



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



A new round of COMMA funding will be released in the spring; 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

- all project works funded by COMMA grants this year must be capable of

completion by the end of March 2010

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 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. Additional information will be published on our website www.suffolkacre.org.uk when dates are confirmed by ACRE.

If you would like further information about the COMMA fund call or e-mail Elizabeth Storer on 01473 345311/ elizabeth.storer@suffolkacre.org.uk

Grassroots Grants

The Suffolk Foundation is seeking applications to its February panel of its Grassroots Grants Programme. If you are a community group with an income of under £30,000 and have been established for one year then you may well be eligible for a grant of up to £5000 to spend over the next year. You can download application forms and guidelines from the Foundation's website www.suffolkfoundation.org.uk or get further information from Sue Wright on 01473 734127. Completed application forms can be expected to have decisions made on them within two weeks of receipt of them in the office.

Community Sustainable Energy Programme

Not for profit organisations such as community groups, charities, schools, colleges and faith groups, etc are being invited to apply for funding to install renewable energy technologies (such as wind turbines and solar panels) and energy saving measures (such as roof and cavity wall insulation). Under the new Community Sustainable Energy programme £8 million will be available for the installation of microgeneration technologies and energy efficiency measures (Capital grants) and £1 million for project development grants. The maximum Capital grant available is £50,000 or 50% of the project costs. The maximum project development grant is £5,000 or 75 per cent of the study cost - whichever is lower. The funding programme is being managed by the Building Research Establishment on behalf of the Big Lottery Fund's "Changing Spaces" Programme. Project development grants (for studies investigating the feasibility of installing any combination of the technologies) will be awarded on a first-come first-served basis until all funds are spent. Capital grants will be awarded on a competitive basis at quarterly selection panel meetings. The next application deadline is the 29th January 2010 .

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

Funding for Community Shops in Rural Areas

The Village Retail Services Association in partnership with Esmee Fairbairn Foundation and Co-operative and Community Finance have funding available to support the start up of new Community owned shops in rural areas of England or to save an existing shop by transfer to community ownership. The funding which will be available over the next three years will provide up to £40,000 per shop. This will be made up of a grant of £20,000 together with a loan of £20,000 from Co-operative and Community Finance.

Eligible applicants will include community based organisations located in rural communities of not less than 300 residents. The community is required to raise match funding through community contributions, which could take the form of share capital, donations raised through community fundraising events and grants obtained from other sources to the same or greater value than the grant requested from the Village CORE Programme. At least some of the funds raised should have been provided by the community itself and not solely through external grants.

The application process commences with a telephone interview with one of the programme managers. If the community appear to meet the criteria within the programme timeframe and if Village Core funds are available, application forms are sent electronically where possible to the main contact person on the committee. The forms must be returned within 6 weeks of the telephone interview.

<http://www.plunkett.co.uk/whatwedo/core/apply/Apply.cfm>

Bovril Offers £100,000 to Repair the Great Outdoors

Bovril, the drinks manufacturer, has announced that it has £100,000 available to small projects that repair outdoor facilities. This could be for example a dishevelled stone wall, a broken stile on a nature trail, a rickety old fishing hut, or a campsite in need of repair. To nominate a project, nominees will need to buy a promotional jar of Bovril. Projects can then be submitted online and the public is then encouraged to vote for them. Nominations will only be accepted for existing facilities and structures that are in need of a makeover. Bovril will not accept nominations for new builds.

Five winning projects will each receive £20,000 to be spent on the repair of refurbishment. Projects can be nominated at any time up to the 28th February 2010 .

However, three of projects will be selected from the Shortlist at midnight on the 28th December 2009. <http://www.bovril.co.uk/revival/>

Computers for Rural People Scheme

Individuals clubs and organisations, etc, in rural areas that need access to information and services, are able to purchase fully functioning ex-government computers for as little as £99. The computers are being made available through the Arthur Rank Centre. This is a collaborative unit supported by the National Churches, the Royal Agricultural Society of England and the Rank Foundation. For organisations that need more than one computer; e.g. for a Drop-in centre, School etc. the prices are even lower.

http://www.arthurrankcentre.org.uk/projects/computers_for_rural_people/index.html

Low Carbon Buildings Programme Phase 2 (LCBP2).

The Low Carbon Buildings Programme - Phase 2E (LCBP2E) is a Department for Energy and Climate Change (DECC) scheme offering grants for microgeneration installations by public sector and charitable organisations. Check the Scheme Conditions to confirm your eligibility. Grants are available for installations of up to a maximum of 50kW electricity and 300kW heat. Qualifying organisations can apply for 50% of the project cost of installing microgeneration technologies. Products and installers must be selected from the Microgeneration Certification Scheme (MCS). In regards to products solar thermal collectors certificated under the Solar Keymark scheme may also be eligible. Biomass boilers and heat pumps between 45kW and 300kW listed on the Energy Technology List (part of the Enhanced Capital Allowance (ECA) Scheme may also be used. Also see section 4. Further information on products and installers can be found at Websites:

www.microgenerationcertification.org www.eca.gov.uk/etl/find

www.estif.org/solarkeymark/productsandcertificates.php

Organisations can apply for a maximum of up to £200,000 in grant funds per site. A site may include more than one building and multiple applications from one organisation for different sites will be considered. Please ensure you have read and understood the Guidance Notes and Scheme Conditions before proceeding to the on-line application form, as grant awards are subject to full compliance with these Conditions. Alternatively you may download a paper application form. All documentation is available on website below.

Separate applications must be made for each geographically different site. If you are planning to apply for more than £100,000 in grant for any one site or for a heat project between 45 and 300kW.

If you have an enquiry about the extended Phase 2 of the Low Carbon Buildings Programme, please call Tel: 08704 23 23 13 Email: info@lcbpphase2.org.uk

Website: <http://www.lowcarbonbuildingsphase2.org.uk/page.jsp?id=2>

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Co-operative Community Fund

The Co-operative Community Fund is their grants scheme that helps local communities throughout the UK. Since they started the initiative in 1997, thousands of clubs, community groups and self-help organisations have benefited. The way the scheme works is by committed members of The Co-operative Group who want to help improve the lives of others, donate part or all of their share of the profits. These members have already raised millions of pounds each year for all kinds of community projects. Over the past 10 years their members have donated more than £8 million to The Co-operative Community Fund, allowing hundreds of local groups, projects, community groups, self-help organisations and charities nationwide to benefit.

Community Fund grants, between £100 and £2,000 are awarded to community, voluntary, or self-help groups to run projects that meet the following criteria. To be successful a group must:

- carry out positive work in the community and a project must:
- address a community issue
- provide a good long-term benefit to the community
- support co-operative values and principles
- ideally be innovative in its approach

Excluded groups:

- Groups other than community, self-help and voluntary groups – to apply for funding a group must be either: a community, self-help or voluntary group; a charity; or a local branch of a national charity. Groups which use their surplus for the benefit of a business or individuals are excluded from the fund.
- Core activities of auxiliary groups - auxiliary groups of The Co-operative Group, such as the Women's Guild or Woodcraft Folk, are excluded from the scheme where the core activities (eg room hire or conference fees) have already been funded through a different route by The Co-operative Group. Although core costs are excluded, special projects, which are not part of their core work, are included.
- Credit Unions -the Community Fund is unable to make grants to support the core work of credit unions, however, special projects, which are not part of their core work, are included.
- Cadets - the Community Fund is unable to make grants to any cadet groups.

Excluded projects:

- Non-charitable purposes
- Overseas activities
- Grant or loan schemes
- Religious worship
- Core activities of statutory services
- Improvements to property not owned by the applicant, or leased to the applicant.
- Party political activity
- Individual sponsorship

Read full criteria and apply online at Website: <http://www.co-operative.coop/membership/Community-Fund/onlineapplicationprocess/>

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Football Foundation Community Large Grant

The community large grant aims to create opportunities and build communities by funding projects that use football and sport as a force for social change. We fund projects that address social exclusion and inequalities in education and health.

Groups wishing to apply should be able to demonstrate how their project meets at least one of the aims of the Community Strategy. The Community Strategy can be viewed by visiting their publications page.

They are introducing a two stage application process. The Community Large Grant scheme has now closed for Stage One submissions. New Stage One submissions will be accepted from October 2009.

A maximum grant award of £150,000 for projects that last between one and three years. The Stage One submission form and guidance notes can be downloaded from website bellow. If you are unable to fill in the online application form they are able to send you a paper version in the post.

The Football Foundation, 30 Gloucester Place, London W1U 8FF Tel: 0845 345 4555
Fax: 0845 345 7057 Email: enquiries@footballfoundation.org.uk Website:
<http://www.footballfoundation.org.uk/apply/community-grants/community-grant-over-9k/>

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BBC Children in Need

From now all applications will only be accepted exclusively online.

Children in Need give grants for projects delivered by organisations working with disadvantaged children and young people, who must be 18 years and under, living in the UK, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands.

Disadvantages experienced by children and young people include:

- Illness, distress, abuse or neglect;
- Any kind of disability;
- Behavioural or psychological difficulties;
- Living in poverty or situations of deprivation.

The application should focus on the children your project will work with and the differences that your project will make for them. You should clearly be able to demonstrate how your project will change the lives of the children involved for the better. Where possible it should take into account their views and involve them in decisions that affect them.

You can contact them by Email: pudsey@bbc.co.uk or Helpdesk Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm Tel: 020 8576 7788.

New application deadline dates will be 15 January, 15 April, 15 July and 15 October 2009. There has also been a switch to online applications. Full guidance and application forms are available on Website:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/grants/apply.shtml>

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Community Transport Association Announces Rural Community Transport Fund

The Community Transport Association (CTA) and the Plunkett Foundation have announced a new three-year Social Enterprise Rural Community Transport Development Fund.

The Fund will offer grant and loan packages to eight organisations in England to enable them to build contract income and reduce reliance on grant funding. The funding package will be supported by a range of training, development and networking support provided by the CTA and Plunkett over the life of the programme.

The funding, totaling almost £1 million, has been secured from the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation, the Department for Transport, the Commission for Rural Communities and Futurebuilders England.

Further information on the programme will be announced in early November.

And will be found at <http://www.ctauk.org/>. Courtesy of Grantfinder.

Sport England Active Women Themed Fund Launched

Sport England's Active Women Themed Fund aims to get more women from disadvantaged communities, and more women who care for children, playing sport. Sport England is seeking bids for projects that directly address the challenges women have to overcome if they want to play more sport. These include the following:

- Time constraints.
- Childcare.
- Transport.
- Cost.
- Friends to go with.
- Self-confidence.

Applications will not be awarded under £10,001 but there is no maximum limit. A total of £10 million of National Lottery funding is available for this theme.

All bona fide and legitimate organisations with a written constitution (such as a Memorandum and Articles of Association) or statutory powers can apply for this funding. These include sports clubs, voluntary or community organisations, local

authorities, education establishments (such as schools, colleges and universities) and national governing bodies of sport. The deadline for initial applications is 3 February 2010. Courtesy of Grantfinder.

Radcliffe Trust Music Grants

The Radcliffe Trust supports classical music performance and training especially chamber music, composition and music education. Particular interests within music education are music for children and adults with special needs, youth orchestras and projects at secondary and higher levels, including academic research. The Trustees respond to applications and also initiate their own projects.

- Applicant must be a registered charity or an exempt charity.
- Applicant must be based in the UK.
- Bursaries and other support for fees are normally paid to the education organisation.
- Applications are considered under 8 headings:
 - composition and contemporary music
 - bursaries for courses and summer schools; limited to U.K. based students
 - music therapy / special needs
 - academic research / projects

Please note that it is advisable to submit an application well in advance of the deadline.

Deadlines: January 31st for spring panel meeting; Trustee meeting in June; August 31st for autumn panel meeting; Trustee meeting in November.

The Radcliffe Trust, 6 Trull Farm Buildings, Tetbury, Gloucestershire GL8 8SQ Tel: 01285 841900 Email: radcliffe@thetrustpartnership.com

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