



Funding Bulletin - November 2008

This newsletter was compiled by T3SC with information from NAVCA, Fit4Funding and direct from funders themselves. It showcases just a few of the hundreds of funding opportunities T3SC have information on.

Our Support and Development Team can also offer assistance with putting together a quality funding bid; please get in touch to see how we can work with you to help you achieve your aims.

Denton and Audenshaw Rotary Club

Priorities/details: If your group is based in Denton or Audenshaw the Rotary Club has funds available for small community projects and no application form is needed.

Grant amount: Small pots of money

Application process: Email Jill Bates with details of your funding application. You will then need to meet with Jill and possibly a panel to discuss your application.

Deadlines: Ongoing

Further information: Jill Bates, Tel: 07890 434 348, Email: jill.bates@capita.co.uk



Neighbourhood Learning in Deprived Communities – Capital Funding

Priorities/details: Supports community-based learning in the 88 local authorities with the most deprived areas (ie those eligible for the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund).

Who for?

- assisting and supporting the direct delivery of learning, for example equipment to support training or teaching, it should not be spent on learning delivery costs ie staff;
- refurbishing and enhancing existing premises e.g. improving health and safety arrangements, minor works and adaptations to meet Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) requirements;
- complementing other funds secured by applicant organisations or partnerships for example in order to establish a new learning centre or VCS Learning and Skills Consortia in areas where none previously existed; and
- securing ICT provision e.g. PCs, licences, connectivity costs, and for the development/purchase of MIS, software and data management systems for the NLDC fund.

To be eligible for this grant you must be operating in one of the following areas: Ashton St Peter's; Denton South, Hattersley, Smallshaw / Hurst or Central Hyde. You must be targeting under-represented groups to help learners who are 'hard to reach', people who are likely to be out of work or excluded from the labour market for reasons such as age, disability, illness or domestic commitments such as childcare. However the fund can also be used to help people who have temporary, casual, part-

time or low-skilled jobs if projects will help them to a more secure place in the labour market. NLDC funding is entirely for learners aged 19+.

Application process: Application form

Deadlines: This funding will be subject to a competitive bidding round with most money available for spend before March 2009 and a lesser amount from April to July 2009.

Further information: Contact John Rutherford, Tel: 0161 342 3605, Email: john.rutherford@tameside.gov.uk

Comic Relief Red Nose Day UK programmes 2005-08

Priorities/details: Comic Relief is currently carrying out a review of its UK Grants programmes. This is to ensure that the money raised through Red Nose Day and Sport Relief is still reaching the areas and people that need it the most. This means that they will not be accepting applications for funding until early 2009, however see below for further detail on our Small Grants Programmes as we will continue to make some grants up to the value of £5000.

Who for? Groups and organisations throughout the UK - These are usually registered charities but they also fund some constituted groups with a written set of rules with charitable objectives.

Grant amount: Small Grants - Grants up to £5000.

Application process: Details of the new programmes, application details and the next deadline date will be released on the website.

Deadlines: Mental Health small grants programme final deadline is 12 December 2008 other deadlines will be in 2009.

Further information: www.comicrelief.com, Tel: 0207 820 5555, Email: red@comicrelief.org.uk



Grants to help increase benefits, reduce tax

Priorities/details: Bids are invited for a share of over two million pounds funding from HM Revenue and Customs, to help vulnerable people reduce debt and get the right benefits and tax, for example by helping to increase take-up of tax credits.

Who for? Voluntary and community organisations, charities, social enterprises, mutuals and co-operatives can apply,

Deadlines: 12 November.

Further information: HMRC Grant in Aid funding guidance at www.hmrc.gov.uk/vcs/guidance0809.htm



Macmillan - Funding for Self help Cancer Support groups

Priorities/details: The Small Grants programme recognises that running a cancer self help or support group effectively, can cost money. From refreshments to computers, a small grant from Macmillan can help relieve some of the financial pressures of running a group.

Who for? Small Grants is a grants programme specifically available to cancer self help and support groups across the UK. Community Networks Development Coordinators are based across the country to assist with groups' applications and provide advice on a wide variety of group activities, development and opportunities available in your local area. Grants have been awarded to emerging groups in 2008 for promotional costs, printing (leaflets, stationary, newsletters etc.), postage, venue hire, refreshments costs and speaker fees. Grants have also been awarded for: event costs, group activities, away days and group resources - computers, laptops and display materials for use at information days.

Grant amount: up to £500 is available for new groups to help with their initial development and promotion of service. Up to £3,000 is available to existing groups for their continuing development.

Deadline: Friday 7 November 2008.

Further information: Please contact Kelly O'Sullivan, Tel: 020 7840 4902 Email: kosullivan@macmillan.org.uk Website: www.macmillan.org.uk



THE FREEMASONS' GRAND CHARITY

Freemasons' Grand Charity - Non-Masonic Grants

Priorities/details: The Freemasons' Grand Charity regularly supports national charities that are not connected with Freemasonry.

Who for? Major Grants over £5,000 are not normally made for capital building projects, whether for new buildings, renovation, updating or extension. Minor Grants up to £5,000 are given towards core funding for smaller charities whose annual income does not exceed £1 million. Major and minor grants are awarded under the following headings: Vulnerable people; Medical Research; Youth Opportunities. Major and minor grants are only made to registered charities in England and Wales.

Grant amount: Major Grants - Charities seeking funding for specific projects can apply for grants of over £5,000. Minor Grants- Smaller charities can apply for a grant of £5,000 or less for general purposes.

Application process: Local charities (i.e. serving an individual city or region) should apply to the Provincial Grand Lodge of the region in which they operate - contact details for Provincial Grand Lodges are on website below. Before applying for a grant, you are advised to read the detailed Grant Application Guidelines.

Deadlines: Friday 28 November 2008.

Further information: Contact the Non-Masonic grants team, Tel: 0207 395 9294, Website: www.grandcharity.org/pages/nonmasonic_grants.html

WH Smith Trust

Priorities/details: Supporting local communities and education for everyone. The WHSmith Trust has two principal objectives: To support the local communities in which WHSmith staff and customers live and work and; To support education and lifelong learning, helping people of any age to achieve their educational potential.



Who for? Grants to local charities in which members of staff are directly involved. WH Smith Trust provides grants to support the voluntary efforts of WH Smith staff in the communities in which we operate. Grants will only be made to registered charities with which a WH Smith employee has direct involvement. The trustees will only consider one grant request per employee per year.

Grants to support education and lifelong learning. UK-based projects which support education, literacy or life-long learning. Projects may operate on a regional or a national level. There is no requirement for WH Smith employees to have existing involvement with the project/charity. The Trust favours projects where it will be a major funder, providing at least 30% of funding. The project should deliver clear outputs, which can be communicated to WH Smith employees and customers.

Grant amount: Charities where members of staff are involved: The Trust will match employee fundraising up to £500. Grants for larger sums will be subject to the trustees' discretion.

Grants for education, literacy or life-long learning: Up to £60,000

Deadlines: Where member of staff is involved: Tuesday 25 November 2008.

Education, literacy or life-long learning: beginning of December 2008

Further information: Tel: 01793 562883, Email: emma.cook@whsmith.co.uk

Website: www.whsmithplc.co.uk/WHSPCL-CR6.htm

Co-operative Foundation – Community Support Programme

The co-operative

Priorities/details: The Co-operative

Foundation is keen to support community and voluntary sector activity through grants to local groups and organisations across its trading area including Tameside. This programme is aimed at grass roots groups who want to make a difference in their own communities. The Co-operative Foundation is making some major changes to its grant scheme. In order to implement these changes, the Community Support Programme will be closing at the end of January 2009 so this is your last chance to apply.

Who for? The Co-Operative Foundation is particularly interested in locally led and run groups which can demonstrate evidence of co-operative values and principles: self-help, equality, democracy, concern for the community.

Grant amount: Grants between the values of £500 and £30,000. One-year projects - for either part or total funding.

Application process: Application form – can be downloaded from website.

Deadlines: Friday 5 December.

Further information: Tel: Foundation office on 0161 246 3044. Website: www.co-operative.co.uk/en/foundation/communitysupportprogramme/

ENVIRONMENT

Heritage Lottery Fund - Parks for People

Priorities/details: Three-year joint initiative between Heritage Lottery Fund and the Big Lottery Fund (BIG) helps with the restoration and regeneration of public parks and gardens, including squares, walks and promenades in England.

Who for? Although they expect most applications to be led by local authorities, they welcome application from other not-for-profit organisations that own public parks. You will also have to show them that: your community values the park as part of their heritage; the parks meets local social, economic and environmental needs; and the park actively involves local people. You will need to raise at least 25% of your project costs from other sources, either as cash or non-cash contributions (this is your partnership funding). At least 5% of this partnership funding must be cash from your own resources.

Grant amount: £250,000 to £5million (project planning grants of up to £50k are available).

Application process: Two-stage application process.

Deadlines: There will be two closing dates for both first-round and second-round applications: 28 February 2009 for a decision in June 2009; and 31 August 2009 for a decision in December 2009.

Further information: www.hlf.org.uk, Email: enquire@hlf.org.uk , Tel: 020 7591 6000

Natural England - Access to Nature

Details: Access to Nature is a £25 million grant scheme to encourage people from all backgrounds to understand, access and enjoy our natural environment. It is funded by the Big Lottery Fund's Changing Spaces programme and Natural England.

Who for? The scheme focuses on three broad themes: Community awareness and active participation; Education, learning and volunteering; Welcoming, well-managed and wildlife-rich places. The priority will be to fund projects that make a lasting change in areas of high social, economic and/or environmental deprivation. To qualify for funding, organisations must show evidence of partnership working and how they intend to involve the people they are trying to reach in developing, making decisions about and implementing the project.

How much? Grants of between £50,000 and £500,000. In addition they will make a small number of larger grants of over £500,000 for projects which have a national significance.

Application process: Application forms and guidance notes are available on the website below.

Deadline: You can submit your completed application anytime from April 2008 to June 2010.

Further information: Website: www.naturalengland.org.uk/accesstonature Email: Accesstonature@naturalengland.org.uk or enquiries@naturalengland.org.uk



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Community Sustainable Energy Programme



Community Sustainable Energy Programme (CSEP) - England

Priorities/details: CSEP is an open grants programme run by BRE as an award partner of the Big Lottery Fund (BIG). BRE carries out research, consultancy, training and testing to help create better buildings and communities. Part of the Fund's Changing Spaces programme, CSEP has been set up to help community based organisations in England to reduce their energy bills and environmental impact. The scheme is also designed to raise public awareness of the social and environmental advantages to reducing energy consumption and carbon emissions in order to combat climate change. Two types of grant are available: capital and project development: Capital Grants are available for the purchase and installation of green technologies and various energy efficiency measures. Project Development Grants are available for studies investigating the feasibility of installing technologies.

Who for? Not-for-profit community based organisations.

Grant amount: Capital Grant - £50,000 or 50% of the project cost (whichever is lower). Project Development Grant - £5,000 or 75% of the study cost (whichever is lower).

Application process: Application form.

Deadline: Friday 7 November 2008.

Further information: Email: info@communitysustainable.org.uk, website: www.communitysustainable.org.uk

ARTS

The Baring Foundation

Baring Foundation Arts Programme 2009

Priorities/details: The Baring Foundation was set up in 1969 to give money to charities and voluntary organisations pursuing charitable purposes. In 39 years we have given over £95 million in grants. Their budget for grant-making in 2008 is £2.7 million.

Who for? They have specific grants programmes concerned with strengthening the voluntary sector, the arts and international development. The voluntary sector and international development programmes are closed until 2009. News of the Baring Foundation's other grant programmes will be forthcoming late in 2008 and early 2009. They are also working on special initiatives which include: creating a better deal for parents with learning difficulties, interculturality and climate change.

The Arts programme 2009 is now open and they are accepting applications. Arts organisations that are currently working with refugees, asylum seekers, migrants or host communities, that can demonstrate the impact their work is making on the quality of life and artistic practice of individuals or communities and that need help with their core costs to help them to sustain or develop this work. Please note that they are particularly interested in work with newly arrived refugees, asylum seekers, migrants or their host communities.

Grant amount: Organisations spending £250,000 or more in 2007/8, may apply for a maximum grant of £25,000 per year for three years (a total of £75,000).

Application process: Website has full guidance and application forms.

Deadline: 12 December 2008.

Further information: Email: baring.foundation@uk.ing.com, Tel: 020 7767 1348, Website: www.baringfoundation.org.uk/

SOCIAL ENTERPRISES



Shell Springboard - (Businesses only, including Social Enterprises)

Priorities/details: It's not only big business and government that can respond to the challenge of climate change. There are over 4 million small businesses in the UK. Shell are offering a financial boost of up to £40,000 for a small number of UK businesses who submit the most compelling plans for a product or service which helps combat climate change. They are now open for a fourth round of Shell Springboard.

Who for? Small businesses based in the UK, who see reducing greenhouse gases as a business opportunity, not just a cost or compliance. Do you have a good idea that just needs a financial boost?

Grant amount: Up to £40,000

Application process: Via the website which also includes Eligibility, Application Process and FAQs sections.

Deadline: Friday 7 November 2008.

Further information: Website: www.shellspringboard.org/?c=2

If you are looking for funding and can't find exactly what you are looking for here we have the FunderFinder database at T3SC which you are free to use. Or you could use our Resource Room to fill in your application form, have a cup of tea, use the excellent resources and get some support. Also look at our funding web page at www.t3sc.org/funding.htm

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