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Welcome to the 16th Edition of Funding at Falkirk, a quarterly bulletin that aims to provide up-to-date information on key funding opportunities for every size of project.

This edition includes information on the People's Million, a £15 million partnership between the Big Lottery Fund and ITV. There is also information on a variety of funding opportunities for schools, as well as the two new environmental grants which have been launched by Forward Scotland with a very tight first deadline.

We also have details on some funders for whom this area is a "geographical cold spot" – and they would like to see more applications coming forward. One of these is the Awards for All programme and we hope that the awareness raising session

which the External Funding Unit organised with the Big Lottery Fund in January (mentioned in our last newsletter) will lead to more applications from this area. However we are pleased to include details of those organisations which have recently been successful in getting grants from the Awards for All scheme.

There's a brief update on European Structural Funds and finally it's good to be able to include details of Lankelly Chase Foundation's funding for playschemes and realise that summer is not too far away!

The next edition of Funding at Falkirk is scheduled for Summer 2007. If you have any comments/suggestions please contact the External Funding Unit, email funding@falkirk.gov.uk, tel: 01324 506038.

LOTTERY

People's Millions Programme is back

This Big Lottery Fund (BIG) programme has started again. Originally launched in June 2005, it has already awarded grants totalling over £7 million to projects throughout the UK – ideas such as therapy centres, skate parks, community gardens and mobile drop in facilities for new and expectant mothers have been funded. Grants of up to £80,000 plus VAT will be available under the new programme. Voluntary and community groups, local authorities, school and health organisations can apply. The closing date for applications is **Thursday 17 May 2007** and as previously, successful applications will be decided by TV votes, this time at the end of November. For more information, go to www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_peoples_millions.htm or telephone 0870 240 2391.

STOP PRESS

Local Community Safety Initiative Fund Launched

Falkirk Council, in partnership with Falkirk and District Community Safety Panel, have a Small Grants Fund available for distribution to community groups in 2007/08. The Local Community Safety Initiative Fund aims to support community groups to deliver community safety projects in their local area.

Any community group with a constitution, management committee and bank account can apply. It is important that your

proposed project will address a community safety issue in your area. Your group could be a Community Safety Group, Neighbourhood Watch Association, PTA, Age Concern, Regeneration Group or Mothers and Toddlers Group.

Some examples of what could be funded include:

- home safety education and equipment for mothers and toddlers groups or elderly groups
- road safety education and equipment for all ages
- personal safety education and equipment such as personal alarms or self defence classes

It is important that you ensure your group has the appropriate support to deliver educational programmes, whether it's Central Scotland Police Community Safety Dept or Central Scotland Fire and Rescue Service or another professional agency.

To discuss your idea and get more information phone 01324 506015.

Scottish Arts Council and National Lottery Funding for the Arts

The Scottish Arts Council has published its "Guide to Funds 2007/08". Its priorities will now include

- increasing the scope and quality of support to artists
- securing the foundation of Scotland's artistic development



- creating flexibility to support the new and the innovative
- creating opportunities for participation in the arts
- building a culture of co-operation with partners and the arts community

A variety of funding is available both to organisations and individuals and the new Guide is available from the SAC's website <http://www.scottisharts.org.uk/1/funding.aspx> - or by phoning 0131 226 6051.

Big Lottery Fund – Investing in Communities Guidance

The Big Lottery Fund (BLF) has issued updated guidance on two of the four strands of Investing in Communities – Growing Community Assets and Dynamic Inclusive Communities. There is no change to the criteria for either area of investment but the updated guidance builds on that previously published and gives further information on outcomes, the purpose of the investment areas and the types of projects that BLF is looking for. This guidance has been produced in response to feedback from applicants and BLF hopes it will both provide a clearer understanding of their areas of investment which will in turn lead to better, more focused applications. The new guidance can be found by going to www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_iic_growing_final.pdf. If there are any queries, telephone the BLF enquiry line 0870 240 2391 or email Scotland.enquiries@biglotteryfund.org.uk

Awards for All – Local Successes

Since the last newsletter, the following groups have been successful in receiving grants from Awards for All –

Grange Centre Table Tennis Club - £9315 for equipment, professional fees and volunteer training

Kinneil Primary School - £8280 for sessional costs, a biodiversity garden, play equipment and transport costs

Bonnybridge Homing Society - £8727 for refurbishment of the group's premises, computer, digital camera, promotional materials and signage

Falkirk & District Association for Mental Health - £7010 for venue hire, catering, crèche costs, facilitator costs, volunteers' expenses and evaluation report

St Francis Xavier RC Primary School – £850 for coaches' fees, transport and venue hire

Queen Street Nursery School - £9500 for a pavilion and play surface

Grangemouth Horticultural Society - £2750 for a digital projects, laptop, PC and printer

Sacred Heart RC Primary School - £1500 for transport costs, playground equipment, coaching costs and venue hire

S'Kids (Shieldhill) Pre School Centre - £5819 for building materials and professional fees

Slamannan & District SWRI - £1670 towards the costs of an anniversary dinner, speaker and expenses

Slamannan Community Education Association - £9310 for tutor fees, materials, equipment and costumes

Dennyloanhead Community Hall Ltd - £880 to purchase indoor bowling equipment and a dart board

2007 National Lottery Awards

This year's National Lottery Awards have been launched. The Awards were established to acknowledge and celebrate the difference made to communities by projects which received Lottery funding across the UK. There are more categories this year and a prize of £2000 for the winners in each category. If you know of a Lottery funded project which has made a difference in your area, you can nominate it by emailing awards@lottery-monitor.com or by phoning 0845 130 4133 and giving the name and contact details of the project. They will then contact the project direct and invite them to enter the 2007 Awards. Members of projects can apply direct via www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk or by contacting 0845 130 4133. The closing date for entries and nominations is Friday 27 April 2007. If you would like further information or have any questions, email awards@lottery-monitor.com or call 0845 130 4133.

FUNDING UPDATES

Transforming Lives – The Camelot Foundation

The next funding round of this programme was launched by The Camelot Foundation on 30 March 2007. The programme aims to support creative approaches to help reconnect marginalised young people (aged 11 - 25) to the mainstream of UK life and registered charities are eligible to apply. The priority groups are young parents or those at risk of becoming young parents; young exiles, newly arrived in the UK; young people with mental health problems; and young disabled people. Each round focuses on a different theme, such as victimisation, tackling negative stereotypes or hate crime. Full details are available at www.camelotfoundation.org.uk/0207.828.6085 or you can email info@camelotfoundation.org.uk

Comic Relief's Red Nose Programme

The next deadline for applications to this fund's main programme which makes awards of between £15,000 and £40,000 is **Friday 8 June 2007**. It concentrates on giving support to community based projects working with young people, older people, refugee and asylum seekers, people with mental health problems, those suffering domestic violence and deprivation. There is also a small grants programme to which organisations can apply for funding at any time with awards of up to £5,000 for projects supporting the same priorities. The fund usually support registered charities but will also consider applications from constituted groups who are not charities in certain circumstances. For more information, go to www.comicrelief.com/apply-for-a-grant/uk/, telephone 020 7820 555, or email red@comicrelief.org.uk



Funding to Address Financial Exclusion - Friends Provident Foundation

The Friends Provident Foundation makes grants of up to £200,000 to not-for-profit organisations through two grant making programmes to support projects which address financial exclusion within disadvantaged communities. The New Ideas programme supports research into financial exclusion as well as providing seed corn funding for new projects. The Market Models programme offers funding to enable successful projects to expand. There are four application cycles per year. The next deadlines are **27 April 2007** for the New Ideas programme and stage 2 of the Market Models programme and **4 May 2007** for stage 1 of the Market Models programme. For more information, go to www.friendsprovident.co.uk/common/layouts/subSectionLayout.jhtml?pageId=fpcouk%2FSitePageSimple%3Afoundation_grants_programmes#, telephone 01904 797 586 or email foundation.enquiries@friendsprovident.co.uk.

Trusthouse Charitable Foundation – Health Care, Arts, Community Support

This fund is open to not-for-profit organisations throughout the UK, but applicants need not be registered charities. The current priorities are Health Care and Disability, the Arts and Education, and Community Support. Small Grants (up to £10,000) and Large Grants (£10,000 to £50,000) are available but the majority of awards are below £5,000. Applications can be made at any time. For more information, go to www.trusthousecharitablefoundation.org.uk/ or telephone 020 7264 4990.

The Ulverscroft Foundation - Grants for Projects to Help the Visually Impaired

This grant programme is open to a wide variety of applicants such as hospitals, schools and voluntary organisations that work to improve the quality of life for visually impaired people. It will also very occasionally make grants to individuals. Applications are considered quarterly and the next deadline is **Friday 15 June 2007** for applications to be considered at the July meeting. More information can be found at www.foundation.ulverscroft.com/, by telephoning 0116 236 1595 or by emailing foundation@ulverscroft.co.uk

Funding Opportunities for Schools

Paul Hamlyn Foundation Education and Learning Programme

This Foundation is currently accepting applications under its Education and Learning programme. It aims to fund projects which promote innovation and change in the areas of supplementary schooling and tackling school exclusion and truancy. Organisations such as charities, local authorities individual pre-schools, schools, out-of-school clubs, supplementary schools, colleges and youth clubs may be eligible to apply. Projects should show benefit to the wider community and include partnership working that will result in

Lankelly Chase Foundation – Summer Playscheme Programme

In addition to its main funding programmes, the Lankelly Chase Foundation provides funding for summer playschemes for children aged between 5 and 13 years with preference being given to small local playschemes of 4 to 6 weeks' duration, particularly where the children involved are disadvantaged or have a disability. Applicants for this programme need not be registered charities. The closing date for applications is **Friday 11 May 2007**. Awards are between £200 and £500 and decisions will be notified in June. For more information, guidelines and application forms, go to www.lankellychase.org.uk/downloads.htm or telephone 01235 820044.

Grants from Age Concern

A variety of grants are available to member organisations and to organisations which have the potential to become member organisations. For member organisations, grants of between £500 and £5,000 are available to develop new projects that will benefit older people, to purchase equipment in order to support activities for older people and for conferences and training. For organisations with the potential to become members, grants of up to £500 are available to help small, local groups purchase equipment or materials. Applications can be submitted at any time and are assessed by the Grants Committee which meets every two months. More information at <http://www.ageconcernscotland.org.uk/grants/default.asp?p=13&s=13>, telephone 0845 833 9316

Community Food and Health Small Grants Scheme

This small grants programme will open for applications on Thursday 19 April 2007. Its objective is to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to access healthy diets for themselves, their families and their communities. Groups and agencies can apply for grants of between £500 and £3000 for projects working within low income communities. The closing date for applications is **Friday 29 June 2007**. More information is available at www.communityfoodandhealth.org.uk/funding/smallgrants.php, or by phoning 0141 226 5261 or by emailing cfh@scotconsumer.org.uk / .

increasing access to education and learning to all communities and age groups. Running costs such as salaries and overheads such as rent are eligible costs. There is no minimum or maximum size of grant but the average size grant awarded in 2005-06 was £19,300. Applications can be made at any time. For more information go to www.phf.org.uk/page.asp?id=85, telephone 020 7227 3500 or email information@phf.org.uk

Royal Society Partnership Grants

These grants aim to form partnerships which will increase teachers' scientific knowledge and give scientists and engineers the opportunity to develop their communication skills and engage with enquiring minds. The website gives information on



how the application process works and examples of successful partnerships between schools, both primary and secondary, and scientists and engineers. Grants of up to £3,000 are available to support science projects with the aim of making the teaching of science more interesting within primary and secondary schools. The next closing date for applications is **19 Friday October 2007**. More information at www.royalsoc.ac.uk/page.asp?id=1950

Innovative Geography Teaching Grants

The Royal Geographical Society hopes to enhance the teaching and learning of geography in schools and colleges with a particular focus on 12 to 19 year olds. They encourage teachers who have an innovative idea for promoting the teaching of geography in stimulating way to apply for an Innovative Geography Teaching grant which is open to all geography teachers working in secondary schools. Five grants of £800 are available each year and the closing date for applications will be in **October 2007**. More information can be found at www.rgs.org/OurWork/Grants/Teaching/Innovative+Geography+Teaching+Grants.htm or by telephoning 0207 591 3073

Playground Partnerships 2007

Awards for £1000, £2000, £5000 or £10,000 are available to schools within the UK wishing to improve their play spaces through this initiative. All schools that are shortlisted will

receive at least £250. The initiative is looking for pupil-led approaches and all schools wishing to apply will need to order the free Playground Partnerships resource pack and then submit a folder of work and completed application form by post. The closing date for applications is **Friday 20 July 2007**. For more details and information on previous awards, go to www.playgroundpartnerships.org/staff-room.php#awards, telephone 0870 242 5572 or email playgroundpartnerships@edcoms.co.uk

Grants for School Ground Developments

The British Ecological Society (BES) provides grants of up to £1,000 to support initiatives that promote the development of school grounds for the teaching of Ecology in an outdoor setting, for example, developing a nature reserve within school grounds. They hope that such ecological areas would be promoted within the wider community, and applications which include plans to do this are more likely to be successful. The BES is also willing to part fund larger projects which have already received funding from other sources. The next deadlines are Monday 30 April 2007 and Sunday 30 September 2007. More information is available at www.britishecologicalsociety.org/articles/grants/education/EEG/#School_Ground_Developments, telephone 020 8871 9797 or email: info@BritishEcologicalSociety.org.

ENVIRONMENTAL GRANTS

Forward Scotland Announces Two New Environmental Grants

Two new funding schemes for environmental projects have been announced by Forward Scotland. They will run for one year until the end of March 2008.

The Environmental Justice Fund will make grants of between £100,000 and £500,000 to improve the quality of local environments in communities that suffer the effects of negative environmental impacts such as past or present industry, pollution or other damaging activities. Applications are especially welcome from community organisations though a range of organisations can apply. But awards will only be made where local communities are fully engaged in design and

delivery of the projects. The fund's main themes are community facilities and amenities and landscape, access and biodiversity.

The Community Environmental Renewal Scheme

(CERS) will award grants of up to £100,000 to support projects within communities that can demonstrate that they have been affected by local aggregates extraction activities, and which will improve the local environment for and with communities. There is no minimum grant and CERS will be looking for projects which focus on provision, restoration, protection or promotion of understanding of three main themes – landscape, habitats and local biodiversity; built or cultural environment; and community recreational amenities. The first deadline for applications for both programmes is **Wednesday 25 April 2007**. More information is available at www.forward-scotland.org.uk/funding/, by telephoning 0560 0010 560 or emailing enquiries@forward-scotland.org.uk

FUNDING COLDSPOT! APPLICATIONS WANTED

The Young People's Fund (Big Lottery Fund), Awards for All Scheme, The Robertson Trust and the Scottish Community Foundation would like to receive more applications from the Falkirk Council area which they regard as a "cold spot" or, as far as the Scottish Community Foundation is concerned, a "very cold spot"! These funds have been highlighted in past issues, but a refresher of their priorities and deadlines is provided below.

The **Young People's Fund** was launched in August 2005 to

help 11-25 year olds learn new things and participate in healthy activities that will increase self-confidence. Applications will be accepted from community or voluntary organisations, limited companies, charities and statutory bodies such as Local Authorities and Community Councils and young people themselves will have a big say in where most of the funding goes. More information is available from www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/scotland, by telephoning 0870 240 2391 or contacting the External Funding unit on 01324 506038, email funding@falkirk.gov.uk. The closing date for this fund is now less than five months away – Friday 31 August 2007.



The **Awards for All** scheme is the Lottery's small grants programme. It provides grants of between £500 and £10,000 to a variety of organisations including not-for-profit groups, local authorities, schools, health bodies and community councils. The programme will fund a wide range of art, sport, heritage and community activities. There are no deadlines – applications can be made at any time. For more information, go to www.awardsforall.org.uk/scotland/index.html, telephone 0870 240 2391 or email scotland@awardsforall.org.uk – and go to the item on The Gathering in the Events section of this newsletter.

The Robertson Trust currently disburses around £7 million per year to charities. Its funding priorities include health (with an emphasis on drug and alcohol addictions, especially projects working with children who are at risk of misusing drugs or alcohol and projects aimed at helping recovering addicts rebuild their lives); care (for example, care for older people and those with disabilities, people who are homeless, and offenders and their families); education and training with an emphasis on the development of centres of excellence; and community arts and sport, where projects are aimed at encouraging young people to participate in artistic and sporting activities. These definitions are not exhaustive and more information can be found at the website shown below. The Trust offers four types of donation ranging from small grants up to £5000 (revenue) and £10,000 (capital) to major capital donations in excess of £100,000. Full information and details of application deadlines for the different donations can be found at www.therobertsontrust.org.uk or telephone 0141 221 3151.

The **Scottish Community Foundation (SCF)** is a charity dedicated to strengthening communities by awarding grants that make a genuine difference to the lives of local people. They currently have a number of programmes open including –

- **New Community Investment Programme**

The SCF has launched this new programme with support from the Essentia Foundation which is a new charitable trust established to promote the health and social welfare of children and young people, and to encourage urban and rural regeneration in areas of social and economic deprivation in Scotland. This programme will make some larger longer-term grants which will reflect strategic approach to their aim of supporting strong, successful Scottish communities. Grants of between £10,000 and £25,000 per year for up to two years will be available to projects which fit into one of three specific investment areas:

Building enterprising communities: Supporting creative and innovative ideas that develop local talents, assets and resources for community benefit.

Connecting generations: Helping people develop sustainable relationships that span generations, enabling all age groups to participate in and contribute to community life

Repositioning organisations: Assisting established organisations to evolve in order to best reflect the changing needs of their communities.

The programme is open to not-for-profit groups and charities working in Scotland with a total income of less than £250,000 per year and will fund between 50% and 100% of total project costs. The first deadline for outline proposals is **Monday 30 April 2007**. For more information, go to www.scottishcommunityfoundation.com/, telephone 0141 225 6670

- **Women's Fund for Scotland** - Applications are now being accepted by the Scottish Community Foundation under the 2007– 08 Women's Fund for Scotland. It offers grants of up to £5,000 to organisations run by and for women and organisations which support and empower women. A wide variety of groups have been funded. The closing date for applications is **Friday 14 December 2007** and more details and applications forms can be found at www.scottishcf.org/newsarticle.cfm?articleid=36582&PTSid&ebarOptID=6974&returnTo=page8613.cfm&returntoname=Our%20current%20grant%20programmes&SiteID=247&pageid=8613&sidepageid=8613&thetitle=Wome, or by telephoning 0131 524 0300 0141 225 6670
- **Community Grants** – grants of up to £5,000. Available for locally based work carried out by members of the local community and aimed at organisations with an income of less than £250,000 per annum.
- **The Sky Youth Action Fund** has as its priority helping young people aged between 11 and 21 by helping them develop their creativity, enhance their communication skills, prepare them for the world of work and build their confidence. Grants up to £5000 are available and applicants must be a charitable, voluntary, community-based organisations or a school, and the purposes of the project must be educational or charitable.
- **Sport Relief** – this fund will be relaunched later this year, but it has previously funded work that uses sport and exercise to strengthen communities and provide opportunities for people who are excluded or disadvantaged. (The Scottish Community Foundation delivers the Sport Relief grants programme in Scotland on behalf of Comic Relief.)

More information on these funds can be found at www.scottishcommunityfoundation.com/, or by telephoning 0131 524 0300.



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EUROPEAN STRUCTURAL FUNDS

The Scottish Executive have now provided a summary and response to the public consultation on the 2007-13 Lowlands and Uplands Scotland Structural Fund Programme. The document is only currently available in web format and can be obtained from the website at www.scotland.gov.uk/publications

The consultation on the new programme was launched on 24 October 2006 and was completed on 8 January 2007. Written responses were submitted by 103 respondents reflecting the importance of the funds to Scottish partners.

More detail on the new programmes and expected timescales will feature in the next edition of the newsletter.

EVENTS

The Gathering 2007 – Scotland's Voluntary Sector Fair – will take place in the Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre, Glasgow, from 24 – 26 May. Bringing together voluntary sector staff, volunteers and community activists, it is the largest event of its kind in the UK. The event will include the pilot of a new live grant-making scheme - Awards for All have made £200,000 available for this event but **only** for projects that will mark the passage of 200 years since parliament outlawed slavery in March 1807, including human rights projects. Organisations will have the opportunity to make a public pitch to attendees at the Gathering who will then vote for the most worthy. The usual range of award - £500 to £10,000 – will be available. The idea is to give the public a bigger say on how Lottery funds are spent. Organisations interested in applying can

contact the Big Lottery Fund for advice and grants officers will be available at the Gathering to provide help and support. For more information on the event, go to www.gatherscotland.org.uk or telephone 0131 474 6152.

Investing in Volunteers & Volunteering Impact Assessment Toolkit Roadshows, organised by Volunteer Development Scotland, will be held in April and May. These are free of charge and tea and coffee will be provided on arrival. The dates are: 24 April 2007 in the Volunteer Centre, Glasgow, from 0930 till 1230; 25 April 2007 in St George's West Church Street, Edinburgh, from 1300 to 1600; 29 May 2007 in the Volunteer Centre Highland, Inverness from 1030 to 1330; 31 May 2007 in Number 10, Dundee, from 1030 to 1330. Please contact hazel.mcalpine@vds.org.uk if you would like to attend or wish further information.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Abbreviations

DCMS: Department of Culture, Media & Sport
EU: European Union

EC: European Commission
EFTA: European Free Trade Agreement Countries (Iceland,

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
East of Scotland European Partnership 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/official_report/cttee/europe.htm
Scottish Executive www.scotland.gov.uk
National Lottery www.lotteryfunding.org.uk

Sportscotland 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

The Scottish Arts Council Help Desk 0131 240 2443
Heritage Lottery Fund 0131 225 9450
Sport Scotland Lottery Fund 0131 317 7200

Awards for All 0870 240 2391
Scottish Screen 0141 302 1700
Big Lottery Fund 0141 242 1400

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