

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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LLOYDS TSB FOUNDATION FOR SCOTLAND

The foundation is holding a funding surgery in Glasgow on Tuesday 13 May 2014, in Edinburgh on Tuesday 17 June 2014 with a Skype-based surgery being held on the 4 of June which is open to organisations anywhere in Scotland.

If you are a registered charity or you know of any local charities that would benefit from some one-to-one support with an application they can make an appointment by calling 0131 444 4020 or e-mailing enquiries@ltsbfoundationforscotland.org.uk

In their most recent awards 37 charities have been granted over £700,000 in funding. Almost £600,000 is through the Partnership Drugs Initiative, with six charities receiving grants to support their work with children and young people affected by substance issues. Just under £140,000 was awarded to 31 charities through their Henry Duncan Awards programme.

The next deadline for applications to their Henry Duncan Awards programme is 19 May 2014 so there is still time for any local groups you know of who fit their funding criteria to apply.

Link: <http://www.ltsbfoundationforscotland.org.uk/index.asp?cookies=True>

Programme Updates

BIG LOTTERY PROGRAMME NEWS

Awards for All Programme

This scheme is being paused for applications from noon on 9 May to 4 August 2014. This is to help meet the high level of demand linked to the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games and wider portfolio of small grant programmes.

Celebrate Programme

This scheme has received a higher than expected volume of applications and to ensure that they can meet this higher than expected demand, BIG have announced that £0.5 million will be added to the £4 million already in the Celebrate fund, which is jointly run by the Big Lottery Fund, Creative Scotland, Heritage Lottery Fund and Sportscotland.

This will allow more projects than planned to hold events to celebrate the Games coming to Scotland.

However a note of caution, BIG are encouraging groups to check they are fully getting value-for-money as quite a few applications haven't demonstrated this recently.

Since its launch in April 2013, Celebrate has awarded £2.8 million to 378 projects across Scotland for a range of sports, arts, heritage and community events. Thanks to the additional investment they now expect to make around 600 Celebrate awards totalling £4.5 million.

That said they now **plan to close 'Celebrate' to new applications at noon on 30 May 2014**. This will allow them to accept, assess and administer all new applications to the programme by the end of the summer.

People's Millions Programme

As previously announced this programme will close to applications at noon on Friday 16 May 2014.

2014 Communities Fund Programme

This scheme will remain open and BIG are keen to continue to fund 2014 related activity through their 2014 Communities fund which encourages more people to participate and volunteer in physical activity.

2014 Communities has also proven popular with local groups and continues to attract high volumes of applications. They expect to have awarded £6.6 million from this programme by the time it closes following the 2014 Games.

If you have any questions for the BIG Advice Team Scotland, email them at enquiries.scotland@biglotteryfund.org.uk, call 0300 123 7110 or go to their blog at <http://bigblogscotland.org.uk/2014/04/10/awards-for-all-scotland-pause/>

Link: <http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/news-and-events>

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 http://www.ctxchange.org/about_ctx

GRANTNET DATABASE

Search for funding using the Grantnet Database which is funded by North Lanarkshire Council. Grantnet provides a valuable resource for individuals and organisations, in both the private and public sector, looking for funding.

Registration on the system is free, quick and easy. Once registered, you can search the database for the funds that are most appropriate to your organisation or need and will then be able to view and print any of the results. Grantnet is updated every month and offers all the information required to identify appropriate funding.

Link: <http://www.grantnet.com/index.aspx?pid=AEBA4FE0-D66E-4B55-ACD1-95B0CBF47B25&>

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 their employees' achievements, and match their donations with company funds if they choose.

The new tools offer:

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

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

Further details are available via the web link below.

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

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:

(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 – 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 the 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/

SOCIAL ENTERPRISE- MAPPING OF SOCIAL MEDIA & USEFUL WEB RESOURCES

1. Sources of Guidance and Advice

Lanarkshire Enterprise Services Ltd

Link: <http://www.l esl.org>

VANL

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

VASLAN

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

Cranfield Trust

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

Pilotlight

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

2. Networking/Advocacy Support

Social Enterprise Scotland

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

Link: <https://www.facebook.com/socialenterprisescotland>

Link: <https://mobile.twitter.com/signup>

SENSCOT

Link: <http://www.senscot.net>

Link: <http://www.facebook.com/ThematicSEnS>

Link: <https://twitter.com/senscot>

Link: <http://www.senscot.net/networks1st/notices.php>

Social Firms Scotland

Link: <http://www.socialfirms.org.uk/home/home.asp>**Link:** <http://visitor.constantcontact.com/manage/optin?v=001Utocbh1JAdUpWdA6EFO7xMUbvP4Lxx59Ekji1c>

Link: <http://www.socialfirms.org.uk/home/home.asp>

SENSL

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

Community Recycling Network

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

Linkedin

Link: <https://uk.linkedin.com>

3. Capacity Building

FirstPort

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

Link: <https://www.facebook.com/FirstportScotland>

Link: <https://mobile.twitter.com/Firstport>

Link: <http://www.youtube.com/user/Firstport1>

CEIS

Link: <http://ceis.org.uk/>

Development Trust Association

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

Link: <http://www.dtascot.org.uk/content/learning/events/e-bulletin>

Just Enterprise

Link: <http://justenterprise.org/>

UNLtd

Link: <http://unltd.org.uk/path/#>

4. Training

Social Enterprise Academy

Link: <http://www.theacademy-ssea.org/>

Link: <https://mobile.twitter.com/signup>

Link: <https://www.facebook.com/SocEntAcademy?sk=wall>

5. Tendering Opportunities

Supplier Development Programme

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

Public Contracts Scotland

Link: <http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/>

6. Industry Trends

The Guardian

Link: <http://www.theguardian.com/social-enterprise-network>

Link: <https://twitter.com/GuardianSocEnt>

Glasgow Social Enterprise Network

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

Third Force News

Link: <http://thirdforcenews.org.uk/>

New Funding Opportunities

Arts, Culture & Heritage

BUILDING REPAIR GRANT – HISTORIC SCOTLAND

This scheme provides financial help to owners to meet the cost of high-quality repairs using traditional materials and specialist craftsman to conserve original features in buildings of special architectural or historic interest. In return, owners must insure and maintain the building and allow some access to visitors.

There are a number of criteria which have to be met before an award can be considered:

- The building must be of sufficient outstanding architectural or historic interest.
- The building must be at serious risk from neglect or repair.
- A need for grant for repairs to be undertaken must be demonstrated.

Both the private and public sectors are eligible to apply; however applicants must be organisations or individuals who have a legal responsibility for the repair of a historic building. You will normally need to own the building, or hold a full repairing lease, which has at least 21 years to run.

The next two deadlines for 2014 are 31 May and 30 September.

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

GRANTS FOR PLACES OF WORSHIP – SCOTLAND – HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND (HLF)

This scheme provides financial support for projects that involve urgent structural repairs to public places of worship which are listed at Categories A, B and C.

It is a joint scheme, run by the Heritage Lottery Fund and Historic Scotland. As part of a repair project, we can also fund work to encourage greater community use and engagement. You can apply for a grant from £10,000 to £250,000.

Applicants are advised to contact HLF in the first instance to discuss their project and the full application process.

The deadlines for receipt of applications in 2014:

- **6 June 2014 for the Committee meeting on 16 September 2014**
- **5 September 2014 for the Committee meeting on 2 December 2014**

Link: http://www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/programmes/Pages/Grants_Places_Worship_Scotland.aspx

HERITAGE ENTERPRISE – HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND (HLF)

This scheme supports enterprising community organisations across the UK to rescue neglected historic buildings and sites and unlock their economic potential.

Grants ranging from £100,000 to £5 million are available to breathe new life into historic sites by repairing, adapting and giving them a productive new use.

Applicants are strongly advised to visit HLF's website for further information and guidance on the outcomes which projects should meet and the full application process.

The deadlines for receipt of applications are as follows:

1. Grant requests of over £100,000 & under £2million

Decisions are made by committees in Northern Ireland, Wales, Scotland & England, which meet every 3 months. Contact your local HLF office for more information on deadline.

2. Grant requests of £2million & up to £5million

Decisions are made every 2 months by Board of Trustees. However application forms & all supporting documents need to have been received by HLF no later than the following dates:

- **20 June 2014 for the Board meeting on 30 September 2014**
- **7 August for the Board meeting on 18 November 2014**

Link: http://www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/programmes/Pages/Heritage_Enterprise.aspx

BBC PERFORMING ARTS FUND FELLOWSHIPS OPEN TO APPLICATIONS (UK)

This scheme offers grants of £10,000 to host a Fellow through the early stages of their performing arts careers. All Fellowships should offer an opportunity for talented and motivated emerging performing arts creatives to work under the guidance of experienced mentors to develop their skills, experiment, create and showcase their work, and experience the reality of working in a professional performing arts environment.

Applications can be made by performing arts companies, organisations, venues, festivals, agencies and charities from across the UK to host a Fellow who should be selected by the organisation.

Fellowships can be offered to a range of creatives including directors, producers, performers, writers, choreographers, musicians, dance artists, conductors, composers, songwriters, puppeteers,

circus performers and theatre makers. Fellows should be ambitious, willing to take on a challenge and looking for ways to increase their profile and take the next step in their careers.

The deadline for applications is 5pm on Monday 18 August 2014.

Link: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/performingartsfund/grants/paf-fellowship>

LOCAL FILM FESTIVALS OPEN ACCESS FUND (SCOTLAND)

This scheme makes grants up to £3,000 per year to support local film festivals and audience development activities in Scotland.

Regional Screen Scotland (RSS) is the development agency for access to the cinema experience in under-provided communities in Scotland. In previous years RSS has offered funding to local film festivals in many different areas of Scotland and incorporating a variety of styles of event and content. Based on previous years' experience, a new programme of funding is being offered for 2014/2016.

Local film festivals provide an important opportunity for audiences to engage with a broader range of films than is usually offered in cinemas, arts centres and film clubs.

Funding is intended to assist film festivals, cinemas, film clubs, community groups, and other bodies seeking to present a public film festival or similar unique audience development activity, in areas of cinema under-provision in Scotland.

The scheme supports Regional Screen Scotland's aims to develop and increase access to the cinema experience – and Creative Scotland's aims to increase and improve access to high quality cultural events across all areas of Scotland – particularly out-with the Central Belt.

The scheme supports Film Hub Scotland's aims to foster deeper and broader engagement in film for audiences across Scotland.

The objectives are:

- To support high quality, public film festivals and other unique cinema audience development activities.
- To increase opportunities to show specialised, short and archive film across Scotland, with particular emphasis on small and remote communities.
- To bring communities together to enjoy a shared moving image experience.

Please note the fund is limited to £39,000 for the first two years (2014/15) and to £21,000 for the third and final year in 2016.

Funding for the third year is committed in principle but subject to final confirmation. Once the fund has been spent no more applications will be accepted.

The next deadline for receipt of applications is 5pm on Friday 10 October 2014.

Link: <http://www.regionalscreenscotland.org/funding/>

Business & Enterprise Development

EU PROGRAMME OF BUSINESS AND CONSUMER SURVEYS

This scheme involves specialised bodies and institutes carrying out opinion surveys on a joint financing basis. The Commission looks to conclude agreements with bodies and institutes that are suitably qualified to carry out one or more of the following surveys:

- Investment survey.
- Construction survey.
- Retail trade survey.
- Services survey.
- Industry survey.
- Consumer survey.

Ad hoc surveys on topical economic issues are carried out in addition to the monthly surveys, using the same established samples as the monthly surveys, to obtain information on specific economic policy issues. The surveys target managers in the industry, investment, construction, retail trade and services sectors as well as consumers.

The European Commission launches periodic Calls for Proposals, published in the Official Journal of the European Union, for carrying out surveys as part of the joint harmonised EU programme of business and consumer surveys.

The 2014 Call opened on 15 April with a deadline of 18 June 2014.

Link: http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/economy_finance/procurement_grants/grants/proposals/ecfin2014001a4_en.htm

HSBC BUSINESS GROWTH FUND

This scheme has been launched as part of HSBC's Ambitious Businesses programme through which it targets expanding companies with funding, workshops and other events to help them accelerate growth and enter new markets.

HSBC says that a significant amount of the lending it is providing its small to medium-sized enterprise (SME) customers is clearly earmarked to support growth. It points to a number of strategies that businesses are adopting, including investing in new equipment to grow production capacity, smoothing out supply chains and payments cycle with working capital solutions, expanding into new markets (especially in emerging Asia) and purchasing new premises.

The Business Growth Fund is a £6 billion programme which is open to new and existing UK domiciled businesses with turnovers up to £30 million. It is aimed at helping small and medium-sized businesses realise their growth ambitions. The fund will be distributed locally

through its 52 local business centres throughout the UK with no stipulated requirement for match funding.

Although there are no specific exclusions cited within the programme guidelines, those wishing to apply are advised to liaise with the funding provider in the first instance to discuss eligibility. Full terms and conditions will be provided upon application.

Applications may be made at any time.

Link: <http://www.business.hsbc.co.uk/1/2//commercial-banking>

INSPIRING DIGITAL ENTERPRISE AWARD (IDEA)

This scheme, administered by the Nominet Trust, will provide funding and mentoring for 16-25 year olds in the UK who have innovative digital business ideas.

A number of learning organisations will be delivering the programme, including The Prince's Trust, Gazelle Colleges and The Studio Schools trust, to help young people improve their digital skills.

According to the Nominet Trust, innovative digital ideas are characterising the younger generation. Young people today have grown up in the digital age, and are in a better position than ever before to take control of their future and drive Britain's economy forward. But despite the fact that 55% of young people want to set up their own business, in reality just 14% are doing something about it. These figures are based on a 2013 Populus survey for UnLtd.

HRH The Duke of York and Nominet Trust have created the Inspiring Digital Enterprise Award (iDEA) an award scheme for 16-25 year olds who have "a flair for all things digital and an entrepreneurial spirit".

Over the next five years, the scheme aims to support more than one million young people to pursue their own ideas, develop their digital skills and get to grips with the reality of business.

The scheme will support up to 1,000 young people in developing a digital business, enabling them to build prototypes and test the viability of their business idea with real customers. There are three stages to the iDEA

Award and at the end of each stage applicants will receive industry-recognised badges that reward the entrepreneurial skills and competencies that have been developed.

Applications may be submitted at any time.

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

1. BUSINESS & ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT

Business Premises Renovation Allowance – HMRC

This scheme seeks to increase private investment, enterprise and employment in the UK's most disadvantaged communities (designated as "Enterprise Areas"), by bringing longer term vacant

business properties, in those areas, back into productive use. The measure is part of the UK's holistic approach to regeneration. A full initial allowance of 100% can be claimed in the year in which the expenditure is incurred. If this allowance is not claimed in full in the first year, writing down allowance of 25% based on cost can be claimed in subsequent years until tax relief has been claimed for the total capital expenditure on the project.

The property must have been unused for a year or more prior to the renovation exercise beginning. It must have been last used for the purposes of a trade, profession or vocation or as an office (and not as a dwelling) and it must be used for one or more of these purposes after the renovation or conversion has been completed.

Applications may be submitted at any time.

Link: <http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/manuals/camanual/CA45300.htm>

Children/Youths/Young People

ERASMUS PLUS (2014/2020)

This scheme is the EU Programme for lifelong learning. It supports formal, non-formal and informal learning throughout the education, training and youth fields and enhances the opportunities for cooperation and mobility with Partner Countries, notably in the fields of higher education and youth. Support is also available for grassroots sport activities and policy cooperation in the field of sport.

Erasmus Plus is the European Programme for education, training, youth and sport for the period 2014/2020. It was proposed by the European Commission, as Erasmus for All, on 23 November 2011.

Erasmus Plus brings together all the previous EU and international schemes for education, training, youth and sport, replacing the seven previous programmes including:

- Lifelong Learning Programme
- Youth in Action
- Erasmus Mundus
- Tempus
- Edulink

The Programme has an overall budget of €14.77 billion, which includes €1.8 billion for international co-operation. The total budget for the 2014 Call is €1.507 billion, divided as follows:

- Education and training: €1,305 million
- Youth: €174.2 million
- Jean Monnet: €11.2 million
- Sport: €16.6 million

The level of grants awarded as well as the duration of projects varies depending on factors such as the type of project and the number of partners involved.

To apply, organisations must first register on the on the European Commission Authentication Service (ECAS).

Once registered, log in to the Participant Portal with the ECAS account details and register on the Unique Registration Facility (URF) to obtain a unique Participant Identification Code (PIC).

Applications are made via an online application process in response to Calls for Proposals.

Link: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus_en

Community Development

COMIC RELIEF LOCAL COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME – SCOTLAND

This scheme is provided by Comic Relief and administered in Scotland by Foundation Scotland. The programme aims to empower local people, enabling them to create lasting change in their communities.

Grants of between £1,000 and £10,000 are available for the following organisations in Scotland:

- Residents Associations.
- Community Centres and Groups.
- Social Enterprises.
- Community Interest Companies.
- Credit Unions.

Projects should be run 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.

Please note that grants will only be awarded where the grant makes up at least 30% of the total costs of the project.

Organisations can apply for funding to:

- Increase local services.
- Build skills of local people.
- Increase community cohesion.
- Respond to local economic needs.

Examples of the type of activities that will be funded are as follows:

- 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 next deadline for receipt of applications is 5pm on Tuesday 20 May 2014.

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

TDS CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

This scheme makes grants of up to £20,000 available to advance education about housing rights and obligations in the UK.

Successful applicants are expected to report periodically on how the grant has been used and agree that the Foundation can publicise that funding through its website or other media.

Funding is available for activities that further the objects of the TDS Charitable Foundation:

1. To advance education about housing rights and obligations in general, and in particular about:
 - a) Best practice in the management of private rented housing.
 - b) Legal rights and obligations which are of particular relevance to those who are involved in the provision or management of private rented housing or who hold tenancies within the private rented housing sector.
 - c) Use of alternative dispute resolution processes for the more efficient and effective resolution of disputes between landlords and tenants.
2. To advance conflict resolution through promoting the use of alternative dispute resolution processes for the more efficient resolution of disputes between landlords and tenants within the private rented housing sector.

The foundation strongly advises that activities must also meet the following two themes for funding:

Theme 1 – promoting knowledge of landlord's obligations when renting homes. The Foundation will invite proposals that will help to educate landlords that are inexperienced and do not

fully understand the obligations that they have to meet as a landlord about the obligations of being a private landlord.

Theme 2 – promoting knowledge of tenants' rights and responsibilities. The Foundation will invite proposals which will help educate tenants about their rights and responsibilities. A particular focus of this will be the student market.

The deadlines for receipt of application are 30 June 2014, 31 October 2014 and 30 January 2015.

Link: <http://tdsfoundation.org.uk/#apply-for-funding>

Education, Employment & Training

THOMAS WALL TRUST

This scheme provides 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.

Organisations need to show how a grant of this size will help make a clear and significant contribution to their project or activity.

Grants are made to organisations for purposes that serve the educational and social needs of their communities. Funding can be used for specific project costs.

Grants are 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.

Registered charities in the UK with an annual income of less than £100,000 are eligible to apply.

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.

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

The deadlines for receipt of applications are as follows:

- **Organisations – Applications for the July meeting must be received by the end of May and for the November meeting by the end of September.**
- **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/>

THE UK-GERMAN CHALLENGE FUND

This scheme, sponsored by the UK-German Connection aims to target both curricular and extra-curricular projects, either large or small. Language and non-language-related activities should be a collaboration between the UK and Germany, and designed to encourage young people to:

- pick a topic or subject of their choice and explore it in an international context;
- take a fresh look at cross or extra-curricular project work;
- take an active role in a practical, hands-on team venture; and
- work together towards a concrete outcome, product or event of their choice.

Grants provided through the Fund cover project resources, joint activities and reciprocal partner visits. Joint projects can cover a wide range of themes. Examples could include:

- science and technology
- business and enterprise;
- citizenship;
- multimedia and ICT;
- music, dance and drama;
- art and design;
- history;
- energy and the environment;
- politics and public speaking; or
- geography.

The funding amounts available are:

- The Challenge Fund for schools and colleges usually provides grants up to 50% of total project costs, to a maximum of £5,000, although in exceptional circumstances grants can be made that cover 75% of total costs. The total amount of grant provided will be judged on a case-by-case basis, depending on the size, circumstances and numbers involved in the individual projects.
- The Challenge Fund for youth groups will provide grants for both large and small scale activities and the amount can be to anything up to, but will not normally exceed, £2,500.
- Grants for the Celebratory Fund are available for both large and small scale activities and the amount can be to anything up to, but will not exceed, £1,500.

The following organisations are eligible to apply:

- Primary and secondary schools.
- Further education colleges.
- Youth groups involving young people up to the age of 25.

The next deadlines for the receipt of applications to the Challenge Fund and the Celebratory Fund are 31 May and 31 October 2014.

Link: <http://www.ukgermanconnection.org/home>

EQUITABLE CHARITABLE TRUST

This scheme intends to support not-for-profit organisations within the UK that are providing education projects for disadvantaged or disabled children and young people under 25 years of age.

In particular, the scheme wishes to support:

- Education projects or services that support the learning and development of disabled children and young people in the UK.
- Formal education projects for disadvantaged children and young people in the UK that are directly linked to delivery of the National Curriculum or that offer accredited work related learning.
- Education projects that will help increase participation in, or improve the quality of, education for disadvantaged or disabled children and young people in developing countries.

The Trust provides more guidance on its priorities in its guidelines, which applicants are strongly recommended to read before applying.

This fund is currently open for applications for one year grants. The size of grants made is typically between £3,000 and £30,000, with most being for sums of between £5,000 and £20,000. The minimum that can be applied for is £3,000.

Grants can be made for project costs, capital expenditure, equipment and/or salary costs for a post. A portion of core costs

may be requested as part of an application for a project or salary (e.g. using the principles of Full Cost Recovery) but grants are not made exclusively for core costs.

The deadline for receipt of applications is 24 November 2014.

Link: <http://www.equitablecharitabletrust.org.uk/Home/tabid/294/language/en-US/Default.aspx>

Financial Inclusion

THE MSE CHARITY

This scheme which opened on 1 May 2014 makes grants of up to £5,000 available for self help groups and innovative projects that will help educate people about money/debt/consumer issues. Projects must assist people to improve their quality of life through knowledge and understanding of how to manage and take control of their own financial situation.

Projects must also provide outcomes that will benefit their wider communities.

Not-for-profit constituted groups/organisations within the UK that have an annual income of less than £500,000 and whose unrestricted reserves are less than six months of their running costs are eligible to apply.

Applications are being accepted until 31 May 2014 – however, only the first 40 complete applications that meet the criteria will be considered by the Panel.

Link: <https://www.msecharity.com/how-to-apply.aspx>

HEALTH & SOCIAL WELFARE

The Kelly Family Charitable Trust

This scheme, funded in 2004 by members of the Kelly family, makes funding available for charities whose activities involve all or most family members in initiatives that support and encourage the family to work as a cohesive unit in tackling problems that face one or more of its members. 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 Grants will generally be given in the range of £1,000 to £5,000 but will occasionally be in excess of that. Applicants are expected to show what other sources of funding have been sought and secured.

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.

However the Trust will only consider applications from registered charities based within the UK and actively encourages applications from relatively new organisations to help them become established.

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

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

ULVERSCROFT FOUNDATION

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

Funding is available to recognised organisations that help the visually impaired in the UK. These include universities, libraries, hospitals, clinics, schools, colleges and social welfare organisations.

The Foundation does not generally grant assistance towards salaries and general running costs, and rarely gives grants to individuals.

Further information and guidance is available to download from the trust's website.

The next deadline for receipt of applications is 15 June 2014.

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

Miscellaneous

AMERICAN EXPRESS – PHILANTHROPIC PROGRAMME

This scheme offers grants on behalf of American Express Travel and provides financial assistance available for not-for-profit organisations in three areas: Historic Preservation; Leadership; Community Service.

1. Community Service – encouraging community services where American Express employees and customers live and work.
2. Historic Preservation – preserving and enriching diverse cultural heritage.
3. Leadership – developing new leaders for tomorrow.

Organisations should complete the online eligibility quiz. Successful organisations will then be sent an invitation to submit a funding proposal.

Applications may be made at any time.

Link: http://about.americanexpress.com/csr/?inav=about_CorpResponsibility#c-main-content

THE TRUSTHOUSE CHARITABLE TRUST

This scheme provides support for charities and other not-for-profit organisations based in the UK under the following categories:

- Health Care and Disability;
- Community Support; and
- Arts, Education and Heritage.

Projects should address rural issues and urban deprivation. Applicants must clearly show in their appeal how their project fits into one or both of these categories

The following levels of support are available:

- Fast Track: grants of £5,000 and under for capital and/or running costs;
- Small Grant: grants of between £5,001 and £9,999 for capital and/or running costs; and
- Large Grant: grants of between £10,000 and £30,000 for capital costs.

Applicants should note that:

- Fast Track and Small Grants are only available to organisations with an annual income of less than £500,000;
- Capital projects are only eligible where the total cost is £1 million or less;
- Large Grants are available to organisations with an income of less than £5 million; and
- Applicants should have secured at least 50% of the total cost of the project/funding required before making an application to the Foundation.

Further information and guidance is available from the trust's website which also provides links to start the application process. Whereby applicants will first be taken through a short questionnaire to identify which type of grant is most suitable.

The application form should be returned by post together with the additional information listed in the application form

Applications may be submitted at any time with decision making carried out on a quarterly basis.

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

THE WEIR CHARITABLE TRUST

This scheme aims to support individuals, groups and charities in Scotland who are struggling

No minimum or maximum value of grant is specified. Applicants are encouraged to ask for what they need for their project or activity.

The Trust reserves the right to award grants in full or in part depending on its assessment of the merits of the application.

All awards are for one year or less. Successful applicants must wait a calendar year before reapplying for further funding for the same activity. However, applications for further funding within that period may

Grants are available to support services/projects in the following qualifying categories:

Sport

Projects to encourage and increase public participation in sport (eligible activities should involve physical skill and exertion).

Recreational facilities

Providing or organising recreational facilities with the aim of improving the conditions of life for the people for whom the facilities are primarily intended. This is only in relation to facilities or activities which are primarily intended for people who need them due to age, ill- health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage.

Animal welfare

The advancement of animal welfare.

Health

The advancement of health, including prevention or relief of sickness, disease or human suffering.

Culture

Supporting the heritage – tangible or otherwise – of Scotland, through projects that encourage participation in and preservation of Scotland's distinctive culture.

The Trust will also consider any applications that may reasonably be regarded as comparable to any of the above purposes.

Grants are available for any purpose that provides a benefit to the applicant's target audience.

Examples of eligible activities and costs are as follows:

- Capital projects (such as equipment, fixtures, fittings and refurbishments).
- One-off projects.
- Running costs.
- Core costs.
- Salaries.

Awards

NATWEST – EVERYWOMAN AWARDS

This scheme aims to recognise the best of the UK's female business owners. The awards reward not only business women who have achieved significant success, but also women who have overcome adversities such as financial constraints, social disadvantages and/or skills gaps. In addition, the awards aim to play an invaluable role in both recognising success and inspiring other women to venture into the field of business.

The NatWest everywoman Awards are open to any female business owner, whether they operate as a limited company, sole trader, or in partnership with others in the UK.

Selection as a finalist or winner in the NatWest everywoman Awards brings with it attention and support from the business community, government, industry and the press. The achievement also brings credibility and recognition for the finalist or winner's company.

The 2014 categories of award are as follows:

- **The Artemis Award** – given to the most inspirational woman running a business, who is aged 25 or under.
- **The Demeter Award** – given to the most inspirational woman running a business, who is aged 26-35.
- **The Athena Award** – given to the most inspirational woman running a business, who is aged 36-49.
- **The Hera Award** – given to the most inspirational woman running a business, who is aged 50 or over.
- **The NatWest Everywoman Award** – recognises the most passionate and dedicated woman business owner who the judges feel has overcome significant challenges to achieve outstanding business success. The award winner will be selected from the finalists of the four categories.
- **The Iris Award** – this award will go to the woman whose business growth and success has been greatly approved, through successful implementation and use of IT and communications. The award winner will be selected from the finalists of the four categories.
- **The Spirit of Everywoman Award** – given to the woman that has changed the landscape for women in business through determination, commitment and dedication.
- **The Everywoman Ambassador Award** – this is awarded to a successful woman whose achievements and high profile are

inspiring more young women to excel. Research shows that 90% of young women agree that high profile women are playing a positive role in encouraging more women to achieve success. This award is not open to entry.

The 2014 entry deadline is 7 July 2014.

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

THIRD SECTOR EXCELLENCE AWARDS

This scheme is provided by Third Sector Magazine and sponsored by Markel, Ansvar and BT. It aims to reward examples of outstanding campaigns, strategies, projects and performance, backed up by hard evidence of success.

Entry is open to all voluntary organisations based in the UK – registered charities, not-for-profit organisations, social enterprises and campaigning groups. Agencies and consultancies may enter on behalf of the voluntary organisations they work with, provided they have their client's approval.

Please note that sponsoring companies are not allowed to enter the category which it is sponsoring. The criteria for entries are as follows:

- a) Entries must cover work carried out during the period **1 May 2013 to 30 April 2014**.
- b) Applicants may enter more than one category.
- c) Voluntary organisations can enter for free. Agencies and consultancies entered on behalf of a voluntary organisation will be charged £50 plus VAT. Fees are not refundable if an entry is withdrawn after submission.

The 2014 Categories and Criteria are as follows:

1. Annual report

For the annual report or review that best communicates the mission, operations and achievements of the organisation.

2. Best start-up

Awarded to a new charity, social enterprise or other kind of voluntary organisation that has achieved significant growth and/or had a major impact on its beneficiaries in its first two years. Please note that public sector spin-outs are not eligible.

3. Big impact award

Awarded to a charity, social enterprise or other kind of voluntary organisation that has run a project that has had a substantial impact on national or international life.

4. Brand development

For the best new, changed or evolved brand.

5. Charity chair of the year

Awarded to the chair of a charity's trustees who has made the most outstanding contribution to the performance of the charity during the year.

6. Charity partnership

Awarded to a partnership between two or more charities that has enabled the partners more effectively to deliver services to beneficiaries, communicate, reach new groups or reduce costs.

7. Communications campaign

For a successful, innovative or inspiring campaign that reached its target audience or got its message across.

8. Corporate partnership

Awarded to a partnership between a charity, social enterprise or other kind of voluntary organisation and a business that has demonstrated strong mutual benefits for both.

9. Direct marketing campaign

Awarded to the direct marketing campaign that best combines fundraising success with innovation or originality.

10. Enterprise

Awarded to the social enterprise or charity trading arm that has made a significant difference to beneficiaries through its ability to generate income to meet its social goals.

11. Fundraising success

Awarded to the charity that has achieved significant fundraising success over the past year.

12. Rising chief executive

Awarded to the chief executive who has made an outstanding contribution to their organisation, or the wider sector, during their first two years in post.

13. Small charity, big achiever

Awarded to a small organisation that has made a big impact with an innovative project or projects. Only charities with an annual income of up to £1m are eligible for this award.

14. Use of digital media

For the most innovative use of digital media.

15. Volunteer of the year

Awarded to the volunteer who has, over time, shown the greatest commitment and achievement.

16. Volunteer manager

Awarded to the volunteer manager, or equivalent, who has made an outstanding contribution to levels and/or standards of volunteering.

The deadline for entries is 26 June 2014.

Link: <http://www.thirdsectorexcellenceawards.com/how-enter>

Trusts

HENRY SMITH CHARITY – MAIN GRANTS

This scheme's main grants programme provides grants of £10,000 or over, per year, for work with groups or communities under the following headings:

- Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME).
- Carers.
- Community service.
- Disability.
- Domestic and sexual violence.
- Drugs and alcohol/substance misuse.
- Ex-service men and women.
- Family services.
- Healthcare.
- Homelessness.
- Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender.
- Mental health.
- Older people.
- Prisoners and ex-offenders.
- Prostitution and trafficking.
- Refugees and asylum seekers.
- Young people.

There are two types of main grant:

- Capital grants – One off grants for purchase or refurbishment of a building or purchase of specialist equipment.
- Revenue grants – Grants of up to three years for core costs (including salaries and overheads), or the running costs of a specific project (including staffing costs).

Applicants should state what funds have already been raised for the project and name any other sources of funding applied for.

For Main Grants, application cover sheets are available to download from the Charity's website. This must be submitted along with a written application of no longer than four sides of A4 and in font size no smaller than 11 point. Full details of what information and supporting documents to include in the application are available at the Charity's website and differ for each of the funding programmes.

Assessment times vary from three to six months, depending on the type of grant applied for.

Applications may be submitted at any time.

Link: <http://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/grant-programmes.html>

THE MICKEL FUND

This scheme is a Registered Scottish Charitable Trust, founded by Douglas W Mickel in the 1970s with the purpose of improving the lives of others through charitable donations in and around Scotland, and where possible on a global scale. The following types of funding are available:

- Major Donations – grants of between £5,000 and £10,000 are available on a one-off basis for one large-scale local project at a time.
- Annual Donations – £100 to £2,000 is available per year, with the view of being updated and reassessed annually.

The Fund may also offer a free engineering service at an early stage of building projects.

Applicants for a Major Donation must be a charity or organisation in Scotland, or considered a homeless charity.

The Annual Donation is available to national charities UK wide, however priority is given to supporting Scottish based projects. Due to the high volume of applications received, the Fund is only able to make donations to one charity per category annually. The Annual Donation can be donated to both long-term supported charities and/or newly assessed charities.

Charities that deal with any of the following will be considered for funding:

- Age concern.
- Animal welfare.
- Cancer research.
- Children and youth support.
- Education and outreach.
- Hospices.
- Housing and homelessness.
- Injuries.
- Medical assistance.
- Music and culture.
- Medical research.
- Veterans.
- World Wide Appeal based projects.

Preference is given to supporting local activities, although worldwide appeal based projects will be considered.

Applications may be submitted at any time.

Link: <http://www.mickelfund.org.uk/Home/Funding.aspx>

Imminent Deadlines – May – June 2014

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 2014

MAX GRANT: £10,000

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

SEAFARERS UK

This scheme aims to support organisations seeking funding for projects, schemes or activities involving seafarers, ex-seafarers, their spouses or dependants, or maritime youth organisations.

DEADLINE: 22 May 2014

MAX GRANT: £50,000

Link: <http://www.seafarers-uk.org/grants/>

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: 23rd 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, 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

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

DEADLINE: 15 June 2014

MAX GRANT: None specified

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

SCOTLAND – ENTERPRISE READY FUND – CATEGORY 1 & 2 APPLICANTS

This scheme 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>

Forthcoming Deadlines – July – August 2014

THE BAILY THOMAS CHARITABLE FUND

This scheme was established primarily to aid the research into learning disability and to aid the care and relief of

DEADLINE: 1 July 2014

MAX GRANT: Various

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

LEGACY 2014 ACTIVE PLACES FUND – ROUND FOUR

This scheme seeks 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.

DEADLINE: 1 July 2014

MAX GRANT: £100,000

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

THE WOLFSON FOUNDATION

This scheme supports establishments in the UK that are registered charities or have charitable status, these include: Schools, Universities, Hospices and disability charities, Museums, and Historic and religious buildings.

DEADLINE: 1 July 2014

MAX GRANT: Various

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

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 July 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 July 2014

MAX GRANT: £10,000

Link: <http://bankofscotlandfoundation.org/small-grants-programme-0>

CREATIVE SCOTLAND FILM AND TELEVISION FUNDING PROGRAMME – FLEXIBLE MULTI-PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

This scheme aims to provide funding for projects from emerging and established screen talent capable of creating distinctive and engaging work that promotes Scotland's creativity to the world.

DEADLINE: 14 July 2014

MAX GRANT: £100,000

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

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: 21 July 2014

MAX GRANT: £20,000

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

CLIMATE CHALLENGE FUND – PANEL 19 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: 25 July

MAX GRANT: Various

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

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: 29 July 2014

MAX GRANT: £30,000

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

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE FOUNDATION

This scheme raises funds to provide scholarships for nurses and midwives to study at home and abroad, to promote innovation in practice, and to extend knowledge and skills to meet changing needs.

DEADLINE: 30 July 2014

MAX GRANT: Various

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

VIRIDOR CREDITS SCOTLAND

This scheme distributes grants on behalf of the landfill operator Viridor Waste Management. Capital funding is available for projects which address one or more of the following areas: Provision or maintenance of public amenities, Conservation and Heritage. Please note applicants will have to secure 10% funding from a contributing independent third party

DEADLINE: 30 July 2014

MAX GRANT: £1,000,000

Link: <http://www.viridor-credits.co.uk/>

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 July 2014

MAX GRANT: £10,000

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

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: 31 July 2014

MAX GRANT: £5,000

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

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: 31 July 2014

MAX GRANT: Various

Link: <http://www.fiscap.org/index.php?id=1>

HISTORIC SCOTLAND ANCIENT MONUMENT 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.

DEADLINE: 31 July 2014

MAX GRANT: £50,000

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

CREATIVE SCOTLAND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDING

This scheme makes funds for individual artists to undertake professional development activity relevant to their artistic practice. Priority will be given to proposals which will lead to enhanced performance and creative skills and applicants may apply for 100% funding. If an organisation is applying on behalf of an individual, a minimum of 10% cash partnership funding of the total project costs is required.

DEADLINE: 4 August 2014

MAX GRANT: £10,000

Link: <http://www.creativescotland.com/funding/funding-programmes/professional-development>

ST NICHOLAS CARE FUND

This scheme exists to provide help in Christ's name to those most at need in society regardless of their race, colour or creed. The Fund is 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: 4 August 2014

MAX GRANT: None specified

Link: http://www.rcag.org.uk/stnich_applications.htm

SCOTLAND CROSS TRUST – AWARDS FOR ORGANISATIONS

This scheme aims to allow young people from Scotland the freedom to achieve their potential as students and as adults in the modern world. This remains the Trust's aim today. 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

DEADLINE: 8 August 2014

MAX GRANT: None specified

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

THE AGNES HUNTER TRUST

This scheme supports 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: 15 August 2014

MAX GRANT: None Specified

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

THE LAW SOCIETY CHARITY

This scheme supports charitable work related to the law and the legal profession. Specifically projects that promote: Human rights; Access to justice; and Legal education.

DEADLINE: 15 August 2014

MAX GRANT: £15,000

Link: <http://www.lawsociety.org.uk/aboutlawsociety/charity/apply.page>

SEAFARERS UK

This scheme aims to support organisations seeking funding for projects, schemes or activities involving seafarers, ex-seafarers, their spouses or dependants, or maritime youth organisations.

DEADLINE: 15 August 2014

MAX GRANT: £50,000

Link: <http://www.seafarers-uk.org/grants/>

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. It supports the following areas: The advancement of research in any branch of horticulture or botany with a strong horticultural content and the publication of the results of such research; Assisting in the creation, development, preservation and maintenance of gardens accessible to the public; Promotion of the cultivation and wide distribution of plants which have horticultural value or are otherwise of value to mankind; Promotion of the cultivation of plants new to horticulture; and Assisting in the publication of books or other works relating to the science of horticulture.

DEADLINE: 15 August 2014

MAX GRANT: £10,000

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

BBC PERFORMING ARTS FUND (PAF)

This scheme aims to support individuals through the early stages of their performing arts career; helping them to establish themselves in the professional world through bespoke placements within existing organisations. The PAF Fellowship will lead to an exciting new creative network in the performing arts sector, supported, developed and ready to launch their professional careers.

DEADLINE: 18 August 2014

MAX GRANT: £10,000

Link: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/performingartsfund/grants/paf-fellowship>

THE LINTEL TRUST

This scheme's broad aim is to encourage and enable individuals to live as independently as possible in their homes, and to play an active part in their communities.

DEADLINE: 22 August 2014

MAX GRANT: £2,000

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

PEOPLE'S POSTCODE TRUST – SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME

This scheme aims to make the UK a better place for both people and nature. All projects should provide assistance in one or more of the Trust's following fields of operation: Prevention of poverty; reduction of distress and suffering; Advancement of health; Advancement of citizenship or community development; Advancement of public participation in sport; Advancement of human rights, conflict resolution or reconciliation; and Advancement of environmental protection or improvement. Applicants that are not formally registered as a charity with OSCR/Charity Commission can apply for support to the small grants programme.

DEADLINE: 22 August 2014

MAX GRANT: £2,000

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

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES GRANT PROGRAMME – FINAL APPLICATIONS FOR NOVEMBER 2014 MEETING

This scheme supports research and innovation that will bring about beneficial social change. Their children and families programme supports work to help ensure that the laws and institutions governing family life in the UK are operating in the best interests of children and families. They have three substantive areas of interest under this programme: child welfare and development; early years education and childcare; and child protection. We also fund work in family law under our Law in Society Programme. The deadline for initial applications to this programme is 4 July 2014.

DEADLINE: 29 August 2014

MAX GRANT: £150,000

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

THE WEIR CHARITABLE TRUST

This scheme aims to support individuals, groups and charities in Scotland who are struggling. Grants are available to support services/projects in the following qualifying categories: Sport; Recreational facilities; Animal welfare; Health and Culture.

DEADLINE: 29 August 2014

MAX GRANT: None specified

Link: <http://www.weircharitabletrust.com/faq-page>

THOMAS WALL TRUST – GRANTS FOR INDIVIDUALS

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

DEADLINE: 31 August 2014

MAX GRANT: £1,000

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

WILL CHARITABLE TRUST – CANCER CARE

The Trust 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.

DEADLINE: 31 August 2014

MAX GRANT: £20,000

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