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Big Lottery Fund: People's Millions - 2008 Competition Launched

Launched in March, the 2008 People's Millions competition will give communities throughout the UK the opportunity to win local public support and share in £5 million of Lottery funding.

Grants of up to £50,000 will be provided for projects that transform local environments and offer opportunities or facilities for people to take part and enjoy their local area. This will include initiatives focusing on buildings, amenities, public and green spaces and natural habitats. Voluntary and community groups, social enterprises, local authorities, schools and health organisations are invited to apply.

Head-to-head competitions will take place in each of the 18 ITV regions later in the year, when the public will be able to cast their vote for the projects they want to win. There will be a total of 72 winning projects. Additionally, a further 18 bonus awards will be made for the runners-up who score the highest in each region.

The deadline for receipt of entries is 15 May 2008.

(New) Foyle Foundation

AIMS The Foyle Foundation will support charities working in the fields of Learning, the Arts or Health.

PRIORITIES Learning - libraries, museums and archives; and special educational needs and learning difficulties. State funded schools and special schools may be supported. Citizenship, esteem-building, training, skills acquisition to aid employment, independent living, early learning projects or playgroups will not generally be considered.

Arts - They seek applications that make a strong artistic case for support in either the performing or visual arts, that particularly help you to deliver your artistic vision. Other priorities are: to help make the arts more accessible by developing new audiences, supporting tours, festivals and arts educational projects; and to encourage new work and support young and emerging artists.

Building and infrastructure projects to construct new arts facilities, improve or re-equip existing venues will also be considered.

Health - The Foundation supports applications linked to a known medical condition.

They fund projects or core work that makes an active contribution to improved health care. Smaller health charities, including those for rare or distressing conditions will be favoured.

GRANT SIZE The Foundation will consider both revenue and capital projects. grants awarded range between £10,000 and £50,000.

EXCLUSIONS Private schools, Community arts, advocacy, respite, counselling or general support services such as information distribution or telephone helplines will not generally be supported.

APPLICATION PROCESS Please apply at least 6 months before you require the funding. If you have any queries please contact them.

CONTACT The Foyle Foundation, Rugby Chambers, 2 Rugby Street, London WC1N 3QU

Tel: 020 7430 9119 Email:

info@foylefoundation.org.uk Website:

<http://www.foylefoundation.org.uk/index.php?pageID=9>

NO DEADLINES

Local Food Programme: Open to Applications

Local Food, a new £50 million grants programme funded by the Big Lottery Fund, is now open for applications. The programme is managed by the Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts (RSWT) and is aimed at making locally grown food accessible and affordable to local communities.

Grants from £2,000 up to £500,000 will be awarded to not-for-profit groups and organisations in England to deliver projects such as growing, processing, marketing and distributing local food, composting and raising awareness of the benefits of such activities.

Applications for Small Grants (£2,000 to £10,000) and Main Grants (£10,001 to £300,000) can be made at any time.

(New) GreenPrints

AIMS GreenPrints is an England-wide volunteering programme offering opportunities for you to turn up and take part in one or two-day conservation Events.

GreenPrints also offers the opportunity for you to design and deliver your own Flagship project over a longer period of time with practical support from an experienced GreenPrints Mentor. Flagship projects should focus on improving an outdoor space which is open to the public. That could be a park, playing field, river, beach or cycle GreenPrints Flagships can fund your own project lasting up to 12 months.

ELIGIBILITY Projects should be designed, created and actively led by volunteers aged 16 - 25.

GRANT SIZE Groups can apply for up to £10,000.

APPLICATION PROCESS Download and read the Flagship project guidance notes from website below.

CONTACT SITA Trust, The Barn, Brinkmarsh Lane, Falfield, South Gloucestershire GL12 8PT Tel: 01454 262910 Fax: 01454 269090 Email: greenprints@sita.co.uk Website: <http://www.sitatrust.org.uk/greenprints/apply/flagships>

(New) CAFOD - Funding global justice education

AIMS To provide support for groups involved in global justice education work in order to further CAFOD's strategic goals and education priorities.

GRANT SIZE: Small grants scheme - Only for projects applying for less than £3,000. Their Large Grants scheme is currently fully committed.

APPLICATION PROCESS When submitting your application, please ensure that you have provided a sufficiently detailed budget that is clearly enough broken down under different, clear headings. Full guidelines can be downloaded from their website.

CONTACT: Education Fund Administrator
Tel: 0207 095 5317 Email: deved@cafod.org.uk Website:

DEADLINE: Applications throughout the year.

(New) Sparks: The Clore Jewish Development

AIMS Sparks is a new national initiative to support Jewish communities outside of London. They're looking for innovative Jewish culture, education and community development projects across the UK. If you are looking for inspiration, you can look on their website for this season's initiatives run by the JCC for London. You may already be inspired with a new idea, want to start up something new in your community or simply want to create the kind of events you'd like to attend in your home town.

APPLICATION PROCESS they have made the application process as straightforward as they can and all the information you need should be on their website.

GRANT SIZE Up to £20,000.

CONTACT The Clore Duffield Foundation, Studio 3, Chelsea Manor Studios, Flood Street, London SW3 5SR Tel: 0207 351 6061 Fax: 0207 351 5308 Email: info@cloreduffield.org.uk Website: http://www.cloreduffield.org.uk/sparks_intro.htm

DEADLINE The deadline for next round is 30 April 2008.

(New) Veterans Challenge Fund

AIMS The Strategy for Veterans has three key pillars, to ensure that veterans receive: excellent preparation for the transition to civilian life following their service; support in terms of the provision of advice and help from the Government and voluntary sector where needed; recognition of their contribution to society. The VCF Screening Committee is keen to see bids that encompass the intergenerational passing on of knowledge or bids that support a project organised by schools. It is particularly aimed at supporting initiatives that would take the Veterans Programme in new directions.

ELIGIBILITY The Strategy for Veterans defines a veteran as: all those who have served in the UK Armed Forces (whether regular or reservist); widows/widowers and the dependents of ex-servicemen and women; in exceptional cases, ex-members of the Merchant Navy who took direct part in military operations.

EXCLUSIONS The VCF cannot provide funding to: replace any existing sources of funding (including any in MOD) or to duplicate existing activities of other bodies; support the routine activity of an outside body (e.g. core administration or running costs); support ongoing/recurring activity, such as reunions or receptions or activities where other sources of funding already exist to offset the costs of these activities.

GRANT SIZE. There are no maximum or minimum limits, but past awards have ranged from £400 to £95,000 in value. Awards are restricted to a maximum of £100,000 to ensure fair distribution of funding.

APPLICATION PROCESS Applicants are strongly advised to discuss their bid with staff from the MOD's Veterans Policy Unit. Application forms can be downloaded from the bottom of this page, or can be obtained from the Veterans Policy Unit website (see link below).

CONTACT: Veterans Policy Unit – Veterans Challenge Fund, Ministry of Defence Main Building, Floor 7, Zone H, Whitehall, London SW1A 2HB Tel: 0207 218 9787/9225
Website: <http://www.veteransagency.mod.uk>

DEADLINES There is no closure date for applications

(New) Age Concern Grants

AIMS The scheme offers grants of up to £2,000 towards new or expanding services or activities which directly benefit older people.

EXCLUSIONS They regret that they are unable to make grants to individuals. Age Concern groups and organisations should contact the Grants Unit for Age Concern administered grants. These grant programmes are not accessible to the wider voluntary sector.

Here are the grants programmes they operate that are open to voluntary organisations:

Barclays Programme - The Barclays grants programme is open to most voluntary organisations in England who have an income or turnover of less than £50,000 per annum.

GRANT SIZE The scheme offers Grants of up to £150 towards new or expanding services or activities which directly benefit older people.

Bright Ideas - The Bright Ideas grants programme is open to most voluntary organisations in England who have an income or turnover of less than £200,000 per annum.

APPLICATION PROCESS Download the Guidelines and application forms for either of these schemes from their website below, or for information about the programme and how to apply, Grants Helpline Tel: 0208 765 7738.

CONTACT Age Concern England, Astral House, 1268 London Road, London

SW16 4ER

Free helpline Tel: 0800 00 99 66 Website:
http://www.ageconcern.org.uk/AgeConcern/grants_members.asp

DEADLINE: Applications to be received:
Thursday 10th April 2008 (Allocation Date Thursday 24th April 2008);
Thursday 15th May 2008 (Allocation Date Thursday 29th May 2008);
Thursday 12th June 2008 (Allocation Date Thursday 26th June 2008);
Thursday 17th July 2008 (Allocation Date Thursday 31st July 2008).

(New) MLA - Learning from past conflicts

AIMS The MLA Partnership manages, funds and leads on a whole range of programmes and strategic initiatives to promote museums, libraries and archives. Their Past Your Future 2 is the second phase of the hugely successful Their Past Your Future Programme. This second phase is focused around an annual grant programme open to all museums, libraries and archives in England. The programme offers funding for the sector to use their collections and resources to explore innovative and creative ways of increasing community learning and young people's knowledge and understanding of the impact and contemporary significance of conflict. This overarching aim encompasses themes of remembrance and commemoration, identity and reconciliation, citizenship, diversity, asylum, conflict resolution and peacekeeping.

GRANT SIZE The programme, which receives cash from the Big Lottery Fund, is managed and delivered by the MLA Partnership. In this second phase of the programme (2007-2010) grants of between £500 and £10,000 are available through an annual grant programme. Museums, libraries and archives in England may apply for grants focused on one or both of the following areas: work with children and young people; inter-generational learning. The latest round for applications to the fund is now open.

To find out more contact your MLA

Regional Agency.

CONTACT The Museums, Libraries and Archives Council (MLA), Victoria House, Southampton Row, London WC1B 4EA
Tel: 020 7273 1444 Fax: 020 7273 1404
Email: info@mla.gov.uk Website: http://www.mla.gov.uk/programmes/their_past_your_future/tpyf_intro

DEADLINE 23 May 2008. Successful projects will be announced at the end of June.

(New) Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation

AIMS the Foundation supports projects which are genuinely original in their field and also favours those which take place outside London. In addition to accepting applications for projects that fit within its designated programmes, the Foundation increasingly sees the value in initiating a series of strategic partnerships. Exceptionally, they may consider ideas which fall outside their programmes if they think these to be of particular interest to them and they have the potential to be truly innovative.

Arts Programme - The Foundation's art theme supports professional artists and UK based arts organisations, usually at an early research and development stage. There are two grant programmes in 2008: The Arts in Public Spaces - This will be the third and final year of this programme and those in rural areas will be prioritised. The Arts and Science - The Foundation has pioneered collaborations between artists and scientists for the past 10 years and this aspect of the programme has come to an end. For further information see website below or Email: arts@gulbenkian.org.uk

Education Programme - Within the education theme, the Foundation continues to support educational innovations and developments. In 2008, its two programmes are as follows:
Human Scale Schools - This programme is designed to help secondary schools strengthen their

commitment to human scale education.

Cross-cultural Schools and Youth Work Projects - Support is offered to secondary schools, and to those agencies who work with them, to implement imaginatively and ambitiously that part of the KS3 curriculum designed to encourage empathy and understanding between students from different cultures, both within and between schools (i.e. inter-school linking projects, involvement of local community groups etc.). Support is also offered to youth organisations, and those agencies who work with them, wishing to initiate projects aimed at fostering better relations between young people from different cultures and faiths.

For further information see website below or Email: education@gulbenkian.org.uk

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(New) Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation

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Social Change Programme - In 2008, the Foundation is looking for applications under its social change theme which explore innovative, but well-thought-through, approaches from which learning can be gained in the following key areas:

Financial Inclusion - They are interested in projects which will generate improvements in financial literacy and access to financial services for people currently not well-served by existing institutions and practices.

Environmental Awareness - They are interested in innovative work aimed at increasing personal responsibility and for trialling accessible, realisable solutions to aspects of local, national or international environmental issues. They are especially interested in working with excluded groups. The programme is unlikely to fund projects for children or schools or any new carbon counting or offsetting schemes.

Older People - They are interested in projects focusing on new ways to involve and support elderly people in their local communities. For further information see website below or Email:

socialchange@gulbenkian.org.uk

Anglo-Portuguese Cultural Relations - This Programme aims to help projects that promote contemporary Portuguese culture in the UK and the Republic of

Ireland. 'Cultural relations' are taken to include activities in the arts, education and social change.

Grants are available for: activities and events concerned with Portugal or containing Portuguese elements – its language, culture, people; cultural and educational interaction between British or Irish and Portuguese people, which may include research and development visits to Portugal by professionals (festival and/or arts venue directors, managers, producers, etc.) who are interested in presenting Portuguese arts in the UK and Ireland; the educational, cultural and social needs of the Portuguese immigrant communities (but not individual Portuguese immigrants or visitors). For further information see website below or Email: apcr@gulbenkian.org.uk

EXCLUSIONS Please read fuller details on their website including their list of exclusions.

GRANT SIZE As a guide, grants made by the Foundation rarely exceed £15,000. The Foundation does not give grants in response to general fundraising appeals or towards the simple continuation of existing services.

CONTACT Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, United Kingdom Branch, 98 Portland Place, London W1B 1ET Tel: 020 7636 5313 Fax: 020 7908 7580 Email: info@gulbenkian.org.uk Website: www.gulbenkian.org.uk

Grants for War Memorials - England

AIMS providing grants for the repair and conservation of free-standing war memorials in England.

ELIGIBILITY Applicants can be organisations or individuals. Further information can be found in The War Memorials Handbook, which is available from the UK National Inventory of War Memorials (Imperial War Museum). Eligible War Memorials will be free-standing structures.

The type of work that Grants for War Memorials can fund includes: urgent and necessary repairs to the fabric of the war memorial - including works of structural stabilisation; work to improve the legibility of eroded inscriptions - such as cleaning, re-leading, regilding and limited recutting; reinstatement of lost elements - particularly decorative features, where a monument has largely retained its integrity of design; cleaning - where the surface build-up is damaging the fabric by chemical action or where there is so much dirt on a war memorial that it must be removed in order to assess the extent of necessary work or read the lettering; works related to 'hard' landscaping - such as steps, walls and railings, which form an integral part of the war memorial's design; fees for a conservation-accredited architect or building surveyor - to specify, inspect and certify the work.

EXCLUSIONS Grants for War Memorials will not fund: a building, or part of another building - for example, memorial halls,

bridges, public parks and gardens, hospitals and chapels, financial assets to owners; graves of all types, dismantling, removing or relocating; new work - additions or alterations to the existing design of the war memorial; reconstruction that is not based on firm historic evidence - or the reinstatement of features that were deliberately removed as part of a later phase in the history of the monument; cleaning purely for cosmetic reasons; 'soft' landscaping - such as re-seeding and planting; work carried out before a written grant offer has been made and accepted.

GRANT SIZE Individual grants are between £ 500 and £10,000. Grants are normally offered for up to 50% of the eligible costs or £10,000, whichever is the smaller. English Heritage do not normally offer grants for projects costing less than £500 in total.

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Grants for War Memorials - England

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APPLICATION PROCESS Application forms and Guidance Notes can be downloaded from website below. English Heritage encourage applicants to discuss their repair project before they apply. To discuss a project or for further information contact the Conservation Officer at the War Memorials Trust (see Contact Information below)

CONTACT For general grant enquiries please contact Email: grants@english-heritage.org.uk The Conservation Officer, War Memorials Trust, 4 Lower Belgrave Street, London SW1W 0LA Tel: 020 7881 0862 Email: info@warmemorials.org.uk Web: <http://www.warmemorials.org.uk>
The UK National Inventory of War Memorials, Imperial War Museum, Lambeth Road, London SE1 6HZ Tel: 020 7416 5353/5281 Web: <http://www.iwm.org.uk/collections/niwm>

DEADLINE The closing dates for applications are 30 April and 31 October each year.

First Light Movies

AIMS First Light Movies fund groups of young people aged between five and 18 through various funding schemes. If you need help formulating a story and turning it into a script or perfecting your filmmaking skills then look at their website to find out about their other resources.

There are two main funding strands available, the Pilot and Studio Awards, but they also offer support with generating those first film ideas. What's the Big Idea? Award .To develop ideas and stories for films

GRANT SIZE Pilot Award - For one film of up to five minutes long. Maximum grant £5,000. Match funding of 20% required. Ideal for first time filmmakers

Studio Award - For between two and four films of up to 10 minutes long. Maximum grant £25,000. Match funding of 40% required. Track record of filmmaking with young people necessary

What's the Big Idea. Maximum grant £1,000.

First Light Movies, Unit 6 Third Floor, The Bond, 180 - 182 Fazeley Street, Birmingham B5 5SE Tel: 0121 7534866

Email: info@firstlightmovies.com

Website: <http://www.firstlightmovies.com/funding/>

You can still apply for the Pilot Award and the What's The Big Idea? Award using the paper applications forms which can be found on the right hand side of this page.

However, the deadline for receipt of

these paper applications has passed.

APPLICATION PROCESS Application forms and guidelines for the Pilot Award are available to download from their website. Alternatively, you can request an application pack by calling Tel: 0870 770 3245.

From Tuesday 11th March you will only be able to apply to First Light Movies funding schemes via the on-line application process.

DEADLINES There are no deadlines for the Pilot Award. The next funding deadline for the Studio Award is Tuesday 25 September.

If you want to make an application for the Studio Award, the next deadline for applications will be on Tuesday 22nd April 2008. The application process will be available on-line from Tuesday 11th March.

LankellyChase Foundation Children's Summer Playschemes Small Grants 2008

AIMS funding for summer playschemes for children between the ages of 5 – 13 yrs.

ELIGINBILITY Preference is given to small local playschemes lasting 4 - 6 weeks, and groups planning special activities for youngsters who are disadvantaged. This includes summer activities for children in refuges and young carers.

They support: Summer Playschemes for children aged 5-13 years; Small local schemes lasting for 2-6 weeks; Schemes catering for youngsters who are disadvantaged; Schemes with strong volunteer support; Preference will be given to applications from organisations with an annual income of less than £300,000 per annum. They welcome applications from black voluntary sector and minority ethnic groups.

EXCLUSIONS Playschemes with a budget of over £12,000; Day Care; Schemes promoting religious beliefs or customs; Summer camps; Club or family holidays; Replacing equipment.

GRANT SIZE A limited number of grants are disbursed in small amounts, between £200 - £500, to organisations in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. In total approximately 150 grants are made each year.

APPLICATION PROCESS If you wish to

be considered please read the following guidelines and then complete the application form and return it as soon as possible.

Full guidelines and application form can be downloaded from their website.

LankellyChase Foundation, 1 The Court, High Street, Harwell, Didcot, Oxon OX11 0EY Tel & Fax: 01235 820044 Website: www.lankellychase.org.uk

DEADLINE Friday 2nd May 2008.

The Yorkshire Dales Sustainable Development Fund (SDF)

AIMS: Conserving and enhancing the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the Yorkshire Dales while promoting opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of the Yorkshire Dales' special qualities by the public.

The Fund is managed by the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust on behalf of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority and they have £200,000 to distribute over the next 3 years.

PRIORITIES They're looking for projects as far-ranging as community composting and appropriate renewable energy schemes to sustainable transport and eco-tourism. They want to support new and exciting ideas which have the backing of local communities.

ELIGIBILITY SDF provides grants to individuals, businesses, local authorities and community groups to fund sustainable new business ideas and community projects which will further the above aims. .

CONTACT SDF Project Officer – Isobel Hall can be contacted on 015242 51002.

Website: www.yorkshiredales.org.uk

DEADLINES You can apply to the Sustainable Development Fund (SDF) at any time of year as applications are assessed every three months.

2008 deadlines are 16 May, 15 August and 14 November.

(New) Tree Council Grants - Trees for Schools & Community Trees

AIMS The Tree Council's two grants programmes, the 'Trees for Schools' and 'Community Trees' 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. The Tree Council's National Tree Week (this year from 26 November to 7 December) is the focus for these projects and successful applicants organise their planting events in conjunction with our annual celebration of the new tree planting season.

ELIGIBILITY This grant is open to community groups, both formal and ad hoc, within the United Kingdom. Please ensure that children aged up to sixteen are included in the planting project.

GRANT SIZE They are able to fund projects between £100 and £700 and successful applicants will receive up to 75% towards their planting costs. For example, if your project totals £700, The Tree Council would offer up to £525. The remaining 25% will need to be secured by your school or organisation.

APPLICATION PROCESS If you are interested in applying in time for National Tree Week in 2008, you can download an application from their website or contact them for more information.

The Grants Committee have now revised their guidelines in relation to the funding of fruit trees. Guidance notes and application forms can be downloaded from their website.

CONTACT The Tree Council, 71 Newcomen Street, London SE1 1YT Tel: 020 7407 9992 Fax: 020 7407 9908 Email:

info@treecouncil.org.uk Website: <http://www.treecouncil.org.uk/?q=grants>

(New) Wellcome Trust People Award

Biomedical science is part of everyday life. We read about stem cells, cloning, and genetic fingerprinting in our morning newspapers, are given vaccines and pills, undergo surgery and fertility treatments and worry about getting old.

With a People Award, you could explore the impact of biomedical science on society, its historical roots, effects on different cultures, or the ethical questions that it brings. Our aim is to encourage people of all ages and from all walks of life to consider, question and debate the key issues of now and the future. We want people to be informed, inspired and involved.

People Awards support projects that aim to achieve at least one of the following: - stimulate interest, excitement and debate about biomedical science through various methods; - support formal and informal learning about biomedical science; - reach new audiences not normally engaged with biomedical science, as well as continuing to target existing audiences; - examine the social, cultural, historical and ethical impact of biomedical science; - encourage new ways of thinking about biomedical science; - encourage high quality interdisciplinary practice and collaborative partnerships; - investigate and test new methods of engagement, participation and education. Projects could include: - workshops, events, debates, discussions and exhibitions in public venues; - deliberative or opinion gathering projects; - teaching

materials or techniques to encourage wider discussions; - projects that utilise the collections of the Wellcome Library and the Wellcome Collection at the Science Museum.

Projects are expected to have some biomedical scientific input either through a scientist taking on an advisory role or through direct collaboration. Applicants are encouraged to investigate new methods of interdisciplinary working as well as new models of engagement in biomedical science. We also welcome applications focusing on issues surrounding international biomedical science and health.

EXCLUSIONS Standard health education and promotion projects or projects dealing purely with non-biomedical sciences are not eligible.

GRANT SIZE People awards are up to £30 000 for a maximum of three years.

ELIGIBILITY Applicants must be based in the UK or the Republic of Ireland and the activity must take place in the UK or the Republic of Ireland. Applicants are usually affiliated to organisations, but can apply as individuals.

The scheme is open to a wide range of people, including mediators and practitioners of science communication; science centre/museum staff; artists;

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educators; health professionals; and academics in bioscience, social science, bioethics and history.

Organisations might include: museums and other cultural attractions; arts agencies; production companies; broadcast media; schools; local education authorities; universities and colleges; youth clubs; community groups; research institutes; the NHS; and science centres. Partnership projects (between different people and organisations, e.g. scientists and ethicists, educators and artists) are welcomed.

APPLICATION PROCESS Applications must be made on the Wellcome Trust application form available from Website: <http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/people> Applicants are encouraged to contact the People Awards office well in advance of the deadline to check project eligibility. They are offering free grants workshops for those interested in applying. York - Thursday 18 September 2008 (venue TBC). The workshops will start at 10.30 and finish at 17.00.

CONTACT All enquiries and application forms should be addressed to: People Awards, Medicine, Society and History Grants, Wellcome Trust, 183 Euston Road, London NW1 2BE Tel: 020 7611

8401 Email: people@wellcome.ac.uk
Website: <http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/engagingscience>

DEADLINES *Remaining deadlines for the People Awards in 2008 are: 2 May, 18 July and 10 October.*

Decisions will be made approximately three months after the deadline. All eligible projects will be peer reviewed and assessed individually on merit and need by a Funding Committee.

(New) BIG - Family Learning

AIMS To help parents to understand more about how their children learn and encourages adults and children to learn as a family.

(By “family” they mean at least one parent or adult carer and at least one child under the age of 16).

ELIGIBILITY They will only fund projects that involve adults and children learning together and deliver all three of the following changes: family members participate in and enjoy educational activity more family members have more skills and knowledge (these may include confidence and effective communication); parents and carers are better able to interact positively with their children and support them in learning.

They want to support families who face barriers to learning or who are not confident helping their children to learn. They are particularly interested in hearing from projects where learning is not based on getting a qualification and those that will help families who have not been involved in learning together before. They are looking for imaginative projects that meet local needs and remove the practical barriers to learning, for example, by providing travel costs, additional support for disabled participants, or childcare.

You can apply to Family Learning if you are: a registered charity; a voluntary or community group; a statutory body, including schools and children’s centres; a charitable or not-for-profit company; a

social enterprise; a private sector organisation.

Statutory bodies and private sector organisations applying must involve a voluntary or community sector partner in planning and running the project.

GRANT SIZE You can apply for grants of over £10,000 and up to £500,000, though they would expect the average grant to be between £100,000 - £150,000. They will fund projects for up to five years. You can apply on a local or national basis.

APPLICATION PROCESS If you have any questions about this programme, or you want an application pack and guidance notes, please call the Big Lottery Fund Advice Line Tel: 0845 4 10 20 30. You can also download the pack and guidance notes from website: http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_family_learning.htm?regioncode=-uk&progStatus=open&status=theProg&title=Family Learning

DEADLINE Closes for applications 29 August 2008

Big Lottery Fund - International Communities

AIMS They will fund projects that: improve access to better and more relevant primary education for the most disadvantaged boys and girls; improve health for the most disadvantaged people, specifically through improved mother and child health, improved reproductive health, improved measures to prevent HIV/AIDS and mitigate its impact, improved measures to prevent and control locally significant diseases and improved mental health; improve allocation of natural resources to benefit the most disadvantaged people, specifically through improved access to safe water and sanitation, improved access to land and reduced vulnerability to environmental shocks and stresses; improve human rights for the most disadvantaged people, specifically through an improved environment in which to exercise their civil and political rights and the enabling of human rights defenders to campaign peacefully for civil and political rights; improve access to sustainable financial resources for the most disadvantaged people.

International Communities will fund projects in Africa, Asia, (including the Pacific and Central Asian republics) the Middle East, Central and South America, the Caribbean, Central and Eastern Europe (including the Russian Federation and the Caucasus, excluding members of the European Union).

Funding for the sustainable development and reconstruction of areas affected by the Tsunami will be delivered through

International Communities.

PRIORITIES In particular, they want to fund projects that: restore livelihoods and empower communities; serve the needs of particularly vulnerable groups; and rebuild local organisations and communities.

GRANT SIZE Minimum grant: £50,000. Maximum grant: £500,000. Total available: £30 Million.

APPLICATION PROCESS Guidance notes and Application Forms are available on Website: http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_international_communities.htm?regioncode=-uk&status=theProg

CONTACT Big Advice Line Tel: 0845 4 10 20 30
Big Lottery Fund, 1 Plough Place, London EC4A 1DE Tel. 020 7211 1800 Fax. 020 7211 1750 Website: www.biglotteryfund.org.uk

DEADLINE Open for applications until 30 April 2008

Funding Training Programme

York CVS, City of York Council and NYFVO have developed a programme of six low cost training courses aimed at helping local organisations get to grips with funding and fundraising issues.

These courses are now being delivered throughout North Yorkshire in 2007.

Course 1: Foundation for Success

Course 2: Funders and Applications

Course 3: Developing a Fundraising Strategy

Course 4: Improving Applications

Course 5: Outcomes and Evaluation

Course 6: Getting company support

Course 7: Creativity in Fundraising

The programme is designed to meet all levels of funding knowledge, skills and experience. It is aimed at people completely new to fundraising right through to people with over one year's experience.

If you would like to know where and when these courses will be held please visit our website: <http://www.nyfvo.org.uk/fundingadvice.shtml> or contact David Munro, Funding Advice Network Coordinator at NYFVO, telephone 01347 825710. Or contact your local Funding Adviser as detailed in the above website link.

Funding Advice Service

Your Local Funding Adviser, based within local infrastructure organisations, are available to provide support to voluntary and community organisations with the following:

- ◆ Assistance with searching for sources of funding.
- ◆ Guidance with writing quality funding applications.
- ◆ Support with planning your fundraising and writing funding strategies.
- ◆ Advice on enabling your project to continue should funding come to an end.

To find your local Funding Adviser's contact details go to the NYFVO website: <http://www.nyfvo.org.uk/fundingadvice.shtml>

GRANTNET

GRANTfinder is a funding database containing comprehensive and up-to-date information about grants in the UK.

North Yorkshire County Council has a quick and easy version called 'Grantnet' which is available free of charge to everyone through their website:

www.northyorks.gov.uk/grantfinder

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