



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.

FREE Training Available from Suffolk ACRE

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

- **Exploring Your Idea** 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? Exploring Your Idea is a 1-day introductory course designed to offer you help and advice to get your ideas off the ground. The course will run from 10am-4pm on the **27th January** 2011 at Brightspace, Ipswich.
- **Understanding & Starting a Social Enterprise** is a one-day course designed to focus on participants social enterprise ideas and provide practical advice on how to get it set up. Whether you are thinking of setting up a new organisation or taking an existing one to the next level, the course will enable you to understand your current situation and examine ways to turn your ideas into a fully functioning social enterprise. **17th February** 2011.
- **Social Enterprise Legal Structures.** This course is aimed at individuals or organisations who want to find out more about social enterprise legal structures. It 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. The course will take place on **3rd March** 2011.
- The 3 day **Business Plans** course is for individuals and/or organisations that need to



write a realistic, functional and useable business plan. The course will run on the **22nd, 29th March and 5th April 2011**.

- The **Marketing Opportunities** course is for organisations looking to expand, increase their income generation potential or wanting to attract new customers and will take place on **12th May 2011**.
- **Surviving Frontline Money Management** course is a survival guide for those new to, or requiring clarification on, the pressures of managing money and budgets. The course will provide you with simple, practical tools and templates to help you survive frontline money management and is aimed at individuals that have little or no prior experience of managing finances within an organisation. The course will run on **9th June 2011**.

All of the above courses will take place at Brightspace, Ipswich and will run from 10am – 4pm. For participants outside Suffolk or not eligible for the bursary support the course fee is £195 + VAT for the three day Business Plans course or £85 + VAT for each of the one day courses. 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 or a booking form please contact 01473 345311 or email elizabeth.storer@suffolkacre.org.uk

Funding Available from Suffolk Foundation

The Suffolk Foundation currently has monies to give to Suffolk's community and voluntary groups and is seeking application for the following funds.

Transforming Suffolk: This is a new fund with grants of up to £4,000 available for groups who want to carry out projects that meet one of the four themes of this fund. Details are on the Foundation's website, and the first closing date is 22 nd January 2011.

The Improve and Prove Fund: A brand new fund to be launched in late January gives grants of up to £5,000 for groups who want to carry out projects that will help towards self sustainability of the group. There is an Award element of this fund and groups could be awarded £10,000 if they can show some outstanding outcomes. Specific details are to be published on our website in mid January, and the first panel sits early April.

Healthy Ambitions Suffolk Fund is also seeking applications, for which a grant of £4,000 can be given for projects that are working towards creating better health and wellbeing for Suffolk people. From April onwards this Fund will be seeking applications that support heart health but currently needs applications that are focusing on health and wellbeing. The next closing date is 28th February.

Suffolk Voluntary Sector Training Fund also has grant funding available with grants of up to £2,000 for groups who wish to train staff or volunteers. These applications are considered on a

first come first served basis.

Creating the Greenest County Fund is an exciting initiative delivered by the Suffolk Foundation on behalf of Suffolk County Council and is seeking applications. If your community group wants to run a project to decrease carbon emissions, then you can apply for 25% of your project costs up to a value of £25,000. The next closing date is 28th February.

You can find all details including application forms, guidelines and closing 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.

Currently, none of the above funds support just core costs and would you need to apply to the Suffolk Fund if this is your organisation's most pressing need. Details of the Suffolk Fund are below and on the website.

Suffolk Fund Grants of up to £2,000 to charitable, voluntary and community groups that address Suffolk's priority needs, which include children and young people, the elderly, the disadvantaged (e.g., homelessness, low-income families, rural isolation), carers, racial and cultural integration and health and wellbeing (e.g., drug and alcohol misuse, disabilities, mental health issues, domestic violence).

http://www.suffolkfoundation.org.uk/grant/app_form.html

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Transition Fund for VCS Organisations

Big Fund (non-Lottery funding operation of the Big Lottery Fund) is delivering the Transition Fund on behalf of the Office for Civil Society (OCS), Cabinet Office. The Transition Fund will help civil society organisations which deliver high quality public services adapt to a different funding environment during a period when they are at risk from reductions in taxpayer funded income. To find out more go to: www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/transitionfund

Big Lottery Fund Extends Heroes Return 2 Programme

The Big Lottery Fund (BIG) has announced that it has extended its Heroes Return 2 Programme by a further 12 months.

The programme's extension will ensure Second World War veterans who are yet to take

advantage of the funding will have more time to apply for grants to cover travel and accommodation expenses and enables them to make trips throughout 2011 back to places across the world where they served. They can also receive funding to take part in an official commemoration in the UK.

Since 2004 more than 50,000 veterans have made commemorative trips with funding from BIG's Heroes Return schemes with grants totalling over £24 million.

Applicants can apply for a fixed amount of between £150 and £5,500, depending on the number of people taking part and the destination. Grants will cover the costs of the commemorative visits. A fixed amount of money will be available for each veteran and their spouse and/or carer towards the cost of their visit.

The applicant must be resident in the UK, the Channel Islands or the Republic of Ireland. War widows and widowers of veterans are also eligible for funding, and carers and spouses can receive funding to travel with veterans. Further details can be found at www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/

The deadline for receipt of applications is 31st January 2012.

Courtesy of Grantfinder.

SITA Trust Announces £1 million Queen Elizabeth II Fields Fund

The Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge is a new campaign to protect 2,012 outdoor recreational spaces in communities across the country as a permanent living legacy of Her Majesty The Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Once an area has been designated a Queen Elizabeth II Field an application can be made to SITA Trust's £1 million fund for improvements to the recreation area.

There are two strands to the fund:

- The QEII Fields Volunteer Support Fund will award up to a maximum of £5,000 for projects where it can be demonstrated that volunteers will be extensively involved in the delivery of a project.
- The QEII Major Works Fund will award up to a maximum of £25,000 for projects that also focus on delivery by volunteers, but will allow major works to be carried out by contractors.

The Fund is expected to open in early 2011 and further details are available at <http://www.qe2fields.com/>

Football Foundation Grow the Game

Grow the Game provides funding for projects that use football to increase participation by both players and volunteers in England. This is done by supporting the costs associated with providing new activity.

Organisations will be able to receive a £5,000 grant over two or three years with financial support being reduced in the second or third year of the project.

Applications are accepted from any not-for-profit organisations in England, including the following:

- Football clubs.
- Youth clubs with a football programme.
- Community groups/centres/clubs.
- Charitable organisations.
- Parish councils.
- Sports associations.
- Local authorities.
- Leagues.

Whilst all offers will be made at the same time there will be two application windows: One will be for those projects being delivered within the northern regions or the Midlands, and one for those delivering projects in southern or eastern regions.

Southern and eastern regions window:

Open for applications: 3rd January 2011.

Close for applications: 28th February 2011 (Midnight). <http://www.footballfoundation.org.uk/>

Courtesy of Grantfinder.

The Big Tree Plant

A new £4 million community tree planting scheme - The Big Tree Plant - has been launched today by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs in partnership with the Forestry Commission, civil society partners and conservation organisations.

The aim of the scheme is to support community, not for profit, groups to plant one million trees in towns, cities and residential areas throughout England over the next four years (2011 to 2015).

Grants of between £500 and £25,000, for up to 75% of costs, are available to projects that:

- plant trees in neighbourhoods in England where people live and work;
- involve the local community and provide benefits to people in the neighbourhood;

- plant individual street trees, small groups of trees in greenspaces, or other neighbourhood tree planting; and
- have in place a method for ensuring the trees are cared for in the future.

The fund can cover the costs of goods and services such as:

- trees and materials for tree planting;
- preparatory work such as utility searches, test pits, and planning applications;
- local community engagement;
- contract labour for running the project and undertaking works;
- time of staff spent on running the project;
- expert advice;
- hire of machinery; and
- small items such as tools or protective clothing for tree planting - however, these must remain the property of the group or organisation.

Local authorities cannot apply directly but projects in partnership with local authorities are welcome. Additional information can be found by visiting www.forestry.gov.uk/ Courtesy of Grantfinder.

Big Lottery Fund: Jubilee People's Millions Competition

The Big Lottery Fund has launched a re-branded version of the People's Millions Competition for 2011. The Jubilee People's Millions will give communities throughout the UK the opportunity to win local public support and share in £3.6 million of Lottery funding, marking the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012.

Grants of between £20,000 and £60,000 will be provided for projects that transform local environments and offer opportunities or facilities for people to take part and enjoy their local area. This will include initiatives focusing on buildings, amenities, public and green spaces and natural habitats.

Voluntary and community groups, social enterprises, local authorities, schools and statutory health organisations are invited to apply.

Head-to-head competitions will take place in the local ITV regions in June, when the public will be able to cast their vote for the projects they want to win. Four awards will be made to the winning projects in each of the 15 ITV regions. Successful organisations will be expected to have projects up and running by February 2012 in order to maximise opportunities for promotion during the Diamond Jubilee Year.

Further information can be found at www.jubileepeoplesmillions.org.uk/ and the deadline for receipt of entries is 4th February 2011. Courtesy of Grantfinder.

Global Curriculum Project Grants - Now Open to Applications for 2011

Schools across the UK which have well-established partnerships with schools in eligible southern countries are invited to apply for Global Curriculum Project Grants.

The initiative aims to enable well-established partnerships to further develop joint curricular activities with a global dimension.

Grants can be applied for on a school-to-school or cluster-to-cluster basis. Funding of up to £6,200 is available for school-to-school partnerships and the maximum cluster-to-cluster grant available is £18,600.

Partnerships between pre-schools, primary schools, middle schools, secondary schools, special schools and sixth-form colleges are eligible to apply to the programme. Successful applications are usually from schools that have been working together for at least two years.

The deadline for applications is 1st March 2011. To find out more please visit www.dfid.gov.uk/ Courtesy of Grantfinder.

Nuffield Foundation Undergraduate Research Bursaries - 2011 Round Open to Applications

The Nuffield Foundation Undergraduate Research Bursaries Programme aims to give experience of research to undergraduates in the UK with research potential and to encourage them to consider a career in scientific research.

450 awards are available for 2011 and successful applicants will receive a bursary of £180 per week (£190 per week in London) in support of a research project for a period of between six and eight weeks during their summer holidays.

Applications are welcomed from researchers in the Physical Sciences, Earth and Environmental Sciences, Engineering, Computing, Mathematics and the Biological and Biomedical Sciences in the middle years of their degree course at universities and research institutions in the UK. Postdoctoral researchers and new lecturers early in their careers are also encouraged to apply.

Further information can be found at www.nuffieldfoundation.org/ and the deadline for applications is 9th February 2011 (5 pm). Courtesy of Grantfinder.

London 2012 Open Weekend in Suffolk

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 making grants available again this year to enable parish or town councils, community groups and groups of individuals

across Suffolk to hold small cultural and sporting events to celebrate London 2012 Open Weekend.

If your group/organisation would like to hold such an event, and would like to apply for a grant of

up to £500, please complete this form. Please note that applications are welcome from groups or

organisations that either applied last year or who were recipients of grants, however, priority will be

given to those that didn't receive funding in 2010.

Funding criteria:

- Events must be of a cultural or sporting/physical activity nature and take place in Suffolk on the weekend of **22-24th July 2011** . (Please see definition of cultural activity below)
- Any community group, organisation, Parish or Town Council, based in Suffolk can apply.

Cultural activity Includes - architecture, carnival and street theatre, crafts, dance, design, fashion, film and video, gardens, heritage and historic environment, libraries, literature, museums and galleries, music, opera, photography, poetry. Examples from last year are Inter-village games, sport and culture taster sessions, vegetable games, family and village fun days, music festivals.

- 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.
- Consideration will be given to all ideas and the panel's decision is final.
- Groups are required to register their events on the official London 2012 website

www.london2012.com/get-involved/open-weekend

Closing Dates

1st round - 21st January 2011

2nd round - 8th April 2011

Hilton in the Community Foundation

Hilton in the Community (HCF) is committed to supporting those most in need to have a brighter future. The purpose of HCF is to support young people worldwide, whilst its vision is to make a real difference to those most in need, in places where Hilton International operates.

The Director of the Foundation considers grant applications of up to £5,000. Grants of up to £10,000 are reviewed by the Grants Committee and, if favoured, grant applications for more than £10,000 are recommended to the Trustees for final approval.

Aside from disaster relief projects, grants are only awarded to schools and registered charities/causes working with young people that are considered to be most in need or who have special needs within the UK and Ireland.

The next deadline for application is 15th February 2011.

Further details can be found by visiting www.hilton-foundation.org.uk/

Baring Foundation: Joint International Development Grants Programme - 2011 Round Now Open

The 2011 Grants Programme is now open to applications.

Registered charities, voluntary groups and not-for-profit organisations in the UK that work with non-governmental organisations and community-based organisations in sub-Saharan Africa can apply.

The maximum size of grant is £250,000 and it can be awarded for a duration of up to five years. Grants are available to help tackle the problem arising from long-term migration and displacement of people in sub-Saharan Africa. The UK applicant is expected to channel grant funding into organisations operating in the region.

The Foundation will support activities including the following:

- Developing networks and other partnerships.
- Training programmes.
- Research and dialogues with policy and decision-makers about issues affecting NGOs and communities.
- Workshops, meetings and exchange visits.
- Piloting new approaches.
- Improving information resources.
- Improving financial and administrative systems.

The 2011 deadline for applications is 31st March 2011

[Further details can be found at www.baringfoundation.org.uk/](http://www.baringfoundation.org.uk/)



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