



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.

COMMA Fund Opens

A new round of COMMA funding opened on March 1st ; groups with almost any community activity can be supported providing they meet the five conditions set. National ACRE is again delivering the grants on behalf of DEFRA, funded by the Aggregates Levy on quarries with Suffolk ACRE administering the fund in Suffolk.

The conditions that need to be met to be eligible for the funding are:

- the community where the project is based is or has been affected by aggregates extraction or transport of aggregates
- the proposed project is within 10km of an aggregates extraction site, either current or disused

- the project must benefit the whole community or a section of the community, not an individual
- the applicant must be a community organisation, a charity or a Parish Council

Council

- all project works funded by COMMA grants this year must be capable of completion by the end of March 2011

Demand for this funding has been high but in the last funding round Creeting St Mary Village Hall were awarded £20,000 and Somersham Community Shop received £8,000 getting them both closer to realising their projects.

Support and advice is offered when completing the application form so that applications are focused on the main priorities of the fund. The aggregate site locations can be found on our website www.suffolkacre.org.uk or for more information or an application form



please call or e-mail Elizabeth Storer on 01473 345311/
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The closing date for applications is Friday 14th May.

Enterprising Communities Fund

Funding is available for new community businesses (or genuinely new initiatives being set up by existing ones), run by the community for the community. Community shops are perhaps the best example, although funding has already supported two markets, a gym for young people and two community radio stations, so the options are quite wide ranging.

The funding itself derives from County Council, District Councils and Local Strategic Partnership contributions, with the overall fund administered by Suffolk County Council. Suffolk ACRE, has been engaged by Suffolk County Council to identify possible projects for support and to help applicants through the application process.

One of the key requirements of projects is that the business or new initiative should have clear potential to be self-sustaining, and support is available to help applicants explore trading possibilities, assist with pricing and financial projections and so on. There should also be some clear evidence of the need for the service, perhaps following a Parish Plan or other form of local consultation.

Projects supported can expect to receive an average of £5,000 to assist with their plans, and Suffolk ACRE can of course assist with identifying other possible sources of funds – the Enterprising Communities fund will only contribute up to 50% of total project costs. However, support can be by way of capital or revenue, or a combination of the two.

Projects will need to be able to show that they can be fully operative no later than 31 October 2010 in order to qualify for this round of funding.

For further information or to discuss your project please contact Barry Henson at Suffolk ACRE on either 01473 345332 or barry.henson@suffolkacre.org.uk

Corporate Regeneration Fund

The purpose of the Corporate Regeneration Fund (CRF) is to provide a match funding pool of capital funds for organisations throughout Suffolk to draw in a range of external grants. It will support both internal County Council services and community organisations in Suffolk enabling them to access other sources of funding, e.g. Lottery, EEDA, EU . Projects should provide benefit to the people of Suffolk through community, economic or environmental regeneration or a combination thereof.

For applications to receive support from the Fund, the project must contribute towards the achievement of at least one of the county's community Strategy priorities outlined in Transforming Suffolk – Suffolk's Community Strategy 2008 – 2028. These are set out below:

- A Prosperous and Vibrant Economy
- Learning and Skills for the Future
- Creating the Greenest County
- Safe, Healthy and Inclusive Communities

The deadline for the next round will be **7th May 2010** at 5pm . For an application form and to discuss your project, please contact Andy Cuthbertson, External Funding Officer

Email: andrew.cuthbertson@suffolk.gov.uk

Telephone: 01473 264825

Please refer to the attached guidelines

[Suffolk County Council Link](#)

Big Lottery Fund Announces Details of a 'Lighter Touch' Version of the Reaching Communities Programme for England

The Big Lottery Fund has announced that at least £100 million a year is to be invested across England, in an improved version of its Reaching Communities programme, for each of the next five years.

The main aim of Reaching Communities is to help bring real improvements to communities and to the lives of people most in need. The new funding, which will be introduced this spring, comes with two distinct improvements.

Firstly, applicants seeking smaller sums of money - up to £40,000 a year - will be able to access this funding more easily, with a simplified application and assessment procedure. Secondly, a two-stage decision making process for larger bids will ensure that all applicants learn sooner whether their project is likely to receive funding. For those invited to the second stage, the likelihood of success will be higher.

Additionally, a third element, due to be launched in the autumn, will comprise a dedicated capital stream, responding to the high, unmet demand for funding for community buildings. This element will fund medium-sized refurbishments, new builds or extensions to community centres and village halls, meeting local community needs and aspirations.

These changes are a response to the Big Lottery Fund's Big Thinking consultation, which took place last year.

Applications to the current Reaching Communities Programme, for grants of between £10,000 and £500,000, may be submitted at any time.

Courtesy of Grantfinder

Build the Game

The Build the Game Scheme provides small grants for small facility projects. It replaces the former Facilities Grant up to £20,000 Scheme with one that will deliver genuine football development outcomes via a simpler and much quicker application process. The maximum grant available is £20,000 and whilst the Foundation will never pay more than 90% towards the cost of a project, the average level of grant the Foundation provides is 50%.

Funding must be spent on small facility projects and the Foundation welcomes applications from any not-for-profit organisations, including the following:

- Football clubs.
- Youth clubs with a football programme.

- Community groups/centres/clubs.
- Charitable organisations.
- Parish councils.
- Sports associations.
- Local authorities.
- Leagues.
- School sports partnerships.
- Educational establishments.

The Scheme has flexible criteria and there are many eligible items, so long as it is the right project for the right applicant. All projects must demonstrate they can support the growth and retention of grassroots football. A project that is considered to be an annual running cost, does not have appropriate insurance, or meet basic Child Protection or Health and Safety requirements, will not be eligible for grant aid.

Applicants must demonstrate a financial need for grant aid and contribute all of their own available money to a project. Financial contributions from other funding organisations are also expected.

Further details are available from:

The Football Foundation
Whittington House
19-30 Alfred Place
London
WC1E 7EA
Tel: 0845 345 4555 (Ext 4276)
Fax: 0845 345 7057
E-mail: facilities@footballfoundation.org.uk
Website: <http://www.footballfoundation.org.uk>

Courtesy of Grantfinder

Youth Music Open Programme 2010/2011 Open to Applications

The Youth Music Open Programme targets nearly £2 million of Youth Music's funding towards projects in England in the following priority areas:

- Early Years – advancing the learning and development of all children in their early years by aiming to ensure universal access to high quality music making in England.
- Challenging Circumstances – improving the life chances of children and young people in the most challenging circumstances by supporting them to achieve their full potential through engagement and progression in music making.
- Encouraging Talent and Potential – realising the musical talent and potential of children and young people by ensuring opportunity for all to develop their talent, regardless of background or chosen genre.

Grants of between £5,000 and £30,000 are available to organisations that work with children and young people between the ages of 0 and 18 in England. The programme also funds work with young people up to the age of 25 when they are:

- in detention;
- have special educational needs; or
- have disabilities.

The closing dates for applications to the 2010/2011 Programme are 10 May 2010; 10 September 2010; 10 December 2010 and 10 March 2011.

Courtesy of Grantfinder

Broads Authority - Sustainable Development Fund

The purpose of the Government's Sustainable Development Fund (SDF) is to enable local communities and other organisations to make a difference in national parks by promoting and achieving social, economic or environmental sustainability.

The Broads Authority is responsible for administering the SDF in the Broads and is particularly interested in projects that promote:

- sustainable tourism;
- renewable energy;
- the sustainable management of fens and broads;
- education for sustainability; and
- social inclusion.

The Fund offers two levels of funding:

- Small grants of up to £1,000.
- Large grants of up to 75% of project costs for charities and other voluntary sector bodies and up to 50% of costs for other organisations.

Applications are accepted from organisations or groups from the public, private or voluntary sectors from within or outside the Broads that can demonstrate their project supports the Broad Authority's work.

The deadline for large grant applications to be considered at the SDF Panel's April meeting is 26 March 2010. Applications for small grants can be made at any time.

For further information please visit <http://www.broads-authority.gov.uk/>

Courtesy of Grantfinder

Biffaward Small Grants 2009 - Open to Applications

The Biffaward 2009 Small Grants Scheme is now accepting applications.

The scheme offers grants of between £250 and £5,000 to support improvements and access to local amenities such as a community building, nature reserve, cycle path, playground, cultural facility or outdoor space.

The main criteria are as follows:

- The project must not cost more than £10,000 in total.
- The project site must be within 10 miles of a Biffa operation, and within 10 miles of a landfill site (owned by any company).
- The project must be eligible to be registered with ENTRUST under category D.
- There must be a minimum of 104 days' full public access to the project per year.
- The project must be completed within one year.

Applications can be submitted at any time. The Small Grants Panel meets approximately every eight weeks.

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Website: <http://www.biffaward.org>

Courtesy of Grantfinder

Comic Relief UK Grant Programme - Cycle 3 Now Open to Applications

Comic Relief's UK Grant Programme aims to bring about positive and lasting change in the lives of poor and disadvantaged people in the UK by investing in work that addresses people's immediate needs as well as tackling the root causes of poverty and injustice.

Registered charities and voluntary organisations (including social enterprises and community interest companies) in the UK are invited to apply for grants of between £25,000 and £40,000. Grants are available to cover running or capital costs of organisations or projects under the following programmes:

- Mental Health.
- Domestic and Sexual Abuse.
- Refugee and Asylum Seeking Women.
- Sexually Exploited and Trafficked Young People.
- Young People and Alcohol.
- Young People with Mental Health Problems.

- Local Communities.

The Cycle 3 deadline for applications is 14 May 2010.

Further details are available from:

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89 Albert Embankment
London
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Website: <http://www.comicrelief.com>

Courtesy of Grantfinder

The London 2012 'Open Weekend'

Is an annual UK-wide celebration of art, culture, sport, and everything that makes up the London 2012 Games. It's an opportunity for local community groups to showcase themselves and inspire

others. In Suffolk, we're launching Suffolk Open Weekend and making grants available to enable parish or town councils, community groups and groups of individuals across Suffolk to hold small cultural and sporting events to mark London 2012 Open Weekend.

Funding criteria:

- Events must be scheduled to happen within Suffolk during the '2012 Open Weekend' which

is 23rd to 25th July 2010.

- Any community group, organisation, Parish or Town Council, based in Suffolk can apply.
- Events must be of a cultural or sporting/physical activity nature held on the 2012 Open Weekend only. (Please see definition of 'cultural activity' below.)

Cultural activity Includes - architecture, archives, carnival and street theatre, crafts, dance,

design, fashion, film and video, food, gaming, gardens, heritage and historic environment,

libraries, literature, museums and galleries, music, opera, photography, poetry, science, theatre and visual arts, sport and physical activity

- Some evaluation of the event will be required, however, this will be minimal and we will provide details of this after the applications have been processed.
- Applications can be submitted from November 2009, and consideration will

be given to all ideas. However, we the panel's decision is final

- Groups are encouraged to also register their event on the London 2012

website www.london2012.com/get-involved/open-weekend To receive a promotional pack

Dates for submission of applications are as follows:- Round Closing Date 16 April 2010 **Funding panel date** 23 April 2010.

If your group would like to apply for a grant please complete the attached form.

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