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Suffolk ACRE Funding Newsletter - September 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.

- Exploring Your Idea: Wednesday 14 September 10am-4pm

Are you thinking of setting up your own organisation with social aims and need to know more? Not sure if you should be a charity, social enterprise or community group? This 1-day introductory course is designed to offer you help and advice to get your ideas off the ground whether you are thinking of setting up a new organisation or developing an existing one.

- Understanding and Starting a Social Enterprise: Wednesday 5 October 10am-4pm

Designed to focus on participants social enterprise ideas and provide practical advice on how to get it set up, this course will enable you to understand your current situation and examine ways to turn your ideas into a fully functioning social enterprise. Suitable for people thinking of setting up a new organisation or taking an existing one to the next level.

- 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.

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>

Free Solar Panels for Schools

British Gas has announced that its "Free Solar Panels" programme is due to re-open in the near future and is inviting schools in England, Scotland and Wales to register their interest in receiving free solar panels. In total, British Gas is looking to install up to 750 free solar panel systems in primary and secondary schools and sixth form colleges that are located in England, Scotland and Wales. These will not only generate electricity for the schools but also help cut their carbon footprint. The money generated will then be used to install more solar panels in more schools. Each winning school will win the following prize (subject to a satisfactory technical site survey). One Solar Photovoltaic Panel system (worth between £20,000 and £40,000 per School) and installation; one Smart meter; and one Solar Panel Display Unit.

<http://www.mysolarschool.co.uk/>

WWII Veterans Funding

The Big Lottery Fund is committing over £1 million in extra good cause funding in the year ahead for the country's WWII veterans, to make sure they can make their personal battlefield commemorative journeys to the places they saw action.

The additional funding for the scheme comes on the day the Fund is naming the 50,000th individual to benefit from the Heroes Return grant schemes.

The extra funding for the scheme will help ensure veterans still to apply are able to journey in the year ahead to revisit the scenes of WWII events, such as the forthcoming 70th anniversary of the Battle of Crete.

The current Heroes Return2 programme was scheduled to close in January but now remains open until **31st January 2012**. More information and details of how to apply for a Heroes Return 2 grant are available by calling 0845 0000 121 or visiting www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/heroesreturn.

Funding for a Wide Range of Projects to Benefit Community Life

Clore Duffield Foundation's Main Grants Programme does not fund individuals, but it can match lottery funding, support capital redevelopments and learning space initiatives, and provide project, programme

and revenue funding.

Application procedures are straightforward, and the Foundation continues to maintain a balance between supporting large-scale projects, with far-reaching effects, and small-scale community endeavours. Grants range from below £5,000 to in excess of £1m.

All grants are awarded at the Trustees meeting, held twice a year. As there is no fixed schedule for these meetings, applications are reviewed on an ongoing basis.

The Foundation welcomes submissions to the Main Grants Programme for projects from the following sectors:

- Museums, galleries and heritage sites (particularly for learning spaces)
- The arts
- Education
- Health, social care and disability
- Jewish charities with interests in any of the above areas

Learning Spaces

The Clore Duffield Foundation has funded museum, gallery and heritage learning spaces across the UK for over 15 years, from £2.5m Clore learning centres in national museums, to donations of less than £5,000 for single rooms in local history heritage buildings.

In light of this experience, the Foundation provides learning space applicants with basic guidance on cost; lighting levels; location, use and nature of space; dimensions; programming; display; architect's plans; and best practice examples (small- and large-scale).

Applicants should also read *Space for Learning: A Handbook for Education Spaces in Museums, Heritage Sites and Discovery Centres* (2004), which can be downloaded on the website before applying for funding. For more information or to apply to this fund, please see

www.cloreduffield.org.uk/page.php?id=35

Poetry and Literature Initiatives

The Clore Duffield Foundation has also launched a new £1 million programme to fund poetry and literature initiatives for children and young people across the UK. The programme is due to run from 2011 to 2015 with two funding rounds a year. The programme is open to schools, FE colleges, community groups, libraries and other arts/cultural organisations. Grants of between £1,000 and £10,000 are available to support participatory learning projects and programmes focused on literature, poetry and creative writing for under 19s.

The deadline for applications is the **23rd September 2011**.

http://www.cloreduffield.org.uk/page_sub.php?id=331&parent=35

Funding to Support Museums and Galleries

Museums, galleries and heritage organisations can apply for grants of between £20,000 and £100,000 through the Esmée Fairbairn Collections Fund. The Esmée Fairbairn Collections Fund, run by the Museums Association, focuses on time-limited collections work outside the scope of an organisation's core resources. The fund seeks to support projects at an early stage of development where it may be

difficult to guarantee tangible outcomes. Eligible projects include; research into collections, conservation, collections review and initiatives to develop the use of collections. A total of £800,000 a year will be awarded through this fund with two grant rounds per year. The next deadline is **31st October 2011**. For further information click on the link below.

<http://www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk/funding/collections-fund.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 12th September.

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 26th September 2011.

Now for projects also.

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 25th October 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.

Flagship Housing Community Initiative Fund

There are probably lots of things you would like to see improved in your area and here's the opportunity to do so. From creating a community garden, to establishing a school recycling scheme, Flagship would like to hear from you.

The grants can be used for new projects or new initiatives within an existing project. To apply for a grant, projects must include one or more of the following; a clear community, society or environmental benefit or community support and must involve Flagship customers and benefit them as well as the community in general.

Flagship would like to say a big thank you to Vinci for generously donating £10,000 and Aarons who have donated £1500 towards the fund, taking the total to £51,500.

The application pack and information packs are below and the deadline for applying for a grant is 30 September 2011.

For more information, please contact Jackie Howard on 01603 255870 or Rebecca Short on 01603 255414 or email cee@flagship-housing.co.uk

Funding Available for UK Villages

The Village SOS Competition aims to support voluntary organisations to start community businesses to reinvigorate village communities.

The scheme will help groups with business ideas to support enterprises and activities which tackle specific problems faced by villages and their residents.

Grants of £10,000 to £30,000 are available.

All applicants must:

- Have an idea for a community enterprise.
- Be based in a rural area with a population of less than 3,000.
- Be registered on the Village SOS website.
- Consult their local communities before putting forward a proposal.

The deadline for applications is 6 October 2011 and for further information please visit

www.villagesos.co.uk

Green Flag Community Awards



The Green Flag Community Award is a national award scheme that recognises high quality green spaces in England and Wales that are managed by voluntary and community groups.

The Award is run by the Green Flag Partnership and supported Department for Communities and Local Government.

There are a range of community- based organisations that can apply to have their green space assessed for Green Flag Community Award, including: Community Groups, Voluntary organisation and City farms and gardens so long as it is freely accessible.

Each green space will be judged on its own merit by an expert who will visit each site. You won't be in competition with others as an Award will be given to any space that is judged to meet the award criteria.

To enter your green space for the award, please register your interest at www.greenflagaward.org.uk or by contacting Carla Davis **BTCV Essex Practical Projects Officer** Email: C.Davis@btcv.org.uk Tel: 01206 764470

Pub Apprenticeship Opportunities

BII has now launched the first Apprenticeship Programme designed specifically for staff working in pubs. The aim is to develop skills to make them more effective in their work in pubs across the country.

The key objectives of this new Programme are to:

- Increase profits for licensees through well trained staff
- Professionalise the industry
- Offer a viable career progression route built around industry related qualifications
- Increase staff retention and contribute to the recruitment of motivated staff

- Have a positive impact on public image of the industry

Cathie Smith, Director of BIIAB, explained, “This Programme has been developed by our industry for our industry. Apprenticeships offer a fantastic opportunity for people to gain the skills they need for the pub jobs of the future, equipping the country to support the Government in building long-term sustainable growth through sustainable businesses.”

This new programme can be used by employers with existing employees, new recruits or by individuals looking at their long term career prospects. It will allow the opportunity to draw together all training and qualifications that they use into a consolidated award which will be acknowledged across the industry and in wider workforce training.

Training delivery is designed to allow most learning and assessment to occur in the workplace with the option of direct delivery through e-learning, mobile phone technology as well as more traditional training methods. Learning materials will include interactive books that can be completed on-line. For more information on the Apprenticeship please contact the BII on 01276 684449 or email apprenticeships@bii.org or visit <http://biiab.bii.org/apprenticeships>

Tesco Announces Community Awards

The Tesco Charity Trust Community Awards Scheme provides one-off donations of between £500 and £4,000 to local projects that support children and their education and welfare, elderly people and adults and children with disabilities.

Previous projects supported have included part funding to purchase minibuses; befriending schemes; luncheon clubs; and day trips / social trips for elderly / disabled people; sensory garden or room projects; and outdoor classrooms.

Latest donations are:

- Addington High School – Funding towards the development of an outdoor classroom
- The Spark Children’s Arts Festival – Funding towards the construction of an outdoor play space
- Dyslexia Action – Funding towards parent awareness courses
- The Zoological Society of London – Funding for a Biodiversity & Palm Oil project in Indonesia
- Cherish A Child – Funding for new classroom resources for a school in Uganda.

Applications for grants for children and their education and welfare should be made between the 1st December and the 31st January or the 1st May and the 30th June.

Applications for grants for elderly people and adults and children with disabilities should be made between the 1st February and the 31st March or the 1st August and the 30th September.

<http://cr2010.tescopl.com/communities/tesco-charity-trust.aspx>

Funding to community projects and to get people swimming

The Kellogg's Swim Active Programme is inviting applications from non for profit organisations such as; swimming clubs, schools, facilities, pool operators, community organisations and enterprises.

The programme is offering minimum grants of £10,000 and is seeking to support any aquatic activity which enhances motivation, removes barriers and increases participation in the sport.

- Projects must focus on one or more of the following areas:
- reach deprived communities;
- target non swimming individuals;
- break down barriers to participation in aquatic activity;
- increase participation in aquatic activity;
- target socio-deprived communities.

Example projects that could be supported include; Supportive social sessions for mums-to-be and new mums; to provide an additional social opportunity; aquatic Youth Clubs for young people aged 14-19; etc.

The next closing date for applications is the **20th October 2011**.

<http://www.swimming.org/get-involved/kelloggs-swim-active>

DIY store's waste donation scheme

B&Qs waste donation scheme is co-ordinated in store either by the environmental champion, duty or Warehouse manager who will keep a Waste Donation Form on file for interested groups.

Before any materials are donated, the form must be signed by a representative of the group, and proof that you are a member of that group must be provided.

This means they can donate waste materials, for example slightly damaged tins of paint, off-cuts of timber, and end of range materials, to community groups, charities and schools.

Please note that it is company policy that health and safety is taken into consideration, therefore electrical, petrol and gas items are not available for donation. Any waste or surplus stock donated must not be re-sold.

http://www.diy.com/diy/jsp/corporate/content/environment_ethics/ethics/community/waste_donation.jsp

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