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The aim of this e-shot is to keep Community groups informed about newly released funding or grants that will be changing and we hope this will be helpful for any new projects you are planning. If you would prefer not to receive this communication in future or if it should go to someone else in your group, please let us know on 01473 345300.

For more detailed funding advice Suffolk ACRE offers a Funding Advice Service to help identify funders for the projects you are planning, for further information on the service or to have a funding search completed please contact 01473 345300 or email fundingadvice@suffolkacre.org.uk .

FREE Training Available from Suffolk ACRE

Fully funded courses are available for participants based in Suffolk within the social enterprise, voluntary and community sectors. The courses will be held at Brightspace in the coming months and include:

- 3 day **Business Plans** course for individuals and/or organisations that need to write a realistic, functional and useable business plan. The course will run from 10am-4pm on the 7th, 14th and 21st October 2010 at Brightspace, Ipswich.
- 1 day **Market Opportunities** course for organisations looking to expand, increase their income generation potential or wanting to attract new customers on 24th November 2010 from 10am-4pm at Brightspace, Ipswich.



For participants outside Suffolk the course fee is £195 + VAT for the Business Plans course or £85 + VAT for the Market Opportunities course. The courses will be delivered by The Guild a leading provider of business support, training and consultancy to the social enterprise, voluntary and community sectors.

For further details please contact 01473 345311 or email elizabeth.storer@suffolkacre.org.uk

The Prince's Countryside Fund

The charitable objectives of the Fund are as follows:

- The conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment in farming and/or rural areas.
- The advancement of education in all matters relating to farming and/or rural areas.
- The prevention or relief of poverty in farming and/or rural areas.
- The advancement of health in farming and/or rural areas.
- The promotion, for the benefit of the public, of any charitable purposes and in particular charitable purposes connected with rural regeneration in areas of social and economic deprivation throughout the UK by all or any of the following means: the relief of financial hardship; the advancement of education, training or retraining, particularly among unemployed people, and providing unemployed people with work experience; and the provision of financial assistance to promote employment opportunities in farming and/or rural areas.

The total amount of funding available in each application round will vary. Minimum and maximum levels of funding for each funding tranche will be specified in the application documentation when available.

The focus areas for the Fund are as follows :

Projects to improve the sustainability of British farming in areas of deprivation

Projects to improve the sustainability of rural communities

Projects to reconnect people with the countryside

Applications will be accepted from organisations operating in the United Kingdom. Applicants can be, but do not need to be, charities.

Applicants are expected to be able to demonstrate the support of the community which will benefit from the project and show evidence of consulting the community. Applicants that can demonstrate a track record of successful project management will also be favoured.

Application forms and a deadline date are expected to be made available following the Trustee's meeting in October 2010. Until then, the Fund is accepting outline proposals by e-mail, although an application form will still need to be completed when these become available.

Further information can be found at <http://princescountrysidefund.org.uk/our-projects/apply-funding>

Courtesy of Grantfinder

Babergh East Local Strategic Partnership Grants

Babergh East LSP has launched its fourth round of small community grants. The application form and guidance notes are available on Babergh's website using the link is below.

<http://www.babergh.gov.uk/Babergh/Home/Community+-+people+-+living/Local+Strategic+Partnerships/>

Applications may be made by voluntary organisations or Parish Councils and the activities of the applicant organisation must take place within the area of the Babergh East LSP. The maximum grant likely to be awarded is £1,000. If you have any queries or require assistance please call Tim Mutum on 01473 825718.

Projects must support initiatives that promote one of the following themes:-

a) Young people's participation in positive activities.

Examples are: activities organised by sport and youth clubs, scouts, guides, especially those that are aiming to involve children or young people who have not previously taken part and/or in which there is some input from young people in the organising, e.g. peer-led healthier living campaign; initiatives seeking to tackle anti-social behaviour in ways that re-directs young people's interests/outlook into community-focused action, e.g. a stop litter campaign, wildlife garden, art or cultural activity e.g. community mural.

b) Adult participation in sport and active recreation.

Examples are: sport or activities that promote a healthier lifestyle, especially amongst adults who do not or seldom undertake such activities; projects seeking to recruit more volunteers to supervise sport activities for children or young people; projects seeking to train people as coaches for sport activities undertaken by children, young people or adults.

c) Vulnerable people achieving independent living.

Examples are: Lunch clubs for older people, befriending and good neighbour schemes, community transport; initiatives seeking to enable people with mental health difficulties or learning disabilities achieve skills that will promote their independence, e.g. cooking, managing money Note: A vulnerable individual in this instance is defined as being a person aged 19 years or over whose ability to live independently is compromised by a physical or mental disability, long-term illness, or advancing years.

d) Improving the area's natural or historic environment

Examples are: improving village greens, local ponds or creating a natural play area for children; tree and hedgerow planting; information boards relating to countryside sites; leaflets promoting countryside sites; improvements to publicly accessible paths.

BIG Lottery Fund Launches £200m Community Fund

The Big Lottery Fund (BIG) has opened its search for an organisation to set up and run a £200m independent charitable trust that will help turn urban and rural neighbourhoods across England into better places to live.

The first 50 areas each to benefit from at least £1m good cause Lottery funding through the BIG Local Trust have been announced and include the **Whitehouse and Whitton** areas of Ipswich.

BIG is calling for expressions of interest from organisations who wish to run the Trust by Thursday 12 August 2010.



The money will be given out through local funding schemes in each of the Big Local Trust target neighbourhoods. Each neighbourhood will roll out the funding over ten years. The targeted neighbourhoods were selected following extensive analysis and discussion with local partners. They are all places that have a history of difficulty in obtaining resources, including funding from BIG.

The programme builds on BIG's commitment to pioneering flexible, long-term and locally determined approaches such as the Fair Share Trust programme, which since 2002, has been investing £50 million in 77 neighbourhoods across the UK. Locally, Suffolk ACRE has administered the very successful FST programme covering four specific wards in Lowestoft. The programme has resulted in a range of sustainable projects working with a variety of community groups.

Further information about the BIG Local Trust can be found on their website http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_biglocaltrust?tab=3.

BIG Youth in Focus (England) Launches on 1st September

Through Youth in Focus, the Big Lottery Fund (BIG) will make up to £30 million available for projects in England that support vulnerable young people through difficult changes in their lives.

BIG has limited funds available for this programme - up to £30 million in total. Most applications will be for between £500,000 and £1 million, however, BIG will consider applications for less than £500,000. BIG is also looking to award three grants of up to £1.5 million. These will be for England-wide projects that raise national awareness of the issues affecting the young people that Youth in Focus is targeting, share learning and inform policy and practice.

The programme will pay for:

- some or all of the project costs for between three and five years; and
- a contribution towards the organisation's overheads.

Organisations from the voluntary and community sector with a track record of working with the target groups are eligible to apply for funding.

The programme officially opened on 1 September 2010 and the deadline for receipt of applications will be 30 November 2010.

Eligible Activities

BIG will fund projects that work with young people to:

- improve their confidence, skills and knowledge - so they can deal better with the life events that affect them; and
- provide more effective support that is joined up with other services - so they can tackle challenges better.

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- a contribution towards the organisation's overheads.

Who Can Apply

Organisations from the voluntary and community sector with a track record of working with the target groups are eligible to apply for funding.

The voluntary and community sector is required to link up with other organisations and form wider partnerships. Key to the programme will be that young people are involved. This is an England-only programme.

The programme cannot fund building or refurbishment work.

Criteria

Applicants will be expected to:

- target one or more of the groups that Youth in Focus aims to support;
- involve the young people who will benefit throughout, from the earliest stages;
- form a partnership of voluntary, public or private sector organisations with relevant expertise, led by a voluntary sector organisation;
- make sure that the benefits of the project carry on after BIG's funding ends; and
- share what they have learnt with BIG and others.

Link to guidelines: http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_youth_focus

Courtesy of Grantfinder.

Launch of the Big Lottery Fund's Community Wildlife Programme

The Big Lottery Fund has teamed up with the BBC to launch the Community Wildlife Programme, which brings communities together to improve or protect the natural environment by raising awareness of threatened wildlife or places.

The programme celebrates 2010, the International Year of Biodiversity, by allowing local groups and communities to get more involved with, enhance and protect their local wildlife. Not-for-profit organisations, social enterprises, local councils and schools or health bodies may apply for support.

Grants of between £300 and £10,000 are being provided for one-year projects that:

- Improve rural or urban environments for people to enjoy, for example by:
 - protecting wildlife habitats;
 - creating a nature trail, woodland walk or wildlife garden; or
 - improving community spaces such as rivers, ponds, woodlands.
- Projects that get people more active and healthier, for example by:
 - exploring parks, rivers and the countryside to look for rare or endangered species;
 - encouraging people to take up gardening or to go on nature walks; or
 - providing opportunities for children to learn about nature through play.

Community Wildlife will be officially launched on the BBC's Springwatch show on Tuesday 8 June at 8pm .

The programme has three funding rounds. The deadlines for receipt of applications for each round are 21 July 2010; 22 September 2010 and 24 November 2010. Further details are available at <http://www2.biglotteryfund.org.uk/>. Courtesy of Grantfinder.

Funding Available from Suffolk Foundation

If you are involved with a community group in your area a grant from The Suffolk Foundation could help to support your cause.

Grassroots Grants Programme

Applications for the final round of grassroots grants need to be submitted in September for the assessment panel on 1st October. Grants of up to £5000 available for core costs and projects. This is a 'quick decision' programme for groups with under £30,000 income. To qualify you must be a group who has been established for over 12 months and have an annual income of under £30,000 per year or the equivalent of under £90,000 taken as an average over the last three years.

You do not need to be a registered charity, but you do need to be working towards alleviating disadvantage.

Communities Together Fund

Funding is available for projects bringing two different communities/cultures together.

Funding applications can be for amounts up to £3,000 from voluntary and community groups in Suffolk whose primary aim is to improve the quality of people's lives.

The closing date for applications is 1st November 2010

Applications forms and details are at http://www.suffolkfoundation.org.uk/grant/app_form.html

For more info contact Sue Wright email: sue.wright@suffolkfoundation.org.uk or tel: 01473 734127

B&Q Waste Donate Scheme

Schools, charities and community groups can apply for products and materials through this

scheme which operates via its stores in the UK. Applications can be made at any time

For info click [here](#)

Funding Green Buildings In Suffolk – Open Days 9 – 12 September 2010

The Suffolk Green Buildings Network is providing Green Buildings Open Days as part of English Heritage's Open Days. The open days offer guided, informative tours of energy-efficient properties and projects between 9 - 12 September 2010.

The Suffolk Green Buildings Network is a collaboration between the Creating the Greenest County Delivery Partnership, UCS and many other partners. We now have a growing number of green buildings that are cheaper to heat, cheaper to light, have less environmental impact and are better adapted to climate change. The purpose of the network is to raise the profile of these fantastic buildings, inspiring others to commission similar projects.

Among the eleven properties featured for 2010 are a contemporary family home designed with the aim of achieving carbon neutrality, a Tudor public building dating from about 1500, new build and retrofit village halls and buildings built from straw bales.

The buildings opening for tours in 2010 are:

1. Assington Mill, Nr Sudbury : Buildings at the Mill have been restored using local craftsmen and materials. The new tractor shed, storytelling hut and Owl Tower have been built from straw bales and rendered with clay or traditional lime plaster. Other traditional or eco technologies for viewing are: locally made bricks; ground source heat pumps; under floor heating; wood burning stove; sunpipes and a newly installed water wheel which will generate electricity for the buildings.
2. Bruisyard Village Hall, Nr Framlingham: New build rural village built to the highest energy conservation standards with very high levels of thermal and acoustic insulation, solar panels for water heating and an under floor heating system using an air-source heat pump.
3. Flint Cottage, Nr Bury St Edmunds: 19th Century flint knapped cottage with a retrofit ground source heat pump supplying conventional radiators. A retrofit system reducing heating bills by impressive amounts.
4. Village Hall, Great Barton: Retrofit and new build installation of a ground source heat pump and photo voltaic panels in a 1950s village hall bringing benefits to the community by reducing costs and cutting the carbon footprint.
5. Tudor Public Building, Wyverstone: See an air source heat pump, solar thermal panels, whole house heat recovery and high standards of insulation in a sixteenth century Guildhall , reputedly the smallest of its type in the country, recently restored to its

original glory and linked renovated barn .

6. Mill Green Brewery, Edwardstone: A new commercial building using traditional building , green insulation and heating methods such as locally made bricks using on site clay, lime plaster, wooden weather boarding, lambs wool insulation low energy lighting, a solar hot water heating system and biomass boiler.
7. New Build Hemp House and award winning office conversion near Sudbury: Both house and office are models of zero carbon buildings with efficient natural insulation materials, lime based construction, biomass boilers, solar water heating, rainwater recycling, food grown on site for self reliant lifestyle, own livestock reared for meat and manure production.
8. Reg Driver Centre, Christchurch Park, Ipswich: The Centre, designed to fit into and make the most of the surrounding landscape and to be as eco friendly as possible contains several eco features namely: insulation and glazing to make the most of natural light and heat, a woodchip boiler with under floor zoned heating, green roof, sun pipes for lighting, rainwater harvester, solar, photovoltaic panels so lots to see all in one place. Tours of backroom facilities are being offered during Heritage Open Days.
9. Sproughton Tithe Barn: 17th Century community owned barn where costs and carbon have been dramatically reduced through insulation which has achieved a 39% heat saving per person using the barn.
10. The Arc Nr Boxford: A contemporary family home designed to achieve carbon neutrality from the handling of the excavated soil in the construction process to the orientation of the building, its design and construction. Everything has been designed to capture the maximum of natural heat and light whilst retaining all possible heat within the building. Space heating is by passive solar, combined with the high thermal mass of the building. Backup heating is by low-power under floor electric cables further backup is supplied by a wood-burning stove in the main living area but rarely used.
11. UCS Waterfront Building: This iconic sustainable building has a sloping sedum roof, high performance glazing, a concrete structure designed to act as 'thermal battery', an extensive heat recovery system including a heat wheel using fresh air circulation i.e. no air conditioning, water saving systems and contingencies for climate adaptation - there is a flood mitigation system with no electrical systems within 900mm of ground level and walls and floors designed to withstand flood damage. A building management system controls variable-speed ventilation and heating systems and there is no incandescent lighting (except in the lifts!). Lighting controlled by occupancy sensors in many areas.

Booking is essential for most of the tours. Bookings can be made online through the Suffolk Green Buildings Network website: http://www.greensuffolk.org/green_buildings/events. The attached leaflet is only available electronically, so please download or print off for further information.

Further information about most of these buildings can also be found on the website.

If you are unable to book online please call Hilary Stearn on 01473 264780 or email:

sgbn@suffolk.gov.uk

Directions to each property will be sent on booking. Please note that tour numbers for some buildings is limited so early booking is recommended.



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