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Welcome to the 20th Edition of Funding at Falkirk, a regular bulletin that aims to provide up to date information on key funding opportunities for every size of project.

This edition includes an update on the promotion and awareness raising activities that have already been carried out and are planned to try to ensure that the Falkirk Council area makes the most of its Heritage Lottery Fund priority area status, and hopefully changes from a cold to a hot spot!

We are pleased to learn that at least four projects from the Falkirk Council area have successfully got through the Big Lottery Fund's outline proposal stage and will now be progressing to making a full application.

We've just heard that the Women's Fund for Scotland is now open for applications and there's information

on its criteria and deadlines below. The Increase III programme offers a number of funding strands to promote community recycling and the Trusthouse Charitable Foundation has announced new guidelines that include funding to address Rural Issues and Urban Deprivation.

We've also included some small grant updates as well as a description of activities that can be considered under the Comenius Programme (European Funding)

There are details of a free workshop for Social Enterprises under the Aspire to Enterprise programme and a pointer towards SCVO's short courses.

If you have any comments/suggestions, please contact the External Funding Unit on funding@falkirk.gov.uk or tel. 01324 506065

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UP TO £5,000 AVAILABLE FOR WOMEN'S GROUPS

The Women's Fund for Scotland has been given £110,000 by the Scottish Government to distribute awards of up to £5,000 to women's groups in 2008/09.

Over the past six years, the Women's Fund for Scotland has awarded over £850,000 in grants to 400 community projects. Last year Wallyford Community Centre received a grant of £960 towards the cost of adult education class aimed at local women. Home Start Perth also received a grant. They were awarded

£2,880 to provide support, friendship, and practical help to young mums.

To be eligible to apply, groups must be constituted, and have an annual income of less than £250,000. Grants are available for projects which support and empower women, and to fund organisations which are run predominantly by and for women. There is also funding available for events to celebrate International Women's Day on 8th March 2009.

The deadline for all applications is **12 December 2008**. If you would like to apply, please visit the Scottish Community Foundation's website www.scottishcf.org/grantsforwomen for more information. Applications can be made using the Scottish Community Foundation's small grant (up to £1,000) and main grant (£1,000 to £5,000) application forms. Alternatively, please contact Annabel Bath for advice and support on 0131 524 0306 or Annabel@scottishsc.org



HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND UPDATE

During the Heritage Lottery Fund's (HLF) strategic period which runs for five years till 2013, the External Funding Unit, CVS Falkirk & District and HLF development staff will be working together to raise awareness of the various programmes that can be supported through this fund and make the most of Falkirk Council's status as a priority area. There has already been information on HLF in earlier newsletters and the local press, and we have organised events to stimulate interest. So far we have held information and follow up events with Council Officers and Community Planning Partners who will cascade information to colleagues and groups with whom they work.

Currently community awareness raising events aimed at community groups with little or no knowledge of HLF programmes are being planned. The main objective of these events will be to highlight relevant funding strands, and then to follow up with more detailed sessions which will help develop ideas. The first sessions will be held in Bo'ness (28th October with follow up meeting on 27th November) and Bonnybridge (11th November with follow up on 5th December) with other Council areas following. For more information and to book a place, please on these events, please contact Helen Bottomley at HLF. She has special responsibility for this area and can be reached on 0131 240 1586 or at hbottomley@hlf.org.uk. HLF's objective in its four priority areas is to ensure that they get their fair share of Lottery money by submitting well planned and developed applications.

Eligible projects can include community-based projects where heritage is used as a tool to promote involvement, develop new skills and create a sense of ownership and pride. Maybe this could be a focus for a potential community development project, or ideas for a community event or celebration that involves a historic building or park?

The range of history projects that can be funded is broad. These can include projects which involve cultural and local traditions, spoken history, the social history of industries and transport systems, museums, galleries and archives, and countryside and historic parks. A common set of priorities run through all of the grant programmes:

- All projects must help people to learn about their own and other people's heritage

Projects must also do either or both of the following:

- Conserve the UK's diverse heritage for present and future generations to experience and enjoy
- Help more people, and a wider range of people, to take an active part in and make decisions about heritage.

You can find more information about all of HLF's grant programmes on their website at www.hlf.org.uk/scotland, or by contacting Helen (as above)

Awards for All funding successes

The following groups have recently made successful applications to Awards for All – the Lottery’s grants programme that makes awards from £500 to £10,000

Kinneil Band - £5000 to pay for the publications of a commemorative book, the commissioning of music and CD recording costs

The New Wheelies - £3476 to fund accommodation costs, competition entry fee, costume hire, hall and van hire

Greenhill Community Resource Centre - £4512 to fund a playscheme, sessional workers, daytrips, transport costs, cooking utensils and ingredients, arts and craft materials.

Falkirk Branch Parkinsons Disease Society - £1999 to pay for a computer, monitor and digital projects

OTHER HERITAGE

Architectural Heritage Fund

The Architectural Heritage Fund (AHF) is a registered charity promoting the conservation and regeneration of historic buildings in the UK. It has funding available to voluntary organisations and building preservation trusts to regenerate historic buildings to create community and education facilities, workspace and homes. Eligible organisations must be a registered charity and the building(s) must be listed, scheduled as an ancient monument or in a Conservation Area (if in a Conservation Area, it must be of acknowledged

historic or architectural importance). The project must also involve a change of ownership and/or a change of use. Previously funded projects include turning run down historic buildings into community theatres, resource centres, community learning centres, workspaces, places to live and community meeting places, etc. The closing date for applications is **23 October 2008**. More information at www.ahfund.org.uk/index.html, email ahf@ahfund.org.uk, or tel: 020 7925 0199 e-mail: ahf@ahfund.org.uk

ENVIRONMENT

Funding Available to Promote Community Recycling

Not for profit community based organisations that are interested in developing projects that help in the reduction, reuse and recycling of waste are invited to apply for funding through the Increase III programme. This is a £7.5 million grants programme being delivered through a partnership between the Waste & Resources Action Programme (WRAP) and the Community Recycling Network for Scotland (CRNS) that offers four funding streams:

“**Increase Prevention**” - grants of between £5,000 and £300,000 for projects that relate to the prevention of waste;

“**Increase Enterprise**” - grants of between £5,000 and £300,000 for projects that aim to recycle, reuse or compost household, commercial and industrial waste;

“**Increase Capacity**”, - grants of between £5,000 and £25,000 for projects that relate to the employment capacity, backfill of key operational positions freeing up time for organisational or activity development;

“**Increase Small**”, - grants of up to £5,000, for projects that relate to the purchase of plant and machinery, health and safety equipment, provision of licenses, permits and training for organisations with a turnover of less than £100,000.

The deadline for applications is **1 October 2008**. More information at www.crns.org.uk/increase/, Or contact Emma Margrett on 07887758212 or email emma@crns.org.uk

RURAL ISSUES & URBAN DEPRIVATION

Trusthouse Charitable Foundation – New funding strands

The Trusthouse Charitable Foundation makes grants of around £2 million each year. It has announced new grant making guidelines. Funding is now available to local and national charities or not-for-profit organisations that address rural and urban deprivation. Under Rural Issues, grants are available for projects such as providing transport for the elderly, disabled or disadvantaged; contact networks for young disabled people; projects which encourage a sense of community such as community centres and village halls; employment training schemes especially those

promoting local, traditional crafts; projects addressing issues such as drug/alcohol misuse or homelessness. Under the Urban Deprivation, projects might include youth clubs; training schemes to help people out of unemployment; drop in centres for the homeless. From July 2009, the Foundation will start a three year themed grant which will fund projects addressing mental health issues for prisoners and ex-offenders. The Grants Committee meets quarterly to consider applications at the beginning of February, May, July and November. The deadlines for submitting applications are generally 2 months before the date of a meeting. More information at www.trusthousecharitablefoundation.org.uk/, tel 020 7264 4990

SMALL GRANTS

HBOS Foundation - Community Action Programme

Through its Community Action programme, the HBOS Foundation makes grants of up to £10,000 to support a diverse range of local activities. The programme which is available in those communities where HBOS operates, is open to registered charities and has two key themes. Money advice and financial literacy and developing and improving local communities. Previous projects funded include a grant of £2,500 to Ravenscliffe Special School in Halifax to purchase an adapted tricycle providing

pupils with the opportunity to engage in fun filled exercise sessions whilst providing much needed sensory stimulation and a grant of £2,100 to purchase sensory play equipment, arts and crafts materials and a number of musical instruments for a family support centre based in Perth for children, young people and adults with autistic spectrum disorder. Applications can be made at any time. More information at <http://www.hbosfoundation.org/index-community.html> or write to HBOS Foundation, Po Box No 5, The Mound, Edinburgh EH1 1YZ

Community Chest - Voluntary Action Fund's New Grants Programme

The Voluntary Action Fund has announced that in September 2008, it will launch its "Community Chest" Grants Programme. This is a new grants programme aimed at small community groups across Scotland. Although the Voluntary Action Fund is particularly keen to fund community groups from Clackmannanshire, Inverclyde and South Ayrshire, groups in other area are eligible to apply, and successful applicants will be able to take advantage of the support offered by VAF by way of free workshops on, for example, making successful funding

applications, managing money etc. The Community Chest will provide grants of up to £1,000 to help small community groups with an income of under £25,000 fund their activities. The aim of the Community Chest is to help build the capacity of groups in Scotland to deliver their activities. Applications can be made at any time and take 4 – 6 weeks to process. More information at www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk/grant-schemes/Comm, tel. 01383 620780 or email info@voluntaryactionfund.org.uk

Grants to Promote Walking

The Paths for All Partnership has announced that it has funding available to fund new and innovative ways

of promoting walking for health. Any organisation, group or partnership within Scotland, which can

demonstrate that it is working in the interests of the wider community can apply. We previously mentioned the large grants scheme, but there is also a small grants scheme of up to £2000. Applications should demonstrate the involvement of the local community in planning and running local projects, and the development of volunteers within the community to help run the scheme is integral to achieving long-term sustainability of led walk programmes. Grants of up to £2,000 are also available to businesses that

introduce walk to work initiatives. The Paths for All Partnerships would encourage any potential applicant to discuss any proposals with the Paths to Health team as soon as possible. Applications for small grants can be made at any time and for large grants the application deadline is **1 October 2008**. More information at www.pathsforall.org.uk/pathstohealth/grants.asp or tel. the Paths for All Partnership on 01259 218855



EUROPEAN FUNDING

Funding to Develop Educational Links with Other EU Regions

Through the Comenius Programme, schools and local education authorities have the opportunity to develop partnerships with other local and regional education authorities within the European Union. Funding of up to €50,000 will be available through the Comenius Regio Programme to promote joint cooperation activities between local and regional education authorities. The aim of the programme is to strengthen the European dimension in school education and to offer European learning experiences to teachers and pupils and administrators. The partnerships will give educational authorities, in cooperation with schools and other actors in education, the opportunity to work together on topics of mutual interest. These might concern for example the organisation of school education, cooperation between schools and other local partners (e.g. providers of formal or non-formal learning), or common problems in school education (e.g. new approaches in the organisation of schooling,

disadvantaged pupils and early school leaving, teacher qualifications and competence). To be eligible for funding, each partnership will need to consist of 2 partner regions, each of which must involve; a local or regional authority with a role in school education; at least one school; and at least one other relevant local partner (e.g. youth or sports clubs, parents' and pupils' associations, local teacher training institutes, other learning providers, further education institutions and local employers, community organisations, museums and advisory services). The first deadline for applications to the Comenius Regional Programme will be in February 2009. To register for further information, when it is available, contact comenius@britishcouncil.org <http://www.britishcouncil.org/comenius-regio-partnerships.htm>, tel.0131 524 5700, or email: comenius@britishcouncil.org

Snippets

Seminars for ambitious social enterprises

Aspire to Enterprise is a Scottish Government funded programme offering development support to ambitious social enterprises in Lowland Scotland. Part of the programme includes a series of FREE half day seminars on the crucial aspects of social enterprise

activity. There will be a workshop on Strategic Business Planning in Kilncraigs, Alloa on **17 September 2008**. For more information or to register go to www.aspiretoenterprise.org.uk/seminars, or

contact aspire to enterprise on 0141425 2939, email

info@aspiretoenterprise.org.uk

SCVO Short Courses

SCVO have a programme of over 100 short courses available aimed at voluntary sector needs. This year there are new topics including sources of funding, marketing, media skills, planning, HR and IT,

accredited courses in health and safety, and more. There are also free online courses through Learning Bytes. For more information go to www.scvo.org.uk

FURTHER INFORMATION

Abbreviations

DCMS: Department of Culture, Media & Sport
EU: European Union
EC: European Commission
EFTA: European Free Trade Agreement Countries (Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein)
ESF: European Social Fund
ERDF: European Regional Development Fund
SMEs: Small to Medium-sized enterprises
NGOs: Non-governmental organisations

Useful Contacts

European Union - Enlargement
www.europa.eu.int/comm/enlargement/index.htm
This recently upgraded site includes access to information on the countries, the pre-accession programme and contacts.
Scottish ESF Objective 3 Programme
www.objective3.org
ESEP Ltd www.esep.co.uk
East of Scotland European Consortium
www.esec.co.org.uk
European Commission www.europa.eu.int
Scottish Parliament's European & External Relations Committee
www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/committees/europe/index.htm
Scottish Executive www.scotland.gov.uk
National Lottery www.lotteryfunding.org.uk
SportsScotland www.sportscotland.org.uk
Heritage Lottery Fund www.hlf.org.uk
Big Lottery Fund www.biglotteryfund.org.uk
Awards for All www.awardsforall.org.uk
Coalfields Regeneration Trust www.coalfields-regen.org.uk
Department of Culture Media and Sport
www.dcms.gov.uk
Scottish Screen www.scottishscreen.com
Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations
www.scvo.org.uk
Scottish Arts Council www.sac.org.uk

Local Government International Bureau
www.lgib.gov.uk
European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training
www.cedefop.eu.int

Lottery Telephone Contacts

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Sport Scotland Lottery Fund 0131 317 7200
Awards for All 0870 240 2391
Scottish Screen 0845 300 7300
Big Lottery Fund 0141 242 1400

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