

Newsletter February 2011

Welcome to the latest edition of Funding at Falkirk with updates on Lottery Funding, as well as possible sources of funding for IT projects or projects involving young people, the environment, health, arts and crafts, community grants and European funding. The Climate Challenge Fund has announced its next deadlines for applications for projects that will reduce carbon emissions – applications will be accepted from both currently funded and new communities. There is also information about £500 bursaries available to volunteers (there is a slow uptake for these and the funder is keen to attract more applicants) and a forthcoming Heritage Lottery Fund workshop which will be of interest to groups who have ideas that might fit with the Fund's criteria or those who are already developing applications.

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

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Big Lottery Fund – Investing in Communities

Through Investing in Communities, BIG wants to help bring about lasting social change. There are three investment areas:

- [Growing Community Assets](#) aims to help communities have more control and influence over their own future through ownership of assets
- [Life Transitions](#) aims to support projects that help people at key times of change, helping them to make their lives better for the future
- [Supporting 21st Century Life](#) aims to support projects that build stronger families and stronger communities.

The programme aims to make real improvements to communities and lives of people most in need. Projects can apply for grants of between **£10,000** and **£1million** for up to five years funding. Stage one applications will be assessed within six weeks, and Stage two applications will be assessed within four months. If projects receive development funding a further 4 weeks will apply. Eligible organisations include voluntary and community organisations, local authorities, community councils, social enterprises and private companies (provided the grants do not contribute to the profits they distribute). For more information, go to www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/funding-sco

The Jubilee People's Millions

The Big Lottery Fund will be helping to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012 by offering grants of between £20,000 and £60,000 to support new projects that will improve local places and the lives of people in your community. Voluntary or community organisations, schools, local authorities or health bodies will be eligible to apply. Applications should inspire local people to get involved with their project. They will also have to capture the public's imagination so that they will vote for the project! The deadline for applications is **04 February 2011**. Shortlisted projects will be the subject to a public vote within their ITV area. Previous projects supported by this fund include the redevelopment of a concrete playground into an adventure playground facility with a range of play equipment and the creation of an innovative and imaginative multi-sensory path within the playground of our younger children which is adjacent to the Strategic Facility for children with autism. More information at www.peoplesmillions.org.uk/apply

Heritage Lottery Fund - Landscape Partnerships

This programme aims supports projects of between £250,000 and £2million led by partnerships of local, regional and national interests with the aim of conserving areas of distinctive landscape character of a rural area. Each scheme is based round a portfolio of smaller projects, which together provide a varied package of benefits to an area, its communities and visitors. The area of countryside should be no smaller than 20 km² and no larger than 200 km². Assessment of applications is via a two round process.

The next deadline for first-round applications is **28 February 2011**. More information on this and other HLF programmes at www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/programmes/Pages/landscapepartnerships.aspx. There will be an opportunity to discuss ideas for this and any other HLF programmes at the surgeries they are holding in Falkirk in February and March – more details under the Events section of this newsletter.

Heritage Lottery Fund - Heritage Grants over £1 Million

The next deadline for the Heritage Grants Scheme (projects over £1 million and under £5 million) is **16 February 2011**. Funding is available for projects relating to the national, regional or local heritage of the UK. Projects must help people to learn about their own and other people's heritage, conserve the UK's diverse heritage for present and future generations to experience and enjoy, and help more people, and a wider range of people, to take an active part in and make decisions about heritage. Applications can come from single organisations or partnerships with priority being given to not-for-profit organisations, and partnerships led by not-for-profit organisations. If private owners are involved, HLF expect the public benefit to be greater than any private gain. More information on this and other HLF programmes at www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/programmes/Pages/heritagegrants.aspx. There will be an opportunity to discuss ideas for this and any other HLF programmes at the surgeries they are holding in Falkirk in February and March – more details under the Events section of this newsletter.

Heroes Return Scheme Extended For A Further 12 Months

The Big Lottery Fund (BIG) has announced the Heroes Return 2 Scheme has been extended by a further 12 months. This 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. It 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, with five levels of funding according to the destination. For further information on this scheme please call the application helpline on 0845 0000 121. Applications can now be submitted at anytime up to **31 January 2012**. More information at www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_heroes_return.htm?regioncode=-uk

2014 Communities Funding Programme

The 2014 Communities funding programme will provide grants of between £300 and £2,000 for activities that to local sports clubs, voluntary and community organisations, community councils and schools for activities that encourage more people to volunteer for sporting or physical activity and bring people together. Local sports clubs, community councils and schools, voluntary and community organisations can apply for funding. BIG will also partly fund costs of a larger project, however, the total project costs must not exceed £4,000, and BIG's contribution must be a maximum of £2,000. Priority will be give to applications that focus on low participation groups such as women & girls, people who are disabled, people over 50 years of age, people under 25 years of age and people from black and minority ethnic communities. Applications can be made at any time. More information at: www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_2014_communities

IT Projects

Funding for IT Projects Supporting Disadvantaged Groups

Funding is available through the Nominet Trust for innovative IT related project ideas that can make a positive difference to disadvantaged and vulnerable groups. The Trust aims to fund innovative Internet projects that make a positive difference to the lives of disadvantaged and vulnerable people, primarily in terms of education, safety and inclusion and is particularly interested in funding projects that can be scaled up and replicated. There is no minimum grant application and applications for over £100,000 require an interview. The first step is to complete the online eligibility questionnaire. The Trust has previously projects such as a primary school that received funding towards the costs of printed material to raise awareness to parents, children and the community of internet risks and safety measures; and a project that promoted digital

inclusion of older people in nursing homes. The next closing date for applications is **14 March 2011**. More information at www.nominettrust.org.uk/how-apply

“Make it Happy” competition for primary and junior schools

The theme for this year's competition is Pass IT On. Schools are challenged to show how they have used technology to connect schoolchildren with others in their community - whether that is down the corridor, around the town, across the UK or halfway around the world. Twelve winning schools from across the UK will be awarded £1,200 each, and from these entries 3 overall winners will be chosen to receive additional cash prizes. All winners will be invited to attend an awards ceremony on 28 June 2011 at the Houses of Parliament. As well as these great prizes the 12 winning schools will be able to experience a trip on the London Eye prior to the awards ceremony. The closing date for the competition is **10 April 2011**. More information at <http://makeithappy.cc4g.net/>

CashBack for Communities Small Grants Scheme

Youth Scotland has announced that the next deadline for applications through the CashBack for Communities Small Grants Scheme is **01 March 2011**. Grants of up to £2,000 are available to support youth groups and provide positive opportunities for Scotland's young people. Youth Scotland is managing this pilot scheme in partnership with five other national, volunteer-led youth organisations:

- The Scout Association
- Girlguiding Scotland
- Boys Brigade
- The Girls' Brigade in Scotland
- Clubs for Young People (Scotland).

Local youth groups who are led by volunteers, have members which include young people aged 10 or over, are based in Scotland and are a member of one of the six partnership organisations listed above, including Youth Scotland, can apply. This last requirement is to ensure all groups awarded a small grant have the appropriate national organisational support, with clear operating policies in place, and are properly constituted. Independent non-uniformed groups that are not a member of one of these organisations but would like to apply for the small grants scheme may be interested in joining Youth Scotland or Clubs for Young People (Scotland). More information about how to do this can be found at the website below.

All member groups of the organisations are eligible to apply for the funding, which will fund start-up costs up to £1,000 and programme or activity costs up to £2,000.

www.youthscotland.org.uk/projects/cashback-small-grants-scheme.htm

The Andy Fanshawe Memorial Trust

The Andy Fanshawe Memorial Trust (AFMT) supports projects that allow disadvantaged young people the chance to develop an existing interest in the great outdoors. The Trust usually supports programmes that are run by schools or youth groups, but welcomes applications from individuals, but these must have a referee. The AFMT support a wide range of projects, but are unlikely to support foreign trips. Applications can be made at any time. More information at www.andyfanshawe.org/index.php

Climate Challenge Fund – latest deadline

The Scottish Government's Climate Challenge Fund grants (administered by Keep Scotland Beautiful) are primarily designed to help communities reduce their carbon emissions. That might mean planning and organising in the first instance, but will always mean taking direct action to reduce carbon emissions. The projects funded will be expected to be ambitious in their work to reduce carbon emissions over the lifetime of the Climate Challenge Fund which runs until 31st March 2012 and with the reductions continuing in the future as a strong legacy of your communities activities. Applications should also aim to strengthen local economies, improve community cohesion and other social objectives alongside making significant carbon emissions reductions. Applications from currently funded CCF communities will be accepted until 5pm on **14 February 2011**. New communities will be issued with their application form, by Keep Scotland Beautiful, following the submission of an [Expression of Interest Form \(Online Version\)](#). The deadline for these applications is 5pm on **25 February 2011**. It is important to submit Expression of Interest forms early enough to allow the development of a full application before the deadline on the 25th February 2011. More information at ccf.keepsotlandbeautiful.org/

Funds to Support Tree Planting Projects

The Tree Council's Tree Futures has announced that as part of the National Tree week 2011 it is offering help for tree planting through two grants programmes: "Trees for Schools" and "Community Trees". Any school or community group within the UK planning a project that actively involves children under 16 can draw on the fund to plant trees and make a greener future. The Tree Council's National Tree Week is the focus for these projects and successful applicants need to organise their planting events in conjunction with the annual celebration of the new tree planting season. The Tree Council can fund projects between £100 and £700 and successful applicants will receive up to 75% towards their planting costs. The closing date for applications is **31 March 2011**. More information at www.treecouncil.org.uk/?q=grants

Local Paths Small Grants Scheme

Paths for All is committed to promoting walking for health and the development of multi-use path networks in Scotland. It has announced that it has funding available for community based work, with small grants of up to £2,000 and large grants of up to £40,000 available. For workplaces Paths for All have grants available up to £2,000. The fund is open to any community organisation, path group, or community council which can show that it is working in the interests of the wider community and can properly account for the expenditure of public funding. Applications for these grants can be made at any time. More information at www.pathsforall.org.uk/pfa/support/grants-a-funding.html

Healthy Hearts Grants

Heart Research UK is inviting applications under its Healthy Heart Grants Scheme for innovative projects designed to promote heart health and to prevent or reduce the risks of heart disease in specific groups or communities. Community groups, voluntary organisations and researchers who are spreading the healthy heart message can apply for up to £10,000. The next closing date is **28 February 2011**. More information at www.heartresearch.org.uk/grants

Make a Splash!

Voluntary Arts Scotland's Make a Splash! funding is available to small voluntary and community groups that want to try something new and help more people discover the benefits of taking part in arts and crafts activities. Groups can apply for grants of between £250 - £2,000 are available to pay for a wide variety of things, including equipment, publicity, venue hire, staff time, volunteer training or materials. The main requirements are that the money helps create new opportunities

for more people to participate in creative activities and to keep them involved. The Make a Splash! programme is part of a wider programme of activity, People Making Waves, which aims to connect people to the spirit and values of the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games through volunteering and being active within their community. It is funded by Legacy Trust UK and the Creative Scotland National Lottery Fund. Applications are accepted until **31 March 2012**. The programme is being administered by Scottish Community Foundation. They can be contacted for advice on completing the application form (tel. 0141 341 4960 or email grants@scottishcf.org). The application form can be found at www.peoplemakingwaves.org.uk/makeasplash

Forth Valley Visual Artist Awards Scheme and Forth Valley Craft Award Scheme

These schemes aim to assist individuals with the immediate costs of researching, creating and presenting new work. We want applicants in the area to be ambitious. The fund will prioritise applications that explore the full potential for ongoing creative development of their work. The next deadline for applications is **21 February 2011** at 6 pm. For more information, contact Lesley MacArthur on 01314 506260 or at lesley.macarthur@falkirk.gov.uk

Bridging the Gap Programme

The Coalfields Regeneration Trust's Bridging the Gap Programme can award grants from £500 up to £5,000 for projects such as improvements to a community facility; projects that help people into employment; training projects that teach people a new skill or enable them to get a qualification; or setting up a new social enterprise. Any projects must benefit beneficiaries in the Grange and Blackness, Forthside, Dean or Kinneil and Whitecross wards. Closing date for applications is **31 March 2011**. More information at www.coalfields-regen.org.uk/bridgingthegap/default.asp

People's Postcode Trust

The People's Postcode Trust offers grants of between £500 and £10,000 (£2,000 for organisations that are not registered charities) to small organisations and community groups operating in the following areas:

- Poverty Prevention
- Advancement of Health
- Community Development
- Public Sports
- Human Rights
- Environmental Protection.

Applications for grants of under £2,000 are considered on a rolling monthly basis. The deadline for grants of over £2,000 is **25 February 2011**. More information at www.postcodetrust.org.uk/

The Co-operative Group – Community Fund

Charitable organisations and community groups can apply for grants of between £100 and £2,000 (£500 if the applicant is a newly formed group) to help them find co-operative solutions to community challenges. Applications can be submitted at any time and those that aim to support locally led groups that demonstrate self-help, equality, democracy and concern for the community are of particular interest. Applications can be submitted at any time. More information at www.co-operative.coop/membership/local-communities/community-fund/

Gregg Foundation Grants

Organisations such as charities, charitable companies, churches and schools can apply for grants of up to £2,000 through the Greggs Foundation regional grants programme. Applications should make a difference to people in need in the heart of Greggs' local communities. Many charitable causes can be supported through the programme. Most of the grants are to support an identifiable cause such as trips, activities and equipment. The Foundation prioritises:

- People with caring responsibilities
- People with disabilities
- Homeless people
- Older people

Applications can be submitted at any time. Greggs local committees can also provide freshly produced Greggs products for community events and activities. More information at

www.greggsfoundation.org.uk/regionalgrants.html

Call for Proposals - Life Plus

The European Commission has announced that the next call for proposals under the Life + Programme will be launched in Mid-February 2011 with a deadline for submission for the end of Mid-July. The Life + programme is the EU's main fund for supporting environmental projects and will be supporting projects under the following headings:

- Nature and biodiversity
- Environment policy and governance
- Information and communication.

Applicants who may be working on the basis of the 2010 application package should note that there may be some changes (major and minor) in the 2011 application package. More information at ec.europa.eu/environment/life/funding/lifeplus.htm

People Making Waves – Wave of Friendship

The Wave of Friendship is a volunteer programme that promotes and supports the exchange of volunteers between Scotland and London by the provision of bursaries to cover travel, accommodation and other expenses. Volunteers can choose any opportunity that takes place between now and September 2012 that demonstrate the values of the Olympics movement: Friendship, Respect, Excellence, Courage, Determination, Equality and Inspiration.

The application process is easy and successful applicants receive bursaries of up to £500 to cover their costs. The volunteer programme will provide a great opportunity to gain experience of volunteering in another part of the UK, participate in different communities, meet new people and share your experiences with others. Volunteers will also play an active part in developing the volunteering legacy from the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games and Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games. So far successful applicants have included volunteering in art galleries, for the Moonwalk, Race for Life, British Museum, working with ex-offenders and researching the reduction of debt in developing countries. For more information go to www.peoplemakingwaves.org.uk/thewaveoffriendship/apply/ or email wof@peoplemakingwaves.org.uk

Heritage Lottery Fund - One to One Surgery Sessions

Lori Kika, HLF Development Officer, will be available for one-to-one surgeries on Wednesday 02 March. These will be held at CVS Falkirk and District, Unit 6 Callendar Business Park, Callendar Road, Falkirk FK1 1XR. They will provide a good opportunity to talk through any ideas you may have and see if they would be eligible in terms of Heritage Lottery Fund or to discuss your application. If you would like to book a place between 10 am and 4 pm, telephone CVS Falkirk and District on 01324 692000 or email info@cvsfalkirk.org.uk

Growing Communities Fund - FREE Information Sessions and Final Application Deadlines

The Growing Communities Fund three year grants programme is coming to an end but there is still time to send in an application. If you are thinking of applying contact CVS Falkirk & District (details below) to discuss your ideas or attend the information sessions which will take place on:

Date: Tuesday 8 February

Times: 2 – 3.30 pm

Venue: Westfield Community Project, Westfield Street, Falkirk FK2 9BW

Application Deadlines: Applications can be submitted at any time but should reach CVS Falkirk & District, Unit 6, The Courtyard, Callendar Business Park, Callendar Road, Falkirk, FK1 1XR by:

19 February 2011

1 March 2011

To book a place at the information session or for further information about the Growing Communities Fund phone **01324 692000** or e-mail growingcommunities@cvsfalkirk.org.uk

Growing Communities Fund is for community groups and voluntary organisations in, or working in, the regeneration areas in Westquarter, Maddiston, Dawson, Callendar Park High Flats, Hallglen, parts of Grangemouth, Denny, Camelon, Bo'ness, Thornhill Road / Westfield area and the Valley area of Stenhousemuir. Groups can apply for up to £5,000.

NHS Forth Valley – Free half day Healthy Eating & Physical Activity Update & Resource Awareness Seminars

NHS Forth Valley Community Dieticians and Physical Activity Team have arranged free half day seminars for those who promote healthy eating and physical activity within the community.

These will be held on:

- Wednesday 02 March at Raploch Community Campus, Stirling from 9 am – 1 pm
- Wednesday 09 March, Alloa Business Park, Alloa from 9am – 1pm
- Tuesday 22 March, Sensory Centre, Falkirk from 9am – 1pm

For further information, or to book a place, contact Kathleen Green on 01786 431131 or email kathleen.green@nhs.net