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Welcome to the 19th 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 features a number of funds available for environmental projects covering a wide range of support from up to £150,000 under the Veolia Trust to £50 under the Action Earth programme.

There's a reminder of closing dates for outline proposal forms under the BIG Lottery Programme which is now starting to plan for its next funding programme. BIG will also have additional funds to distribute once the framework for dealing with money released from dormant bank accounts has been established. You can express your views on how this funding should be spent by completing the

consultation (details given below). And information about your “other” lottery fund, the CFSLA, is included. The CFSLA is interested in hearing from groups looking for equipment rather than cash.

Funds for young people available from the Hilton Foundation, Cashback for Communities and Playground Partnerships get a mention. There is also funding for young people under the Europe section, as well as a call for proposals for the thematic networking of Twinned Towns. Historic Scotland's next funding round for the voluntary sector has been launched and funding under its Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme is now available. There are also details of a number of small grants programmes.

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



LOTTERY

It's just over two years since the launch of the Investing in Communities programme and the deadline for receiving outline proposals forms – **1 August 2008** – is not far off. BIG still aims however

to give applicants sufficient time to complete full applications before the final deadline of **1 December 2008**. And, just as one programme reaches its final deadline, the BIG has started to think about how it will fund after 2009. BIG is using the experience of

Investing in Communities as a basis for planning this. They also want to develop their work as an “intelligent funder” – this will involve reviewing their funding and processes over the next year and a half and looking more broadly at relationships between central and local government. They will continue to share this work and experience with stakeholders via annual conferences and reports.

BIG’s recent newsletter contains updates on the achievements of the Young People’s Fund and the feedback from reviews on the Investing Communities programme through its four strands – Life Transitions, Supporting 21st Century Life, Dynamic, Inclusive Communities and Growing Community Assets. We have some copies of BIG’s newsletter in the External Funding Unit or it can be accessed through their website – www.biglottery.org.uk/scotland.

BIG will also be the distributor of funds released under the Dormant Bank and Building Society Accounts legislation which it comes into force. These funds will be released from cash accounts that have been dormant for fifteen years or more and must be distributed to the third sector for social and/or environmental benefit. A scoping seminar, hosted by the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations

(SCVO), was held in May and included BIG, national umbrella and intermediary bodies and voluntary sector networks to seek broad views on priorities, key themes and issues. Following this seminar, BIG produced an advice note describing the options for managing and distributing these funds by way of grants, loans or contracts. This can be found at on the SCVO’s website (details below). It is estimated that Scotland’s share for investment in the third sector would be approximately £40 million and it is hoped that the Fund will be operational at some point in 2009. If you would like express your opinion on how these funds should be spent, you can take part in the consultation survey. The link to the survey can be found at www.scvo.org.uk. The consultation period ends on 8 September 2008.

The last edition of the Funding at Falkirk newsletter concentrated on the opportunities to access funding under the Heritage Lottery Fund now that the Falkirk Council area has been designated a priority area for that fund. The External Funding Unit has held an information event targeted at Council Officers and partner organisations that will be able to highlight this source of funding to groups and organisations in the Council area. This initial session will be followed up with other events and details will be circulated as soon as available.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Veolia Environmental Trust

Grants of up to £150,000 are available for environmentally focused projects through the Veolia Environmental Trust. Eligible projects can include reclaiming land that has been disused or used as a landfill site or coal mining site; installing and refurbishing play facilities; improving the natural habitat; encouraging biodiversity through the creation of nature reserves and preserving or restoring buildings of historical or religious importance. To qualify projects must be located within 5 miles of a Veolia Environmental Services facility. Applicants are requested to submit an outline proposal in the first instance, and there are four deadlines for full applications each year, the next deadline for this area being **22 August 2008**. More information at www.veoliatrust.org/index.php, tel. 01902 794 677.

New Climate Challenge Fund

The Scottish Government has announced the launch of a new £18.8 million fund to help communities take local action to tackle the global threat of climate change. The Climate Challenge Fund will help empower communities to take action to reduce their carbon footprint and make a real difference to the

local and national environment. This scheme is open to applications from organisations including voluntary sector, charities, schools, colleges, universities, local authorities and housing partnerships to fund projects which demonstrate a significant reduction in emissions. This could include projects at a local level such as becoming more energy efficient, encouraging people to walk and cycle more, and using local, sustainable food. Application forms and expression of interest forms can be accessed on the website. More information is available by going to <http://www.keepsotlandbeautiful.org/ccf.asp>, tel. 01786 47133 or emailing ccf@ksbscotland.org.uk

EON Source Fund

Local community groups and not for profit organisations, can apply for grants of up to £30,000 through the E.ON Source Fund for sustainable energy projects. Organisations that have been funded in the past include schools, local-based and national charities, special education colleges and wildlife parks. Eligible projects include the purchase and installation of one or more renewable energy technologies (e.g. wind, solar thermal, PV, wood etc); the renovation of existing facilities to incorporate micro-generation technology; an energy efficiency makeover for building that could

demonstrate significant energy savings and also behavioural change amongst users; the use of new or innovative technology to deliver either energy savings or micro-generation capacity; projects which can demonstrate the intelligent use of waste energy (e.g. a

district heating system that uses waste heat from one building to heat or power another). The deadline for applications is **3 October 2008**. More information at www.eon-uk.com/about/2654.aspx or email source@eon-uk.com

FUNDS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Hilton in The Community

Organisations working with young people can apply for grants of up to £50,000 per year through the Hilton Foundation. The Foundation has three chosen focuses – Young People and Education, Young People and Health; and Disaster Relief and International Fund. Previously supported projects by the Foundation have included a primary school which received a grant of £2,740 to help send 11 young people on a school field trip, who could otherwise not afford it and a project which received a grant of £10,000 for the provision of 25 laptops and IT equipment to encourage continued education for long-term sick children in hospitals. The next closing date for applications is **4 August 2008**.

www.hilton-foundation.org.uk/home.htm , tel. 020 7605 7733 or info@hilton-foundation.org.uk

Cashback for communities

The deadline for applications to the second round of this funding, set up as part of the Proceeds of Crime legislation which takes funds confiscated as part of the proceeds of crime and reinvests them back into local communities, has been extended to 12 noon on **26 September 2008**. It is open to applications from local groups and partnerships. Priority will be given to projects from areas of multiple deprivation to fill gaps in provision for young people in those areas. Other areas may be funded if they are seen as suffering from particular problems or lack of resources. The grants will fund organisations which support young people who are currently involved or at risk of becoming involved in violence, alcohol, drugs and or anti-social behaviour. The emphasis is on youth work interventions constructed with and for young people in the 10 – 19 age group. Only 3 local authorities have used their full allocation therefore cannot apply

again, but £69,000 remains allocated to the Falkirk Council area. More information and application forms are available at <http://www.youthlink.co.uk/>, tel/ 0131 313 2488 or email info@youthlink.co.uk

The Scottish Government has also made funding available to Arts & Business from its CashBack for Communities initiative to encourage sponsorship of arts activities to help divert young people from becoming involved in crime and anti-social behaviour. The aims of the Arts & Business scheme are to increase the number of businesses sponsoring arts activities that promote inclusion through the arts for young people between the ages of 10 and 19, promote the 'inspirational' power of the arts to expand the horizons of young people and help divert them from becoming involved in crime and anti-social behaviour and involve those who may not otherwise have arts opportunities, especially Looked After Children and the Young Carers community. Applications can be made at any time but should be submitted at least three months before the intended activity. More information is available at www.aandb.org.uk/scotland/, tel. 0131 220 2499 or email [scotland@aandb.org.uk/](mailto:scotland@aandb.org.uk)

Playground Partnerships

This organisation provides UK primary and special schools with the chance to apply for financial support to help improve their playgrounds. It places children at the heart of the application process and offers opportunities for high quality teaching and learning across the curriculum. The website gives details of how to apply and tips on how to put together an application, as well as case studies of previous awards. The next deadline for applications is **18 July 2008**. More information at www.playgroundpartnerships.org/ , tel 0871 472 3016

HISTORIC SCOTLAND

Funding for the voluntary sector

Historic Scotland's next funding application round has begun. It covers the three financial years from 2009/10. Priority will be given to those applications that demonstrate activities that assist or complement Historic Scotland's own activities particularly in

relation to meeting its ongoing corporate plan targets. Applications that feature a strong contribution from volunteers will be particularly welcome. Details of how Historic Scotland wants to work with the voluntary sector can be found in their Voluntary Sector Policy document at www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/index/heritage/grants/grants-

[voluntary-sector-funding.htm](#), along with the application form and guidance. Further information is available from Martin Ross on 0131 668 8805 or Thomas Knowles on 0131 668 8819. The closing date for applications is **30 September 2008**.

Historic Scotland

Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme

The Scottish Government has made a further £8 million available for a third round of support to Historic Scotland's Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme (CARS). The Scheme provides financial assistance to a number of area-based regeneration and conservation initiatives. Priority will be given to those authorities who have not previously benefited from

the programme and to places that have demonstrable social and economic disadvantages which affect their capacity to support sustainable regeneration. The maximum grant for a single authority will be £1 million. The scheme will address the repair needs of a small number of historic buildings and help fund a small grants scheme. 25% of an award can be used for public realm works. The deadline for applications is **30 September 2008**.

www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/index/heritage/grants/conservation-area-regeneration-scheme.htm, email: hs.grants@scotland.gsi.gov.uk or 0131 668 8801.

Red Nose Day Programme 2005 - 2008

Comic Relief's main grants programme is now open for applications. It provides grants of over £5,000 to community and voluntary groups for projects relating to older people; young people; mental health; refugees and asylum seekers; domestic violence; and disadvantaged communities. Funding is available for between one and three years with grant support of between £15,000 and £40,000.

The application deadline for the main grants programme is **15 August 2008**. Comic Relief also makes grants under £5,000 for projects relating to older people; mental health; and disadvantaged communities through its small grants programme. The small grants programme is only open to organisations with a yearly turnover of less than £150,000 per year. Applications to the small grants programme can be made at any time. More information at www.comicrelief.com/apply-for-a-grant/uk/ tel: 020 7820 5555 or email red@comicrelief.org.uk

CFSLA Your "Other" Lottery

Clackmannan, Falkirk, Stirling Local Authorities Payroll Committee (CFSLA) distributes funds raised from the annual profits of the lottery to local groups and charities. The lottery committee is particularly interested in applications related to:

- Equipment or materials which are essential to allow an existing group to continue or extend the activities or services that group can provide to the community
- Equipment or materials that will allow the group to raise additional funds for themselves
- New groups which need essential equipment to begin operating
- Employee fund-raising in aid of eligible groups
- Projects for the welfare and benefit of the employees of the participating organisations

Ineligible costs include:

- administration costs
- training costs
- salaries
- research
- trips
- individuals

Eligible groups will be properly constituted, able to show evidence of community benefit, have clearly defined objectives and be clearly costed. Funding is usually in the form of equipment or materials, with cash awards very assistance for your group, please contact request an application form, or find out more about the fund, please contact lottery_russell@hotmail.com to request an application form, or find out more about the fund

SMALL GRANTS

Healthy Heart Grants

Community groups, voluntary organisations and researchers involved in preventing heart disease can apply for 'Healthy Heart' grants of up to £10,000

through Heart Research UK. The types of projects funded have included schemes to encourage visually impaired people to take regular exercise using tandem bicycles, and work to educate adults with learning difficulties about heart health so they can take part in

physical activities. Applications will be accepted from 1 July 2008 until **31 August 2008** for the November round of funding. More information at www.heartresearch.org.uk/healthy_heart_grants.htm, tel 0113 297 6206 or email lifestyle@heartresearch.org.uk.

UnLtd Sport Relief Awards

UnLtd supports social entrepreneurs providing grants of between £250 and £5,000 to young people to bring community cohesion and understanding through sport and being active. It is open to 11-21 year olds, who want to bring respect and understanding to their communities by setting up their own projects. Eligible projects include engaging young people from different backgrounds by organising an indoor cricket mini-world cup; reducing violence in local areas by getting young people to channel their energies into football rather than fighting; or skateboarding competitions that will reduce tensions in local areas. Applications can be submitted at any time. More information at www.unltd.org.uk/template.php?ID=110&PageName=sportrelief, tel.0141 221 2322 or 0131 226 7333.

Help Yourself Awards

Save the Children and British Gas have launched the next round of their award programme which will give awards of £1,000, £5,000 and £10,000 during 2008. All projects must focus on improving children and young people's life chances. For more information, go to www.helpyourselves.org.uk/helpyourselves/, email helpyourselves@savethechildren.org.uk or write to Anne Carey, Save the Children, 5th Floor, Hawthorns

House, Halfords Lane, Smethwick, West Midlands B66 1BB

GreenPrints

The SITA Trust, V the youth volunteering charity, BTCV, The Wildlife Trusts and the BBC's Breathing Places campaign, are working together to develop a two-year programme called GreenPrints. This will offer funding of up to £10,000 and support and practical expertise to help 16 to 25 year olds make a real difference to the communities in which they live. The funding is open to not for profit organisations to support projects designed and delivered by groups of volunteers aged 16 to 25. The programme will include individual, dedicated mentor-support to assist with the practical delivery of every single project that is supported. The next deadline is **22 August 2008**. To find out more, go to www.sitatrust.org.uk/greenprints/apply, tel. 01454) 262910 or email: greenprints@sita.co.uk

Its Your Community Initiative

This initiative is managed by the Conservation Foundation and provides grants of £100 to £1,000 to individuals and groups to improve their local environment. Previously funded projects include environmental projects such as turning derelict land into an amenity park or wildlife area, tree planting, creating a wildlife pond, renovating neglected river and canal footpaths, providing water butts and recycling facilities in village halls, etc. Applications can be made at any time. More information at www.itsyourcommunity.co.uk/, tel. 0800 902 0250 or email hello@itsyourcommunity.co.uk



EUROPEAN FUNDING

The Thematic Networking of Twinned Towns

The European Commission has issued a call for proposals for the thematic networking of Twinned Towns. This is part of the European Commission's Town Twinning Initiative and provides grants for towns with existing town twinning links to come together in thematic networks that address issues of common concern. This Programme provides financial support for conferences and workshops that address specific themes, involving at least three towns, developed within the framework of existing town twinning agreements. These events should be the starting point for future joint initiatives between the

twinned towns. Only the following types of organisations are eligible to submit an application; municipalities and twinning committees; local and regional governments; and associations representing local authorities. Application forms are available and the deadline for applications is **1 December 2008** for conferences that take place between 1 April 2009 and 31 March 2010. More details at http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/citizenship/action1/towntwinning/thematic_funding_en.htm

Youth in Action Programme

The European Commission has issued a new call for proposals under its Youth in Action Programme. This will support projects which promote information and communication actions aimed at young people, youth leaders and people working for youth organisations in order to encourage young people to vote in the 2009 European Parliament elections and to inform them of the importance of this ballot. The type of activities that can be supported through this call for proposals

can include the organisation of information and awareness-raising campaigns on the 2009 European elections addressed to young people; the development of material on the 2009 European elections; the organisation of conferences and interactive briefing sessions on the European elections; meetings with local, national and European deputies; and the organisation of other initiatives to enable young people to become aware of the importance of voting in the 2009 European elections. It is open to non-profit-making, non-governmental organisations, National Youth Councils and bodies operating in the

youth sector at European level with member organisations in at least eight Youth in Action Programme Countries. The total budget available for this call for proposals is €1.5 million and the Commission is seeking to support a maximum of 27 projects. The maximum grant available within the UK is €90,000. The deadline for applications is **15 July 2008**.

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/youth/calls2008/action45b/index_en.htm

Snippets

BBC Children in Need

The BBC has announced that the next funding round of the BBC Children in Need will open in **September 2008**. We'll include more details of this funding in a

future newsletter but this is a reminder that there are only two deadlines each year at present for this fund, so you really have to plan ahead to take advantage of this funding.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/charity/grants.shtml>

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

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

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

Sportscotland www.sportscotland.org.uk

Heritage Lottery Fund www.hlf.org.uk

Lottery Telephone Contacts

The Scottish Arts Council Help Desk 0845 603 6000

Heritage Lottery Fund 0131 225 9450

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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