is anticipated that supported organisations will act as local, regional and national 'hubs', coordinating improved collaboration between local and national youth arts providers and other youth service providers.

The deadline for receipt of applications is 5pm on Friday 28 February 2014.

Link: www.creativescotland.com/funding/funding-programmes/youth-arts-hub-development-fund

Children/Young People/Youths

RBS INSPIRING ENTERPRISE PROGRAMME

This scheme, launched by The Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) Group, aims to encourage more people in more communities to explore enterprise, build their skills and start up in business.

The RBS Inspiring Enterprise programme has an annual funding of £500,000 per round to support the delivery of innovative projects that inspire young people aged 13-30, or women to understand and explore enterprise as a future career option.

The programme is open to all non-profit organisation based and operating in the UK with a track record of providing enterprise support to young people may apply. There are three levels of funding:

1. Small (up to £10,000).
2. Medium (£10,001 – £25,000).
3. Large (£25,001 – £50,000).

It is important to note that applications able to show evidence of matched funding will be awarded additional points in the scoring system. As the grants are for delivery costs primarily, then any staff costs or volunteer time will be accepted as match against the grant.

Application forms and guidance can be found on the RBS website via the link below.

The current deadline for receipt of applications is Friday 31 January 2014. However, a new round will open again on Monday 30 June 2014.

Link: www.inspiringenterprise.rbs.com

Community Development

COMIC RELIEF LOCAL COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME – SCOTLAND

Offers grant support, between £1,000 and £10,000, for projects being delivered by people directly affected by the issues they are dealing with and priority will be given to small, locally based groups or organisations in areas of disadvantage that have a clear understanding of the needs of their community.

Under the programme, organisations can apply for funding to:

1. increase local services
2. build skills of local people
3. increase community cohesion
4. respond to local economic needs.

Types of activities that might be funded include:

- Furniture Projects
- Projects providing access to benefits advice
- Projects combating fuel poverty
- Community consultation exercises
- Community employment projects
- Food Co-ops
- Running costs; including salaries, core costs and project costs
- Committee and volunteer/staff training
- Community sport activities

The deadlines for receipt of applications are 21 January 2014 and 20 May 2014.

Link: www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/comic-relief.aspx

GREGGS FOUNDATION – REGIONAL GRANTS

This scheme provides grants up to £2,000 to help community organisations to deliver activities that they would not otherwise be able to and provide new experiences for the most disadvantaged people.

Funding is available for any project that supports people in need. People in need are those who live in highly disadvantaged parts of Great Britain or from one of the following priority groups:

- Disabled or suffering chronic illness.
- Living in poverty.
- Voluntary carers.
- Homeless.
- Isolated older people.

Not for profit organisations are eligible to apply. Priority will be given to smaller organisations based in defined local communities.

The grant making area includes the whole of Great Britain. However priority will be given to organisations that have Greggs shops or premises nearby.

Applicants can check which Region they are in on the Foundation's website.

The 2014 deadlines for receipt of applications are: 17 February; 19 May; 18 August; and 10 November.

Link: www.greggsfoundation.org.uk

Education

SCOTCH WHISKY ACTION FUND

SWAF will distribute £100K per annum over the next 5 years to groups and organisations that wish to reduce the impact of alcohol-related harm in Scotland's communities. They are looking to support and develop a range of projects/initiatives which deliver targeted interventions designed to tackle alcohol-related harms across three themes:

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

The fund recognises that the misuse of alcohol through excessive or inappropriate consumption can have implications for health and a range of social problems, including anti-social behaviour, accidents, violence, family break-down, problems with money and work, which can impact on individuals, families and communities.

The Fund would particularly welcome applications from new/innovative or pilot initiatives which aim to test new approaches within these themes and which will offer learning that others can use. Applications from existing projects which can demonstrate success in reducing harm are also welcome.

There are two levels of award:

1. Up to £10,000

Awards made under this category could fund new initiatives and test out innovative approaches designed to reduce alcohol-related harm. Awards could also be used to fund existing smaller scale projects that are seeking to expand or develop their services. Applications for innovative/pilot projects will be capped at a maximum grant award of £10,000 but will have the opportunity to apply for further funding if you can evidence that you have achieved the outcomes set for the pilot phase of your project.

2. £10,000 – £25,000

Awards made under this category could fund projects that are seeking to consolidate and build on emerging, successful practice in relation to the reduction of alcohol-related harm. Awards made under this category will need to be able to provide evidence that the project is needed and that the approach taken has proven to be effective.

Note that statutory bodies are able to apply to this programme, as are large national charitable organisations as there is no limit set on the amount of annual income that an organisation has.

Organisations can seek funding to run:

- Preventative projects that aim to reduce the alcohol-related harm within communities, families, and young people aged 18 and under.
- Projects that aim to educate people and communities about the dangers and consequences of misusing alcohol.
- The development of new, innovative projects designed to reduce alcohol-related harms.
- Pilot projects that will test out new initiatives and ideas designed to promote responsible attitudes to alcohol consumption and prevent alcohol-misuse.
- Projects that promote alternative leisure and lifestyle choices for adults and young people to prevent alcohol-misuse.

Further information and guidance is available to download from the Foundation Scotland website or by contacting Sian Langdon by email at: sian@foundationscotland.org.uk.

Alternatively you can telephone her on 0141 341 4967.

The deadline for the first round of applications is 31 March 2014 with decisions expected in June 2014.

Link: <http://www.scotch-whisky.org.uk/news-publications/news/scotch-whisky-action-fund/>

Faith Organisations

FAITHS IN SCOTLAND COMMUNITY ACTION FUND (FISCAF)

This scheme works 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.

Through supporting local faith groups, FISCAF aims to make the following differences:

- Faith groups are more effective in supporting people to make transitions in their lives.
- Faith groups are more effective in helping to reduce isolation and loneliness.
- Faith groups are more effective in supporting local people to become more resilient.
- There is greater understanding and respect between and within faith communities.
- Local people have increased self-esteem, confidence and skills, equipping them to improve community life.

- Government and civic society have increased understanding about the positive contribution made by faith groups in tackling poverty.

There are two levels of funding available as follows:

1. Major Grants – Applications of up to £15,000 will be considered. This may be spread over a maximum of three years, with no more than £7,500 being awarded in the first year. FiSCAF will give priority to startup projects.
2. Small Grants – Applications of between £500 and £2,000 to be used in one year will be considered.

The closing dates for receipt of applications are as follows:

- **Major Grants – 30 April, for decision by the end of June.**
- **Small Grants – 30 April, 31 July, 30 September and 31 December.**

Link: www.fiscaf.org

Miscellaneous

MACROBERT TRUST

This scheme aims to provide public benefit through the conduct of charitable activity which both reflects the original wishes of Lady MacRobert as defined in The Trust Deed and the needs of modern day society.

Charities registered in Scotland, England, Wales and Northern Ireland may apply. However whilst the Trust's area of benefit is UK-wide, preference is given to charities registered in Scotland.

Funding is available for activities relating to the Trust's major themes, which are:

- Services and Sea.
- Education and Training.
- Children and Youth.
- Science, Engineering and Technology.
- Agriculture and Horticulture.
- Tarland and the Local Area.

These major themes are further divided into sub-themes and applicants are urged to visit the MacRobert Trust website for current details of both the themes and sub-themes.

The Trustees are prepared to make core/revenue grants where appropriate but favour projects.

A small grants programme awards grants of up to £5,000, but grants generally vary between £5,000 and £25,000. Larger awards, including

capital grants, are sometimes given and occasionally, recurring grants are made for up to three years.

The deadlines for receipt of applications are 31 May and 31 October.

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

WOODROFFE BENTON FOUNDATION

This scheme provides grants between £250 and £2,000 to officially recognised charitable organisations within the United Kingdom only in respect of:

1. Relief of persons in need, hardship or distress by reason of disaster or as a consequence of social or economic circumstance.
2. Provision/maintenance of care and accommodation for the sick and elderly.
3. Promotion of education – in particular within the Derbyshire region.
4. Environmental conservation/Preservation/protection/improvement – in particular where this would encourage the provision of access by members of the general public.

Please note it is the trustee's present policy to assist smaller organisations with core costs.

There is a very simple online application form available to download from the foundations website via the link below.

The deadline for receipt of applications is 25 March for the trustees meeting on 16 April 2014

Link: www.woodroffebenton.org.uk

Women

GLOBAL FUND FOR WOMEN – WOMEN'S FUND

This scheme is a publicly supported grant making foundation that advances human rights by investing in women-led organisations worldwide. In 1997, the Global Fund for Women launched the Women's Fund Programme to formalise their commitment to foster local expertise and promote sustainable local philanthropy.

The fund aims to support women's groups that advance the human rights of women and girls. Grants range from \$5,000 to \$30,000 for operating and programme expenses.

The following types of grants are available:

- General Support Grants
- Travel Grants
- Organising Meeting/Event Grants

The following groups are eligible to apply:

- Groups of women working together.
- Organisations that demonstrate a clear commitment to women's equality and women's human rights.
- Organisations that are governed and directed by women.
- Organisations based outside of the United States.

There are two application cycles per year with the next one being from 15 March to 30 June 2014.

Link: <http://www.globalfundforwomen.org/apply-for-a-grant>

Awards

THE BUSINESS CHARITY AWARDS

Rewards companies which lead the way in their relationships with the voluntary sector, either through well-established or more innovative schemes.

The 19 award categories for 2014 are as follows:

1. Affinity Marketing
2. Business Charity Champion
3. Business of the Year
4. Cause-Related Marketing
5. Challenge Event
6. Challenge Event – Small Businesses (with a turnover of less than £6.5 million)
7. Charity Partnership (Short Term)
8. Charity Partnership (Small Businesses) (with a turnover of less than £6.5 million)
9. Charity Partnership (Financial and Professional)
10. Charity Partnership (Retail and Leisure)
11. Community Impact – Small Companies (with a turnover of less than £6.5 million)
12. Corporate Foundation
13. CSR Team
14. Employee Engagement
15. Employment Scheme
16. Single Project
17. Single Project – Small Businesses (with a turnover of less than £6.5 million)
18. Outstanding Employee
19. Overseas Project

Entry is open to all corporate companies based in the UK that are working in partnership with registered charities, not-for-profit organisations, social enterprises and campaigning groups.

For the purposes of entries, the word 'organisation' has been used to designate all these different bodies. PR agencies and consultancies may enter on behalf of the corporate clients they work with.

Unless otherwise stated, work that began, continued or ended in 2013 is eligible to enter.

Entrants must provide examples of outstanding campaigns, strategies, projects and performance, backed up by hard evidence of success and how the partnership has benefited both the company and the non-profit organisation that they were working with.

The deadline for entries to the 2014 awards is 20 February 2014.

Link: www.businesscharityawards.com

BUSINESS IN THE COMMUNITY (BITC) – THE RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS AWARDS

This scheme seeks to recognise private sector businesses in the UK that have shown innovation, creativity and sustained commitment to corporate responsibility.

The 2014 Award Categories align with Business in the Community's five campaigning ambitions: to build resilient communities, diverse, skilled and healthy workforces, and a more sustainable future.

These categories will address the areas of:

- Youth and Education
- Tackling unemployment
- Enterprise Marketplace sustainability
- Workplace and employees

The sponsor will also be running categories that cut across the campaigning ambitions:

- Responsible Business of the Year (Large and Small)
- International Rural Action Building
- Stronger Communities
- Innovation

The 2014 Award categories comprise:

- Responsible Business Award
- Santander Responsible Small Business Award
- International Award
- International Disaster Relief Award, supported by the Department for International Development
- Dairy Crest Rural Action Award

- Building Stronger Communities Award
- ASDA Enterprise Growth Award
- Education Award, supported by UKCES
- Work Inclusion Award
- Inspiring Young Talent Award

Further information and guidance on who can, and how to, apply is available to download from BITC's website via the link below.

However specific limits on the size of the applicant organisation and other qualifying criteria apply to individual categories and potential applicants should contact BITC directly to ensure that they meet the eligibility criteria.

The deadline for receipt of entries to the 2014 awards is 21 February 2014.

Link: www.bitc.org.uk/services/awards-recognition/responsible-business-awards

Trusts

THE AB CHARITABLE TRUST (ABCT)

This scheme, established by an independent, UK based grant-making organisation founded in 1990, is concerned with promoting and defending human dignity, supporting charities which defend human rights and promote respect for vulnerable individuals, whatever their circumstances.

Grants range in size, with most grants awarded being in the range of £7,500 to £10,000.

Applications are particularly welcomed from charities working to support:

- Refugees and asylum seekers.
- Prisoners and penal reform.
- Human rights.

ABCT is particularly interested in charities that seek to address the needs of the most marginalised and neglected groups in society. Grants, which can be for core costs, are awarded to charities registered and working in the UK. Charities should have an annual income of between £150,000 and £1.5 million and no substantial investments or surpluses.

The next deadlines for receipt of applications are 7 March and 23 May 2014.

Link: www.abcharitabletrust.org.uk/index.htm

THE RS MACDONALD CHARITABLE TRUST

This scheme's principal areas of interest are: neurological conditions, sight impairment, child and animal welfare.

The Trustees have a discretionary power to make awards to any one or more of six charities named in the original Trust Deed and/or any other charitable bodies resident in, based in or operating in Scotland which provide any of the following benefits:

- (a) The care and welfare of individuals suffering from neurodevelopmental or neurodegenerative disorders of genetic or other aetiology (cause) or from disorders affecting the nervous system resulting from specific incidents of trauma, poison or infection, which result in damage to motor control, behaviour, communication or personality or from a combination of these;
- (b) The care and welfare of individuals who are either blind or suffering from visual impairment;

- (c) Research into the causation, or prevention, or treatment and/or management, of the conditions set out in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b);
- (d) The care and welfare of children and young persons under the age of eighteen years who have been or are in danger of being abused physically, sexually or mentally;
- (e) The encouragement and promotion of welfare conditions for children whereby the likelihood of physical, sexual or mental abuse is reduced;
- (f) The care and welfare of non human living creatures which are either in danger, facing danger, the victims of, or in danger of being the victims of, physical abuse; and
- (g) The encouragement of welfare conditions for non human living creatures with a view to the reduction of the likelihood of physical abuse.

The Trustees will consider applications both for revenue and capital funding and in exceptional cases, applications for funding over periods of up to three years. However, the level of award made will vary according to the nature of the project for which funding is sought, but will not normally exceed £40,000. The average award granted is likely to be less than £20,000.

The following will always be ineligible:

- Applications from individuals.
- Applications from charitable organisations which are unable to demonstrate that they are operating and delivering benefit in Scotland

The deadline for receipt of applications is 31 March 2014.

Link: www.rsmacdonald.com/applications.php

Imminent Deadlines – January – February 2014

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: 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: 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: 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: 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: www.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: 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://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: 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: 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: 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: 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: 31st January 2014

MAX GRANT: Various

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

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: 1st 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: www.museumsgalleryscotland.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: 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: 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: 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: 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: 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: 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: 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: 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: 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: 28th February 2014

MAX GRANT: £10,000

Link: www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk/

Forthcoming Deadlines – March – April 2014

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: 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: 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: 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: www.ltsbfoundationforscotland.org.uk/index.asp?tm=11

PATHS FOR ALL

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: 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: 31st March 2014

MAX GRANT: £40,000

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

TESCO CHARITY TRUST COMMUNITY AWARDS – ELDERLY PEOPLE AND ADULTS AND CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

This scheme supports local community projects whose core work supports elderly people and people with disabilities which are based in areas where Tesco has stores.

DEADLINE: 31 March 2014

MAX GRANT: £4,000

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

WOODWARD CHARITABLE TRUST – CHILDREN’S SUMMER PLAYScheme GRANT

The scheme is intended to support small scale organisations that provide children’s summer playschemes. Applications will only be accepted from UK registered charities with an annual turnover of less than £100,000

DEADLINE: 31 March 2014

MAX GRANT: £1,000

Link: www.woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk/playschemeguidelines.html

BBC CHILDREN IN NEED – SMALL 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: 1 April 2014

MAX GRANT: £10,000

Link: www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b008dk4b/features/cin-grants-small-index

THE ESMEE FAIRBAIRN COLLECTIONS FUND

This scheme, administered by the Museums Association (MA), seeks to develop a series of projects that demonstrate the inspiring and engaging potential of collections, to support and facilitate research, development, understanding and the use of collections.

DEADLINE: 4 April 2014

MAX GRANT: £100,000

Link: www.museumsassociation.org/collections/18022011-esmee-fairbairn-collections-fund

BANK OF SCOTLAND FOUNDATION – MEDIUM GRANTS PROGRAMME

This scheme intends to provide support to charities registered in Scotland for developing and improving local communities and financial literacy and financial inclusion. Funding is available for projects that address the following areas: Developing and improving local communities and financial literacy and financial inclusion.

DEADLINE: 14 April 2014

MAX GRANT: £25,000

Link: <http://www.bankofscotlandfoundation.org/medium-grants-programme>

BANK OF SCOTLAND FOUNDATION – SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME

This scheme intends to provide support to charities registered in Scotland for developing and improving local communities and financial literacy and financial inclusion. To be eligible, projects must take place in Scotland and address the theme of developing and improving local communities.

DEADLINE: 14 April 2014

MAX GRANT: £10,000

Link: www.bankofscotlandfoundation.org/small-grants-programme-0

PRS FOR MUSIC FOUNDATION – FUNDING FOR ORGANISATIONS AND GROUPS

This scheme aims to help support, sustain and promote the growth of the new music infrastructure in the UK. The scheme allows new music organisations to present a programme of activity.

DEADLINE: 28 April 2014

MAX GRANT: £5,000

Link: www.prsformusicfoundation.com/Funding/Open-Funding/

FAITHS IN SCOTLAND COMMUNITY ACTION FUND (FISCAF)

This scheme works 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: 30 April 2014

MAX GRANT: Various

Link: www.fiscaf.org/index.php?id=1

GOLSONCOTT FOUNDATION

This scheme seeks to promote, maintain, improve and advance the education of the public in the arts generally and, in particular, the fine arts and music

DEADLINE: 30 April 2014

MAX GRANT: £5,000

Link: www.golsoncott.org.uk/guidelines.html

INNOVATION VOUCHER SCHEME (SCOTLAND)

This scheme, administered by Interface, aims to build relationships between SMEs (small to medium-sized enterprises) and HEIs (Higher Education Institutes) in Scotland.

DEADLINE: 30 April 2014

MAX GRANT: £5,000

Link: <http://www.interface-online.org.uk/how-we-can-help/funding/innovation-vouchers>