

External Funding Alert

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

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News

OSCR LAUNCHES CONSULTATION ON REGULATION OF SCOTTISH CHARITIES

The Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) has launched a consultation into plans to publish all annual reports on its register. Other changes in the way it regulates Scotland's 23,500 charities are also under review.

The consultation document, Targeted Regulation of Scottish Charities: Progressive, Preventive and Proportionate, outlines the OSCR's plans to publish the annual report and accounts of all charities with an income of £25,000 and of all Scottish charity incorporated organisations. It also outlines new plans to encourage charities to only send out paper forms on request and instead to file their annual reports and accounts online.

Currently the OSCR only keeps details of principal contacts for many charities, new plans will allow the development of a database of trustees of Scottish charities. As part of the new strategy to record more details and information, the OSCR plans to develop a serious incident reporting regime which would require charities to report a number of different types of incident including fraud, theft or allegations of mistreatment of beneficiaries.

OSCR's Chief Executive, David Robb, said:

"Our proposals for proportionate, targeted regulation are the result of considerable discussion with charities and other interested parties. Now we want to involve everyone in the conversation and the planning, so that we can ensure that we focus our resources where they are needed."

"Essentially, these measures will ensure that we focus on the right charities in the right way, at the right time and reinforce the public's confidence in the sector. Please give us your views."

The closing date for responses is 24 October 2014.

Link: <http://www.oscr.org.uk/about-oscr/our-work/consultations/>

EUROPEAN FUNDING

THE ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME

This scheme offers a range of funding opportunities for UK organisations actively involved in delivering education, training, youth and sport activities:

1. Education and training funding

As the successor programme to the Lifelong Learning Programme, Erasmus+ will continue to enable UK organisations to access funding for exciting and innovative projects in all areas of education and training.

The following funding opportunities are available for education and training under Erasmus+:

- Mobility projects for higher education students and staff
- Mobility projects for vocational education and training learners and staff
- Mobility projects for adult education
- Joint Master Degrees
- Strategic Partnerships
- Knowledge Alliances
- Sector Skills Alliances
- Jean Monnet Activities

Please note that only organisations are able to apply for education and training funding under Erasmus+. Training opportunities for individuals still exist under Key Action 1, but individuals themselves are not eligible to apply.

Please also note that all Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) must be awarded the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE) to be eligible for Erasmus+ funding. Please note that this requirement applies to HEIs only and awards are for the ECHE only, not for programme funding.

2. Youth funding

As the successor programme to the Youth in Action programme, Erasmus+ will continue to ensure that youth organisations and youth services benefit from the new youth strand which is specifically designed to meet their needs.

The following funding opportunities are available for youth under Erasmus+:

- Mobility projects for Young People and Youth Workers
- Strategic Partnerships in the field of Youth
- Structured Dialogue: Meetings between young people and decision-makers in the field of Youth

- Large-Scale European Voluntary Service events
- Capacity Building in the field of Youth

Funding for youth activities under Erasmus+ aims to improve the key competences, skills and employability of young people in the UK, promote young people's social inclusion and well-being, and foster improvements in youth work and youth policy at local, national and international level.

Erasmus+ is open to a wide range of youth organisations and groups working with young people. In general, only organisations are able to apply for Erasmus+ grants but specific allowances will be made for the youth sector to enable informal groups of young people to apply.

3. Sport funding

As the successor programme to the Preparatory Actions for Sport, Erasmus+ allows organisations to access funding for grassroots sport activities.

The following funding opportunities are available for sport under Erasmus+:

- Collaborative Partnerships
- Not-for-profit European Sport Events
- Actions that strengthen the evidence base for policy-making

Projects funded under the Sport Action in the Erasmus+ programme are managed by the European Commission's Executive Agency, like Preparatory Actions were previously, and funding priority will be given to projects that focus on grassroots sports.

Erasmus+ is open to a wide range of organisations involved in sport. The European Commission ran a Sport Infoday in Brussels on 4 February 2014 to inform potential applicants about the funding opportunities available for sport under the new Erasmus+ programme. You can watch a recording of the Sport Infoday on the Executive Agency's website.

Any projects using sports in the context of education and training or youth activities, for example mobility placements for sport apprentices, may still be funded under Key Action 1 and Key Action 2.

Further information and guidance on all of the above programmes are available from the Erasmus+ website.

The deadline for receipt of applications is dependent on the calls from Europe.

Link: <https://www.erasmusplus.org.uk/>

Programme Updates

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 27th October 2014
Monday 26th January 2015

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

PEOPLE'S POSTCODE TRUST – DREAM FUND UPDATE

This scheme provides organisations in Scotland, England and Wales with the chance to deliver the project they have always dreamed of, but never had the opportunity to bring to life. Projects should fall under one of the following categories: Encouraging Healthy Living; Social Enterprise; and Environmental Sustainability.

All applications must come from organisations in Scotland, England or Wales for projects to be delivered in these regions. Organisations are encouraged to collaborate to provide a more efficient service. All applications must, therefore, come from at least two organisations that have joined forces to deliver an innovative project.

One of which must be a registered charity, who will be considered the lead organisation for the project and will enter into a contractual relationship with the Trust in order to deliver the project. The lead contact must be provided from this organisation and they will be the organisation to provide bank account details should the application be successful. They will also be responsible for ensuring that all funds received are distributed in the manner described in the application. The other organisations can be another charity, a voluntary group or a community interest company.

The Trust also provides the People's Postcode Trust – Small Grants Programme.

Grants of between £100,000 and £250,000 are available for projects that will last up to 24 months. Applications for part-funding are accepted.

Please note that organisations that have previously applied for, or received funding from, People's Postcode Trust are eligible to apply as long they have collaborated with at least one other organisation, and adhered to all funding requirements.

The deadline for receipt of applications is 5.30 pm on Tuesday, 30 September 2014.

Link: <http://www.postcodetrust.org.uk/dream-fund/>

PEOPLE'S POSTCODE TRUST – SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME

This scheme makes funding available for projects that advance citizenship or community development in England, Scotland, and Wales to make the UK a better place for both people and nature.

Grants range from £500 to £20,000 for those in Scotland and England and up to £5,000 for those in Wales. The following funding levels apply to specific applicants:

- Applicants that are not formally registered as a charity with OSCR/Charity Commission can apply for up to £2,000 in funding.
- Applicants that are registered with OSCR / Charity Commission and can provide a charity number can apply for up to £20,000 (or £5,000 in Wales) in funding.

As a general guideline, the larger and longer the project the higher the amount it would be considered acceptable to request. The amount requested should be directly related to the strength of the long term outcomes of the project.

The amount of funding requested from the Trust must be more than 10% of the overall project cost.

The following organisations in England, Scotland and Wales are eligible to apply:

- Registered charities (requires a number from Charity Commission or OSCR).
- Charitable Incorporated Organisations (CIO or SCIO in Scotland).
- Constituted voluntary and community groups
- Social enterprises.

- Community interest companies (CIC).
- Not-for-profit organisations.
- Sports clubs.

The Trust also delivers People's Postcode Trust – Dream Fund. This initiative aims to give organisations the chance to deliver the project they have always dreamed of, but have never had the opportunity to bring to life.

The fund will next open to applications from Scotland, Wales and Greater London on 6 October 2014 with a deadline of 7 November 2014.

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

Resources/Information/Publications

Resources

COMMUNITY SHARES SCOTLAND

Crowdfunding offers both commercial and non-commercial ventures the opportunity to raise a sum of money by offering shares to people who put forward small amounts of money. Community Shares Scotland connects not-for-profit groups and investors looking to provide money for social good. People buying shares in the projects promoted through the site will recoup their investment through improvements to their community rather than profit. Social businesses can offer interest to be paid on the shares if the profit from trading is sufficient.

Community Shares Scotland hopes it can provide organisations such as community groups looking to save a local shop or start a local food scheme with access to funds.

The programme is scheduled to run for three years and its partners include the Plunkett Foundation,

Co-ops UK and Rocket Science. It is funded by the Big Lottery Fund and Carnegie UK Trust through an award of £800,000.

A series of Community Shares Scotland road shows will take place across Scotland providing local groups with more information about how to get involved. Although dates have not been released yet, information will be available from their website when they are.

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

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>

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>

Information

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

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

[Link: http://www.ctxchange.org/about_ctx](http://www.ctxchange.org/about_ctx)

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/](http://www.resourceefficientscotland.com/)

SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES – NATIONAL SUPPORT PACKAGE

The Scottish Community Development Centre (SCDC) is now into the second stage of their Supporting Communities programme which is an expanded package of support for community organisations across Scotland. The support package will run until March 2015 and aims to increase the capacity of community groups and organisations to effect change and contribute to the regeneration of their communities.

If you would like to find out more about the support package being offered by SCDC, or if you are aware of groups that may benefit, please contact Alex MacDonald on 0141 248 1924 or email alex@scdc.org.uk.

[Link: http://www.scdc.org.uk/what/supporting-communities/for-more-details](http://www.scdc.org.uk/what/supporting-communities/for-more-details)

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 obtained from your bank or the Payment Council website.

[Link: http://www.paymentscouncil.org.uk/media_centre/press_releases/-/page/2788/](http://www.paymentscouncil.org.uk/media_centre/press_releases/-/page/2788/)

WEB RESOURCES

1. Sources of Guidance and Advice

Cranfield Trust

[Link: http://www.cranfieldtrust.org](http://www.cranfieldtrust.org)

Pilotlight

[Link: http://pilotlight.org.uk](http://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=001Utochh1JAdUpWdA6EFO7xMUbvP4Lxx59Ekjilcl>

Link: hkPzEqJTudMA0D49mX3GivDSiC3wYU002PvSBCryo0hJiheDCtB_1euJufcaKnmnlcWE%3D

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/>

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BIG DIRECTORY OF SOCIAL INVESTMENT

Social investment is a term used to describe many different forms of finance – like loans, bonds and equity – all of which involve some kind of financial return to the investor, as well as helping to achieve social impact.

The Big Lottery Fund achieves its mission of bringing improvements to communities and people most in need primarily through making grants. But they recognise that there are circumstances when social investment can be the right path to growth and sustainability for third sector organisations.

This directory aims to provide a single source of information that third sectors organisations in Scotland can use to find out what sorts of social investment finance are available to support their social enterprise activities and aspirations.

Link: http://www.youthlinksotland.org/webs/245/documents/Big_Directory_FinalJul14.pdf

New Funding Opportunities

Arts, Culture & Heritage

THE ALT-W FUND

This scheme offers Production Awards for creative industry practitioners in Scotland to develop new artwork, devices and applications that can challenge the boundaries of new media creativity.

The Fund seeks to encourage experimental and interactive practice, that makes use of technology as both a medium and a platform, and which recognises the changing role of digital culture within society. The Fund is looking for proposals for projects that take full advantage of the unique and ever evolving nature of new media practice to dynamically engage audiences.

Production Awards of up to £10,000 are available. Established or emerging working in any of the following creative industries are eligible for funding:

- Digital.
- Film/video.
- Arts (e.g. music, literature, dance, drama, visual arts, food).
- Design (e.g. graphic, 3D, architecture, fashion).

Collaborative applications are welcomed, as long as the lead practitioner is resident in Scotland for the duration of the award. Examples of eligible projects include:

- Artistic websites
- Artistic software and apps
- Networked installations
- Device art
- Wearable technology or other creative hardware
- Online video, audio or text-based works
- New music
- Social gaming
- Maker activity
- Food
- Performances

Projects can be made for distribution via the internet, mobile devices, in a physical space or public domain, eg a gallery, or through any other channels as defined by the practitioner or New Media Scotland.

The deadline for applications is 5pm on Thursday 2 October 2014.

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

HISTORIC SCOTLAND – DIRECT FUNDING FOR THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR

This scheme makes grants available to voluntary sector organisations are an essential part of wider efforts to safeguard Scotland's historic environment and promote its understanding and enjoyment.

Historic Scotland's Direct Funding for the Voluntary Sector programme is targeted at projects and organisations that provide services or input to the Historic Environment Sector.

Projects should help the agency to:

- Care for, protect and enhance the historic environment.
- Secure greater economic benefits from the historic environment.
- Increase public appreciation and enjoyment of the historic environment.
- Ensure that the historic environment delivers benefits for communities.
- Promote and develop knowledge and skills.
- Build capacity in the historic environment sector.

Funding is available on a three-year basis and is made on a 'full cost recovery' (FCR) basis. The level of funding will depend on the agreed outcomes and objectives of the work between the applicant organisation and Historic Scotland.

The annual deadline for receipt of applications is 30 September 2014.

Link: <http://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/index/heritage/grants/grants-voluntary-sector-funding.htm>

Business

THE SCOTTISH EDGE

This scheme invites entrants to submit basic information about their business, together with a growth plan and a short video explaining how they would use a cash injection to boost their operations.

Applicants deemed to have the strongest growth plans will be invited to present their ideas in a Dragons' Den style pitch to a combination of business and public sector representatives. Those pitches demonstrating the most potential will be invited to go on to present their idea before a select panel.

The latest funding round continues with a focus on young entrepreneurs. Scottish EDGE applicants can win awards of up to £50,000 to help deliver their growth plans, whilst those entering via the dedicated Young EDGE strand (for those age 18-30) can win up to £10,000. Winners will also receive a support package which may include free banking, security advice and mentoring. Further assistance, in the form of investment or innovation advice, will also be provided where appropriate.

The competition is open to entrepreneurs operating small businesses in Scotland that have the potential to achieve or increase sales by £400,000 within a three-year period (or £200,000 in the Highlands and Islands region and those entering via Young EDGE) and which also have a desire and ability to create new jobs.

Business must have been incorporated within the previous three financial years and be in a position to trade internationally. Eligible companies are those with 24 or fewer current members of staff.

The deadline for receipt of applications is 1 October 2014.

Link: <http://www.scottish-enterprise.com/services/support-for-entrepreneurs/scottish-edge/overview>

ZERO WASTE SCOTLAND RETRIEVE FUNDING

This scheme aims to lead to an increase in the use of recycled material in Scottish manufactured products and hence stimulate further investment in reprocessing activity within Scottish manufacturing companies.

Funding of up to £30,000 (excluding VAT) per project is available with no requirement for match funding.

Manufacturing companies in Scotland may apply to this fund.

The deadline for receipt of applications is 11.59 pm on Wednesday 31 December 2014.

Link: <http://www.zerowastescotland.org.uk/content/retrieve-scotland-support-programme-scottish-manufacturing-companies>

Children/Youth/Young People

YOUNG ENTERPRISE

This scheme aims to provide young people will have the opportunity to gain personal experience of how business works, understand the role it plays in providing employment and creating prosperity, and be inspired to improve their own prospects and the competitiveness of the UK'.

Eligible students of different ages are able to participate in the Young Enterprise programme targeted to meet their learning needs and level of understanding.

Schools, colleges and higher education institutes with students in the eligible age ranges should contact the charity to participate in the programmes.

Any business with a willing volunteer to carry out the learning activities of the programmes should contact the charity.

Please note that support varies depending upon the programme. Further information and guidance on programmes and how to apply are available from the young enterprise website.

Interested parties should contact Young Enterprise to register interest in participating in the programmes.

Link: <http://www.young-enterprise.org.uk>

YOUNG SCOT ACTION FUND

This scheme, sponsored by Young Scot Enterprise, offers incentives, information and opportunities to people aged 11 to 26 to help them make informed choices, play a part in their community, and make the most of their free time and learning. To meet the organisation's objectives, the Young Scot Action Fund aims to help young people to help themselves, others and the wider community by turning bright ideas into action.

The fund distributes small grants up to £200 for individuals, and up to £750 for groups of young Scots aged 11-26 years.

Applicants may be expected to obtain funding from other sources if the project costs exceed the amount of funding given by the programme.

The Fund is open to groups of young people aged between 11 and 26 years that fulfil the following criteria:

- At least two thirds of the applicant group must be aged between 11 and 26.
- Applicants must reside in Scotland and be a member of Young Scot.

Applications can be made at any time.

Link: <http://www.youngscot.org/info/162-young-scot-action-fund/>

YOUNG START FUND

This scheme is provided and administered by the Big Lottery Fund with money from dormant bank and building society accounts. It makes grants available to not-for-profit organisations for projects that provide Scottish children and young people, aged 8 to 24 years, with opportunities to become more confident, healthy, connected and enterprising.

The Fund aims to create opportunities for children and young people aged between 8 and 24 years to help them realise their potential.

Grants are available between £10,000 and £50,000 for up to two years with funding available up to 100% of project costs. If only part funding is required then the total cost of the project should be no more than £100,000.

Not-for-profit organisations that are working in Scotland are eligible to apply. Examples of eligible organisations are:

- Voluntary organisations.
- Community groups.
- Social enterprises.
- Housing associations.
- Sports organisations.
- Cooperatives.
- Charities.

Organisations must have:

- A written governing document such as a constitution.
- At least three unrelated people on their governing body or management committee.
- Recently approved annual accounts, signed and dated by a chair, secretary or treasurer, and by an auditor or independent examiner where appropriate. New organisations will require a spending estimate for the first year of the grant.
- A UK-based bank account in the name of the organisation. This account must require two people who do not live at the same address and are not related to sign cheques or make a withdrawal.

Applications may be submitted at any time.

Link: <http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/global-content/programmes/scotland/young-start>

YOUTH BUSINESS SCOTLAND

This scheme supports young people, aged 18 to 30 years old, to start-up and grow a business, by providing funding and professional mentoring support. The fund will provide loans to businesses that have been trading between one and three years, can demonstrate

commercial viability and growth potential, and have a gap in their required funding.

Loans of up to £5,000 and grants of up to £1,000 are available, are charged at 4% – repayable over a maximum of three years.

Capital repayments can be initially deferred for up to six months.

Additional resources may be required to meet total project costs.

To qualify for support, applicants should satisfy the following criteria:

- Be aged between 18 and 30. (Those aged 26 to 30 must be unemployed or working fewer than 16 hours per week.)
- Have the potential to expand, but can show that either some or all of the money cannot be raised from other sources.
- Have been trading for between one and three years.
- Have a good loan repayment and aftercare record with PSYBT.
- Have up to date financial records and can demonstrate their current trading position.
- Be prepared to match investment and inject own capital.

Youth Business Scotland programme support is not intended to displace other sources of finance, and a condition of the fund's support is that other funding sources have been explored.

Funding may be withdrawn if an offer of funding is not taken up within six months or the applicant fails to raise the balance of funding required.

Applications may be made at any time.

Link: http://www.princes-trust.org.uk/need_help/regions_and_countries/scotland/youth_business_scotland.aspx

THE YOUTH MUSIC INITIATIVE TRAINING AND CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND – 2014/15

This scheme aims to support individuals, organisations and networks who work outwith school settings to undertake training and continuing professional development that will strengthen youth music for the benefit of young people in Scotland.

The Fund aims to enable improvement in the provision of youth music in Scotland. The Youth Music Initiative's overarching objectives are to:

- Create access to high quality music-making opportunities for young people aged 0-25, particularly for those that would not normally have the opportunity to participate.
- Enable young people to achieve their potential in or through music-making.
- Support the development of the youth music sector for the benefit of young people.

There is £50,000 available in the budget for 2014-15, with awards ranging between £100-£750 for individuals and between £500 and £5,000 for organisations.

At least 10% partnership funding is required, which can be cash or in-kind.

Individuals can apply if they are:

- already delivered in the delivery of youth music projects;
- seeking to take part in training to widen their career opportunities to include delivery of music projects; or
- aiming to further extend the range and scope of their skills-base within the delivery of youth music projects.

Organisations who wish to provide training and professional development that will increase their capacity to develop and deliver more improved music-making opportunities to young people can apply.

The deadline for receipt of applications, for this round is 31 March 2015. However please note that the fund will close early if the total budget is awarded before this date.

Link: <http://www.scottishmusiccentre.com/ymitraining>

THE YOUTH SPORT TRUST

This scheme's mission is to build a brighter future for young people by enhancing the quality of their physical education (PE) and sporting opportunities. The main aims are:

- To increase young people's participation and enjoyment of PE and school sport.
- For young people to have the chance to experience and enjoy different types of activity at whatever level is right for them.
- To ensure youngsters receive the best teaching, coaching and resources possible and have the chance to progress if they show talent.
- To help young people to live healthy and active lives and to be the best they can be.

The Trust's objectives are achieved through the educational sporting programmes that it produces. These are delivered through schools and are supported by a range of corporate partners, trusts and foundations, and government departments.

Applicants must either be local authorities with some involvement in the community or local education authorities within the United Kingdom.

There are no specific criteria relating to the schemes offered by the Youth Sport Trust. However further details of the programme are available from the trust's website.

Interested applicants can approach the Trust for advice and application forms at any time

Link: <http://www.youthsporttrust.org/page/our-programmes/index.html>

Community Development

VOLUNTARY ACTION FUND (VAF) – COMMUNITY GRANT 2014-15 PROGRAMME

This scheme is aimed at small, grassroots, volunteer-led community groups with an income of less than £25,000 per year. The grant's focus is on supporting and building the capacity of Scotland's smallest community and voluntary groups. Groups can apply for grants of up to £1,000 for a wide range of costs or activities that will help sustain or develop their activities. We expect to make around 40 grant awards.

To be eligible your group must have:

- A constitution and bank account in the name of the group with at least two signatories;
- An annual income of less than £25,000;
- An independent referee.

Priority will be given to groups that work:

- With health or disability issues;
- For the benefit of people protected under the 2010 Equality Act (Age; Disability; Race; Faith; Sex or Sexual orientation etc.)
- With families and young people; and
- With older people.

Groups can apply for funding for a wide variety of activities or operational costs, depending on their greatest need.

However, Voluntary Action Fund is particularly keen to fund activities that will help build and develop strong organisations. For example, your grant would pay for training for committee members and volunteers, visits to other organisations and conferences or professional support and consultancy.

You could also apply for the cost of equipment, costumes or uniforms, classes or training, counselling, furniture, toys, safety equipment, field trips, or venue hire.

Please note the grant must be spent within 12 months.

The application form and guidance notes for the Community Grant can be downloaded from the Voluntary Action Fund website

Please contact us if you have any queries about the grant or about making an application. Our telephone number is 01383 620780. Our email address is communitygrants@vaf.org.uk

The deadline for receipt of applications is Friday, 14 November 2014.

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

Environment/Energy

LOCAL ENERGY CHALLENGE FUND FOR SCOTLAND

This scheme seeks to support a transition to a different approach to energy generation and consumption in Scottish communities. The Fund will provide up to £20 million in funding for major demonstration projects providing transformative and innovative local energy solutions.

Funding can be used to develop large-scale local low carbon demonstration projects which show a local energy economy approach linking local energy generation to local energy use, including projects that wish to develop innovative distribution and storage solutions, and with an overall aim to create more local value and benefit. Examples of eligible projects include the following:

- Demand-side management to maximise local energy production.
- Linking local generation to local district heating scheme.
- Smart electric vehicle charging system linked to local generation.
- Alternative low carbon marine transport.
- Energy storage.
- Hydrogen injection into gas grid or for sustainable transport.
- Consortia approaches to sharing grid costs.
- Local finance to retain local value.
- Local energy master-planning.
- Integrated energy efficiency.

The Local Energy Challenge Fund will operate in two phases – Phase 1 (Development Funding) and Phase 2 (Challenge Funding). Grants up to £30,000 per project are available under Phase 1. It is anticipated that the Local Energy Challenge Fund panel will award Phase 1 funding/support for up to 20 projects. Only projects that receive Phase 1 support will have the opportunity to develop and submit an application for Phase 2 challenge funding. Phase 2 funding is likely to be awarded to up to six projects.

Applications are invited from community groups, registered charities, community benefit societies, community interest companies, local authorities, registered social landlords, academic institutions, VCSE organisations, and commercial organisations.

The deadline for receipt of Phase 1 applications is 10 October 2014 (4pm).

Link: <http://www.localenergyscotland.org/challenge>

ZERO WASTE SCOTLAND RECYCLING INNOVATION FUND

This scheme will provide discretionary support for innovation through a series of funding initiatives aimed at recycling and

manufacturing companies and organisations in both the private and third sector. This is therefore a Scotland-wide call for innovative recycling propositions and advances which have the potential to make a significant impact in reducing the amount of waste going to landfill in Scotland and in helping Scotland make better use of valuable resources.

The scheme aims to encourage and support investment in innovative resource management technologies. Zero Waste Scotland recognises that innovation in recycling technologies and product development will play a crucial role in providing the best overall environmental and economic outcomes going forward as well as being essential to achieving a zero waste economy in Scotland.

Zero Waste Scotland wishes to encourage and support innovation in order to help bring new ideas to market rapidly and ensure results are widely shared and adopted by the industry.

The amount of funding available will be determined by the nature of the project bid.

Funding will not be available for 100% of project costs, as Zero Waste Scotland expects applicants to make a significant contribution, either in-kind or through internal financing.

Recycling and manufacturing companies and organisations in the private and third sectors as well as local authorities are eligible to apply.

The scheme is open waste to arising from all sectors including household, commercial and industrial and construction and demolition.

Zero Waste Scotland welcomes joint applications from businesses that are considering forming a partnership to bring new technologies and products to the marketplace. This may take the form of a joint venture or strategic alliance.

The applicant organisation must be based in and operating in Scotland;

Applications may be submitted at any time until March 2015.

Link: <http://www.zerowastescotland.org.uk/recyclinginnovationfund>

Health & Welfare

LIFE CHANGES TRUST DEMENTIA FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE

This scheme will invest approximately £3 million in establishing and supporting a wide variety of Dementia Friendly Community initiatives across Scotland. Dementia Friendly Communities are places where people with dementia and their carers are included, empowered and supported. Communities can be large or small, they can be local communities or communities of interest, or organisations.

The Trust is looking for a diverse range of applications, for example from:

- Locality applicants – e.g. a street, village, town, city, region, or social enterprises.
- An organisation – e.g. a care home, hospital ward, shop, social enterprise, business, or faith-based organisation.
- Any other form of Dementia Friendly Community – e.g. a shared community of interest or an online community.

Further information and guidance, including how to apply, is available from the trusts website.

Applications for funding will be accepted from Monday 29th September 2014 until Friday 24th October 2014.

Link: http://www.lifechangestrust.org.uk/funding/dementia_programme

Sports

CASH 4 CLUBS OPEN

This scheme makes funding available for sports clubs throughout the UK to improve facilities, buy new kit and equipment, and increase sporting opportunities.

Grants of £250, £500, £750 and £1,000 are available to sports club in the UK that are registered with their National Governing Body or local authority.

Funding can be used for anything that will add to the sustainability and effectiveness of the sports club, including buying new equipment, improving facilities or helping members to gain coaching qualifications.

No preference is given to the type of sport involved or the ages of people who will benefit from the project, but priority will be given to clubs that play an active role in their local community.

The Fund is open to applications with a deadline of 30 September 2014.

Link: <http://www.cash-4-clubs.com/apply-for-a-grant/>

WORLD WAR 1 BATTLEFIELD SCHOOL VISITS GRANTS PROGRAMME

This scheme will provide financial help to carry out educational visits to European battlefields as part of the Scottish Government's plans to commemorate the centenary of the Great War.

A £2,000 grant will be made available to every senior school in the country to help them meet the costs of trips to Western Front battlefields and war graves so pupils can learn more about the sacrifice made by the many thousands from Scotland and elsewhere during the First World War. The £1 million fund, which will be

administered by Historic Scotland, will include additional subsidies for groups travelling to the continent from schools not on the Scottish mainland.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

Link: <http://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/index/learning/educational-groups/battlefield-school-visits.htm>

HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND FIRST WORLD WAR: THEN AND NOW

This scheme makes at least £1million available per year for six years until 2019 to enable communities and groups right across the UK to explore, conserve and share their First World War heritage and deepen their understanding of the impact of the conflict.

Successful projects will include:

- researching, identifying and recording local heritage
- creating a community archive or collection
- developing new interpretation of heritage through exhibitions, trails, smartphone apps etc
- researching, writing and performing creative material based on heritage sources

Electronic expressions of interest may be submitted at any time.

Link: <http://www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/Register/Pages/registerandapply.aspx>

HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND – UNDERSTANDING THE FIRST WORLD WAR

This scheme seeks to ensure people of all ages will be reflecting on the events of the First World War and the experiences of men and women here and overseas, and how the war has shaped the last 100 years. HLF can provide funding to help groups, communities and organisations mark the Centenary by exploring, conserving and sharing the heritage of the First World War, from memorials, buildings and sites, to photographs, letters and literature.

The heritage of the First World War includes anything relating to the First World War that we value and want to pass on to future generations

The deadline for receipt of applications is directly related to amount applied for and links to other HLF programmes.

Link: <http://www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/whatwefund/FirstWorldWar/Pages/FirstWorldWar.aspx>

Awards

THE SCOTTISH BUSINESS DIVERSITY AWARDS

This scheme is an annual event to celebrate exceptional practice by Scottish businesses in supporting employees with disabilities and long-term conditions.

The Awards aim to:

- celebrate workplaces, individuals, organisations and projects who promote the employment and promotion of people with disabilities and long-term conditions, and who promote and highlight the benefits of inclusive employment practice;
- increase the knowledge and confidence of Scottish businesses in employing people with disabilities and long-term conditions;
- inspire people with disabilities and health issues to achieve their employment goals; and
- strengthen partnerships between employers, specialist employment providers and sources of specialist support and advice on disability in the workplace.

An Awards ceremony will be held at the Apex Hotel in Edinburgh on 20 November 2014, as part of the SUSE 2014 Conference, to recognise the achievement of the winners.

The Awards are open to employers and employees who refuse to accept that disability should be a barrier to employment. Nominations can be made for businesses as a whole, individual employees or for specific projects or initiatives, depending on which category is entered.

Nominators are welcome to suggest a candidate for each of the three categories, ie one employer, one employee and one project. Nominations must be for work that is carried out predominantly in Scotland.

There are three categories of award:

- Employer of the Year – employers and workplaces that have gone the extra mile to include, develop and promote employees with a disability or long-term condition.
- Achiever of the Year – recognises the efforts of employees with a disability or long-term condition in achieving their employment goals.

- The Innovation Award – a project or programme that takes an innovative approach to employability and disability in the workplace.

The deadline for nominations is 6 October 2014 (10am).

Link: <http://www.susescotland.co.uk/diversity-awards/2014-award/>

2014 SCOTTISH PUBLIC SERVICE AWARDS

This scheme aims to celebrate excellence and achievement within the Scottish public service.

Supported by the Scottish Government and Scottish Parliament, the awards aim to highlight the rich and unique diversity of public life in Scotland, as well as the relationships that cut across departmental, geographical and instructional boundaries with the Scottish public service. The ceremony aims to provide an opportunity to celebrate outstanding achievements by the public sector, particularly that which is often made behind the scenes or in challenging circumstances.

The work of the nominees and winners will be highlighted at an awards ceremony at the Scottish Parliament on 12 December 2014, providing an opportunity for recognition of work that may otherwise have gone unnoticed.

Nominations are open to teams or individuals currently working in the public sector in Scotland.

Nominations can be made for projects that were delivered in partnership with a commercial or non-public sector organisation.

Nominations may be self-nominations and there is no restriction on the number of categories under which one person or team may be nominated.

Each nomination must be validated by a senior manager within the organisation. The following awards are open to nominations:

- Emerging Talent Award.
- Third Sector Partnership Award.
- Policy Award.
- Analysis and Use of Evidence Award.

- Engagement Award.
- Innovation in Public Service and Delivery Award.
- Project and Programme Management.
- Campbell Christie Public Service Reform Award.
- Employee Engagement and Skills Award.
- Leadership Award.
- Lifetime Achievement Award. (NB this award is not open to nominations).

The deadline for nominations is 30 September 2014.

Link: <http://scottishpublicserviceawards.holyrood.com/>

Trusts

STAFFORD TRUST

This scheme will consider applications for grants from charities registered in the United Kingdom, with preference being given to charitable organisations operating in Scotland.

Applicants are strongly advised to provide concise information in the appropriate sections:

- A description of the project / funding requirement – what you want to achieve and how it will be managed. The Trustees look for clear, realistic and attainable aims.
- The expenditure budget for the project and the anticipated timescale.
- Details of funds that have already been raised and what other sources are being approached.
- What will be the benefits of the project and how you propose to monitor and evaluate whether the project has been successful.
- If applicable, what plans you have to fund the future running costs of the project.

The trust also requests that you submit 1 copy of your most recent annual report and audited accounts along with your completed application form.

The Trustees usually meet twice per annum, in Spring and Autumn, to consider applications and awards grants that range between £500 and £5,000.

Please note you may be contacted for more information or to arrange an assessment visit. The Trust does not normally support:

- Religious organisations
- Political organisations
- Retrospective grants
- Student personal travel or expeditions
- General appeals or mail shots

The deadline for receipt of applications, to this round, is 31 December 2014.

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

WARBURTONS TRUST

This scheme aims to support projects, activities and organisations that will be of real direct benefit to local communities and have a direct and tangible social impact on people's lives.

Funding is available as follows:

- Community grants of up to and including £250 for organisations in England, Scotland and Wales.
- Project grants of between £1,000 and £10,000 for projects that will take place within 15 miles of a Warburtons bakery or depot site.

Not for profit organisations with charitable purposes that are operating in England, Scotland and Wales are eligible to apply.

Organisations should be targeting key social issues and be able to provide evidence of the impact of their work.

All community activity must be tracked; all organisations who wish to engage with Warburtons must agree to provide feedback to Warburtons.

Please note that funding is not available for the following:

- Political parties.
- Animal causes.
- Organisations that discriminate by race, creed, gender, sexual orientation, age, religion or national origin.
- Individuals.
- Individual research projects.
- Individuals or organisations seeking educational bursaries, such as assistance to individuals for school, college and university fees.
- Applications that solely seek support for salaries. However, consideration will be given to funding a proportion of a salary or seasonal worker fees where these are directly linked to project delivery.
- Part funding.
- Organisations which are not charitable and do not operate on a not for profit basis.
- Activities with a negative social impact on the environment.

- Organisations with which association can be potentially harmful to the Warburtons business.
- Third party fundraising.
- Sponsorship, advertising and promotion alone, which generate commercial returns only.
- Raffle prizes.
- Capital build projects.

Applications may be submitted at any time.

Link: <http://www.warburtons.co.uk/corporate/responsibility/best-for-the-community/financial-giving>

WOODEN SPOON CHARITY

This scheme, founded in 1983, is dedicated to helping underprivileged children and young people all over the UK and Ireland to live happier, richer lives.

The trust aims to make a positive impact on the lives of disadvantaged children and young people through its commitment to quality charitable work throughout the UK and Ireland.

Grants are generally in the range of £10,000 to £100,000 and will represent 25 percent to 100 percent of the total project cost. Successful projects are expected to generate publicity.

Please note that funding is not normally available for the following:

- Computers and electronic equipment.
- Minibus or similar vehicle projects.
- Revenue expenditure.

The trust supports projects which will benefit children and young people who are disadvantaged physically, mentally or socially. Projects must normally be of a capital nature, with a reasonably long-term prospective lifetime.

Further information on how to obtain this grant locally is available by contact Brian Hodges, Development Director, Capita Projects on 01252 773720 or email: charity@woodenspoon.com

Applications may be submitted at any time.

Link: http://www.woodenspoon.com/projects/overview_and_applications.php

Imminent Deadlines – September – October 2014

THE ESMEE FAIRBAIRN COLLECTIONS FUND

This scheme supports time-limited work on the collections of museums and galleries in the UK to support and facilitate research, development, understanding and the use of collections.

DEADLINE: 12th September 2014

MAX GRANT: £100,000

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

BBC CHILDREN IN NEED – MAIN GRANTS PROGRAMME

This scheme provides for not-for-profit organizations that are working with disadvantaged children and young people who are 18 years old and younger living in the UK.

DEADLINE: 15th September 2014

MAX GRANT: None specified

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

IDLEWILD TRUST

This scheme provides grants for projects in the UK that encourage the performing/fine arts and preserve buildings, objects of beauty and items of historic interest or national importance for public benefit.

DEADLINE: 24th September 2014

MAX GRANT: £5,000

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

SEA-CHANGERS GRANT PROGRAMME

This scheme makes grants available to UK based marine conservation charities and organisations for projects that address specific marine conservation areas. Sea-Changers will allocate funding on a six monthly basis. Applicants can only submit one funding application per cycle.

DEADLINE: 26th September 2014

MAX GRANT: £500

Link: <http://www.sea-changers.org.uk/charities>

CENTRAL SCOTLAND GREEN NETWORK ORCHARDS GRANT SCHEME

This scheme provides financial assistance to organisations and individuals for projects relating to the establishment, management and use of small scale orchards, and to help with managing existing traditional orchards, in Central Scotland.

DEADLINE: 29th September 2014

MAX GRANT: £500

Link: <http://www.forthvalleysorchards.org.uk/page/csgn-orchard-grants>

PRS FOR MUSIC FOUNDATION – WOMEN MAKE MUSIC

This scheme makes grants available to support the creation and performance of new music, across any genre, which is written by a woman creator living and working in the United Kingdom.

DEADLINE: 29th September 2014

MAX GRANT: £5,000

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

CASH 4 CLUBS OPEN

This scheme makes funding available for sports clubs throughout the UK to improve facilities, buy new kit and equipment, and increase sporting opportunities.

DEADLINE: 30th September 2014

MAX GRANT: £1,000

Link: <http://www.cash-4-clubs.com/apply-for-a-grant/>

CREATIVE SCOTLAND – LIVE LITERATURE FUNDING

This scheme will part-fund the cost of hiring authors, poets, writers, storytellers and illustrators to attend public literary events, such as readings, workshops and residencies. Funding can cover 50% of the author's fee, plus their travel and expenses. However organisations have to pay the Trust 50% of the writer's fee (£75) plus VAT (a total of £90) for every session that is funded.

DEADLINE: 30th September 2014

MAX GRANT: None specified

Link: <http://www.scottishbooktrust.com/node/3865>

ON ORGAN FUND

This scheme exists for the purpose of supporting the provision and restoration of pipe organs in the British Isles. At least 50% of the project costs must be raised prior to applying. Churches and places of worship in the British Isles are eligible to apply.

DEADLINE: 30th September 2014

MAX GRANT: £1,000

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

THE RS MACDONALD CHARITABLE TRUST

This scheme provides grants to charities registered in Scotland for work relating to research into the causes or prevention and treatment of sight impairment and neurological conditions and for the care and welfare of sufferers, as well as for the prevention of cruelty to children and animals.

DEADLINE: 30th September 2014

MAX GRANT: £40,000

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

FIDELIO CHARITABLE TRUST

This scheme provides grant funding to help individuals and organisations of exceptional ability in the UK who would not otherwise be able to carry out an artistic project or activity without financial support.

DEADLINE: 1st October 2014

MAX GRANT: £5,000

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

NATIONAL CHURCHES TRUST – COMMUNITY GRANTS

This scheme provides financial support for projects which introduce facilities to enable increased community use of places of worship. This includes capital works such as additions and extensions, and the introduction of facilities, such as accessible toilets and catering facilities.

DEADLINE: 1st October 2014

MAX GRANT: None specified

Link: <http://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/our-grants/community-grants>

NATIONAL EVENTS PROGRAMME (SCOTLAND)

This scheme makes support available towards cultural and sporting events, designed to showcase specific towns and regions across Scotland, outside of the key metropolitan areas of Glasgow and Edinburgh.

DEADLINE: 3rd October 2014

MAX GRANT: £25,000

Link: <http://www.eventscotland.org/funding-and-resources/national-events-programme/>

CANOE FOUNDATION – SMALL GRANTS

This scheme provides funding for projects in the UK that support or promote paddle sport activities with a specific focus on young people and/or people with disabilities.

DEADLINE: 6th October 2014

MAX GRANT: £1,000

Link: <http://www.canoe.foundation.org.uk/cf/index.cfm/grants/application-guidelines/>

THE COALFIELDS REGENERATION TRUST (CRT)

This scheme provides funding to support activities delivered by community and voluntary organisations working in Scotland's coalfield communities.

DEADLINE: 8th October 2014

MAX GRANT: £10,000

Link: <http://www.coalfields-regen.org.uk/what-we-do/grant-programmes-and-community-support/>

ENTERPRISE MUSIC SCOTLAND TRADITIONAL ARTS FUND

This scheme is designed to provide support for traditional artists and organisations to create, platform, tour and showcase their work. The fund will also support professional development projects.

DEADLINE: 10th October 2014

MAX GRANT: £3,000

Link: <http://www.enterprisemusicscotland.com/discover/traditional-arts-fund/>

LOCAL FILM FESTIVALS OPEN ACCESS FUND (SCOTLAND)

This scheme intends 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.

DEADLINE: 10th October 2014

MAX GRANT: £3,000

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

MUSEUMS GALLERIES SCOTLAND CAPITAL FUND

This scheme provides financial assistance for projects which will both support the strategic development of Scotland's museums and contribute to the delivery of the aims of the National Strategy. Priorities include: Business Development; Audience Development; and Product Development.

DEADLINE: 10th October 2014

MAX GRANT: £40,000

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

BANK OF SCOTLAND FOUNDATION – SMALL/MEDIUM GRANTS PROGRAMMES

This scheme provides grants to charities for projects that develop and improve local communities. Applications can only be accepted from charities registered in Scotland. Grants have been given for core costs, equipment, staff costs, playgroups, volunteer costs.

DEADLINE: 13th October 2014

MAX GRANT: Dependent on programme

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

CONNECTING CLASSROOMS

This global programme creates partnerships between clusters of schools in the UK and clusters of schools in other countries to create an international dimension to young people's learning and improve their knowledge and understanding of other cultures.

DEADLINE: 31st October 2014

MAX GRANT: £1,500

Link: <http://schoolsonline.britishcouncil.org/programmes-and-funding/linking-programmes-worldwide/connecting-classrooms>

FORBES CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

This scheme aims to provide benefits for adults with learning disabilities with preference given to small and medium sized organisations.

DEADLINE: 31st October 2014

MAX GRANT: £5,000

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

MACROBERT TRUST

Grants are available for UK registered charities with preference for organisations based in Scotland. Projects should address the themes and sub-themes as set out by The MacRobert Trust.

DEADLINE: 31st October 2014

MAX GRANT: £25,000

Link: <http://www.themacroberttrust.org.uk/grant-making/monetary-awards/guidelines/>

Forthcoming Deadlines – November – December 2014

AUSTIN AND HOPE PILKINGTON TRUST

This scheme makes grants available to UK registered charities for a range of projects. The project area changes each year.

DEADLINE: 1st November 2014

MAX GRANT: £10,000

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

SCHOOL GRANTS SCHEME

The small grants scheme provides UK schools with funding for small-scale projects or events linked to the teaching or promotion of physics and, in particular, particle physics, astronomy and space science.

DEADLINE: 1st November 2014

MAX GRANT: £500

Link: http://www.iop.org/about/grants/school/page_38824.html

WESSEX YOUTH TRUST

Funding is available for projects that provide opportunities to help support and advance children and young people in the UK.

DEADLINE: 1st November 2014

MAX GRANT: None specified

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

THEATRES PROTECTION FUND – SMALL GRANTS SCHEME

This scheme makes small capital grants available to theatres in the UK that are run by charities and not-for-profit groups that can clearly demonstrate the value capital improvements to their theatres would make to their work with local communities.

DEADLINE: 5th November 2014

MAX GRANT: £5,000

Link: <http://www.theatretrust.org.uk/grants>

EQUITABLE CHARITABLE TRUST

This scheme provides grant funding for educational projects that benefit children and young people under the age of 25 who are disabled or from disadvantaged backgrounds in the UK and in developing countries.

DEADLINE: 24th November 2014

MAX GRANT: £30,000

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

WRITERS' PROJECTS FUNDING FOR PLAYWRIGHTS IN SCOTLAND

This scheme makes funding available to professional playwrights in Scotland to help them develop their projects.

DEADLINE: 28th November 2014

MAX GRANT: £3,250

Link: <http://www.playwrightsstudio.co.uk/resources/writers-projects.aspx#.U6v-85RdXYg>

BELL'S NAUTICAL TRUST

This scheme provides grants for voluntary and community organisations to benefit maritime education in Scotland.

DEADLINE: 30th November 2014

MAX GRANT: None specified

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

COMMUNITY BROADBAND SCOTLAND – START UP FUND

This scheme makes funding available to assist Scottish communities with the costs involved in establishing local community-led projects to access superfast broadband services.

DEADLINE: 30th November 2014

MAX GRANT: Dependent on programme

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

HISTORIC SCOTLAND MAINTENANCE PLAN GRANTS

This scheme provides assistance to owners or occupiers of historic buildings in Scotland for the creation of a maintenance plan.

DEADLINE: 30th November 2014

MAX GRANT: £6,000

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

WOLFSON FOUNDATION

This scheme aims to support excellence in the UK, generally through the funding of capital infrastructure in the fields of science and technology, arts and humanities, education, and health and disability

DEADLINE: 30th November 2014

MAX GRANT: None specified

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

CASHBACK FOR COMMUNITIES SMALL GRANTS SCHEME

This scheme aims to support to local volunteer led groups or units, who may not previously have had access to external funding, to enhance their programmes for young people and get positive projects off the ground.

DEADLINE: 1st December 2014

MAX GRANT: £2,000

Link: <http://www.cashbacksmallgrants.org/help-applying/apply-for-a-grant/>

SCOTRAIL FOUNDATION

This scheme provides funding from ScotRail as part of their commitment to their social and corporate responsibilities and is managed by Foundation Scotland on ScotRail's behalf. It aims to support and develop a wide range of projects which bring communities together.

DEADLINE: 1st December 2014

MAX GRANT: £5,000

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

GERALD MICKLEM CHARITABLE TRUST

This scheme holds a capital fund which is applied for such exclusively charitable purposes as the Trustees determine in their discretion.

DEADLINE: 31st December 2014

MAX GRANT: None specified

Link: <http://www.geraldmicklemct.org.uk/2.html>

IRONMONGERS' COMPANY

This scheme supports projects that provide opportunities for disadvantaged children and young people, under the age of 25, to fulfil their potential. Support is available to registered charities in the UK with projects which develop learning, motivation and skills.

DEADLINE: 31st December 2014

MAX GRANT: £10,000

Link: http://www.ironmongers.org/charity_organisations.htm

STAFFORD TRUST

This scheme makes grant support available to registered charities in the UK, with a preference towards charitable organisations operating in Scotland. The Trust has an Application for Funding form which must be completed.

DEADLINE: 31st December 2014

MAX GRANT: £5,000

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

ZERO WASTE SCOTLAND RETRIEVE FUNDING

This scheme aims to lead to an increase in the use of recycled material in Scottish manufactured products and hence stimulate further investment in reprocessing activity within Scottish manufacturing companies. Manufacturing companies in Scotland may apply to this fund.

DEADLINE: 31st December 2014

MAX GRANT: £30,000

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