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Welcome to the 22nd Edition of Funding at Falkirk, a regular bulletin that aims to provide up to date information on key funding opportunities for every size of project.

This edition includes information on the Nationwide Foundation and Friends Provident Foundation, both offering grants to help with projects that deal with a range of aspects of financial inclusion. Under education, there is an opportunity to apply for funds for projects that will stimulate interest in the sciences at school. The environment section includes opportunities for schools to get involved with the natural world.

There will be a number of information sessions coming up on funding opportunities and details will be circulated as soon as these are available.

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



LOTTERY FUNDED

Heroes Return 2 Scheme

BIG has announced the Heroes Return 2 Scheme is now open to applications. The Heroes Return 2 Scheme provides funding to help World War II veterans who saw active service overseas with or

alongside the British Allied Armed Forces in the Second World War, and are resident in the UK or the Republic of Ireland to take part in commemorative visits (within the UK and overseas) to mark the

anniversary of events that led to the end of WWII. The Heroes Return Scheme offers fixed amount grants of between £150 and £5,500 for each veteran and their spouse and/or carer towards the cost of their visit. There are five levels of funding according to the destination. Applications can be submitted at any time between **01 April 2009** and the **31 January 2011**. For further information on this scheme please call the application hotline on 0845 0000 121.

http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_heroes_return?tab=2@ioncode=-uk&status=theProg



Awards for All : the new scheme

This popular Lottery scheme now involves the Big Lottery Fund, sportscotland and the Scottish Arts Council. It continues to make awards of between £500 and £10,000 to grass-roots groups in the community and voluntary sector, health bodies, schools, community councils and statutory bodies. A new application form is available. This can, for the first time, be downloaded electronically and emailed direct to Awards for All Scotland. Please note that Awards for All will no longer accept the old application form.

There are four new outcomes for Awards for All, which each project should contribute towards. These are:

- * People have better chances in life
 - * Communities are safer, stronger and more able to work together to tackle inequalities
 - * People have better and more sustainable services and environments
 - * People and Communities are healthier
- To find out more about the new programme, including case studies, new priorities as well as the new guidance and applications materials, please visit the new Awards for All at www.awardsforall.org.uk/index-scotland.html, tel. 0141 242 1400 or email scotland@awardsforall.org.uk

Awards for All funding successes

The following groups have recently made successful applications to Awards for All –

Airth Welfare Hall Committee - £10,000 to replace damaged drainage system

Creche Matters! - £5597 to purchase a variety of education resources

Maddiston Old Folks Association - £2500 for flooring and redecoration of community building

Nethermains Primary School- £10,000 for games, smart board, equipment for outdoor physical activities and ICT equipment

Shieldhill Primary School - £9854 for recreational and outward bound activities

St Andrew's Primary School - £9176 for a pavilion

Westfield Park Community Centre - £6714 to refurbish premises and purchase new tables and chairs

FINANCIAL INCLUSION

Nationwide Foundation Grants Programme

The Nationwide Foundation has announced that its Investor Programme is now open for applications offering grants of up to £300,000 over three years to charities with an income of less than £10 million. The Foundation is looking to fund projects that deal with financial exclusion, housing issues and homelessness amongst vulnerable groups; and support families and helping prevent family breakdowns. It provides grants to help with research, new projects, pilot projects and existing work and awareness raising or campaigning to promote change priority being given to applications for work which encompass two or three of these factors. It can fund core costs and contribute towards the salaries of finance staff for the charity. Closing date for applications through the Investor Programme is **31 May 2009**. The Foundation also offers grants of up to £5,000 through its Small Grants Programme. These are available to charities with incomes of under £500,000 for projects that promote the well-being of

young men, women and children whose lives have been affected by domestic violence and reduce the prevalence of domestic violence through increased service provision, education and awareness raising; improve the quality of life of families with a member or members in prison, through the provision of services responsive to their needs; and provide young people who are or have been involved with the criminal justice system with a rehabilitation programme designed to obtain the skills, confidence and personal support networks to enable them to lead fulfilled and successful lives. For example, in the past grants have included an award of £5,000 towards the salary costs of a counsellor involved in the specialist support. Applications to the Small Grants Programme can be made at any time. More information at www.nationwidefoundation.org.uk/grants.asp#a2, tel. 01793 655113 or email enquiries@nationwidefoundation.org.uk

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. The Foundation is willing to consider applications from any type of legally independent organisation, but can only support work

that is legally charitable. Projects previously supported through the Foundation include:

- Making money management advice available to young people via mobile phones and interactive digital TV
- 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 **10 July 2009**. More information at www.friendsprovident.co.uk, tel 0845 2683388 or email foundation.enquiries@friendsprovident.co.uk

EDUCATION

Partnership Grants Scheme for Primary and Secondary Schools

The Royal Society has announced that the next round of Partnership Grants will open in September 2009. Through the scheme grants of between £250 and £3,000 will be available to support teachers, scientists and engineers help develop science projects. The aim is to make the teaching of science more interesting

within primary and secondary schools. The Partnership grants scheme forms partnerships to allow teachers to increase their scientific knowledge and to give scientists and engineers the chance to develop their communication skills and engage with enquiring young minds. Any UK primary or secondary school

teacher or practising scientist/engineer can apply as long as the students involved in the project are between 5 and 18. Applications must be made together with the partner, and need to be signed by the teacher, partner and schools' headteacher. The

website gives detailed examples of projects funded in earlier rounds.
<http://royalsociety.org/page.asp?id=1948> or tel. 020 7451 2500

Paul Hamlyn Foundation Education and Learning Programme

The Paul Hamlyn Foundation is currently accepting applications under its Education and Learning programme. The Foundation is keen to fund projects that promote innovation and change in the areas of supplementary schooling and tackling school exclusion and truancy. Eligible organisations that can apply for funding include charities, local authorities, out-of-school clubs, supplementary schools, colleges and youth clubs if they demonstrate benefits to the wider community and include partnership working that will

result in increasing access to education and learning to all communities and age groups.

Eligible costs include running costs such as staff salaries and overheads such as stationery, rent, rates and utilities. In 2007-08 the Foundation made 51 grants under its Education and Learning Open Grants Scheme. The average grant was £60,000 and grants ranged in size from £5,000 to £300,000. Applications can be made at any time. More information at www.phf.org.uk/ tel. 020 7227 3500, or email information@phf.org.uk

NEW GUIDELINES

The Tudor Trust

The Tudor Trust is one of the largest independent grant making trusts in the UK. It has announced new funding guidelines for the period 2009 – 11. The Trust will continue to make grants across their established funding areas - youth, older people, community, relationships, housing, mental health, substance misuse, learning, financial security and criminal justice. But it will also be open to hearing about work in areas not previously funded, its main aim being to support organisations that hope to make lasting changes in

communities. Grants can take the form of core funding (including salaries and running costs), development funding, project grants or capital grants for buildings or equipment. There is no maximum or minimum grant amount that an organisation can apply for. There is a two stage application process and applications can be submitted at any time. More information at

www.tudortrust.org.uk/ or tel 020 7727 8522

Lankelly Chase Foundation

The Lankelly Chase Foundation has published new grant making guidelines for the next 5 years. It will continue to seek applications from voluntary and community groups within the UK and concentrate its work on supporting projects that seek to promote social justice, highlighting unpopular causes. The Foundation intends to concentrate upon smaller charities, many of whom will have only a local or regional remit. The areas that the Foundation will concentrate on are the:

- Promoting excellence and exploring the power of the arts
- Breaking cycles of abuse
- Promoting alternatives to custody
- Seeking to restore troubled minds and lives
- Strengthening local communities and organisations.

Applications can be submitted at any time. More information at

www.lankellychase.org.uk/index.htm, tel. 01235 820044. There is an email link on the website.

ENVIRONMENT

Climate Challenge Fund

The Scottish Government recently announced that the latest round of grants awarded through the Climate Challenge Fund has awarded £2.2 million of grants to 33 communities across Scotland. The Fund aims to empower communities to take action to reduce their carbon footprint and make a real difference to the local and national environment. It is open to voluntary sector organisations, charities, schools, colleges, universities, local authorities and housing partnerships hoping to fund projects which demonstrate a significant reduction in emissions. Successful projects have included Deaf Connections which received a grant of £16,850 to ensure that deaf people in

Scotland have equal access to information and advice about climate change in sign language; and a grant of £122,052 to Perth & District YMCA for a project that involves local unemployed young people working with families to grow vegetables in their gardens. They will also create an educational DVD around Carbon Emission Reduction which will be distributed at local community events. Applications can be submitted to the fund at any time. You'll find more about the fund at .

www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/SustainableDevelopment/funding/ClimateChallengeFund

The Forest Education Initiative Partnership Fund

The Forest Education Initiative Partnership Fund supports the work of local groups known as Forest Education Initiative (FEI) clusters. The aim of the Fund is to help develop among young people a greater understanding of trees, woodlands, forest management, forest products and wood as a sustainable resource. Clusters can include woodland owners, related industries, schools and colleges, local authorities, community groups and environmental bodies. The Partnership Fund can provide grants of between £500 and £5,000 for specific activities, which enhance the overall objectives of the FEI. The type of activities that can be funded include training for teachers, educational visits, creating facilities in woodlands for education, educational projects in schools; practical projects (in and out of school)

involving children; case studies about woodland management or wood use; and development and production of materials for educational use by teachers or children (especially material that can be published more widely, for example by being placed on the FEI website); etc. Anyone interested in starting a Cluster Group, can contact the FEI national co-ordinators who are available to give support and guidance with setting up and running a cluster. The next closing date for applications is **01 June 2009**. More information at www.foresteducation.org/local_groups.php?page=4, tel. 01738 771034 or email fei.scotland@forestry.gsi.gov.uk.

Grants for Planting Trees

The Tree Council campaigns to promote the importance of trees within the changing environment. It has announced that its Trees for Communities and Trees for Schools grant making programmes are now open for applications. Funds are available for schools and community groups within the UK who are able to show that children under the age of 16 will be actively engaged in the planting projects. Funding of between

£100 and £700 is available and successful applicants will receive up to 75% towards their planting costs.. The closing date is **31 May 2009**. More information at www.treecouncil.org.uk/?q=grants, tel. 020 7407 9992 or email

SMALL GRANTS

Bridging the Gap

The Coalfields Regeneration Trust's Bridging the Gap programme offers grants of between £500 and £10,000 to community and voluntary groups within the coalfield communities to improve the quality of people's lives. The CRT will support projects that fit into one or more of the following funding themes: Access to employment; education and skills; health and wellbeing; and access to opportunities. CRT offers quick access to funds and aims to make a decision within 12 weeks of receiving an application. This funding programme will run until March 2011. Since being founded, the CRT has awarded £150 million

through its grant-making programmes. In addition to the Bridging the Gap programme, the CRT can award grants of up to £300,000 through its main grants programme to bigger voluntary, community and statutory organisations. Applications can be submitted at any time. There are four eligible wards in the Falkirk Council area: - Dean, Forthside, Grange & Blackness and Kinneil & Whitecross. More information at www.coalfields-regen.org.uk/bridgingthegap/default.asp or tel. 01259 272127

Coalfield Regeneration Trust Awards

Recent Coalfields Regeneration Trust awards benefitting this include:

The Powerstation - £4435 to purchase equipment

Falkirk Homeless Project - £9852 to assist with cost of warehousing

Forth Valley Disability Sport - £5473 to purchase equipment

BT Community Connections

British Telecom has announced that its latest Community Connections Awards are now open for applications. The scheme supports community and voluntary groups that could benefit from internet access and ICT but may not have the resources to pay for this. Through the scheme, community groups can apply for the package that consists of a multi-media internet-ready computer; a contribution towards one

year's broadband internet access through BT Total Broadband; and a Community website – total value £1,300. The next closing date for postal applications is **09 June** and for online application, it's **11 June**. More information at www.btcommunityconnections.com, tel. 0845 257 6792 or email info@btcommunityconnections.com

Community Food and Health - small grants scheme

Community Food and Health's annual small grants scheme is open to groups and organisations who wish to improve access to, and take up of a healthy, varied and balanced diet. Grants of between £500 and £4,000 are available to groups and agencies who would like to tackle one or more of the barriers to healthy eating, such as affordability or availability, and the negative impact of culture and lack of food skills.

Closing date for applications is **26 June 09**.

For more information, go to www.communityfoodandhealth.org.uk/funding/smallgrantsopen.php, tel.0141 226 5261 or email: cfh@consumerfocus.org.uk

Tesco Charity Trust

The Tesco Charity Trust is now accepting applications from community and voluntary groups for grants of between £500 and £4000 to support children's education and welfare projects. The Trust has previously funded sensory garden or room projects; outdoor classrooms; breakfast and after school clubs; holiday play-schemes; and part funding to purchase

minibuses. The closing date for applications is **30 June 2009**.

www.tescopl.com/plc/corporate_responsibility/local_communities/community_investment/charitable_giving/tesco_charity_trust/, or email michelina.filocco@uk.tesco.com

Help a Heart Grant Programme

The British Heart Foundation is making grants of between £300 and £2000 available to support local projects designed to improve the quality of life for

heart patients and their carers, or promote healthier lifestyles. To find out more and to get an application pack, go to www.bhf.org.uk/helpaheartgrant/, tel. 0870 600 6566 or email orderline@bhf.org.uk

EUROPEAN FUNDING



Call for proposals under Europe for Citizens Programme

The European Commission has launched a new call for proposals under its Europe for Citizens Programme. This programme aims to support actions that promote active European citizenship and to improve citizens' participation in the construction of European Union. This call for proposals has been launched under Action 1, Measure 2.1 of the Europe for Citizens Programme and aims to explore original and innovative ways of encouraging citizens' participation and to stimulate dialogue between

European citizens and the institutions of the European Union on a range of issues and challenges. Applications are invited from not for profit organisations and Local Authorities. The maximum grant available is €250,000 and the minimum grant is €100,000. The closing date for applications is 01 June 2009. More information at http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/citizenship/funding/2009/call_action1_11_2009_en.php

Schools in Europe - eTwinning on-line project

Well done to Bowhouse Primary School in Grangemouth who made it to the runner-up list against strong competition under the Maths and Science category.

Structural Funds deadlines approaching

The next deadline for ESF and ERDF applications is **14 August 2009**.

SNIPPETS

Lloyds TSB Foundation

Lloyds TSB will be holding a surgery in Stirling on 20 May 2009. If you have any ideas you would like to discuss on a one to one basis, please book a place by

telephoning 0870 902 1201. More information at www.ltsbfoundationforscotland.org.uk

Forthcoming events

The External Funding Unit, colleagues and partners are organising a number of information events on LEADER, Heritage Lottery Fund,

Climate Challenge Fund and Awards for All – further information will be circulated as soon as available

FURTHER INFORMATION

Abbreviations

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

Useful Contacts

European Union - Enlargement
www.europa.eu.int/comm/enlargement/index.htm
This recently upgraded site includes access to information on the countries, the pre-accession programme and contacts.
Scottish ESF Objective 3 Programme
www.objective3.org
ESEP Ltd www.esep.co.uk
East of Scotland European Consortium
www.esec.co.org.uk
European Commission www.europa.eu.int
Scottish Parliament's European & External Relations Committee
www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/committees/europe/index.htm
Scottish Executive www.scotland.gov.uk
National Lottery www.lotteryfunding.org.uk
SportsScotland www.sportscotland.org.uk
Heritage Lottery Fund www.hlf.org.uk
Big Lottery Fund www.biglotteryfund.org.uk

Awards for All www.awardsforall.org.uk
Coalfields Regeneration Trust www.coalfields-regen.org.uk
Department of Culture Media and Sport
www.dcms.gov.uk
Scottish Screen www.scottishscreen.com
Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations
www.scvo.org.uk
Scottish Arts Council www.sac.org.uk
Local Government International Bureau
www.lgib.gov.uk
European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training
www.cedefop.eu.int

Lottery Telephone Contacts

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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