



# Funding E-Shot

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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](mailto:fundingadvice@suffolkacre.org.uk).

### Support for Local Communities to Set Up Community Owned Pubs Announced

A new support programme has been announced to help local communities to set up and run community-owned pubs. The support programme, led by the Plunkett Foundation, is part of a 12 point action plan announced by Pubs Minister John Healey to give practical support to community pubs up and down the country.

The programme will provide support for up to 50 communities to set up and run community-owned pubs over the next three years. The £3.3m programme will provide grants to communities matched with loans from Co-operative and Community Finance and a contribution from the communities themselves. Alongside funding, the programme will provide a range of advice and support to communities to help them through the process of setting up a community owned pub.

For further information about the programme please contact Mike Perry on 01993 814381 or at [mike.perry@plunkett.co.uk](mailto:mike.perry@plunkett.co.uk)

### Hilden Charitable Fund - Now Open to Applications

The Hilden Charitable Fund awards grants to projects both in the UK and in developing countries, with the aim of addressing disadvantage, particularly in support of causes less likely to attract public funding.

The Fund's current funding priorities in the UK are as follows:

- Homelessness.
- Asylum seekers and refugees.
- Community-based initiatives for young people aged 16-25.
- Penal affairs.

Applications are invited from registered charities and other charitable organisations in the UK, although preference is given to charities with an income of less than £200,000 per year.

Grants are rarely given to well-funded national charities, as funding is directed largely at supporting work at a community level within the Fund's categories of interest.

The Overseas Countries funding programme is designed to help small and medium-sized community development, education and health initiatives. Trustees will particularly welcome projects that address the needs and potential of girls and women.

The Fund will be pleased to hear from UK non-governmental organisations/charities and hopes that UK NGOs/charities will encourage their local partners, if appropriate, to apply directly to Hilden for grant aid.

For further information visit <http://www.hildencharitablefund.org.uk/>

The deadline for applications is the first week in September 2010. Courtesy of Grantfinder.

### **UnLtd - Level 2 Awards: Notice of Opening Date for Autumn 2010 Round**

UnLtd has announced that the autumn 2010 funding round of the UnLtd Millennium Awards (Level 2) will open to Expressions of Interest on 6 August 2010.

Social entrepreneurs in England and Northern Ireland that have ambition, drive, determination and a vision to bring about social change are invited to apply for practical and financial support.

Awards are offered on two levels:

- Level 1 – awards of between £500 and £5,000 for individuals who need help getting their project off the ground. Support is available for project running costs.
- Level 2 - awards of up to £15,000 are available for individuals whose project can be scaled-up to create a sustained impact within their community.

Funding is intended to take projects to the next level and may be used, for example, for living expenses of award winners so that their time may be devoted to the project. Further information is available by visiting <http://www.unltd.org.uk/>

The autumn 2010 deadline for receipt of Expression of Interest forms for the Level 2 awards is 6 September 2010 (12 noon).

Applications for Level 1 awards may be made at any time. Courtesy of Grantfinder.

### **SITA Trust Launches New Young Person's Volunteering Fund**

SITA Trust has launched a new fund to support volunteering opportunities for young people. The Young Person's Volunteering Fund has been created to assist young people aged 14-25 to volunteer their time to create or enhance facilities that can be enjoyed by the wider community.

Grants of up to £10,000 are available for each project undertaken.

Applicants must be able to demonstrate that:

- young people will be fully involved in the design and development of the project;
- the project is compliant with the rules of the Landfill Communities Fund; and
- the project takes into account the nine principles of volunteering as set out by the Youth Action Network.

Projects must take place within a SITA Trust 'funding zone'. A funding zone is anywhere within a three mile radius of a qualifying SITA UK waste processing location. A location postcode checker is provided on the SITA Trust website. <http://www.sitatrust.org.uk/>

The first deadline for applications to the new fund is 4 June 2010.

There will be two further deadlines in 2010: 9 August and 11 October. Courtesy of Grantfinder.

### **Winston Churchill Memorial Trust - 2011 Travelling Fellowship Programme Now Open**

The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust awards Travelling Fellowships to British citizens aged 18 and above on 31 December 2010 who are resident in the UK, to cover the costs of an overseas project lasting between four and twelve weeks.

The 2011 Fellowship categories are as follows:

- Arts, Crafts and Music.
- Business, Industry and Commerce.
- Citizen and Civil Society.
- Education and Training.
- Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.
- Exploration, Adventure and Sport.
- Medical, Health and Social Services.
- Professions and the Public Services.
- Science, Engineering, Technology and Communications.
- Open.

The Trust will consider applications in support of projects that will bring real benefit to the applicant as an individual and will enable positive benefit to their community or field of interest. Further information is available at <http://www.wcmt.org.uk/>

The deadline for applications to the 2011 Travelling Fellowship programme is 5 October 2010 (5 pm). Courtesy of Grantfinder.

### **BIFFA Main Grants for the East of England**



The Biffaward grant scheme is funded through the Landfill Community Fund and managed by the Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts (RSWT). Across Britain Biffaward has awarded over £95 million to almost 2,000 projects. Grants vary from £250 – £5,000 (small grants), to £5,000 £50,000 (main grants) and up to £500,000 (flagship grants), and can be for one of the following categories:

- Community Buildings
- Recreation
- Cultural
- Biodiversity

Since 2004 Rural Action East has worked in partnership with RSWT to increase Biffaward grants awarded in the East of England. With colleagues from across the Rural Community Council network and partners such as Natural England, Biffa Waste Services and EEDA, we have promoted the scheme which has resulted in a significantly increased number of communities benefiting from the fund.

Rural Action East works with community groups to complete an application and advises on the evidence and information required to improve the chances of winning a grant. Once a grant has been awarded Rural Action East guides and supports the community group through the project until completion.

The success of the scheme means it has become very competitive during the past year with greater funding allocated to Biodiversity and Cultural projects. We would welcome more applications from these types of projects, but will continue to support applications made for Community Buildings and Recreation facilities.

For further information take a look at our website: [www.RuralActionEast.org.uk](http://www.RuralActionEast.org.uk) or feel free to contact us on 01473 345346 or email: [enquiries@RuralActionEast.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@RuralActionEast.org.uk). For latest news and information visit:

**[www.biffaward.org.uk](http://www.biffaward.org.uk)**

### **vcashpoint - Rounds 8 and 9 Now Open to Applications**

v cashpoint is seeking to provide funding for small volunteer-led projects in England that are inspired by the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Grants of up to £2,500 are available to individuals aged 16 to 25 for projects that clearly benefit a chosen community and fit within v 's five themes for the 2012 Games:

- Sport.
- Culture.
- Environment.

- Health.
- Education.

Applicants must also demonstrate how their project reflects at least one of the seven values of the Olympic and Paralympic Games:

- Respect.
- Excellence.
- Friendship.
- Courage.
- Determination.
- Inspiration.
- Equality.

Successful applicants may be considered by the London 2012 Organising Committee to carry the London 2012 Inspire mark which officially recognises their project as part of the 2012 Games.

The deadlines for applications is 6 September 2010 (12 noon). Courtesy of Grantfinder. Further information can be found by visiting <http://vinspired.com/>

### **£5 Million Fund for UK Service Leaders Opens to Registrations of Interest**

The Government's "Be The Boss" campaign builds on the veterans support package first announced in the Pre Budget Report 2009 and is delivered by the Royal British Legion, providing ex-service personnel with loans and grants to assist with the costs of starting and growing a business.

The £5 million UK Government funded scheme aims to help Service leavers looking to start their own business or become self-employed, by providing a number of options to assist with business development ideas.

The programme consists of the following two types of funding:

- Business Grant - a grant of up to £7,500 can be provided for eligible applicants to assist with the costs of starting up in business.
- Business Loan - a loan of up to £30,000 can be provided to support businesses.

The Royal British Legion will also increase the support available to those choosing to participate in the programme by including the following services:

- Business Information, Advice and Guidance - helping people to:
  - market and sell their product;
  - manage their finances;
  - employ people;

- find and keep customers;
  - pay the correct tax; and
  - identify funding and support.
- Mentoring Support - working with existing providers of mentoring support to provide ongoing assistance for those in the early stage of their business career.

The support listed above is open to anyone who has been discharged from the UK Armed Forces since October 2001 and who is looking to start their own business.

The application process is currently being finalised and is anticipated to be available shortly. Applicants are encouraged at present, however, to register their interest in the scheme via e-mail to [betheboss@civvystreet.org](mailto:betheboss@civvystreet.org). Details of the full application process, along with any associated deadlines, will be reported by GRANTfinder as soon as such information becomes available. Courtesy of Grantfinder

### **Cracking the Code Bursary Scheme - Round 5 Now Open to Applications**

Round 5 of the National Council for Voluntary Organisation's Cracking the Code Bursary Scheme is now open to applications. Bursaries of up to £500 are available to small third sector infrastructure organisations in England with an annual income of less than £500,000.

The bursary scheme aims to support small infrastructure organisations to improve their governance based on all, or any, of the following principles that form part of *Good Governance: A Code for the Voluntary and Community Sector* :

- Board leadership.
- The Board in control.
- The high performance Board.
- Board review and renewal.
- Board delegation.
- Board and trustee integrity.
- The open Board.

Bursaries can be used for a wide range of activities including the following:

- Organising a Board 'Away Day'; bringing in an external facilitator and hiring a venue.
- Training on the latest legal updates or the roles and responsibilities of Board members.
- Getting advice on creating a trustee expenses policy, developing role descriptions for the Board, structuring sub-committees or developing a conflict of interests policy.
- Improving recruitment and induction systems; carrying out a skills assessment, developing a recruitment strategy and creating trustee induction packs.

- Holding a stakeholder forum to improve strategic planning.
- Carrying out a governance review.

Further information can be found at <http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/>

The Round 5 deadline for applications is 30 June 2010. Courtesy of Grantfinder.

### **Big Lottery Fund Announces Improvements to the Reaching Communities Programme for England**

The Big Lottery Fund (BIG) has introduced a series of improvements to the Reaching Communities programme for England, designed to make it easier for groups to apply.

At least £300 million will be awarded to projects making a difference to the lives of individuals and communities most in need, until 2013. The programme will continue to make awards of between £10,000 and £500,000 and will provide funding for up to five years.

There is no change to who can apply, what can be funded or the difference BIG wants to make with this programme. Applications may be submitted by voluntary and community groups, registered charities, schools and social enterprises. Grants will be awarded for projects that:

- offer people better chances in life, including being able to get better access to training and development;
- build strong communities, with more active citizens, working together to tackle their problems;
- develop improved rural and urban environments, which communities are better able to access and enjoy; and
- create healthier and more active people and communities.

The improvements to the programme include the following:

- For those applying for less than £40,000 per year, there will be a simpler application process and faster decision making than for those seeking greater amounts. This improvement is intended to benefit smaller organisations in particular.
- Groups that are invited by BIG to complete a full application will now have a better chance of being funded.
- BIG will provide more support for applicants at every stage of the application process, particularly in those areas, and for those groups, that have received less funding than expected.

BIG is also in the process of developing a capital stream which will launch later this year. More information on this will be made available as the programme evolves.

Organisations that have downloaded the old outline proposal must submit it to BIG by Friday 14 May 2010.

Following this, they will have six months to submit a full application. Organisations using the new version of the application form may submit their proposals at any time.

Further details can be found at

[http://www2.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog\\_reaching\\_communities](http://www2.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_reaching_communities) Courtesy of Grantfinder.



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