

External Funding Alert

ISSUE 45 ○ MARCH 2014

○ 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

TEAM CONTACTS:

CAROLE COULL T. 01292 616226

JACQUELINE BROWN T. 01292 616245



News

MEET THE FUNDERS EVENT

You are invited to the above event as follows:

DATE: Thursday 1 May 2014

VENUE: The Ballroom, Assembly Rooms, 54, George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2LR

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: 1pm to 4pm

Organisations are invited to drop in at any time between 1pm and 4pm to speak to the funders and other agencies such as:

- In Kind Direct
- Edinburgh4 Community
- Graphics Co-op
- Heart Research UK
- The Melting Pot
- Big Lottery
- Go4 IT
- Bank of Scotland Foundation
- Robertson Trust
- CSV Action Earth
- Princes Trust
- Turn to Us
- Sportscotland
- Waste Aware
- Unity Trust Bank
- Comic Relief
- Pass IT On
- Sported
- Neighbourhood Partnership Community Grants Fund

Link: <http://www.assemblyroomsedinburgh.co.uk/assembly-rooms/home.html>

Programme Updates

BIG LOTTERY PROGRAMME NEWS

1. Incomplete applications (all programmes)

BIG have seen a notable increase in applications received that have been incomplete. They are currently working on this to find out why this is.

The percentage of applications received incomplete when they are first submitted are:

- 2014 Communities – 58%
- Awards for All – 26%
- Celebrate – 54%
- Communities and Families Fund – 15%
- Investing in Communities (Stage one) – 50%
- Investing in Communities (Stage two) – 100%
- Investing in Ideas – 13%
- Young Start – 21%

Quite a lot of the incomplete applications had multiple 'incomplete reasons'. **Before** you submit your application carefully check it over to ensure that there are no mistakes and no incomplete sections.

2. Celebrate

Celebrate application levels have picked up significantly since January, with lots of great events now planned for the late spring and summer across Scotland.

If you are planning your event to coincide with the Queen's Baton Relay (from mid June) or to take place during the Commonwealth Games (23 July 2014 to 3 August 2014) BIG Lottery are advising you to submit your application to Celebrate by 31 March 2014.

This will ensure that they can give you a decision in good time and allow you to plan a successful project with the widest possible community reach.

They will still accept applications after that date and continue to make grants up to and beyond the Games, but getting in early will avoid disappointment.

3. Communities and Families Fund

This is a reminder that BIG Lottery is actively encouraging applications. Groups can apply for up to £10,000. The focus of the application must be on young children and improving their quality of life. Voluntary and community groups such as a pre-school playgroup, kids' club, nursery, community trust, out of school club or a football community club.

4. Myths of the month

BIG's Communications Team is reporting that they are hearing or reading about 'myths' about BIG's funding programme. Often this can prevent someone applying or applying to the wrong fund/wrong type of project.

The month's top myth is:

"Celebrate will fund any type of project- it will consider anything".

This isn't true. All requests to Celebrate must have a Commonwealth focus (Commonwealth Games and/or the people and culture of the Commonwealth). Taking it a little bit further, there has to be a way to celebrate what has taken place. Any request that isn't Commonwealth focused should not be submitted to Celebrate.

5. Programme case studies and Top Ten Tips for applying for BIG Funding

BIG are highlighting their various programmes through case studies on an ongoing basis.

These are being posted on the BIG Scotland blog via the link below.

Just type the name of the programme into the search box under the 'Links' list to find all blogs related to that programme.

Link: <http://bigblogscotland.org.uk/2014/02/14/5-ways-to-make-us-love-your-application/>

CHARLES HAYWARD FOUNDATION

This scheme has new guidelines and a new website. The foundation operates both a main and small grant programme and currently makes grants in the following two categories:

1. Main Grant Programme

Criminal Justice, Heritage and Conservation and Overseas (for charities with an income of more than £350,000).

The main grant programme has a two stage grant process as follows:

Stage 1: A grants committee meets on a quarterly basis and their role is to put applications forward to the next stage.

Stage 2: Applications recommended by the grants committee are considered at one of the Trustees' meetings which take place on a quarterly basis and are usually held in February, April, July and November of each year.

The follows:

2. Small Grant Programme

Criminal Justice, Heritage and Conservation and Older People (for charities with an income of less than £350,000).

The small grant programme is a rolling grant programme and applications are considered every two to three months.

Within all of the above categories they fund project costs and capital expenditure. Further information and guidance on the type, size and the timescales for applying can be downloaded from the trusts website.

Generally, when funding projects, they value those that develop, expand and replicate a tried and tested approach, but are also interested in supporting creative solutions to problems which seem to be entrenched and elude resolution.

The foundation values projects that are preventative and provide early intervention. They favour projects that respond to a well researched and clear need, provide intervention based on evidence of what works, are able to demonstrate value for money and have a clear understanding of short-term effects and long-term impact of the intervention they propose.

The deadline for receipt of applications is dependent on the programme being applied to.

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

THE JOHN LAING CHARITABLE TRUST

This scheme will no longer accept uninvited applications.

The Trust is asking organisations, that fit within its programme priorities, to register an interest and if they are interested in building a relationship with your organisation they will invite you to submit an application.

The trusts 4 priorities are:

1. Homelessness.
2. Disadvantaged and exploited young people.
3. Education.
4. Community regeneration.

Expressions of interest can be submitted at any time.

Link: http://www.laing.com/corporate_responsibility/john_laing_charitable_trust.html

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

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
(Educational Grants Advisory Service: for post-16 students studying at specific colleges or universities)

JUSTGIVING

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

The new tools offer:

- Branded company fundraising pages to showcase all of a business employees 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>

RESOURCE EFFICIENT SCOTLAND

This scheme is a Scottish Government funded programme delivered by Zero Waste Scotland. It works 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:

This service provides free advice, support, training and access to funding to help organisations implement resource efficiency measures contact telephone number 0808 808 2268.

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, Public Sector Resource Efficient Scotland, 01786 433930 or email warren.mcintyre@resourceefficientscotland.com

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

EVENT ORGANISERS' GUIDE

The Can-Do guide is an interactive guide to organising community events. Published by the Cabinet Office the guide aims to dispel a raft of inaccurate myths leading, it is hoped, to a surge in community events over the coming year.

Link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/can-do-guide-for-organisers-of-voluntary-events>

PEER-TO-PEER MENTORING SCHEME/INSPIRING STUDY VISIT SCHEME

The Plunkett Foundation have secured funds from the Prince's Countryside Fund to deliver a Peer-to-Peer mentoring scheme and an Inspiring Study Visit scheme for Scotland.

This programme gives groups the opportunity to learn from another established shop group. A substantial amount of time is spent discussing the details of community enterprise. In addition a Plunkett mentor or adviser assists the visit and a tour of the shop is generally given and travel expenses are paid.

To find out more contact the Frontline Team on 01993 810730 or email Hannah.barrett@plunkett.co.uk.

WAYS TO PAY

The Payments Council announced before Christmas that banks have delivered on their promise to extend the ways charities can authorise their payments if they are reliant on more than one signatory. Nominated signatories will be able to authorise payments using either online banking or, in some cases phone banking facilities, with a range of Payments Council members.

Cheques will still be continued to be used and banks have committed to carrying on using and accepting cheques for as long as needed.

Further details can be found from your bank or the Payment Council website.

Link: http://www.paymentscouncil.org.uk/media_centre/press_releases/-/page/2788/

New Funding Opportunities

Arts, Culture And Heritage

SOUTH AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND

This scheme has a pot of £65,000 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: <http://www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/cpp/community-devfund.aspx>

THE ANCIENT MONUMENTS GRANTS

This scheme provides financial assistance to help preserve and maintain monuments, and in some cases to present them to the public.

Grants can be offered to owners of monuments, land managers or to other bodies acting with the written approval of the owner.

There is no fixed rate of grant however, the programme has a limited budget and maximum annual grants for a project are unlikely to exceed £50,000.

Historic Scotland encourages applicants to look into other sources of funding as well as applying for this grant to make sure that their monument is well taken care of.

The purposes for which an Ancient Monuments Grant can be made include:

- Acquisition of a monument for the purpose of preserving it.
- Removal of a monument, or part of a monument, for the same purpose.
- Preservation, maintenance and management of a monument (though day-to-day maintenance expenses are not normally

grant-eligible, unless they are part of a Management Agreement between HS and the owner).

- Provision by a local authority of facilities, information or other services at or near a monument open to the public.

The deadline for receipt of applications is 31 July 2014.

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

CREATIVE SCOTLAND PUBLIC ART SITED PROGRAMME

This scheme will support projects in any artform and will support proposals that aim to create new work through a deep and genuine engagement with people and place.

The range of projects that will be considered include those that are artist-led, those that are community driven and those that bring art and the creative process into major infrastructure and regeneration developments.

The fund has been established to enable the development and realisation of high quality public art projects that bring artists, people and places together.

In 2013/14 the total budget available is £750,000 with individual awards anticipated to be within the region of £25,000-£250,000.

A minimum of 10% cash partnership funding of the total project costs is required for the Public Art Sited programme.

Artists and arts organisations may apply for eligible costs which include staff, artists' fees, marketing and technical costs.

Projects can vary in size, scale and duration and both permanently sited and temporary projects will be

This fund is not for the showcasing of existing work or the installation of discrete commissions.

The deadline for receipt of applications is 2 May 2014.

Link: <http://www.creativescotland.com/funding/funding-programmes/public-art/public-art-sited>

IDEAS FUND INNOVATORS (16 TO 22)

The scheme aims to provide assistance to projects that are inspiring, original, innovative and that can be delivered in all creative disciplines, undertaken by young people aged 16-22.

Ten awards of £500 will be provided to fund projects that are inspiring, original, innovative and those that IdeasTap considers the applicant can realistically deliver.

In the past everything from dance and film projects to music videos and photography collectives have been supported. There is no limitation on the creative field that may be considered.

The Ideas Fund will support applications from groups or individuals for arts and creative projects.

Individuals must be aged between 16 and 22 on the closing date for applications for the current round and be resident in the UK.

Applicants must have registered as an IdeasTap member and created a profile on their website.

Those aged between 23 and 30 may apply for IdeasTap's sister programme Ideas Fund Innovators (23 to 30).

The deadline for receipt of applications is 5pm on Wednesday 28 May 2014.

Link: <http://www.ideastap.com/Opportunities/Brief/Ideas-Fund-Innovators-16-to-22-270514#Overview>

IDEAS FUND INNOVATORS (23 TO 30)

The scheme aims to provide assistance to projects that are inspiring, original, innovative and that can be delivered in all creative disciplines, undertaken by young people aged 23-30.

Ten awards of £500 will be provided to fund projects that are inspiring, original, innovative and those that IdeasTap considers the applicant can realistically deliver.

In the past everything from dance and film projects to music videos and photography collectives have been supported. There is no limitation on the creative field that may be considered.

The Ideas Fund will support applications from groups or individuals for arts and creative projects.

Individuals must be aged between 23 and 30 on the closing date for applications for the current round and be resident in the UK.

Applicants must have registered as an IdeasTap member and created a profile on their website.

Those aged between 16 and 22 may apply for IdeasTap's sister programme Ideas Fund Innovators (16 to 22).

The deadline for receipt of applications is 5pm on Wednesday 28 May 2014.

Link: <http://www.ideastap.com/Opportunities/Brief/Ideas-Fund-Innovators-23-to-30-280514#Overview>

MUSEUMS GALLERIES SCOTLAND STRATEGIC INVESTMENT FUND

Funding is provided to support projects that increase the impact of Scottish museums by meeting the aims of the National Strategy and which represent a new way of working for the museum which will progress their own organisational development plans.

Applicants may apply for grants of between £5,000 and £40,000.

MSG requires a minimum of 25% match funding with the exception of applications from partnerships, which will be eligible for 100% funding.

Eligible applicants are registered/accredited museums that are full members of MGS.

Organisations must remain a full member of MGS for five years from the date of payment of grant.

Applications may be made on behalf of a single museum; a museums service; a group of museums (which may only be grouped for the duration of the project); a museums forum or a partnership, which can include non-museum members.

The deadline for receipt of applications is Friday 25 April 2014.

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

THE PRS FOR MUSIC FOUNDATION (PRSF) – FUNDING FOR INDIVIDUALS

This scheme seeks to stimulate and support the creation, development and performance of new music in the UK. It is the UK's largest independent funder of new music of any genre. The Foundation's funding priorities are:

- To support the creation and performance of outstanding new music in any genre.
- To develop artists to their full potential.
- To inspire audiences UK-wide.

First-time applicants may apply for up to £5,000. The average grant amount is between £3,000 and £4,000.

The Foundation usually expects to make a contribution to an overall budget rather than supporting the whole project. Other income can include ticket sales, support from other funders and the applicant's own contribution. In-kind support should be listed separately, but will also be considered.

Funding is available for the following:

- Songwriters and composers who want to create new work for live performance.
- Performers who would like to commission music to be played live (a commission is defined as an individual engaging a UK-based music creator to write new work).

- Individuals promoting outstanding new music events.
- Touring.

Applicants may be working in any genre and should have at least 18 months professional experience.

This is a quarterly programme with the next deadline for receipt of applications being 28 April 2014.

Link: <http://www.prsformusicfoundation.com/Funding/Open-Funding/Funding-for-Individuals>

THE PRS FOR MUSIC FOUNDATION (PRSF) – FUNDING FOR ORGANISATIONS & GROUPS

This scheme seeks 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. The scheme aims to support:

- Commissions of new music by UK-based creators.
- Community projects that reach new audiences.
- Touring.
- Music that uses new developments in technology.
- Music creator residencies.
- Live programmes featuring UK new music.

Organisations applying for the first time may apply for up to £5,000. The average grant amount is between £3,000 and £4,000.

The Foundation prefers to make contributions to projects rather than fully funding them.

This is a quarterly programme with the next deadline for receipt of applications being 28 April 2014.

Link: <http://www.prsformusicfoundation.com/Funding/Open-Funding/Funding-for-Organisations-and-Groups>

THE PRS FOR MUSIC FOUNDATION (PRSF) – WOMEN MAKE MUSIC

This scheme seeks to draw attention to this gender gap and to explore how the work of women music creators can be better supported, PRS for Music Foundation provides this funding programme.

The aims of Women Make Music are to:

- Break down assumptions and stereotypes within the music industry by encouraging role models for future generations.
- Raise awareness of the gender gap and to ensure that women are aware that support for new music is available to them.
- Increase the profile of women who are creating new music in the UK.

- Stimulate new collaborations between organisations and female music creators.

Grants of up to £5,000 are available for the following:

- Songwriters and composers who want to create new music for live performance.
- Solo performers who want to commission new music which they will perform live.
- Organisations/groups who would like to commission a female composer to create new work.
- Music creator residencies.

Funding can be used to assist with the costs of the first performance and/or the fee for the music creator.

Applicants can be working in any genre and must have at least 18 months professional experience. However music creators that have previously been supported through Women Make Music are not eligible to apply for funding from this scheme.

The deadlines for receipt of applications are 28 April and 29 September 2014.

Link: <http://www.prsformusicfoundation.com/Funding/Women-Make-Music>

THE RADCLIFFE TRUST

This scheme makes grants available for registered charities, based in the UK, principally in two sectors: Music and Heritage & Crafts.

No minimum or maximum level of grant is specified. The majority of grants are one-off payments or recurrent annual grants over a two to three year period.

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.

2. Heritage and 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.

Further information and guidance on how to apply is available from the trusts website; however please note applicants are advised to submit an application well in advance of the biannual deadlines.

The next programme deadlines for receipt of applications are:

- **Annual Music deadlines: 31 August 2014.**
- **Annual Heritage & Crafts deadlines: 31 July 2014.**

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

THE ANCIENT MONUMENTS GRANTS

This scheme provides financial assistance to help preserve and maintain monuments, and in some cases to present them to the public.

Grants can be offered to owners of monuments, land managers or to other bodies acting with the owner's written approval.

There is no fixed rate of grant however the programme has a limited budget and maximum annual grants for a project are unlikely to exceed £50,000.

In assessing the level of grant, account is taken of the monument's importance relative to others being considered for grant, the urgency of the works, and the alternative sources of funding available to the applicant.

Historic Scotland encourages applicants to look into other sources of funding as well as applying for this grant to make sure that their monument is well taken care of.

The purposes for which an Ancient Monuments Grant can be made include:

- Acquisition of a monument for the purpose of preserving it.
- Removal of a monument, or part of a monument, for the same purpose.
- Preservation, maintenance and management of a monument (though day-to-day maintenance expenses are not normally grant-eligible, unless they are part of a Management Agreement between HS and the owner).
- Provision by a local authority of facilities, information or other services at or near a monument open to the public.

The deadline for receipt of applications is 31 July 2014.

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

Business and Enterprise Development

THE LLOYDS BANKING GROUP SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURS PROGRAMME

This scheme, funded by Lloyds Banking Group with support from Nominet Trust, will comprise comprehensive support from the School for Social Entrepreneurs (SSE) through its innovative 'action learning' programmes.

This programme is intended to support social entrepreneurs from across the UK to start or scale-up their projects. It is expected to support 150 social entrepreneurs each year, for five years.

For those who are in the early stage development of a project or organisation this programme will support personal development and business skills development to help turn projects or project ideas into a reality. Learning areas include:

Setting up a social enterprise

- Strategy.
- People and money.
- Marketing.
- Leadership.
- Presentation skills.
- Social impact.

For established organisations that are looking to take their operations to the next level this programme will equip applicants with the tools to develop their enterprise further and maximise its social impact.

Learning areas include :

- Strategies for growth and sustainability.
- Partnerships.
- Staff development.
- Learning in a changing environment.
- Trading.
- Impact and evaluation.
- Funding and investment for growth.

Grants of £4,000 and £15,000 are available. The support available breaks down as follows:

- 'Start Up' grants of £4,000 awarded and a place on a Start Up SSE learning programme.
- 'Scale Up' grants of £15,000 awarded and a place on a Scale Up SSE learning programme.

Further information and guidance is available from their website via the link below.

The deadline for receipt of applications is 3pm on 3 April 2014.

Link: <http://www.the-sse.org/lloydsbankinggroup>

PLUNKETT FOUNDATION

This scheme has a bursary fund for communities at the feasibility stage of setting up or diversifying a community enterprise.

Communities need to be planning to raise at least £10,000 through a community share issue to be eligible. The funding for this has been made available through a programme supported by the Esmee Fairbairn Foundation.

There are no published deadlines.

Link: <http://www.communityshops.coop/support/help-available>

RBS INSPIRING YOUTH IN ENTERPRISE

This scheme is part of the RBS Inspiring Enterprise programme and will run over the next three years.

Funding will support the delivery of innovative projects through non-profit organisations which inspire young people aged 13-30.

A total of £500,000 of grants will be available across two funding rounds in 2014 to support organisations which will help young people to start up and succeed in business.

Three levels of funding are available:

- Small – up to £10,000.
- Medium – £10,001 to £25,000.
- Large – £25,001 to £50,000.

Applications which are 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.

Non-profit organisation based and operating in the UK with a track record of providing enterprise support to young people may apply.

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be formally constituted.
- Operate on a non-profit distributing basis.

- Not currently be receiving RBS Group sponsorship or grant funding. (A full list of RBS Group members can be found on the RBS Group website.)
- Have experience of supporting enterprise development.
- Accept liability for the total costs of making an application.

Further information and guidance including criteria, restrictions and terms and conditions can be found on the RBS Group Inspiring Enterprise website.

The next round for applications runs from 30 June to noon on 11 July 2014

Link: <http://www.inspiringenterprise.rbs.com/>

Children/Youths/Young People

THE NUFFIELD FOUNDATION

This scheme supports research and innovation that will bring about beneficial social change. Through its Grants for Research and Innovation programme, the Foundation seeks to support self-contained projects that are innovative, practical, generalisable and reflective.

Grants are mainly for research, usually carried out in universities or independent research institutes, or for practical innovation or development, often in voluntary sector organisations.

There are three main programmes offering grant funding:

- Children and Families.
- Law in Society.
- Open Door.

Grants range in size from £5,000 to £150,000. The Foundation also considers larger grants but makes only a few each year.

The Foundation is interested in supporting research in the following areas:

- Interdisciplinary work in family law.
- Children at risk or in need.
- Broader provision for children in need.
- Placement and planning for children, including adoption (separate guidance is issued by the Foundation for these kind of projects).
- Contact following separation or divorce, including the movement of children and child abduction.
- The legal and financial impacts of divorce and separation.
- Risk management that affects children.

Non-profit organisations and other charitable groups based in the UK are eligible for funding under this scheme.

All applicants for funding must demonstrate that proposals are suited to the requirements of the Foundation and could not be considered for funding from other sources such as other government bodies, or other more appropriate charities.

The deadlines for applications being considered at their November 2014 meeting are as follows:

- Outline application 4 July 2014.
- Full applications 29 August 2014.

Link: <http://www.nuffieldfoundation.org/children-and-families-0>

SCOTLAND CROSS TRUST

This scheme was established 'to enable young people of Scottish birth or parentage to extend the boundaries of their knowledge of human life'. The purpose of the application must be to benefit Scottish people. There are two categories of awards:

- The promotion amongst the youth of Scotland of a love of nature and Scottish scenery. Awards are made to organisations which provide opportunities for the education or advancement of their members including assistance with expeditions in furtherance of their objects, and for building and other renovation works for their premises.
- The promotion of drama, opera and similar works, in particular, the works of Shakespeare, and of Gilbert and Sullivan.

It provides support under the following categories:

- Some university and college courses.
- Projects and studies which do not form part of a university or college degree.
- Vacation studies in the arts.
- Medical elective studies abroad.
- Horticultural studies – The John Fife Travel Award.

No maximum or minimum grant levels are specified. Applications are assessed on a case-by-case basis. Applicants must demonstrate evidence of financial need and are expected to take advantage of the maximum amounts of career development loans or student loans available to them.

Organisations wishing to apply for funding should contact the Trust directly in the first instance for further guidance on eligibility.

The next deadlines for receipt of applications are as follows:

- **Awards for university/college courses and awards for projects/studies – 5 June 2014.**
- **Vacation studies in the arts – 1 April 2014.**

- **Medical elective studies abroad – 1 April, 30 September and 31 December 2014.**

- **Awards for organisations – 8 August 2014.**

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

Education, Employment and Training

THOMAS WALL TRUST

This scheme provides grants for the assistance, support and encouragement of individuals and organisations in the fields of education and social service in its broadest sense.

Grants are made up to a maximum value of £1,000 for organisations and individuals.

1. Organisations

Registered charities in the UK with an annual income of less than £100,000 are eligible to apply for grants that serve the educational and social needs of their communities.

Funding can be used for specific project costs, however organisations need to show how a grant of this size will help make a clear and significant contribution to their project or activity.

Successful organisations will normally not receive recurrent funding and can only reapply after five years.

2. Individuals

Grants are also made to individuals for the cost of training courses that improve their chances of employment. Grants may be offered towards fees, equipment or any other relevant study costs.

Individuals who meet all of the following requirements are eligible to apply:

- Have been ordinarily resident in the UK for at least three years prior to the start of their course.
- Are facing a barrier to employment or education.
- Cannot fund their training through any other means, such as statutory grants or loans.
- Are not already qualified to work.
- Are studying a technical or skills-based course that is below degree level.
- Can demonstrate compelling need.

The deadlines for receipt of applications are as follows:

1. **Organisations – applications for the July meeting must be received by the end of May and for the November meeting by the end of September.**
2. **Individuals – the Trust sometimes has to close early if all funding has been allocated, but applications can otherwise be made at the following times:**
 - **For courses starting in September 2014, applications can be made from January 2014 to August 2014.**
 - **For courses that have started and end in July 2014, or short courses before September 2014, applications can be made between January 2014 and April 2014.**

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

Energy/Environment

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND (RBS) ENERGY LOANS AND ADVICE

This scheme, delivered by RBS offers energy audit and loan funding support designed to help small and medium sized businesses reduce their energy usage, energy costs and carbon emissions.

Following an audit, businesses are able to apply for loan support to help them put in place energy efficiency measures. Eligible costs include support for a wide range of measures identified in a Mentor Energy Audit. These typically include lighting, heating, cooling, refrigeration, building fabric, plant and equipment, and identifying ways to potentially create energy through solar, wind and biomass.

Any small or medium enterprise, SME – whether a customer of RBS or not – can access the audit service, and businesses do not have to have had an energy audit with Mentor to apply for a loan.

Eligible businesses can access loans ranging from between £25,001 and £500,000.

Support may be accessed at any time.

Link: <http://www.rbsmentor.co.uk/services/energyaudit.aspx>

Health and Social Welfare

INMAN CHARITY

This scheme is open to charities registered in the UK and 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.
- The Armed Forces.

Further information, guidance and details on how to apply are available from the trusts website.

The deadline for receipt of applications to their autumn meeting is the end of August.

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

THE WILL CHARITABLE TRUST

This scheme provides support within the following categories: care of and services for blind people; long-term care of people with learning disabilities and care of and services for people suffering from cancer.

Grants vary in amount, but generally fall within the range of £5,000 to £20,000 and are available for activities in the following categories:

- Care of and services for blind people, and the prevention and/or cure of blindness.
- Long-term care of people with learning disabilities, either in residential care or a supported living environment, in a way that provides a family environment and a wide choice of activities and lifestyle, or by providing long-term day/employment activities.
- Care of and services for people suffering from cancer and their families.

The Trustees may occasionally consider larger exceptional grants, but this is unusual and generally confined to charities that are well known to the Trust and have been supported for some time.

Please note that projects supported by the Trust are likely to require some form of contribution from the applicant.

The deadlines for receipt of applications are as follows:

- **Blind People and Learning Disabilities should be submitted from November and be received by 31 January 2015 at the very latest.**
- **Cancer Care should be submitted from June, and be received by 31 August 2014 at the very latest.**

Link: <http://www.willcharitabletrust.org.uk/grantspolicy.htm>

Housing

THE LINTEL TRUST

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

Applications are welcomed from the following:

- Voluntary organisations or charities.
- Housing associations and co-operatives.
- Other non-profit-making bodies working for charitable purposes.

Applicant organisations must be based in Scotland and projects must relate to providing or supporting independent living in a secure home, or must be run by or closely involve a housing association, or must aim to improve people's housing, standard of living or local community.

Target groups include the following:

- Single homeless people.
- People with physical disabilities or mental health problems.
- Older people (people of pensionable age, or people over 50 with extra needs).
- People from minority ethnic groups who are in housing need.

Grants of up to £2,000 are available, usually as one-off pieces of funding and interest free loans and advice on funding possibilities are also available.

The Trust is extremely unlikely to fully fund a request as applicants are encouraged to apply for other funding or for matched funding.

All possible sources of statutory funds (eg local authority or central government) must have been explored. Lottery funding should also have been considered if appropriate.

The deadlines for receipt of applications are two weeks before the Trustees' Meetings which are scheduled for the first Friday in June, September and December 2014.

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

HELP THE HOMELESS

This scheme, aimed at supporting small and medium sized registered charities with a turnover of under £1 million per annum, to help homeless people rebuild their lives and re-enter society.

Grants of up to £5,000 are available for projects that find practical ways to help disadvantaged individuals return to the community through training or residential facility provision, rather than merely providing short term shelter.

The scheme will principally fund capital costs, but may consider revenue costs if necessary to the project.

Projects must assist individuals in their return to mainstream society, rather than simply offering shelter or other forms of sustenance.

Applicants requiring funding for building work and refurbishment are advised to visit the CRASH website at <http://www.crash.co.uk>; CRASH is the construction industry's charity for homeless people for advice.

Due to the large number of grant applications for computer equipment, applicants must first contact one of the following organisations:

- The Charity Technology Exchange.
- Pugh Computers.
- Donate a PC.

If none of these organisations can assist, then a regular supplier should be asked for charity pricing.

This fund is aimed at supporting small and medium sized registered charities with a turnover of under £1 million per annum.

The next deadlines for receipt of applications are 15 June, 15 September and 15 December 2014.

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

Miscellaneous

THE ANCHOR FOUNDATION

This scheme aims to support registered Christian charities concerned with social inclusion particularly through ministries of healing and the arts.

Grants of between £500 and £10,000 are available per year. It is normal practice not to give grants to the same project for more than three years.

Applications for capital or revenue funding will be considered, but grants for building work will only be considered in exceptional circumstances.

Successful applicants should wait 12 months before applying again. Unsuccessful applicants can re-apply after 12 months.

Further information and guidance is available from the trust website.

The next deadline for receipt of applications is 31 July 2014.

[Link: http://theanchorfoundation.org.uk/information.html](http://theanchorfoundation.org.uk/information.html)

Sport, Tourism and Leisure

MCDONALD'S KICKSTART GRANTS

This scheme seeks to help develop the community football team player and the community itself provided that they are recognised by their national Football Association and have at least one team at or below junior (under 18) level.

One-off grants of between £500 and £2,500 including VAT are available

Only one application can be made per club per project application period. If the club has previously applied for a grant but has been unsuccessful, they can reapply at any time in the remaining two project application periods.

Funding is available for anything which will help to support, grow or develop the organisation's players and the community. This could include:

- Club facilities.
- Grounds keeping tools.
- Training courses.
- Pitch hire.
- Mini-vans.
- Washing machines.

Please note the fund will not support the following:

- Advertising and promotions.
- Fundraisers.
- Kit/team wear.
- Club trips/tours.
- Holiday training camps.
- Club personnel wages/expenses such as fuel.
- Work that has already been completed prior to an application being submitted and approved.

Further information and guidance is available via the link below.

The next quarterly deadline for receipt of applications is 31 March 2014.

[Link: http://www.mcdonalds.co.uk/ukhome/Sport/Football/Investment/](http://www.mcdonalds.co.uk/ukhome/Sport/Football/Investment/)

THE 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.

Grants of between £10,000 and £100,000 are available to meet up to 50% of project costs. The total value of the Fund is £10 million until 2015.

Applicants must be able to demonstrate that the project:

- Offers meaningful community access.
- Provides community benefit.
- Is not for private gain.
- Has both a clear need and demand for what is proposed.

Applicants will normally be expected to meet at least 25% of project costs from their own resources. This may include bank borrowing and members' loans.

Applicants who have secured funding designated for their local area may also be included within their contribution.

In kind contributions will be counted toward the 25% applicant contribution of the total project cost up to a maximum of 10%. However, in kind contributions will not be match funded by the Fund.

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 for up to 70% of project costs.

Grants are available for capital expenditure associated with physical activity and sports projects that benefit the community. The fund defines capital expenditure as expenditure on the purchase, upgrade or construction of an asset. This includes any costs directly incurred in the process, such as:

- Architect, quantity surveyor and engineers' fees.
- Solicitor's fees in respect of asset purchases or leases.
- Other fees such as planning and building warrant.

Full details on the scheme, including terms and conditions, are available from the sportscotland website.

The next deadline for receipt of applications is 1 July 2014.

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

Awards

CLYDESDALE BANK SPIRIT OF THE COMMUNITY AWARDS 2014

This scheme makes donations to charities and not-for-profit organisations to recognise them for going the extra mile, and groups are invited to enter the awards scheme under one of the following headings: education, employability and environment.

The awards are open to a range of organisations across the voluntary sector who can demonstrate their support for their local communities. This could include groups promoting access to financial education, helping to upskill people in preparation for the workplace or aiming to improve and protect the environment.

There will be an overall winning group in each of the three categories, which will secure £10,000 of funding, and three highly commended that will each receive £5,000.

Further information is available online and application forms can also be picked up from Clydesdale Bank branches. Winners will be announced in the summer.

The deadline for receipt of nominations is 31 March 2014.

Link: <http://www.cbonline.co.uk/foundation>

SCOTTISH AWARDS FOR QUALITY IN PLANNING

This scheme seeks to stimulate the creativity of those engaged in planning, in the process and in the quality of development produced, and to raise the profile of good planning practice.

The awards ceremony will take place in Edinburgh in November 2014 and celebrate the positive contributions that individuals and organisations in all sectors make to enable high-quality development in Scotland.

The judges make recommendations on awards and commendations under the following six categories:

- Development Plans
- Development Management
- Development on the Ground
- Delivering in Partnership
- Community Involvement
- Quality of Service

In addition, an overall Winner Award may be recommended.

To merit an award, entries must demonstrate outstanding work in planning and related activities, through plans, processes and projects at whatever scale.

The types of project could include regeneration, conservation, environmental improvement or co-ordinating different initiatives. However all entries must demonstrate how they relate to the planning system.

- **Development Plans** category may include work on any aspect of statutory development planning, as well as other plans, policy and supplementary guidance.
- **Development Management** category could include any aspect of improving the service, as well as cases where the process has produced added value, eg. e-planning.
- **Development on the Ground** category can include a wide range of developments and outcomes which relate to planning policy, improve the built environment, regenerate a local area, or have a positive impact on the community.
- **Community Involvement** category recognises the positive role of people in planning. It aims to bring forward outstanding examples of community empowerment, where groups have been active with or through the planning service. The entries should identify where communities have been most effective either in partnership with local authorities, developers, other stakeholders or on their own account, in making places work better.
- **Quality of Service** category recognises innovative approaches that have been developed and applied across Scotland to improve the customer's experience of the planning service. Overall, entries should outline what was done to improve the service and how this delivered beneficial outcomes for all. Only groups or teams can be nominated in this category and the application must include the support/endorsement from the external customer(s) in receipt of the improved service.
- **Delivering in Partnership** category recognises the work achieved through public and private bodies (house builders or commercial) coming together and using innovative ways to get development moving and the planning system delivering.

Anyone may enter the planning awards, including local authorities, consultants, community groups, developers, public agencies and voluntary organisations throughout Scotland.

Although no specific exclusions are cited in the guidelines, potential applicants are advised to contact the sponsor directly to ensure they meet the eligibility criteria.

The work involved in every entry must be complete and have operated long enough for a fair assessment of its achievements. If part of a phased development, it is recommended that all phases are complete prior to submitting an entry.

The deadline for receipt of applications is 2 May 2014.

Link: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Built-Environment/planning/SAQP>

Trusts

THE WESSEX YOUTH TRUST

This scheme, formerly known as the Earl and Countess of Wessex Charitable Trust, is a regular grant making trust founded in June 1999. The Trust supports projects and initiatives which provide opportunities to help, support and advance children and young people.

Grants are generally paid in one instalment with no minimum or maximum levels specified.

However all grant applicants are encouraged to seek funding from a wide range of sources and will be required to provide details of funds already raised in support of the applicant's appeal.

Funding is available for projects that provide opportunities to help support and advance children and young people. Preference is given to pump-priming projects for development and more extensive fundraising initiatives. Specific project funding requests are preferred to more general pot-filling.

Applications are accepted from UK registered charities.

Funding is not available for the following:

- Organisations or groups which are not registered as charities or charitable causes.
- In response to applications by, or for the benefit of, individuals.
- By means of sponsorship for individuals undertaking fundraising activities on behalf of any charity.
- Organisations or groups whose main objects are to fund or support other charitable bodies.
- Charities whose accounts disclose substantial financial resources and which have well established and ample fundraising capabilities.
- Charities with religious objectives, political, industrial or commercial appeal.

The Trust does not accept invitations to appoint representatives to serve on the controlling bodies of organisations and objects to which charitable assistance has been given.

In general the Trust does not involve itself in directly financing projects for which very substantial government funding and/or grants from a number of trusts are available.

Application forms are available to download from the Trust's website. The Trustees meet twice a year, in May and November, to consider applications. Successful applicants must provide an update report within six months following receipt of the grant.

The deadlines for receipt of applications are 1 May and 1 November 2014 to ensure consideration at the next trustee meeting.

Link: <http://www.wessexyouthtrust.org.uk/grant-applications.php>

WOLFSON FOUNDATION

This scheme aims to support capital infrastructure in the following areas:

1. Science and medicine.
2. Arts and humanities.
3. Education.
4. Health and disability.

The Foundation allocates approximately £30 million per annum with no specified minimum or maximum levels of grants. However grants will only be made where matched funding has already been raised or pledged and are given to act as a catalyst to lever additional funding and to back excellence and talent. Grants are usually only made for capital projects ie new buildings, renovation and equipment.

Some of the Foundation's grants are made through joint funding programmes with expert bodies. Listed below are the types of funding available within each area of interest.

1. Science and Medicine

This area receives the highest proportion of the Foundation's funding. Grants are made for the capital infrastructure underpinning top quality research. Initial approaches should come from the Vice Chancellor's office of the applicant university.

- a) **Research** – grants are made for capital infrastructure supporting excellence – viewed in this context as internationally competitive research of the highest quality or with the potential to be of the highest quality. Capital infrastructure is defined to include new buildings, refurbishment and research equipment. The Foundation prefers to have a direct funding relationship with research intensive universities rather than allocating through conduit research charities.
- b) **Wolfson Merit Awards** – this programme is administered by the Royal Society. It provides awards for outstanding academics and aims to attract to, and retain in the UK, scientists of exceptional achievement and potential.

2. Arts and Humanities

- a) **Historic Buildings and Landscapes** – eligible buildings should normally be listed grade II* or above, and the project should involve conservation or refurbishment work to the historic fabric of the building. The building should be accessible to the public for the majority of the year. Support is also given, on occasion, to landscapes and gardens where these are of exceptional historic significance.
- b) **Performing Arts** – The Wolfson Foundation's funding of the performing arts aims to support and promote excellence in the sector. In this context, excellence is defined by the organisation's artistic output and its critical reception within the sector and by national funding bodies. Capital projects for the performing arts, including refurbishment, new build and major equipment/instruments, may be eligible for funding where:
 - The organisation has a record of producing work of national significance.
 - The organisation receives significant funding (generally of above £500,000 each year) as an Arts Council national portfolio organisation (or equivalent in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales), attracts a large annual audience, and the artistic output is of a high standard.
- c) **Museums and Galleries** – the Foundation supports major projects at national institutions (generally, where the project cost is in excess of £300,000). The Foundation also supports smaller organisations (and smaller projects), such as regional galleries of national significance, where they are not eligible under the joint programme with the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS). Grants are also available through a joint programme with DCMS.
- d) **Cathedrals** – applications to this programme are made via the Cathedrals Fabric Commission for England. General enquiries should be directed to the CFCE in the first instance.
- e) **Churches** – the Foundation provides a funding stream for Anglican churches through the Church Buildings Council and application should be submitted direct to them using their online system.
- f) **War Memorials** – the Foundation has a joint programme for the conservation of war memorials and enquiries should be directed through the War Memorials Trust.

3. Health and Disability

- a) **Special Needs** – grants are made for building refurbishments, new buildings, extensions, purchase of specialist equipment or vehicles. Grants are awarded to charities of all sizes, in the following areas: physical disabilities (including visual or hearing impairments and rehabilitation), learning disabilities and mental health and older people. Special schools and colleges are eligible to apply under this funding programme, as are charities providing education and employment opportunities to adults with learning disabilities.
- b) **Palliative Care and Hospices** – grants are made to adult and children's hospices for new buildings, major refurbishment work, equipment or vehicles.

4. Education

- a) **Secondary Schools** – grants are made for projects related to the teaching of science and technology or information or communications technology directly related to learning for projects involving libraries, languages, music or the arts.

Applications are accepted from organisations and educational establishments in the UK which are registered charities or which have charitable status, these include:

- Schools.
- Universities.
- Hospices and disability charities.
- Museums.
- Historic and religious buildings.

The Foundation advises applicants to check the Foundation's website before making an application. It operates a two stage application process. The aim of the first stage is to determine whether a project is eligible and this should be submitted online through the Wolfson Foundation website. Stage 2 applications are submitted in written format and once received, applications are considered by expert reviewers and a specialist panel who make recommendations to the full Board of Trustees.

Key criteria used by Trustees to assess applications include:

- Excellence of the organisation.
- Anticipated outcome of the project.
- Financial viability.
- Adequate provision for ongoing costs and maintenance.
- Aesthetics of any building project.

The next deadline for receipt of applications, for a December decision, is 1 July 2014.

Link: <http://www.wolfson.org.uk/grant-applicants/>

Imminent Deadlines

March – April 2014

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: <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>

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

SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURS PROGRAMME

This scheme sees a new round of Lloyds Banking Group's Social Entrepreneurs Programme which aims to support community-focused businesspeople across the UK to start or scale-up their projects.

DEADLINE: 2 April 2014

MAX GRANT: £15,000

Link: <http://www.the-sse.org>

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: <http://www.museumassociation.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://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: <http://bankofscotlandfoundation.org/small-grants-programme>

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: <http://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: <http://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: <http://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>

Forthcoming Deadlines

May – June 2014

THE CAUSEWAY YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

This scheme has been developed as a means of helping to strengthen and improve relationships between young people on the islands of Britain and Ireland. It has been designed to contribute to the development of strategies aimed at diminishing misunderstandings.

DEADLINE: 1 May 2014

MAX GRANT: Various

Link: <http://www.causewayyouth.org/index.html>

THE WESSEX TRUST

This scheme supports projects and initiatives which provide opportunities to help, support and advance young people. Grants are generally paid in one instalment. All grant applicants are encouraged to seek funding from a wide range of sources and will be required to provide details of funds already raised in support of the applicant's appeal.

DEADLINE: 1 May 2014

MAX GRANT: Various

Link: <http://www.wessexyouthtrust.org.uk/grant-applications.php>

THE ST NICHOLAS CARE FUND

This scheme is managed by a Church agency, although the help which will be provided is not restricted to activities or interests carried out within the Church. Groups are asked to cost their projects effectively as grants are given on a one-off basis. The Trust will not normally consider more than one application from a group for the lifetime of that group. Preference is given to projects where match funding is available.

DEADLINE: 6 May 2014

MAX GRANT: None given

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

HILTON IN THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (HCF)

This scheme is committed to supporting those most in need to have a brighter future. The purpose of HCF is to support young people worldwide, whilst its vision is to make a real difference to those most in need – in places where Hilton International operates. There is no limit on the amount of money that a charity can request; however, the Foundation is a small charity and generally awards a maximum amount (per year). Funding can be requested for up to two years for any particular project. Grants can be awarded for medium to long-term projects (i.e. over one year) or for one-off causes.

DEADLINE: 7 May 2014

MAX GRANT: £30,000

Link: <http://www.hilton-foundation.org.uk/>

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: 14 May 2014

MAX GRANT: £20,000

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

PEOPLE'S POSTCODE TRUST – SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME

This scheme aims to make the UK a better place for both people and nature. Eligible applicants are small organisations, registered charities and community groups based in Scotland, England or Wales. It acts within the following six fields of operation: Poverty Prevention; Advancement of Health; Community Development; Public Sports; Human Rights and Environmental Protection.

DEADLINE: 20 May 2013

MAX GRANT: £10,000

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

A B CHARITABLE TRUST

This scheme aims to support charities that defend human rights, such as freedom from torture and arbitrary imprisonment, and promote respect for individuals whatever their circumstances. Applications are particularly welcomed from charities working to support: Refugees and asylum seekers; prisoners; older people; and people with mental health problems.

DEADLINE: 23 May 2014

MAX GRANT: £7,500

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

THE PINK RIBBON FOUNDATION

This scheme's mission is to fund projects and provide financial support to UK charities which relieve the needs of people who are suffering from, or who have been affected by breast cancer or who work to advance the understanding of breast cancer, its early detection and treatment.

DEADLINE: 30 May 2014

MAX GRANT: £5,000

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

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. Rates of grant are assessed on an individual basis, but are not normally less than 25% of eligible costs.

DEADLINE: 31 May 2014

MAX GRANT: £500,000

Link: <http://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/>

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 charity will consider full project cost recovery, but costs must only relate to the project itself and not the organisation's core funding.

DEADLINE: 31 May 2014

MAX GRANT: £5,000

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

AUSTIN & HOPE PILKINGTON TRUST

This scheme aims to support organisations undertaking projects in a variety of fields and works on a three-year rotation system, with different fields of interests being funded each year. In 2014 the trusts priorities are music and the arts, and the elderly.

DEADLINE: 1 June 2014

MAX GRANT: £3,000

Link: <http://www.austin-hope-pilkington.org.uk/>

THE WOODWARD CHARITABLE TRUST – SMALL & MAIN GRANTS

This scheme, one of the Sainsbury Family Charitable Trusts, aims to support small-scale, locally-based charitable initiatives in the UK an annual turnover of less than £300,000. Funding is primarily for one-off projects, but the Trustees are willing to consider funding running costs, including core cost and salaries.

DEADLINE: 1 June 2014

MAX GRANT: £5,000

Link: <http://www.woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk/guidelines.html>

ULVERSCROFT FOUNDATION

The Foundation 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 June 2014

MAX GRANT: None specified

Link: <http://foundation.ulverscroft.com/guidelinescolour.htm>

SCOTLAND – ENTERPRISE READY FUND – CATEGORY 1 & 2 APPLICANTS

The Fund aims to help maintain, develop and grow Scotland's enterprising third sector.

DEADLINE: 16 June 2014

MAX GRANT: £250,000

Link: <http://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/the-enterprise-ready-fund.aspx>

VOLANT CHARITABLE TRUST

This scheme provides benefit for such purposes, objects or institutions regarded as charitable in law without any geographic restriction. The Trustees are prepared to support a charity by way of regular annual payments, but only in exceptional circumstances would grants exceed three years

DEADLINE: 27 June 2014

MAX GRANT: None specified

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

ADAMSON TRUST

This scheme supports 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: 30 June 2014

MAX GRANT: None specified

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

CELTIC CHARITY

This scheme seeks to support activities that tackle the following: Poverty, Vulnerability and Inequality. Within these key areas, there are many associated issues including, but not limited to: Health and wellbeing; Education; Homelessness; Social inclusion and Employability.

DEADLINE: 30 June 2014

MAX GRANT: £3,000

Link: <http://www.celticfc.net/charity/about>