



# ff Funding at Falkirk



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**W**elcome to the latest 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 has information on lottery funding including a reminder to take advantage of the Council area's Heritage Lottery Fund Priority status that ends in 2013. It's also worth remembering that the Investing in Communities programme is live and running till 30 June 2015. An outline of the opportunities it offers is also included. There's also information for social entrepreneurs – the Just Enterprise programme supported by the Scottish Government assists social enterprises that show potential to grow and develop sustainably. A variety of sources of funding for arts projects, including LankellyChase, the Esmee Fairbairn Collections Fund and the Young Film Fund, provides opportunities to find support for a range of activities. Funding to promote financial inclusion, including the Nationwide and Friends Provident Foundations and the MSE Charity offer grants from £500 to £200,000 to support activities including consumer debt advice, financial literacy and strategic issues related to financial inclusion. There are also details of a FREE workshop on writing funding applications and notification of an extended deadline for applications to the "see me" fund. As usual, if you have any comments or suggestions, please contact the External Funding Unit on [funding@falkirk.gov.uk](mailto:funding@falkirk.gov.uk) or tel. 01324 506065.

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STOP PRESS

see me...

The 'see me' Local Grant Scheme and Equality Fund tackles the stigma often associated with mental health at a local level with funding available for local groups who want to promote a positive message on mental health. Projects must be led by people with lived experience of mental ill-health.

For all information on how you can enter please go to <http://www.seemescotland.org.uk>

**The deadline for applications has been extended to 6pm on 06 September 2011.** For further information please contact Joan Bree, Campaign Development Officer, at 0131 554 0218 or email: [info@seemescotland.org](mailto:info@seemescotland.org).



### **BIG Lottery Fund - Investing in Communities**

The Investing in Communities programme comprises three strands:

- **Growing Community Assets** – which aims to help communities have more control and influence over their own future through ownership of assets
- **Life Transitions** – which aims to support projects that help people at key times of changes, helping them to make their lives better for the future
- **Supporting 21<sup>st</sup> Century Life** – which aims to support projects that build stronger families and stronger communities

BIG wants its funding to have a real impact and need and has identified specific priorities and outcome for each strand. Targeted support and /or development funding is also available to applicants.

A wide range of organisations are eligible to apply, including voluntary and community organisations, local authorities and communities, social enterprises and private companies, although applications from private companies are only eligible where the grant does not contribute to the profits they distribute).

For more information, go to <http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/scotland>

### **£4 Million Sports Fund for upgrading equipment and facilities**

The Scottish Government has announced that communities across Scotland will be able to apply for grants of up to £100,000 to improve sports facilities in their area £4 million will be available through the Sportscotland Small Projects Fund to help communities upgrade equipment and facilities such as sports halls, pitches, tennis courts and changing rooms. Local authorities, schools, colleges,

universities, voluntary sports clubs, trusts and national governing bodies of sport can apply. The Sportscotland Fund covers sports projects with a value of up to £100,000 with award levels for communities usually set at up to 50 per cent of the project cost, increasing to up to 100 per cent in exceptional circumstances. Applications can be made at any time. For more information go to

<http://www.sportscotland.org.uk/ChannelNavigation/Topics/TopicNavigation/Facilities/Funding/Theme+Sports+Facilities+Fund/Sports+Facilities+Fund+Application+pack.htm>  
<http://www.sportscotland.org.uk/>

### **Funding to Improve Community Spaces**

Voluntary and community organisations, schools, community councils, social enterprises and private companies can apply for grants through BIG's Community Spaces Scotland for projects that aim to bring about lasting social change and real improvements to communities and lives of people most in need, to help them come together to become more involved in, and to take responsibility for, their

local environment, communal spaces and places. Grants of between £10,000 and £250,000 are available to support a wide range of activities and services across three main themes, which are:

- Meeting space
- Recreation
- Community green.

Eligible projects include developing local parks, community parks and gardens, play parks and allotments. Community Spaces are also keen to support improvements to community centres and village halls to provide facilities for community activity and to make buildings more economically and environmentally sustainable.

There will be two funding rounds. The deadline for fast track applications is **14 October 2011**, and **02 December 2011** for stage one applications. Round two of the programme will open to applications in **14 June 2012**. Potential applicants should use the eligibility checker on the website to check if the location of their project is eligible. For further information on this programme or to check a project is eligible to apply go to [http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog\\_community\\_spaces\\_scotland?tab=1&](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_community_spaces_scotland?tab=1&)

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## HERITAGE FUNDING



### Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF)

Falkirk Council is one of four local authorities that have been enjoying Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) priority area status for the last couple of years. This status will come to an end in 2013. So if you have any ideas or projects that might fit with HLF's funding programmes, take advantage of the additional support currently available through Lori Kika, HLF's Development Officer with special responsibility for this area. Lori can offer advice and support for first time applicants and complex projects. She can be contacted on 0131 240 1586 or at [lorraineA@hlf.org.uk](mailto:lorraineA@hlf.org.uk)

HLF's programmes range from Young Roots and Your Heritage which offer grants from £3000 to Parks for People whose upper limit is £5 million.

In this context, "Heritage" covers a wide range of activities, including:

#### Built Heritage

- Historic buildings
- Archaeological sites
- Monuments

#### Natural Heritage

- Species and habitats
- Historic parks and gardens
- Mountains
- Coasts and rivers

#### Cultural Heritage

- Oral/spoken history
- Place names

#### Records and collections

- Museums
- Archives
- Old photographs

#### Industrial Heritage

- Industries
- Maritime
- Transport
  
- Place names
- Cultural traditions
- Heritage skills

Eligible projects will help people learn about their own and other people's heritage and have elements of either conservation or community involvement (or both). For more information, go to <http://www.hlf.org.uk/InYourArea/Scotland/Pages/Welcome.aspx>



### **Grants Available for Restoring Historic Buildings**

Under the Historic Scotland Historic Building Repair Grants Scheme, financial help is available to owners to meet the cost of high-quality repairs using traditional materials and specialist craftsman to conserve original features in buildings of special architectural or historic interest. Applicants must be organisations or individuals who have a legal responsibility for the repair of a historic building. There are a number of criteria which have to be met before an award can be considered:

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

The grants awarded range from £10,000 to £500,000. The closing date for applications is **30 September 2011**. More information at

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

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## SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

### **Funding for social entrepreneurs and third sector organisations**

The '**Just Enterprise**' programme delivers a wide range of business support to social entrepreneurs and third sector organisations across Scotland with a broad programme of support and assistance via the creation of an online access hub. £4 million pounds will be provided through the **Enterprise Growth Fund**, providing grants of between £25,000 and £200,000 to enterprising third sector organisations who demonstrate how the funds contribute to growing and sustaining their organisation. More information on the Just Enterprise service and the Enterprise Growth Fund can be found at <http://www.justenterprise.org>

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## ARTS

### **Esmee Fairbairn Collections Fund**

Grants of between £20,000 and £100,000 are available to museums, galleries and heritage organisations through this Fund which focuses on time-limited collections outside the scope of an organisation's core resources and seeks to support projects at an early stage of development where it may be difficult to guarantee tangible outcomes. Eligible projects include:

- research into collections
- conservation
- collections review
- initiatives to develop the use of collections.

Contact Sally Cross at the Museums Association for a preliminary conversation either at [sally@museumsassociation.org](mailto:sally@museumsassociation.org) or on 020 7426 6933.

The next deadline for applications is **31 October**. For further information, go to <http://www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk/funding/collections-fund.html>

### **The LankellyChase Arts Programme**

The LankellyChase Foundation is inviting applications from arts based organisations. The trustees are focusing on the following areas

- promoting the use of the arts by people with severe mental ill health;
- encouraging vulnerable young people to participate in arts activities

Grants awarded are generally between £10,000 and £15,000 a year. The foundation will consider applications from registered charities, industrial and provident societies, exempt charities and community interest companies or organisations applying for charitable status. Applications can be submitted at any time. More information at <http://www.lankellychase.org.uk/programmes>

### **Young Film Fund**

First Light Movies provides grants to projects that enable young people to participate in all aspects of film production. Its Young Film Fund re-opened recently. The funding is available to schools; youth services; community and voluntary groups that work with young people aged between 5 and 18. There are two different funding streams: the Studio Awards which provides grants of up to £30,000 for between two and four films of up to 10 minutes; and the Pilot Awards which provides grants of up to £5,000 for one short film of up to five minutes in duration. The deadline for applications will be **2pm on 27 September 2011**. More information at <http://www.firstlightonline.co.uk/funding/>

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## EUROPEAN FUNDING

### **Grants to Support the European Year of Volunteering**

To celebrate the 2011 European Year of Volunteering, the Voluntary Action Fund with funding from the Scottish Government, is offering small grants to promote and celebrate the work of volunteers in Scotland. The programme is open to community groups and voluntary organisations with an annual income below £250,000 and will be awarded for activities that clearly contribute to:

- increasing the number of people engaged in volunteering;

- increasing the diversity of volunteers especially those from disadvantaged groups;
- volunteers feeling valued and supported.

The next deadline for applications is **15 September 2011**. More information at

[http://www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk/5,858/grants/european\\_year\\_of\\_volunteering\\_eyv\\_grant](http://www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk/5,858/grants/european_year_of_volunteering_eyv_grant)

### **EU Culture Programme Launches Two New Funding Strands**

The European Commission has announced that it is inviting applications through two funding strands under its Culture Programme which aims to enhance the cultural area shared by Europeans. The two strands that are open to applications are Support to European Cultural Festivals and Cooperation Projects between organisations involved in cultural policy analysis. The closing date for applications to support European cultural festivals is **15 November 2011** and for Cooperation projects between organisations involved in cultural policy analysis **01 October 2011**. More information at

[http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/culture/index\\_en.php](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/culture/index_en.php)

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### **Voluntary Action Fund - Community Chest Programme Extended for a Further Year**

Voluntary Action Fund (VAF) has announced that due to the success of their Community Chest Programme they have extended it for a further year. The Community Chest can provide grants of up to £1,000 and free training to groups with an annual income under £25,000. Groups can apply for funding for a wide range of activities or operational costs. However, the VAF are particularly keen to fund activities that will help build and develop strong organisations, such as:

- training for committee members and volunteers
- visits to other organisations or conferences
- professional support or consultancy.

Applications for the Community Chest programme are welcome throughout the year with the next deadline being **15 September 2011**. The other deadline is the 15th January 2012. More information at

<http://www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk/5,40/grants/community>

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## **YOUNG PEOPLE**

### **Buttle UK**

Buttle UK's Access to the Future Programme is open for applications. It provides financial assistance of up to £3000 to young people who face multiple barriers to attainment by funding packages of support put together by themselves and their support worker and could include funding for training courses, activities, residential courses, private tuition, clothing, licences, equipment, business start up costs or anything which removes (or helps remove) a barrier that stands in the way of the applicant returning to employment, education or training. Applications should be submitted by support professionals working for a suitable referral agency. More information at

<http://www.buttleuk.org/pages/grant-programmes-access-to-the-future-programme-47.html>

### **CashBack for Communities Fund**

The next closing date for the CashBack for Communities Fund is **16 September 2011**. Youth sector organisations can apply for grants of up to £30,000 to provide a range of diversionary activities for young people, increasing the opportunities to develop their interests and skills using funds recovered from criminals. The emphasis is on youth work interventions constructed with and for young people in

the 10–19 age group. More information at:  
<http://www.youthlinkscotland.org/Index.asp?MainID=11388>

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## HEALTH

### **Paths for All Announces Grant Fund to support Walking for Health in Scotland**

Paths for All (PFA) promotes walking for health and the development of multi-use path networks in Scotland with the aim of achieving a happier, healthier, greener, more active Scotland through its work and the provision of advice, resources and support to others. It funds projects to improve Scotland's health through the delivery of local health walk projects and invests in projects which build local capacity, delivering a volunteer led solution to improving physical activity levels. PFA plays a crucial role in learning from projects all over Scotland and sharing these experiences in order to improve practice. The PFA Grant Fund has been made possible through funding from the Scottish Government. £200 000 is available in 2011/12. The target audience is women over 45 and men and women over 65. For more details on the grant fund, including guidance notes and application forms, visit [www.pathsforall.org.uk/pfa/support/grants-a-funding.html](http://www.pathsforall.org.uk/pfa/support/grants-a-funding.html)

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## SCHOOLS

### **Funding to Purchase Musical Equipment**

Schools can apply for funding of up to £2,000 through the EMI Music Sound Foundation's Instrument and/or Equipment Awards to purchase musical instruments and equipment.. The funding has to be made for music education that is beyond statutory national curriculum music teaching. The Foundation cannot fund retrospectively and schools are not eligible for financial assistance under this scheme if they have already purchased their instruments or if they do so before their application has been approved. Closing date for applications is **16 September 2011**.

<http://www.emimusicfoundation.com/index.php/site/awards/>

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## FINANCIAL INCLUSION

### **Nationwide**

The Nationwide Foundation is currently accepting applications for funding under its Small Grants Programme. Grants of between £500 and £5,000 are available to registered charities with a yearly income of less than £750,000 to support projects that:

- tackle financial exclusion affecting disadvantaged groups across the UK
- address housing issues & homelessness among vulnerable groups across the UK.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

<http://www.nationwidefoundation.org.uk/grants.asp>

### **Friends Provident Foundation**

The Friends Provident Foundation makes grants of up to £200,000 to not-for profit organisations for projects that address financial exclusion within disadvantaged communities. The Foundation will consider applications for work that will make a strategic contribution to the overall outcome of financial inclusion in the UK. The Foundation will consider requests for capital or revenue funding, core funds or project costs and is willing to consider applications from any type of legally independent organisation, but can only support work that is legally charitable. Actions previously supported through the Foundation include making money management advice available to young people via mobile phones and interactive digital TV and a research project to look at the difficulties that people with a learning disability are having in gaining access to banking services. The next closing date for applications is **28 October 2011**. More information at <http://www.friendsprovidentfoundation.org/>

### **MSE Charity**

The MSE Charity provides grants to constituted community based groups (including schools) to help fight financial and consumer illiteracy and to provide information about consumer and debt issues. Grants of up to £5,000 are available for group projects such as self-help groups, workshops and other innovative schemes. The deadline for the next round of applications is **30 September 2011**. <https://www.msecharity.com/Default.aspx?pageid=15>

### **Energy People Trust – fighting fuel poverty**

Not-for-profit organisations and groups, such as children's charities, local community groups, support organisations, housing associations and local authorities, who work with or represent the vulnerable and fuel poor can apply for funding to the Scottish Power Energy People Trust. Priority will be given to projects aimed at helping families with young children and young people. The Scottish Power Energy People Trust will award grant funding up to a maximum of £100,000 for projects lasting for up to three years. Previous projects supported include delivering training to front line home visiting staff to identify the fuel poor and then provision of a system to allow the easy triggering of a range of intervention measures including benefits checks and credit union services. The next deadline for applications is **18 October 2011**. For more information, go to <http://www.energypeopletrust.com/content/default.asp?page=s4>

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## **EVENTS**

The Voluntary Action fund has organised a FREE workshop on making successful funding applications. It will be held on Thursday 22 September 2011 at CVS Falkirk and District, Unit 6 Callendar Business Park, Callendar Road, Falkirk FK1 1XR from 10 am till 4 pm. This workshop is suitable for people who are new to making funding applications or people who want to improve the applications they make. It is aimed at small organisations or community groups with an income of under £25,000. It will provide participants with an understanding of what grant giving bodies and funders are looking for in a successful application and explain some of the jargon they use. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. The closing date for bookings is **12 September 2011**. To book a place contact Voluntary Action Fund on 01383 620780 or email: [patricia.mckibben@voluntaryactionfund.org.uk](mailto:patricia.mckibben@voluntaryactionfund.org.uk)

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## FUNDING SNIPPETS

**The Royal Society** has announced that the next round of Partnership Grants will open for applications on 05 September 2011 with a deadline of **04 November 2011**. Through the scheme grants of between £250 and £3,000 will be available to support teachers, scientists and engineers help develop science projects. More information at <http://royalsociety.org/education/partnership/>

**Kellogg's Swim Active Programme Grants** will re-open for applications on 20 October 2011. Minimum grants of £10,000 are available to any swimming club, school, facility, pool operator, community organisation or social enterprise which is a non-profit making organisation to support activities that will enhance motivation, removes barriers and increases participation in this sport. More information at <http://www.swimming.org/get-involved/kelloggs-swim-active>

### **BBC Children in Need**

BBC Children in Need's next closing date for applications is **15 October 2011** – please note that the organisation does not accept applications from local government or NHS bodies.

**People's Postcode Lottery Dream Fund** will re-open for applications on 05 September 2011 offering organisations the possibility of delivering projects that they have not had the opportunity to bring to life previously. Registered charities and community organisations in Scotland can apply for up to for up to **£100,000** to deliver a new and innovative 12-month project that meets one of the following objectives

- Helping Communities Lead an Active Life
- Helping to Involve Volunteers
- Helping to Tackle Climate Change

The closing date for applications is **02 December 2011**. More information at <http://www.postcodetrust.org.uk/dream-fund/>

### **The B&Q Waste Donation Scheme**

Schools, charities and community groups can apply for products and waste materials through this Scheme. B&Q donates products and waste materials they haven't been able to sell for re-use. Donated products should benefit the local community and the environment and can not be resold. (Due to its Health and Safety scheme, (electrical, petrol and gas items are not available for donation.) Applications must be made directly to B&Q stores and can be made at any time.

[http://www.diy.com/diy/jsp/corporate/content/environment\\_ethics/ethics/community/waste\\_donation.jsp](http://www.diy.com/diy/jsp/corporate/content/environment_ethics/ethics/community/waste_donation.jsp)

### **Sport for You**

The Daily Telegraph, in partnership with the Royal Bank of Scotland, has a grants programme to support community and amateur sports clubs across the country. Five grants will be awarded each month for two years. These can be used for a variety of purposes including improving facilities or setting up tournaments. Applicants should submit an application of no more than 250 words explaining why they need £1000 and what they would use it for. Applications can be made at any time and the application form can be found at

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/sport/othersports/amateur/8283288/Amateur-sports-club-grant-entry-form.html>