



Welcome to the 13th 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.

The big news in this edition is that the Big Lottery Fund has now announced details of its new funding framework in the shape of a manifesto for Scotland entitled “Investing in Communities”. The manifesto outlines the priorities of the fund up to 31 March 2009. £275 million will be available to organisations across Scotland and the funding will be focused on the following investment areas: Growing Community Assets, New Ideas, Life Transitions, Building Inclusive Communities and Supporting 21st Century Life. Further announcements on these “investment areas” are expected in Spring 2006. Within the manifesto there is also good news in relation to the Awards for All Scheme which provides small grants of up to £5000. The scheme will have £24 million to distribute from 2006-09.

Launching new programmes is the recurrent theme for this edition, with Lloyds TSB, the Camelot Foundation, Scottish Natural Heritage and the Nationwide Foundation all following suit.

Information on sources of funding from the European Union (EU) are also included in this bulletin. Funding to combat violence against children, young people and women is available through the Daphne Programme with 10.5 million euros available to support organisations working in this field. European funds to support Town Twinning, Franco-British School Sport partnerships and Job Shadowing are also featured.

The next edition of Funding at Falkirk is scheduled for March 2006, however a special edition will be issued if the Big Lottery Fund makes further programme announcements before that date. If you have any comments/suggestions to make in relation to the content, please contact the External Funding Unit, Falkirk Council on 01324 506038 email funding@falkirk.gov.uk

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The Big Lottery Fund

The Big Lottery (BLF) announced its £275 million “Investing in Communities” manifesto at the end of November. Based on the results of a six month public consultation, the new funding framework will concentrate on four investment areas. BLF believes that the best way to ensure long-term change is to concentrate on outcome funding so it will effectively purchase results rather than activities. The four investment areas are:

Growing Community Assets which will enable communities to acquire, develop, improve, protect, manage, enjoy, understand and sustain environmental and other assets for the benefit of the community and the wider environment. £50 million will be committed to this investment area.

Life Transitions which will help people deal with and make transitions in their lives. £35 million will support this investment area.

Supporting 21st Century Life which will offer support to people and communities to deal with the pace of change, enjoy positive relationships, improve quality of life and establish connections. This investment area will receive £35 million.

Dynamic inclusive communities which will fund improvements to the capacity and infrastructure of national, intermediary or second tier organisations to facilitate stronger and more inclusive local communities. £20 million will be committed to this investment area.

The Investing in Communities’ portfolio will be launched in spring 2006.

The BLF will make £4.6 million available to help organisations develop plans, test ideas and increase capacity to deliver its outcomes – this programme, Investing in Ideas, will be launched in January 2006. Additionally, up to £5 million has been committed as extra funding to allow projects which have delivered outcomes to extend or to develop their work, or disseminate the learning and good practice. Awards

for All, the programme which offers grants of between £500 and £5000 will receive £24 million from 2006-9, and the £20 million Young People’s Fund will complement the four investment areas outlined above. BLF will retain around £2 million to support and guide their investment. They will also retain around 15% of their funds to enable them to intervene if necessary in any investment area and will announce in April 2007 how they intend to use the remainder of the budget.

BLF is also looking at various ways of increasing public involvement in deciding how lottery money is spent, and will host a seminar in 2006 to explore this further

Lottery Update . . .

Public Consultation on distribution of lottery funds after 2009

The Department for Culture, Media and Sport has launched a consultation exercise to ask the public how the money allocated to Lottery distributing bodies responsible for arts, film, heritage and sporting projects should be spent after 2009. People will be able to make their views known through a dedicated website www.lottery2009.culture.gov.uk. The consultation will ask people to respond to suggestions in the document put forward by distributors and also provide an opportunity for members of the public to suggest new ideas. The consultation closes at the end of February 2006 and more info is available from: www.culture.gov.uk/global/press_notices/archive_2005/DCMS_167.htm

Lottery Funding for Community-Focused Heritage Projects

Ideas for community-focused heritage projects run by not-for-profit organisations may be eligible for funding of between £5,000 and £50,000. This funding is available through the Heritage Lottery Fund and provides grants for projects that care for and enhance the natural landscape as well as historic buildings, places and objects. Eligible projects should also ensure that everyone can learn about, have access

to, and enjoy their heritage. The funding is available for up to 5 years and applications can be made at any time. There is a pre-application form to get initial feedback from HLF. Details of the programme, pre-application and application form can be found at www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/OurGrantGivingProgrammes/YourHeritage/ or tel. 0131 225 9450 or e-mail Scotland@hlf.org.uk. There are also details of HLF's surgeries on the website.

Townscape Heritage Initiative - next deadline announced

This programme aims to regenerate the historic environment in towns and cities throughout the UK. It is open to single organisations or partnerships of not-for-profit national, regional and local organisations and provides grants of between £250,000 and £2 million. It has announced that the next deadline will be 6 May 2006. Further information is available at www.hlf.org.uk/English/PublicationsAndInfo/AccessingPublications/Townscape+Heritage+Initiative.htm, or tel. 020 7591 6042.

National Lottery Awards - local successes

A number of local groups have made successful applications to the Awards for All programme including ...

Central Scotland Racial Equality Council

£4950 to fund venue hire, entertainment, catering, promotional materials, publicity and promotional material.

Sir John Graham Residents Association

£2940 for renovation costs of office and also purchasing equipment.

Wellstood Company Bonnybridge St Andrews Ambulance Association

£2844 for a laptop, data projector, radios, a DVD player and two mannequins.

The Clan Gregor Society Pipe Band

£5000 for pipe chanters and sheepskin bags.

Falkirk Otter Amateur Swimming Club

£5000 for training and equipment.

Abbotshaugh Community Woodlands Group

£4130 for travel, accommodation and project booklets.

Forth Valley Area Scout Council

£5000 for travel costs.

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ScottishPower Energy People Trust

Scottish Power have set up this trust with initial funding of £1 million. It aims to combat fuel poverty by funding projects that focus on children and young people. Not-for-profit organisations, such as housing associations, local authorities, community groups or children's charities, which assist people experiencing fuel poverty, can apply for crisis funding to help vulnerable people or those in emergency accommodation, provide benefits health checks, look at income maximisation, investigate energy efficiency measures or research into the causes of fuel poverty and its effects on health. Trustees will meet at the beginning of March, June, September and December and applications should be submitted seven weeks before each meeting. So applications should be submitted by 31 January 2006 to meet the next deadline. Guidelines and application forms are available from www.scottishpower.co.uk/energypeopletrust or by tel. 0141 568 2000 and asking for the Energy People Trust

Other news

Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland –New Funding Priorities

The Foundation has recently issued a new leaflet explaining the criteria, priorities and principles for its Standard Grant Scheme for the next 3 years. The Foundation will accept applications for its Standard Grant Scheme from charities that meet the following requirements "Charities that are focused on



improving quality of life and creating equality of opportunity for people in Scotland. This applies particularly to those who are disadvantaged and marginalised.”

Applications targeted at disadvantaged and/or marginalised groups and seeking to achieve the outcomes listed will be given priority: address poverty, reduce isolation, promote family welfare, increase life skills, promote citizenship and social responsibility, empower under-represented or socially excluded groups, promote independence, de-stigmatise and challenge prejudice.

There are still two categories of application (under and over £2,500) and six Trustees meetings per year. Funding is available for capital and/or running costs and for new initiatives as well as established services. The next deadline for submitting completed applications is 16 January 2006 (for the Board meeting on 6 April 2006).

For a copy of the guidelines and for an application telephone 0870 902 1201 or see www.fundingthefuture.org.uk/content/downloads/CritPrinciples20062008.pdf

Transforming Lives - Camelot Foundation

Transforming Lives is the Camelot Foundation's core grants programme and has supported a wide range of voluntary groups working to reconnect disadvantaged and marginalised young people aged 11 -24 to the mainstream. The current funding priorities under the Transforming Lives programme are improving sexual health information and access to sexual health services for young people with disabilities. The programme is open to charities and/or consortia led by a charity working with young people. The deadline for applications is 18 January 2006.

More information is on the website at www.camelotfoundation.org.uk/focuswork/focus./cfm
Tel: 020 7828 6085

Community Environmental Renewal Scheme (CERS)

CERS is open to organisations and partnerships located within 5 miles of a quarry, with funding of up to £50,000 available to improve the local environment of communities affected by quarrying. Projects should involve the local community and demonstrate local social or economic benefits. The next and final closing date for applications is 26 April 2006.

www.forwardscotland.org.uk/funding/fs_funding.cfm?szProgram=DC309219%2D65B1%2D9B96%2D5B5EDC8FC43CAE32

Architectural Heritage Fund Announces 2006 Deadlines for Applications

The Architectural Heritage Fund has announced the application deadlines for its grants and loans for 2006. These are 23 February, 25 May, 24 August and 9 November 2006. This registered charity promotes the conservation of historic buildings in the UK. It can provide advice, information and financial assistance by way of grants and low interest working capital loans for projects undertaken by building preservation trusts (BPTs) and other charities. More information can be found at www.ahfund.org.uk, email ahf@ahfund.org.uk or tel. 020 7925 0199.

Nationwide Foundation

Keeping with the new grant guidelines theme, the Nationwide Foundation has published new grant guidelines which detail one-off grants up to £1,500 under the theme of Domestic Violence. Only charities with annual incomes of less than £250,000 can apply. Preference is given to work which focuses on young people (0-18 years), volunteers, black and minority ethnic BME groups, preventative measures eg research programmes, courses, workshops, seminars, mediation, peer support, local and collaborative projects, advocacy. Completed application forms can be submitted at any time and it could take up to four months to hear if your application has been successful. For more information, guidelines and an application form, log



on to www.nationwidefoundation.org.uk or telephone 01793 655 113



BBC Children in Need - next deadline

A reminder that the next deadline for applications to BBC Children in Need is 30 March 2006. The fund aims to support projects which focus on children in order to change their lives for the better. Children should be under 18 years and living in the UK, and disadvantaged by any kind of disability, behavioural or psychological problems, living in poverty or deprivation, suffering illness, abuse or neglect. For more information, contact call 0131 248 4225, or visit www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey

Ashden Awards 2006

The Ashden Awards have introduced a new award - the Schools Energy Award, with a first prize of £15,000, and a second prize of £5,000. This is in addition to their existing overseas and UK awards. This award recognises the crucial role which schools play in both promoting the need for sustainable energy and demonstrating its practical effectiveness. It is seeking applications from schools which have made sustainable energy a key, ongoing part of their practice and culture, including improving energy efficiency and using renewable energy within the school premises; integrating sustainable energy throughout the curriculum; and creating a sustainability ethos in which the responsible use and generation of energy is a key element. For more information on this award, which has a deadline of 30 January 2006, and details of the different deadlines and applications for all Ashden's other awards, go to www.ashdenawards.org, email info@ashdenawards.org or tel. 020 7410 0330.

Scottish Natural Heritage Announces New Funding Streams

Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) is responsible for the conservation and enhancement of Scotland's natural heritage. It has announced major changes to its grant making programme. Grants will now be made available through eight new funding streams.

Additionally, it has changed its grant application assessment procedure. Applications for grants below £10,000 can be made at any time and grants for £10,000 or more will be assessed on 15 April and 1 September each year. More information at www.snh.org.uk/about/ab-grants01.asp, tel. 0131 447 4784.

The Foyle Foundation

This organisation offers grants of between £5000 and £50,000 to charities involved in learning, the arts and health. It is particularly interested in receiving applications for projects that would otherwise be difficult to fund and has a preference for those which benefit the public in general rather than special interest groups. For more information about the fund, go to www.foylefoundation.org.uk or tel. 0207 430 9119.

Your Community, Your Environment

This programme has funding for community and voluntary groups with eligible ideas for environmental projects. It is administered by the Scottish Community Foundation and funded through the Tubney Trust, providing grants of between £1,000 and £5,000 to help fund activities that take a project forward from an idea and bring it closer to reality. Projects should involve the local environment but must also contain social or economic benefits for the community. The final closing date for applications is the 24 February 2006. For more information, tel: 0131 524 0300, email grants@scottishcf.org

Deutsche Bank Spotlight Awards – grants for young people

Awards of £1,000 are available to young people aged 11 - 18 who have helped improve, change or create something in their school, club or community. A wide variety of activities are eligible including speaking out against racism or bullying, or campaigning for animal rights. Or it could include young people who have started clubs or organised other activities. But the activities should have made a genuine difference or had a longlasting effect.

Deadline for entries is the 3 February 2006. More information at www.justdosomething.net/home/public/about-us/spotlight.aspx, tel. 020 7608 8100.

UIA Charitable Foundation - Small Grants

The UIA Charitable Foundation is a small grant making trust which provides financial support of up to £1000 to organisations that assist people in need, including projects that help children, support activities such as debt counselling, disability, drug and alcohol addiction, elderly, homelessness, human rights, humanitarian aid, overseas development and poverty relief. It is particularly interested in supporting organisations that take positive action on important social issues that might otherwise not be addressed. The deadline for applications is the end of January, April, July or October each year. More information at www.uia.co.uk/charitable.asp - contact the Foundation on 01438 761761, or email at info@uia.co.uk

Tesco Charity Trust - Small Grants

Grants of between £1500 and £5000 are targeted towards communities where Tesco has stores. These are one-off donations aimed at groups which support children's welfare and education, children and adults with disabilities, and elderly people. Deadline for applications relating to children's welfare and education is 31 January and for the elderly and adults and children with disabilities, 30 June. Contact Tesco Charity Trust, Delamere Road, Cheshunt, Hertfordshire EN8 9SL or tel. 01922 646768.

Funding Snippets

New Guidelines for the Tudor Trust

The Tudor Trust, which made grants in excess of £19 million in 2005, will be launching its new guidelines on 1 April 2006 – these will be available on their website or in printed version. As a result, the Trust will be introducing a two-stage application process and all proposals received on or after 1 April 2006 will be subject to the new guidelines. For more

information nearer the time, go to www.tudortrust.org.uk or write to the Trust at 7 Ladbroke Grove, London W11 3BD

Future of the Diana Fund

The Diana Fund is inviting the voluntary sector to comment on the proposals and options outlined in their consultation, "The Future of the Fund". Deadline for responses is 30 January 2006 and an analysis of these responses, and its strategy for the next five years, will be published. To obtain a copy of the consultation pack, contact the Fund on 020 7902 5500 or email a request to consultation@memfund.org.uk.



European Funding

Daphne Funding to Combat Violence

The European Commission has announced that it is seeking applications under the Daphne II programme. 10.5 million euros are available to support organisations that develop measures and actions to prevent or to combat all types of violence against children, young people and women and to protect the victims and groups at-risk.

The type of activities eligible for funding include development and implementation of treatment programmes and support for victims and people at risk, as well as for perpetrators, the development and implementation of awareness-raising activities targeted to specific audiences, identification and exchanges of good practice and work experience with a view in particular to implementing preventative measures and assistance to victims. The programme is open to public or non-profit making private organisations and institutions and the closing date for applications is 10 February 2006.

More info is available from europa.eu.int/comm/justice_home/funding/daphne/funding_daphne_en.htm



Funds for Town Twinning

Local and regional authorities, local government associations and twinning committees have been called on to apply for funding for town twinning activities as part of the EU's Active Citizenship programme. The funds are designed to support projects which will help raise awareness of European issues, boost new and existing local authority links and promote town twinning by sharing information on successful practices.

Funds are available within the broad headings of conferences, training seminars and information campaigns and exchange visits. There are different deadlines depending on the category your project fits under and when project activity will take place. It's worth bearing in mind that 2006 is the last year for which funding for twinning will be dealt with on an annual basis. As part of the new generation of funding programmes support for twinning activities from 2007 will come under a wider Citizens for Europe programme.

Further information on the current Town Twinning programme is available from the website at www.europa.eu.int/comm/towntwinning/index_en.html

Enterprising Europe

The European Commission has launched a new Awards scheme. The awards which are open to local and regional authorities in the European Union and candidate countries aim to recognise and reward outstanding initiatives that support entrepreneurship at the regional level. There will be 2 selection stages to qualify for the awards. The first step will be at national level and entrants must be successful at this stage to be considered for the European awards. The deadline for entries at national level is 31 May 2006, and for entries at European level, 15 September 2006. The first awards ceremony will take place in December 2006.

For more information, visit the European Enterprise awards website at: www.european-enterprise-awards.org

Your Chance to Job Shadow in Europe

The British Council is offering grants for education staff to job shadow in Europe. Job shadowing in another EU country offers participants the opportunity to refresh their language skills, improve their practical teaching and learn from different school education systems across Europe. Grants of up to 1,500 euros may be awarded towards the costs of travel and subsistence. Grants are awarded on an ongoing basis, so applications are welcome at any time. If you are interested, application forms can be downloaded from www.socrates-uk.net For more information, contact Chris Souvlis at the British Council email chris.souvlis@britishcouncil.org

Franco-British Society - more for young people

The Society offers up to three prizes open to schools in Great Britain. The prize money totals £5000 to be used in carrying out a sports project with a partner school in France in the academic year 2006/2007. The emphasis is on practical work at a local level allowing for collaboration between partners schools. The money could be used to create a virtual or real link between school, or an exchange visit, for example. For more information, go to www.francobritishcouncil.org.uk, email info@francobritishcouncil.org.uk or phone 020 7976 8380.

Scottish Co-investment Fund - funding for SMEs

SME's with up to 250 employees seeking finance may be able to get help from the Scottish Co-investment Fund. The Scottish Co-investment Fund has been set up by Scottish Enterprise to increase the risk capital available for investment opportunities in small but ambitious Scottish growth companies. Part funded by the European Regional Development Fund, the SCIF is a £45 million equity fund which can invest up to £500,000 in company finance deals of up to £2 million. The fund which operates with private equity investors targets companies operating in the Technology, Creative Industries, Electronics,



Manufacturing, Pharmaceutical and Biotechnology sectors. www.scottish-enterprise.com/equity. Scottish Enterprise Forth Valley bob.mathieson@scotent.co.uk
Tel: 01786 451 919

Publications

After the Funding Has Ended....

Never a nice thought, but in the days of project-based funding it's inevitable that organisations must consider what happens once funding comes to an end. Economic Development and Regeneration consultants "Rocket Science" have been working with the Government Office for London to develop a new service to help projects funded through grants to manage an effective succession or exit strategy after the funding has been exhausted. Although the toolkit has been developed primarily for projects funded through the European Social Fund and the Single Regeneration Budget it does have some good general advice on project management and forward planning in relation to funding. The toolkit can be downloaded from www.rocketsciencelab.co.uk

Further Information

Abbreviations

DCMS: Department of Culture, Media & Sport

EU: European Union

EC: European Commission

EFTA: European Free Trade Agreement Countries (Iceland, Norway, Lichtenstein)

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

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

Lottery Good Causes www.lotterygoodcauses.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

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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