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Suffolk ACRE Funding Newsletter - November 2011

The aim of this newsletter is to keep Community groups informed about funding or grants 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

Suffolk ACRE Training Programme

If you would like to become a community or social enterprise then the courses below will help you start off on the right foot. The training programme is supported by the BIG Lottery and bursaries may be available for eligible participants based in Suffolk from the social enterprise, voluntary and community sectors while funds last.

- Social Enterprise Legal Structures: Wednesday 9 November 10am-4pm

Aimed at individuals or organisations who want to find out more about social enterprise legal structures, this course is particularly useful for people wanting to set up their own social enterprise but is also appropriate for existing organisations looking at becoming a social enterprise.

- Business Plans: Wednesday 30 November 10am – 4pm

This course is for individuals and/or organisations that need to write a realistic, functional and useable business plan. The aim is to provide the skills needed to create a business plan and guide participants through why it is needed and what should be covered.

Courses for the New Year

- *Thinking About Social Enterprise? 1 February 2012 10am-1pm (half day)*
- *Understanding & Starting a Social Enterprise 22 February 2012 10am-4pm*
- *Social Enterprise Legal Structures 7 March 10am-4pm*
- *Business Plans 28 March 10am-4pm*

For further information or for a booking form please email elizabeth.storer@suffolkacre.org.uk or call 01473 345311.

The Big Tree Plant Funding

The main aim of The Big Tree Plant funding scheme is to encourage and support community groups to

plant trees in neighbourhoods where people live and work. The scheme can fund work such as community involvement, site surveys and expert advice as well as trees, planting materials, labour, and tree care and maintenance.

The Big Tree Plant funding scheme will give £4 million in grants during the campaign (2011 to 2015). We want this to pay for the planting of at least one million trees in a mixture of street trees, small groups of trees in greenspaces, and other neighbourhood tree planting.

For further information see <http://thebigtreeplant.direct.gov.uk/funding.html> or contact the grant administrator:

The Big Tree Plant funding scheme administrator

c/o Groundwork London, 12 Baron Street, London, N1 9LL.

Tel.: 0800 856 7984

E-mail: bigtreeplant@groundwork.org.uk

Big Lottery Announces £50 Million Investment for VCS Sector (England)

The Big Lottery Fund (BIG) has revealed it is to award an additional £50 million of grants to support England's voluntary and community sector through the impact of funding cuts. The funding will be allocated before the end of the financial year, strengthening the sector as it deals with the developing impact of budget cuts.

As part of the funding package, BIG has made £17 million available to fund an additional 650 charitable and community projects through its two main open grants programmes, Reaching Communities and Awards for All. The grants are designed to help the sector meet increased demand for support from communities and individuals most in need.

Additionally BIG will be offering grants of up to £10,000 to close to 1,000 existing BIG grant holders in the last 18 months of their projects to review the way they work and explore ways of becoming more sustainable. This can help the recipients develop a more effective operating model, partnership working, or finding new ways to deliver future projects.

Projects that are having a particularly significant impact will also receive an additional year's worth of funding to continue their project and carry out plans to make their projects more sustainable.

Nat Sloane, Chair of BIG's England Committee, said:

"We have listened to the sector who have made it very clear that the next few months are going to be a very difficult. There is likely to be a gradual and cumulative impact as services reduce or are withdrawn, and household income for some of the poorest and most vulnerable people and families in our society reduces further still.

"We have put a package together in response that allows us to support these services and projects to ensure they are getting the funding when they need it and to help them prepare for the increasingly difficult funding environment."

The full impact on the cutbacks is still to come according to the National Council for Voluntary

Organisations (NCVO) which estimates that voluntary and community groups will face a reduction in public funding of over £900 million by 2016, losing a total of £2.8 billion in that period.

NCVO Chief Executive, Sir Stuart Etherington, welcomed the announcement:

"This funding will provide some welcome relief for the sector during these challenging times, and help voluntary organisations to continue providing vital services."

www.biglotteryfund.org.uk

Health and Social Care Volunteering Fund - National Grants 2012 (England)

The Health and Social Care Volunteering Fund (HSCVF) National Grant Scheme has launched for 2012 with a bespoke partner search portal that will support interested organisations to find appropriate partners to meet the fund's requirements.

Projects that focus on volunteer involvement in key health, public health and social care areas such as personal budgets, cutting smoking and encouraging healthy eating will be targeted as part of this national fund that will run over the next three years.

Applicants can apply for up to £200,000 per annum for a maximum of three years to support four key priority areas including:

- Personalisation and choice of care and support.
- Delivering better health and care outcomes.
- Improving public health.
- Improving health and social care.

Expressions of Interest must be made by 21 December 2011. <http://www.volunteeringfund.com/>

Grimple's Green Grants Scheme Doubles Funding for New Round

Through the Grimple's Green Grants Scheme, the Green Insurance Company wishes to encourage 'green behaviour' and is looking for individuals and organisations to get involved in their community and surrounding natural environment. The company is looking for environmentally-friendly green projects across the United Kingdom that it can fund and support.

This year there is an overall budget of £40,000 available for distribution. Individual grants of up to £2,000, plus a special one off grant of up to £10,000, will be allocated to fund a variety of initiatives. Ideas include anything from creating a community garden to reducing food miles by growing vegetables or establishing a wildlife garden to encourage biodiversity back into gardens.

Those in urban areas might wish to develop a project to increase awareness of environmental issues and educate the younger generation so that they develop good habits early. The scheme could also be used to fund energy efficiency improvements in energy inefficient buildings where community meetings take place.

Individuals and non-profit organisations in the UK, undertaking projects with a clear green element are eligible to apply to this scheme. **The deadline for receipt of applications is 30 November 2011.**

Save a Space for Me

If you like getting out into the fresh air, having a kick about in your local park or just seeing a bit of green space then mark this date in your diary! On 18 October, for four weeks only, you can visit www.qe2fields.com and show your support for your local green spaces. The Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge is campaigning to get local authorities and landowners to protect your outdoor spaces for future generations to enjoy. Go online, search for your favourite places or see which ones you like a look of and with one click, you can show you support them.

So go online from October 18th and say 'Save a Space for Me!'

The EMI Instrument & Equipment Awards

The EMI Music Sound Foundation Instrument and Equipment Awards provides grants to schools and individuals in full time education to help towards the purchase of musical instruments and/or equipment for those who require the equipment to fund music education.

The Foundation also funds courses and training opportunities for music teachers who work within schools.

Eligible applicants include:

- Schools to fund music education (with the exception of statutory national curriculum music teaching).
- Individuals in full time education to fund musical instrument/equipment purchase (preference is given to under 25s).
- Music teachers working within schools to fund courses and training.

Grants of up to £2,000 are available.

The closing date for applications is Friday 10 February 2012. Any applications received after this date will be passed onto the next Trustees' meeting.

The Nationwide Foundation Small Grants Programme

Small grants can be applied for by registered charities working for the benefit of all **older people or survivors of domestic abuse to improve their housing needs and address financial exclusion.**

The Nationwide Foundation's Small Grants Programme makes grants every two months. Grants of up to £5,000 are available to registered charities with incomes of under £750,000.

Our application process is very simple and we pride ourselves on processing grants quickly. If you would like to apply for funding and find out more about our criteria, you should visit www.nationwidefoundation.org.uk or email enquiries@nationwidefoundation.org.uk.

Art Fund Prize 2012 - Now Open to Applications

The Art Fund Prize for Museums and Galleries has opened to applications for its tenth year.

A single award of £100,000 is presented annually to a museum or gallery whose entry best meets the Prize criteria through a project completed or mainly undertaken in the previous calendar year. The Prize

aims to recognise and stimulate originality and excellence in museums and galleries in the UK, and increase public appreciation and enjoyment of all they have to offer.

It is normally expected that applicants will be participants in the Museum Registration/Accreditation Scheme operated by the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council.

The deadline for receipt of applications for the 2012 Prize is 4pm on Thursday 1 December 2011.

<http://www.artfundprize.org.uk/>

Community First Fund Launches for Social Action (England)

The £80 million Community First Fund will provide small grants to community groups and local social action projects in England.

The four year fund is designed to help communities come together through new and existing community groups, to identify their strengths and local priorities, plan for their future and become more resilient.

The funding is being administered via two strands; the £50 million Endowment Match Challenge and the £30 million Neighbourhood Matched Fund.

The Neighbourhood Matched Fund will provide small grants for some of the most deprived areas in the country while the Endowment Match Challenge will be available nationally and will match private donations invested in community endowment funds to pay out money for small grants.

For information on the application process for both strands, interested parties are advised to consult the following web link: <http://www.cdf.org.uk/web/quest/community-first>

Creative England Launches New Fund

The Film Culture Fund is designed to help audiences throughout the English regions access a diverse range of film content, to enrich audiences' experience through education opportunities, and to integrate regional screen heritage resources into wider film.

Projects should address one or more of the following priorities:

- **Programming:** Projects supported by Creative England should extend choice through locally relevant film programming engaging existing and new audiences.
- **Education:** Film education projects supported by Creative England should interact with some element of film exhibition infrastructure and demonstrate the potential to contribute to long-term audience development. They should also be aligned with the objectives of the [UK Film Education Strategy: 21st Century Literacy](#) (opens in new window).
- **Reaching under-served audiences:** Projects supported by Creative England should improve access and inclusion by engaging with diverse audiences which are generally under-represented or under-served, delivering audience development through targeting of specific audience groups or communities with limited access to film. Projects should offer sustainability and legacy and demonstrate knowledge of target communities and specific barriers to be addressed.
- **Regional Screen Heritage:** Projects involving Regional Screen Heritage should be focused on audience access to film/moving image archive, in any form but support can also address the acquisition, preservation, conservation and curation required to deliver that access. Projects should be delivered in accordance with the [Screen Heritage UK, the national archive strategy](#)

(opens in new window).

Grants of £2,000 to £50,000 are available. <http://www.creativeengland.co.uk/> **The deadline for applications is noon on 28 November 2011.**

Launch of the Community Business Loan Fund (CBLF)

The Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) has launched the Community Business Loan Fund (CBLF) to help potential and existing social entrepreneurs who are unable to access finance through normal mainstream channels.

The £5 million Fund offers financial support for the purpose of starting or expanding a community-based business. RBS expects to support in the region of 1,000 businesses through the scheme.

Eligible businesses can apply for loans of between £30,000 and £500,000. Community Development Finance Institutions, which allocate funds to other firms, may apply for loans of between £200,000 and £1 million.

The loans can be tailored to the applicant's individual requirements and are offered on flexible terms.

Charities, social enterprises, co-operatives and community interest companies operating in the United Kingdom may apply. To be eligible for funding, the organisation must have clear social or environmental objectives and reinvest profits for a social purpose. <http://www.rbs.co.uk/> **Applications may be submitted at any time.**

The Paul Hamlyn Foundation

The Paul Hamlyn Foundation has advised that some of the guidelines for the 'Supplementary education' theme under its Education and Learning Programme Open Grants Scheme have been updated.

The update aims to provide greater detail on the specific interests of the work the Foundation would like to fund in supplementary schools. The changes indicate that the programme wishes to support proposals for the development of strong, sustainable partnerships between supplementary and mainstream schools. The Foundation is particularly interested in proposals that present low cost models for building and maintaining close collaboration and sharing of practice that will in particular, benefit underachieving pupils.

Additionally, the new guidelines welcome proposals to support the post-16 progression of supplementary school students to continuing, further or higher education, employment or training.

The programme's other two themes - Speaking and Listening, and Tackling Truancy and Exclusion - remain unchanged.

Applications may be submitted at any time and further information can be found at <http://www.phf.org.uk/>

Regional Village SOS Event

Have you heard about Village SOS? This exciting initiative by Big Lottery Fund and the BBC launched during the summer to help communities take a step towards starting their own business.

And now there's a nationwide road show coming to the region to bring the benefits of community enterprise directly to local people.

The East of England event is taking place in St Ives, Cambridgeshire on Tuesday 15 November.

We're inviting local people from across the region to come along and be inspired by the people behind community enterprises like shops and pubs, broadband projects and transport schemes as they share their real-life experiences.

At this free event, delegates will have the unique opportunity to hear expert hands-on advice from rural and enterprise specialists including the Plunkett Foundation and its partners Cooperatives UK, Locality and Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE).

Sessions will include:

- How to start your own community-owned project
- Regional and inspirational community businesses, such as community-owned shops and pubs, broadband projects or transport schemes sharing their journey and path to success
- Workshops and exhibits
- Expert advice from sector specialists

We're inviting anyone who:

- Has an idea for a project to help their community but doesn't know how to start
- Already has a community-owned project and are looking for advice and support
- Is from an organisation that supports rural communities or community-owned projects and wants to know more

You need to sign into the Village SOS Road Show website in order to book a place: visit <http://www.villagesos.org.uk/uk-events/category/126> for more details.

Funding Opportunity for Amateur Sports Clubs

The Daily Telegraph, in partnership with the Royal Bank of Scotland, has launched the RBS Sport for You grant. The scheme is available to amateur sports clubs in order to support their development and continued involvement of nurturing sport at a local level.

A grant of £1,000 will be allocated to five clubs each month for the next year. The prize will include a visit from the manager of the winning club's nearest RBS branch, and will also be involved with publicity surrounding the winning entries.

Applicants should complete the entry form, which can be found on the Daily Telegraph website, and submit by the closing date of midnight on Wednesday, **30 November 2011**.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/sport/othersports/amateur/8281664/Enter-your-sports-club-for-a-1000-grant.html>

The 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?

Transforming Suffolk: This is a fund with grants of up to £5,000 available for groups who want to carry out projects which meet the criteria of one of four themes. Details can be found on the Foundation's website. The next closing date 21st November.

Creating the Greenest County: Grants are available for voluntary and community groups who wish to deliver community based carbon reduction projects that are 'visionary' and forward thinking in line with the Greenest County mission. A grant which represents 25% of the project costs can be supported up to £25,000. The next closing date is the 16th January 2012.

Improve and Prove Fund: A new fund that gives grants of up to £5,000 for groups who want to carry out projects that will help towards organisational financial self sustainability of the **project** or group. The next closing date is the 10th November 2011.

You can find all details including application forms, guidelines and deadline dates on The Suffolk Foundation's website www.suffolkfoundation.org.uk or you can phone Sue Wright on 01473 734127 to discuss your application or talk about your ideas.

Nominations are invited for the High Sheriff's Awards 2012

Thursday 8th March 2012, Bury St Edmunds Cathedral

Throughout the county, individuals, communities and voluntary-led groups of all ages work tirelessly to enhance and enrich the places where they live and work. Much of this work goes on unnoticed and without recognition.

The annual [High Sheriff's Awards Scheme](#) aims to recognise and reward these outstanding efforts and use them as a source of inspiration and action to others.

The Awards celebrate and publicly recognise remarkable individuals and Suffolk non-profit groups and that help to make Suffolk safer and more vibrant, tackling local problems and giving of their time and effort voluntarily.

We are now seeking nominations for the 2012 Awards in the following five categories:

Suffolk Volunteer of the Year

Suffolk Under 25 Young Volunteer of the Year

Suffolk Crimebeat Award

Community Group or Organisation of the Year

Suffolk Community Partnership of the Year Award

For more information and nomination forms please [click here](#). The deadline for nominations is **Tuesday 31st January 2012**. The High Sheriff's Awards Ceremony will take place on 8th March 2012 at the Cathedral in Bury St Edmunds. For advice on completing the nomination forms for any of these categories please call Elizabeth on 01473 734125 or email elizabeth@suffolkfoundation.org.uk

£2m allocated to playing fields in First round of Protecting Playing Fields programme

Sports clubs and local groups across England have received more than £2 million to protect and improve their playing fields. Nearly 50 areas will benefit from the first wave of National Lottery investment through Sport England's Protecting Playing Fields fund. Communities are now being invited to bid for support when the second round of the scheme opens on 24 October. Protecting Playing Fields is part of the Places People Play legacy programme to bring the inspiration of London 2012 into communities across the country. The second round remains open until 12 December 2011.

For more information, please visit the Department for Culture, Media and Sport website http://www.culture.gov.uk/news/news_stories/8520.aspx.

UnLtd Millennium Awards - News of Autumn 2011 Round

Social entrepreneurs in England who have ambition, drive, determination and a vision to bring about social change are invited to apply for practical and financial support through the UnLtd Millennium Awards.

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 the living expenses of award winners so that their time may be devoted to the project.

The Level 2 competition has closed in Northern Ireland and Wales. In England, the autumn 2011 round opens to application on 1 November 2011. **The deadline for receipt of applications is 21 November 2011**. Applications for Level 1 Awards may be made at any time. <http://www.unltd.org.uk/>

Grants of up to £50,000 for your Community or Biodiversity Project

Or perhaps you are working on a Recreation or Culture project? Regardless of what type of project you are working on, Rural Action East can help you attain and manage a grant from Biffaward.

We will help steer you through the complexities of compliance issues, monitoring and deadlines allowing you to get on with the project itself. Since 2005 Rural Action East has supported over 100 projects with total grants of over £4 million. Grants range from £5,000 — £50,000 for a Main Grant and up to £500,000 for flagship grants. Contact Mags Lambert on 01473 345346 or email her mags.lambert@ruralactioneast.org.uk to find out more and submit an Expression of Interest.



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