

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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WREN – NEW PROGRAMME FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS

WREN is a new scheme which aims to help benefit the lives of people who live close to landfill sites by awarding grants for community, conservation and heritage projects.

WREN are currently amending how they fund community projects which means they will no longer have two separate programmes for Small and Main Grants, and instead will operate a single Community Fund. The new Community Fund Application will be available from their website shortly.

From 2015 WREN will only have one application deadline for each round. Hard copies of the application must be received at WREN House by 5pm on the deadline date. Email and fax applications cannot be accepted.

Applicants should submit their application and supporting documents as soon as possible, as WREN can only consider a limited number of applications in each round and projects are allocated to panels on a first come first served basis, subject to all information being provided.

Applicants should note that they will be informed of the decision date when they acknowledge your application. If your application is not received by 5.00pm on the deadline day your project will automatically be allocated to the next available funding round.

Further information, guidance and details on how to apply to the new Community Fund will be available from the website shortly.

The deadlines for receipt of applications to the Community Fund will be 5.00pm at WREN House on 18 March, 8 July and 4 November 2015.

Link: <http://www.wren.org.uk/apply/wren-grant-scheme>

SCVO – FUNDING AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

Find funding for your charity, community group or social enterprise using their free online search engine.

From small grants to funding for big capital projects, they can help you track down the funding you need to make a difference in your community. They have over 800 records of funds which help Scottish projects.

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

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 26th January 2015

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

BIG LOTTERY – PROGRAMME MONTHLY NEWS/REMINDERS

Awards for All

General repairs or maintenance to a building is a popular request to Awards for All. While this will be considered, it is something that might have a lower chance of being successful. This is mainly as it is harder to have a strong outcome. Groups can still apply, but ideally they should be made aware that their chances of being successful could be low.

Celebrate

The Celebrate programme was originally planned to run until 12 December 2014; but had to close to applications on 30 May 2014. Fortunately most applicants were aware of this. However, if groups don't know this and are trying to apply for 12 December, I'm afraid these won't be accepted.

Growing Community Assets

There have been a few groups looking to apply to this for 'general' building work. This is very unlikely to be considered due to not meeting all four outcomes.

On a similar note, communities/companies of interest (for example, scouts/guides, or groups focusing on a particular condition) have also tried to apply to it. As an entire geographical community needs to be benefit from it, communities/companies of interests cannot apply to Growing Community Assets.

Investing in Ideas

BIG have revised their priorities for what they can consider for funding. We will prioritise applications from organisations with an income of less than £250,000 and for projects that will be delivered

in areas within the 15% most deprived according to the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation.

For projects that have a heritage, arts or sports focus you may wish to consider funding from other sources. These types of projects are likely to have a weaker fit with the Investing in Ideas programme outcomes.

Also, a decision for a completed Investing in Ideas application should be back to six weeks again.

Young Start

Over the past two months, they've started to get an increase in applications to Young Start. It's a bit too early to know if this will continue. Nonetheless, if anyone is applying, their application should be very strong, especially around an outcome and young people's involvement.

Customer experience feedback on the new Awards for All application

For anyone applying to Awards for All they've been using a survey for feedback on the new materials. They had 195 responses from this. The results have been very positive in all areas. Most applicants rated all areas of the application form and guidance as 10 out of 10.

When compared to a previous survey of Awards for All applicants, all ratings had increased. The greatest improvements were in relation to:

- customers' understanding of how applications were assessed
- customers' understanding what the programme was targeting
- customers' understanding the purpose of questions and what information they should provide

We asked a couple of specific questions to applicants that had previously applied to Awards for All. This required them to compare their experience and again results are very positive with:

- over 75% of applicants said the form was easier to complete than the previous version and 16% said it was about the same
- 66% said it took less time to complete the application and 25% said it was about the same

In addition, over 95% of customers said having the guidance and application form together was very useful. 90% said it was very easy to cross refer between the question and guidance parts of the form.

As there is a clearer understanding from applicants on how they assess applications, the need for scoring guidance on our website is no longer necessary.

Tips on applying

Please see BIG's Alastair Jackson's blog on the website – link below – which has very useful information on faith-based organisations applying to them.

Further information, guidance and application forms are also available to download from the BIG Lottery website.

Link: www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/scotland

Resources/Information/Publications

Resources

BT – COMMUNITY WEB KIT

This scheme is open to small charitable voluntary and community groups in the UK that provide a clear benefit to the local community. A simple-to-build website may be constructed from simple on-screen instructions on the Internet.

As part of the BT Community Web Kit applicants will receive the following:

- Free website hosting.
- Free website addresses.
- The choice of eight templates with five or 15 colour themes depending on the template selected.
- One free format template.
- Enough space for unlimited pages and up to 500 pictures.
- Templates and colour options for all content.
- An easy-to-use Page Editor or an HTML Editor for technically minded applicants.
- Free technical support.
- Welsh language options.

To qualify, organisations must be based in the United Kingdom and provide a clear benefit to the local community. They should be registered charities, non-profit-making groups or volunteer-led organisations. Users are advised to contact the sponsor for details of any specific criteria that may apply.

Applications may be made at any time.

Link: www.btck.co.uk/Default.aspx

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

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)

WEB RESOURCES

1. Sources of Guidance and Advice

Cranfield Trust

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

Pilotlight

Link: <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>**SENSL****Link:** <http://www.sensl.org.uk/>**Community Recycling Network****Link:** <http://www.crns.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/>

Information

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: www.communitysharesscotland.org.uk**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: www.justgiving.com/companies

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: 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: www.resourceefficientscotland.com/

WAYS TO PAY

The Payments Council has confirmed 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: www.paymentscouncil.org.uk

Publications

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.youthlinkscotland.org/webs/245/documents/Big_Directory_FinalJul14.pdf

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

New Funding Opportunities

Arts, Culture & Heritage

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.

The Foundation allocates approximately £30 million per annum. There are no minimum or maximum levels of grant that can be applied for and the size of the grants varies greatly across different programme areas.

Grants will only be made where matched funding has already been raised or pledged.

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

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

Key criteria used by Trustees to assess applications include:

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

Grants are given to act as a catalyst to lever additional funding and to back excellence and talent. Grants are usually only made for capital projects i.e. new buildings, renovation and equipment.

The Foundation advises applicants to check the Foundation's website before making an application. The Foundation operates a two stage application process.

The aim of the first stage is to determine whether a project is eligible and this should be submitted online through the Wolfson Foundation website. Stage 2 applications are submitted in written format and once received, applications are considered by expert

reviewers and a specialist panel who make recommendations to the full Board of Trustees.

Please note there may be a cap on the number of applications that are invited for each funding round, therefore, applicants are advised to submit an application well in advance of the Stage 1 deadline dates. Applications received before the Stage 1 deadline may be deferred until a later funding round if the current one is over-subscribed.

Further information and guidance is available by contacting Paul Ramsbottom, Wolfson Foundation, 8 Queen Anne Street, London, W1M 9LD, Tel: 0207 323 5730 or visit their website via the link below.

The deadline for receipt of stage 1 applications is: 5 January (for a June decision) and 1 July (for a December decision). For Schools, Stage 1 applications should be submitted by: 30 November and 15 April each year.

[Link: www.wolfson.org.uk](http://www.wolfson.org.uk)

ELEPHANT TRUST

This scheme awards grants to artists, small organisations and galleries within the United Kingdom to make it possible for artists and those presenting their work to undertake and complete projects when frustrated by lack of funds.

The trust aims to make it possible for artists and those presenting their work to undertake and complete projects when frustrated by lack of funds. It is committed to helping artists and art institutions and galleries that depart from the routine and signal new, distinct and imaginative sets of possibilities.

Available grants are usually limited to £2,000, but larger grants up to £5,000 may be considered, with priority given to artists in the fine arts, small organisations and galleries within the United Kingdom.

Although no specific criteria is cited in the scheme's guidelines, potential applicants are advised to contact the sponsor directly to ensure the project meets the scheme's eligibility criteria.

Further information and guidance on how to apply is available to download from the trusts website; however applicants should submit well argued, imaginative proposals for making or producing new work or exhibitions.

The first quarterly deadline for receipt of applications, in 2015, is Monday 12 January 2015.

[Link: www.elephanttrust.org.uk/docs/theguide.html](http://www.elephanttrust.org.uk/docs/theguide.html)

FIDELIO CHARITABLE TRUST

This scheme, established in 2008, provides grant funding up to £5,000 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.

Applications are accepted on behalf of individuals and groups who are practitioners or performers in the Arts as well as institutions and colleges providing opportunities for those studying, practicing or performing.

Proposed grantees must be recommended by an appropriate person in an institution, college, arts festival or similar organisation that can vouch for the abilities of the applicant.

There is no nationality restriction and the work for which money is sought may be overseas but the proposed recipient(s) must be based in the UK.

Please note the trust's funds are limited, and it may only be able to part-fund a project or activity; therefore proposed grantees must be in real need of financial support and be particularly able and/or gifted.

The person representing the recommending institution or organisation must vouch for the competence and skill of those for whom they are applying to Fidelio and state how they were selected. They should explain their professional relationship with the individual or group, and describe accurately the project or activity for which money is required.

The Trust welcomes applications in support of the Arts, in particular the dramatic and operatic arts, music, speech and dance.

The deadlines for receipt of applications are 1 February, 1 June and 1 October each year.

Link: www.fideliocharitabletrust.org.uk

NATIONAL EVENTS PROGRAMME (SCOTLAND)

This scheme aims to coordinate, support, lead and fund events of all sizes across Scotland through two complementary funding programmes: The International Events Programme and the National Events Programme.

By working with local and national government and agencies in tourism, sport, culture and economic development, EventScotland works to attract, create, grow and develop events. Through strategic investment in events, EventScotland hopes to build Scotland's reputation as the 'Perfect Stage' for events.

The aims and objectives of the National Events Programme will be similar to the Regional Events Programme in that it will support the strategic development of events, outwith Edinburgh and Glasgow, which drive domestic tourism for Scotland and showcase specific towns and regions across the country.

The National Events Programme supports events which:

- Generate economic benefits for specific regions of Scotland.
- Attract visitors to specific regions of Scotland from other parts of the country and beyond.
- Enhance the profile and appeal of the host region.
- Inspire and involve local communities.
- Have measurable outcomes.

The minimum award available is £4,000 and the maximum £25,000, up to 25% of the total event budget. Events can receive up to three years of funding in total but must submit a new application for each request.

However it is strongly recommended that all applicants contact the EventScotland event management team on: 0131 472 2313 to discuss their application well in advance.

The deadline for receipt of applications to round 29 is 6 February 2015.

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

Children/Youth/Young People

KELLY FAMILY CHARITABLE TRUST

This scheme makes provides grants ranging between £1,000 and £5,000 for UK charities whose activities nurture and support family life. Applicants are expected to show what other sources of funding have been sought and secured.

The trust actively encourages applications from relatively new organisations to help them become established; and will consider both capital and revenue grants including requests for core funding as well as project-based grants. However it prefers to support charities whose income is below £5000, 000, although larger charities with pioneering pilot projects will be considered.

Successful applicants will be asked to provide a report on progress and the effective use of the grant during the funding year. The trust may consider repeat funding requests on receipt of satisfactory progress reports. Funding is 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 three principal areas that the charity wishes to support are:

- Interventions and support that help families to manage better and prevent the fracture of the family unit, eg Homestart, relationship counseling, mediation.

- Families where sexual abuse, physical abuse, domestic violence, alcohol abuse and drugs abuse threaten the integrity of the family unit.
- Prisoners and in particular their families, during and after the period of imprisonment.

Applications are also welcomed from sports and health-related charities whose activities comply with the above criteria.

The deadlines for receipt of applications are 1 March and 1 September each year.

Link: www.kfct.org.uk/apply.html

WM SWORD CHARITABLE TRUST

This scheme intends to support organisations that help children and young adults who require assistance due to sickness, disability or hardship. In particular, the programme aims to support children and help them to achieve their full potential.

Grants are made to individuals or organisations. Eligible organisations must:

- Assist children and young adults.
- Be based and operating in Scotland.

Costs associated with eligible projects.

There is no formal application process, and application requests should be submitted in writing.

Applicants are strongly advised to contact the W M Sword Charitable Trust for further information W M Sword Charitable Trust, Findlay & Co. Chartered Accountants, 11 Dudhope Terrace, Dundee, DD3 6TS

There are no published deadlines.

Link: *None Given*

Community Development

GALAXY HOT CHOCOLATE FUND 2014

This scheme aims to provide small, one-off grants for individuals and community groups whose projects focus on sporting and leisure activities and community improvement.

Each week, five awards of £300 will be given out to individuals and groups to support a wide variety of “warm hearted” projects run by local community groups across the UK and Ireland.

One of these awards will go to the project receiving the most public votes each week, while the other four will be selected by a panel of judges who will judge each entry (and use of an award) on:

- The extent to which the proposed initiative will help the local community.

- The extent of the proposed initiative’s reach.
- The perceived local need for such hobbies, sporting or leisure activities.

A complete list of successful applications to date can be found on the website.

Each winner receives £300 to pay for costs associated with eligible projects. There will be five winners each week across 16 weeks – 80 winners in total. Match funding is not required.

A maximum of one application per community group, school group and/or charity organisations in the UK and Ireland is permitted. However the promoter reserves the right to disqualify any Application for which multiple votes have been submitted by the applicant or any other individual(s) associated with that applicant in any week.

Employees of the Promoter, their families, agents and anyone else professionally connected with the promotion are not eligible to apply.

Applications may be submitted at any time until 11.59pm on 22 February 2015.

Link: www.galaxyhotchocolate.com

LINTELTRUST GRANTS PROGRAMME

This scheme awards grants for housing-related projects in Scotland that help people to live as independently as possible in their own homes and communities.

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

Applications are welcomed from the following Scotland based organisations:

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

Please note that all possible sources of statutory funds (ie local authority or central government) must have been explored. Lottery funding should also have been considered if appropriate. As the trust is extremely unlikely to fully fund a request as applicants are encouraged to apply for other funding or for matched funding.

Organisations should have established an equal opportunities policy, and should be monitoring its efficiency. If a formal policy is not in place, organisations must be aware of and be working towards best practice in this area.

Applicants are encouraged to telephone the administrator beforehand for a general discussion.

The deadlines for applications are two weeks before the Trustees’

Meetings which are scheduled for the first Friday in March, June, September and December.

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

WEIR CHARITABLE TRUST

This scheme makes grants available to groups and individuals in Scotland for activities in the categories of Sport; Recreational Facilities; Animal Welfare; Health; and Culture. No minimum or maximum value of grant is specified. Applicants are encouraged to ask for what they need for their project or activity.

Applications are accepted from individuals, groups and charities that are:

- Based in Scotland providing services in Scotland.
- Struggling to secure funds through mainstream funders or who have unsuccessfully explored all the statutory sources of funding.

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 be made if it is not to be used for the same purpose as the original application.

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

Successful applicants will be required to submit a short report summarising what has been achieved the end of the year or project. This will allow the Trust to ensure that its funding is making a difference. In the event of further funding being sought, it may also help to assess whether that is given or not.

Successful applicants must be able to account for the money being used as laid out in the original application and be prepared to undertake PR in association with the Trust. Groups that choose to do their own PR must get Trust approval for what they release. The Trust's PR company can advise on how to refer to the Trust and/or grant in any PR materials.

The next deadlines for receipt of applications are 5pm on 27 February and 29 August 2015.

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

Environment

ALAN EVANS MEMORIAL TRUST

This scheme provides grants for UK charitable organisations involved in preserving areas of natural beauty or historic interest, including projects involving animal or plant life.

Further information, guidance and application forms are available,

on request, from the Trust by contacting Deirdre Moss, Trustee, Alan Evans Memorial Trust, Lemon & Co, 34 Regent Circus, Swindon, SN1 1PY or by email aevans@lemon-co.co.uk.

Applications may be submitted at any time.

Link: *None given*

B&Q – WASTE DONATION SCHEME

B&Q, through its UK and Republic of Ireland stores, donates unsalable products to community groups, charities and schools for projects that will benefit the local community.

B&Q operates the Waste Donation Scheme through all of its stores. B&Q donates unsalable products and waste materials for re-use, such as slightly damaged tins of paint, off-cuts of timber, odd rolls of wallpaper, and end-of-range materials.

Community groups, charities and local schools throughout the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland are eligible to apply. Match funding is not applicable for this scheme.

Groups will need to complete a waste donation form, which is available from the environmental champion, diversity champion, or duty manager in store. The form must be returned to the store, together with a covering letter (on headed paper) to the Manager of the B&Q store from which items are requested, indicating the school/charity/community group's interest in receiving waste items. Subject to the request being authorised, the school/charity/group will be added to a list of potential recipients.

Applicants are advised to keep in contact with the store to check on availability of materials. Stores may also contact applicants, should appropriate items be available for donation.

Applications may be submitted at any time.

Link: www.diy.com/wastedonation

Miscellaneous

MACROBERT TRUST

This scheme makes grants 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.

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

Grants vary but are normally for between £5,000 and £25,000. Larger awards, including capital grants, are sometimes given.

A small grants programme awards grants of up to £5,000. Occasionally, recurring grants are made for up to three years. The Trustees are prepared to make core/revenue grants where appropriate but favour projects.

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

The Trustees look for clear, realistic and attainable aims when considering applications.

Organisations which are unsuccessful should wait at least one year from the date of decision before applying again, and successful organisations should wait at least two years from receipt of a donation before re-applying.

Progress reports on the use of the donation are required along with copies of the latest accounts for as long as a particular donation is valid.

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

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

These major themes are further divided into sub-themes and applicants are urged to visit the MacRobert Trust website for current details of both the themes and sub-themes. Application forms are also available to download from the Trust's website.

The next deadlines for receipt of applications are 31 May and 31 October 2015.

Link: www.themacroberrtrust.org.uk/grant-making/monetary-awards/guidelines/

RS MACDONALD CHARITABLE TRUST

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

The RS Macdonald Charitable Trust was set up by Roderick Stewart Macdonald in November 1978 with funds inherited from his father. The Trust's principal areas of interest are:

- Neurological conditions.
- Visual impairment.
- Child welfare.
- Animal welfare.

The level of award made varies according to the nature of the project for which funding is sought. The average award for main grants in recent rounds has been about £30,000.

The Trustees will consider applications for funding over periods of up to three years. Although awards may be made subject to the condition that the applicant secures matched funding from other sources.

Potential applicants are advised to contact the Trust's secretary if they have any further questions regarding eligibility.

The Trustees will consider applications both for revenue and capital funding.

The deadlines for receipt of applications are as follows:

1. Applications for awards of £10,000 or less may be submitted at any time.
2. Applications for awards of more than £10,000 are:
 - 31 March 2015 for Neurological Conditions (Care and Welfare), Child Welfare, Animal Welfare and Charity research project applications.
 - 30 September 2015 for Visual Impairment and Sight Loss and University research applications

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

TRUSTHOUSE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

This scheme makes grants available to charitable and not-for-profit organisations in the UK for projects that address issues of health and disability; community support; and arts education and heritage.

The foundation supports charitable purposes under the following categories:

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

The follow 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.
- Large Grant: grants of between £10,000 and £30,000 for capital costs.

Capital projects are only eligible where the total cost is £1 million or less. Applicants should have secured at least 50% of the total cost of the project/funding required before making an application to the Foundation.

Fast Track and Small Grants are only available to organisations with an annual income of less than £500,000.

Large Grants are available to organisations with an income of less than £5 million.

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.

All grants are for one year only and applicants who are unsuccessful are required to wait a minimum of six months before re-applying.

Applications may be submitted at any time.

Link: www.trusthousecharitablefoundation.org.uk

Social Welfare

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.

Grants of up to £5,000 are available for 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.

Only one application, whether successful or not, will be considered for each organisation within a two year period. Funding is not normally available for capital equipment such as laptops and projectors. Please note that 10% of any funding grant will be retained until the monitoring form has been completed and returned at the end of the project.

The Charity supports projects such as self-help groups and other innovative projects that will help educate people about money/debt/consumer issues. The following criteria will apply:

- 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.
- Organisations will need to demonstrate that they have researched and assessed the need for the project.
- Organisations must demonstrate that the project will make a significant difference to the beneficiaries, so the outcomes must be achievable, measurable, deliverable within budget, and within a time frame, and be sustainable.
- Groups will also need to show that the project will also provide outcomes that will benefit their wider communities.
- Organisations must be able to demonstrate that they have the skills, ability and experience to deliver the project.

- Projects must provide value for money.
- Projects should seek to provide long term solutions rather than short one off events.
- For existing projects with a proven success record, consideration will only be given to those that can demonstrate funding will be used to extend the project beyond its existing boundaries in terms of the scope of project, number of beneficiaries and/or time frame.

The charity has three rounds per year however applicants are advised to note that only the first 40 complete applications that meet the criteria in each Round will be considered by the Panel.

The next open round for receipt of applications is between 1 and 31 January 2015.

Link: www.msecharity.com/

THE BRIDGING FUND CHARITABLE TRUST

This scheme, established in 2007, aims to support organisations working with individuals in financial hardship to help them 'get back on their feet'.

One-off lump sum grants in the region of £1,000 to £10,000 are available to organisations in the UK that are working with people in crisis.

The Trust prefers the grant to be used to directly assist individuals in crisis rather than to pay wages and running costs of the organisation.

Applications should be made in writing providing information on what work the organisation does to help individuals in crisis, details of what the organisation wants a grant for and the amount required

Applications may be submitted at any time.

Contact: Mrs Debbie Cockrill. Telephone 01903 750008.
Address PO BOX NO 3106, LANCING, BN15

Social Enterprises

BIG ISSUE INVEST

This scheme's mission is to encourage business-like responses to social problems by strengthening community finance and social enterprise sectors throughout the UK.

Social enterprises are defined as: 'businesses with primarily social objectives, whose surpluses are principally reinvested for that purpose in the business or community, rather than being driven by the need to maximise profits for shareholders and owners'.

Big Issue Invest, through its national remit, internal underwriting and technical expertise, partnerships and networks, is in a unique position to act as a catalyst, broker, financier and technical assistant

to the social enterprise arena. It works with social enterprises and income-generating activities of registered charities.

Big Issue Invest believes that social enterprises need a financial partner that:

- Understands its social business model.
- Has sector expertise.
- Provides larger loan sizes and longer maturities.
- Emphasises underlying cash flows over security when making its decisions and structuring its terms.

Loans of between £50,000 and £1million can be provided.

Organisations requiring more than £250,000 should contact Big Issue Invest to discuss their funding possibilities. Grants are not provided.

The Loan Fund is open to established social enterprises or trading arms of registered charities based in the UK.

Eligible organisations applying to the Loan Fund must meet the following criteria:

- They have been in operation for at least two years and can show it can meet existing and new loan payments from historical and projected cash flows.
- They are located in a disadvantaged area.
- They have a strong, viable business proposal.
- They serve a disadvantaged and deprived population.
- They have strong management.

The Social Enterprise Investment Fund is open to social enterprises which fulfil the following criteria:

- They have a clear social purpose.
- They have strong management.
- They are able to demonstrate sustainability and growth potential.

Start-ups will be considered under this fund, but will be subject to further evaluation as they are not the primary focus of the fund.

Full details on the scheme, including terms and conditions, may be downloaded from their website. Although there are no exclusions cited in the guidelines, potential applicants could contact Big Issue Invest prior to making an application to ensure eligibility.

Application may be submitted at any time.

Link: <http://bigissueinvest.com/application-form/>

Awards

SCOTTISH EDUCATION AWARDS 2015

This scheme celebrates the hard work and success in Scottish education; the awards recognise the achievements of people who dedicate their lives to children and young people. There are 17 awards available across a range of categories covering all areas of education.

New awards for this year include learning for sustainability, making languages come alive and transforming lives through partnerships. If you know of a school or teacher that deserves to be recognised for their hard work visit the Scottish Education Awards website for more information and to submit a nomination.

The deadline for receipt of nominations is Monday 16 February 2015.

Link: www.scottisheducationawards.org.uk/

CHARITY AWARDS 2015

This scheme is open to UK charities of any size and entries can be made in any of the following 10 categories:

- Advice, Support and Advocacy.
- Arts, Culture and Heritage.
- Children and Youth.
- Disability.
- Education and Training.
- Environment and Conservation.
- Grantmaking and Funding.
- Healthcare and Medical Research.
- International Aid and Development.
- Social Care and Welfare.

The entry may be a project that demonstrates outstanding innovation and best practice, or a managed improvement in the organisation which may help other charities overcome similar problems.

The deadline for nominations is 6 March 2015.

Link: www.charityawards.co.uk/

Trusts

TUDOR TRUST

This scheme makes funding available for work in the UK that aims to build stronger communities and tries to meet the many different needs of people at the margins of society.

The trust is an independent grant-making charitable trust which supports organisations working across the UK. It funds a wide range of people and organisations working to build stronger communities and also engages with the groups it supports by offering advice and development support where this is needed.

Voluntary and community groups working in any part of the UK are eligible to apply provided they have a constitution and a bank account.

The Trust aims to fund organisations with the following characteristics:

- Organisations working directly with people who are at the margins of society.
- A focus on building stronger communities by overcoming isolation and fragmentation and encouraging inclusion, connection and integration.
- Organisations which are embedded in their community and which can identify and channel the potential within that community – whether the local area or a ‘community of interest’.
- Organisations which can demonstrate that they listen to and are responsive to their users.
- Organisations which are thoughtful in their use of resources and which foster community resilience in the face of environmental, economic or social change.

There is no maximum or minimum level of grant and in some situations the Trust may make a loan. Grants can be used for the following:

- Core organisational costs, such as salaries and day-to-day running costs.
- Project grants.
- Capital grants for buildings or equipment.
- Grants to help strengthen the organisation.

Most grants are made over one, two or three years. The Trust understands that tackling deep-rooted problems takes time so funding is sometimes available over a longer period, usually by

making a further grant following on from the original one. However, applicants should be aware that the Trust’s funding cannot continue indefinitely.

The Trust is more likely to fund groups with an annual turnover of less than £1 million. However, grants are sometimes made to larger groups, particularly for work which could be influential or which a smaller organisation would not have the capacity to deliver. Larger organisations are advised to contact the Trust before making an application.

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

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

Applications may be submitted at any time.

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

THE ROZELLE TRUST

This scheme provides financial assistance for charities in Scotland that work to support the poor and disadvantaged in their local communities.

The trust offers grants to registered charities working with the poorest members of their local communities in Scotland or in developing countries overseas. Funding is targeted at smaller charities working at a grass roots level where funding from the Trust will make a significant difference. There is no minimum or maximum grant value and funding will be awarded for project costs only.

Awards will be made to support a wide range of charitable activities but successful applicants should focus on:

- Children and young people.
- People living in poverty (particularly self-sustaining work).
- People with disabilities.

The trustees aim to develop long term links with the organisations funded in order to develop a clear understanding of their objectives, and to measure the outcomes of the funding.

Further information, guidance and application forms are available to download from their website; however applicants are encouraged read through the 'Who We Help' section to ensure that their funding request meets trust's aims.

Applicants must first submit an enquiry form (either electronic or hard copy). If the application is of interest to the trustees, the applicant will be asked to submit a funding application form.

Successful applicants will be required to provide regular feedback to the trustees to monitor the use of funds and measure the success of their activities.

Applications may be submitted at any time.

Link: www.rozelletrust.org/default.asp

Imminent Deadlines – December 2014 – January 2015

FAITHS IN SCOTLAND COMMUNITY ACTION FUND (FISCAF)

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

DEADLINE: 31 December 2014

MAX GRANT: £15,000

Link: www.faithincommunityscotland.org/faith-in-community-scotland-action-fund

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: 31 December 2014

MAX GRANT: None specified

Link: 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: 31 DECEMBER 2014

MAX GRANT: £10,000

Link: 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: 31 December 2014

MAX GRANT: £5,000

Link: 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: 31 December 2014

MAX GRANT: £30,000

Link: www.zerowastescotland.org.uk

THE COALFIELDS COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAMME

This scheme will support activities delivered by community and voluntary organisations working in Scotland's coalfield communities. The overall aim of the programme is to complement the new delivery activities of CRT in Scotland, investments will: Encourage community led capacity, innovation and service; Create an environment in which people can participate and encourage local growth; Support the community outcomes identified within the Coalfield Community Futures and Challenge Programmes; and Increase partnership between players which can act as a catalyst for leveraging in other funds.

DEADLINE: 7 January 2015

MAX GRANT: £10,000

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

WOODLAND TRUST TREE PLANTING PACKS

This scheme makes planting packs available to community groups, schools and youth groups to help them to plant more trees, hedges and copses in their local shared spaces.

DEADLINE: 7 January 2015

MAX GRANT: Not applicable

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

VOLANT CHARITABLE TRUST

This scheme makes grants available for registered charities in the UK undertaking projects to help poverty and social deprivation, particularly children's and women's issues. Applications for funding requests of up to and including £10,000 per annum, for projects based in Scotland only, are dealt with by Foundation Scotland.

DEADLINE: 9 January 2015

MAX GRANT: None given

Link: www.volanttrust.com/guides.html

ELEPHANT TRUST

This scheme awards grants to artists, small organisations and galleries within the United Kingdom to make it possible for artists and those presenting their work to undertake and complete projects when frustrated by lack of funds.

DEADLINE: 12 January 2015

MAX GRANT: £5,000

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

BBC CHILDREN IN NEED – MAIN GRANTS PROGRAMME

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

DEADLINE: 15 January 2015

MAX GRANT: £100,000

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

ERASMUS PLUS PROGRAMME – SPORT (2014-2020)

This scheme aims to support European partnerships on grassroots sport in order to tackle cross-border threats to the integrity of sport, promote and support good governance in sport and to promote voluntary activities in sport, together with social inclusion, equal opportunities and awareness of the importance of health-enhancing physical activity, through increased participation in, and equal access to sport for all

DEADLINE: 22 January 2015

MAX GRANT: €500,000

Email: general.enquiries@britishcouncil.org

ANCHOR FOUNDATION

This scheme is open to UK-registered Christian charities for projects that encourage social inclusion through ministries of healing and the arts.

DEADLINE: 31 January 2015

MAX GRANT: £10,000

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

HISTORIC BUILDING REPAIR GRANTS SCHEME

This scheme is focussed on the repair and conservation of historic buildings in Scotland assessed as being of outstanding architectural or historic interest. Grants are awarded primarily for urgent repairs that need to be done within two years to prevent loss or damage to important historic fabric.

DEADLINE: 31 January 2015

MAX GRANT: £500,000

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

Forthcoming Deadlines – February – March 2015

MUSEUMS GALLERIES SCOTLAND PURCHASE FUND

This scheme provides assistance for museums in Scotland making small equipment purchases.

DEADLINE: 1st February 2015

MAX GRANT: £600

Link: <http://www.museumsgalleriesscotland.org.uk/funding/purchase-fund/>

THE CAUSEWAY YOUTH EXCHANGE

This scheme will provide grants for youth groups in Ireland and the UK to participate in educational group exchanges between the two countries.

DEADLINE: 1 February 2015

MAX GRANT: Flexible

Link: www.causewayyouth.org/index.html

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: 1 February 2015

MAX GRANT: £5,000

Link: www.fideliocharitabletrust.org.uk

NATIONAL EVENTS PROGRAMME (SCOTLAND)

This scheme aims to coordinate, support, lead and fund events of all sizes across Scotland through two complementary funding programmes: The International Events Programme and the National Events Programme.

DEADLINE: 6 February 2015

MAX GRANT: £25,000

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

CEMEX COMMUNITY FUND

This scheme makes grants available to provide or improve community facilities in the vicinity of a CEMEX operation or ten miles within the vicinity of another landfill site in England, Scotland or Wales.

DEADLINE: 17 February 2015

MAX GRANT: £15,000

Link: www.cemexcf.org.uk/

GALAXY HOT CHOCOLATE FUND 2014

This scheme aims to provide small, one-off grants for individuals and community groups whose projects focus on sporting and leisure activities and community improvement.

DEADLINE: 22 February 2015

MAX GRANT: £300

Link: www.galaxyhotchocolate.com

WEIR CHARITABLE TRUST

This scheme awards grants to groups and individuals in Scotland for activities in the categories of Sport; Recreational Facilities; Animal Welfare; Health; and Culture.

DEADLINE: 27 February 2015

MAX GRANT: Flexible

Link: www.weircharitabletrust.com/faq-page

HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND (HLF) – PARKS FOR PEOPLE

This scheme will provide financial assistance for restoration and regeneration projects focussing on public parks and cemeteries in the UK.

DEADLINE: 28 February 2015

MAX GRANT: £ 5,000,000

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

INMAN CHARITY

This scheme makes grants available for registered charities in the UK carrying out medical, social welfare or general welfare activities.

DEADLINE: 28th February 2015

MAX GRANT: Flexible

Link: www.inmancharity.org/

KELLY FAMILY CHARITABLE TRUST

This scheme provides grant to UK charities whose activities nurture and support family life.

DEADLINE: 1 March 2015

MAX GRANT: £5,000

Link: www.kfct.org.uk/apply.html

OAKDALE TRUST

This scheme makes grants primarily for projects in Wales; however it also supports UK-based charities working in developing countries.

DEADLINE: 1 March 2015

MAX GRANT: £2,000

Link: <http://79.170.44.120/oakdaletrust.org.uk/guidelines/>

AGNES HUNTER TRUST

This scheme provides support for charitable organisations in Scotland that help the blind and visually impaired; research the cause, cure or alleviation of cancer or arthritis, or support people with these conditions; help people with a disability; and assist with the education and training of disadvantaged people or with youth development projects. Applications for medical research can be made by centres of excellence throughout the UK.

DEADLINE: 2 March 2015

MAX GRANT: None given

Link: www.agneshunter.org.uk/what-we-fund/

A B CHARITABLE TRUST

This scheme aims to support charities that defend human rights and promote respect for vulnerable individuals in the UK whatever their circumstances.

DEADLINE: 6 March 2015

MAX GRANT: £10,000

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

CLORE POETRY AND LITERATURE AWARDS

This scheme makes grants available for poetry and literature initiatives aimed at children and young people under the age of 19 years across the UK.

DEADLINE: 6 March 2015

MAX GRANT: £10,000

Link: www.cloreduffield.org.uk/Grant_Programmes/Clore_Poetry_and_Literature_Awards.htm

AWARDS FOR YOUNG MUSICIANS

This scheme supports the UK's most talented young instrumentalists aged five to 17 years of age who, because of financial need, may be prevented from fulfilling their creative potential.

DEADLINE: 13 March 2015

MAX GRANT: £2,000

Link: www.a-y-m.org/how-we-help/awards/

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.

DEADLINE: 27 March 2015

MAX GRANT: £500

Link: www.sea-changers.org.uk/charities

RS MACDONALD CHARITABLE TRUST – GRANTS OVER £10,000

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

DEADLINE: 31 March 2015

MAX GRANT: Dependent on project

Link: www.rsmacdonald.com/applications.php

WILLIAM AND JANE MORRIS FUND

This scheme makes grants available for places of worship undertaking restoration projects in the UK. Only buildings or monuments erected before 1896 are eligible.

DEADLINE: 31 March 2015

MAX GRANT: £3,000

Link: www.sal.org.uk/grants/morris-fund-conservation-grants/

WOODWARD CHARITABLE TRUST – CHILDREN'S SUMMER PLAYScheme GRANT

This scheme makes grants available for small-scale, locally-based registered charities in the UK to support children's summer playschemes.

DEADLINE: 31 March 2015

MAX GRANT: £1,000

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