

## **Funding Update**

### **Triodos Opportunities Fund**

Social finance specialists, Triodos Bank, have announced the launch of the Triodos Opportunities Fund, a new venture capital fund for social enterprises. Triodos is now seeking to invest between £200,000 and £750,000 in social enterprises with a proven business model that are looking to grow and scale up their operations. Triodos will work closely with the companies to help build on their success and focus on their long-term development rather than short-term profits. Triodos will provide more than just money and use its extensive network of social economy partners to open doors, make connections and help investees succeed. The value of the fund currently stands at £3 million. Social enterprises that want to find out more about how the Triodos Opportunities Fund can support their growth should contact Whitney Thomas on 020 7138 3209 or e-mail [whitni.thomas@triodos.co.uk](mailto:whitni.thomas@triodos.co.uk). Investors interested in participating in the Fund, should contact Alex Connor on 020 7138 3219 or email [alex.connor@triodos.co.uk](mailto:alex.connor@triodos.co.uk).

[http://www.triodos.co.uk/uk/whats\\_new/latest\\_news/press\\_releases/687610](http://www.triodos.co.uk/uk/whats_new/latest_news/press_releases/687610)

### **WREN Announces Round 4 of its Small Grants Scheme**

Waste Recycling Environmental Limited (WREN), which provides grants under the Landfill Communities Fund, has announced the 2nd funding round of its Small Grant Scheme. The scheme which is open to community and voluntary groups has been designed for projects with a total cost of under £50,000 and grants can be awarded of between £2,000 and £15,000. Typical projects suitable under the WREN small grant scheme might include village halls or community centres, skate parks and play areas, footpaths or towpaths, cycleways or museums. In Cheshire, as an example of how a small grant can make a big difference, WREN awarded £3,500 to the red squirrel captive breeding programme at Walton Hall Gardens in Warrington. The project aims to establish breeding pairs for release in to suitable areas where red squirrel populations have been in decline. To be eligible for funding, projects must be within 10 miles of a Waste Recycling Group landfill site. The closing date for applications is 5 pm on the 26th September 2008.

<http://www.wren.org.uk/how-to-apply/small-grants>

### **Local Funders Selected to Distribute Grassroots Grants**

Small community and voluntary organisations in England will soon have the opportunity to apply for grants of between £250 and £5,000 to support new projects and initiatives. This follows the announcement that 67 Local Funders have been selected to administer the £130 million Grassroots Grants Programme. The programme which will run between 2008 and 2011 will provide grants to small voluntary sector organisations. The Grassroots programme is made up of two elements. An £80 Million grants programme and a £50 million endowments programme to help local funders build funds to provide a continuous source of small grant

funding. Local funders will distribute grants of up to £5000 to small community and voluntary groups in both urban and rural settings across England – with the potential to reach out to new projects and communities that have not previously received funding. The vast majority of local funders selected are local Community Foundations which operate across City or County wide areas. Each local funder is likely to have their own application processes and timescales.

[http://www.cdf.org.uk/pooled/articles/BF\\_NEWSART/view.asp?Q=BF\\_NEWSART\\_303973](http://www.cdf.org.uk/pooled/articles/BF_NEWSART/view.asp?Q=BF_NEWSART_303973)

### **Parks for People**

The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) has announced that the final closing date for stage 1 applications to the Parks for People programme is the 30th September 2008. Launched as a joint initiative with the Big Lottery Fund, grants of between £250,000 and £5 million are available for the regeneration of parks and public gardens (including squares, walks and promenades). The fund will be open to Local Authorities as well as not for profit organisations that own public parks and gardens. Applicants will need to raise at least 25% of the project costs from other sources, either as cash or non-cash contributions. The 'Parks for People' programme has a two-stage application process. If a Stage One Pass is awarded, applicants can submit a Stage 2 application. Funding for parks in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland will offer same the opportunities and use the same assessment processes as in England, but will be managed solely by the HLF. Recent awards include a £1.84 million grant to restore Castle Park in Fordsham, Cheshire back to its original historic landscape and to improve sports facilities, the play area, and cafe and kiosk facilities and a £3.5million grant to restore the historic landscaping and buildings, upgrading footpaths, entrances, furniture and signage of Brockwell Park which is located between Brixton, Norwood and Dulwich.

<http://www.hlf.org.uk/English/HowToApply/OurGrantGivingProgrammes/Parks+for+People/>

### **Funding for Community Based Responsible Drinking Initiatives**

The Drinkaware Trust awards small grants of between £100 and £2,500 to local community (and occasionally national) initiatives designed to promote responsible drinking and reduce alcohol related harm. The Trust funds projects ranging from public education campaigns, peer-led education schemes, educational theatre work, conferences, provision for educational materials, training, workshops to other educational events. The Trust has a dedicated fund, supported by the Big Lottery Fund, to provide support for local initiatives. In particular the Trust welcomes applications that aim to further the strategic objectives of the Trust, which are to:

Reduce alcohol misuse amongst under-18s; a

To raise awareness about long term health harms caused by hazardous or harmful levels of drinking.

The Trust accepts applications from registered charities' other voluntary organisations and statutory organisations and partnerships. This is a rolling programme with no application deadlines. However you should

apply at least two months before your project is due to start. An example of a previously funded project is the B Arts – Drink This! Project; a multi media project aiming to raise young people's awareness of alcohol misuse and its impact on the public. B arts artists work with 20 Y8 pupils from three schools in Staffordshire using theatre, video, still photography, sound and projection to create a performance and workshop that the group must show to Y6 & Y7 classes.

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

### **Age Concern - Opportunities for Volunteering Grants**

Age Concern, which is one of 16 National Agents to administer the Opportunities for Volunteering Scheme has announced that it is inviting applications from third sector organisations which provide services for older people. Opportunities for Volunteering (OFV) is a Department of Health initiative which provides grants to local health and social care organisations in England. OFV grants aim to enable organisations to involve volunteers in the delivery of their services. The maximum amount of grant available through Age Concern is £35,000 per year for up to 3 years. Successful projects will be able to demonstrate how they contribute to the Department of Health's Strategic Objectives and Age Concern England's priorities of; helping people to stay healthy and well, empowering them to live independently, and tackling health inequalities; providing the best possible health and social care, offering safe and effective care, when and where people need help, and empowering people in their choices; and delivering affordable, efficient and sustainable services, contributing to the wider economy and the nation. The closing date for applications is the 29<sup>th</sup> August 2008.

[http://www.ageconcern.org.uk/AgeConcern/grants\\_voluntary\\_organisations.asp](http://www.ageconcern.org.uk/AgeConcern/grants_voluntary_organisations.asp)

### **Trusthouse Charitable Foundation**

The Trusthouse Charitable Foundation, which makes grant of around £2 million each year has announced new grant making guidelines. Funding is now available to local and national charities or not-for-profit organisations that address rural and urban deprivation. Under Rural Issues grants are available for projects that could include for example

- providing transport for the elderly, disabled or disadvantaged;
- contact networks for young disabled people;
- projects which encourage a sense of community such as community centres and village halls;
- employment training schemes especially those promoting local, traditional crafts;
- projects addressing issues such as drug/alcohol misuse or homelessness.

Under the Urban Deprivation grants are available for projects that could include for example;

- youth clubs;
- training schemes to help people out of unemployment;
- drop in centres for the homeless.

In addition, from July 2009, the Foundation will start a three year themed grant which will fund projects addressing mental health issues for prisoners and ex-offenders. The Grants Committee meets quarterly to consider applications at the beginning of February, May, July and November. The deadlines for submitting applications is generally 2 months before the date of a meeting.

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

### **Launch of New Faith in Action Grants Programme**

The Department for Communities and Local Government has announced a new £4 million grants programme to support greater community cohesion. The Faiths in Action grants programme will be open to faith, inter faith, voluntary and community organisations and groups in England and will open for applications on the 1st of August 2008. The new grants programme forms part of the new 'Framework for Partnership' which will invest more £7.5 million into faith communities to encourage and enable greater local activity to bring people from different religions and beliefs together. It also reaffirms government support for the valuable work faith groups contribute to delivering services, responding to some of the toughest challenges that society faces. Grants will be distributed in two rounds. Round one will issue grants of up to £12,000 to be spent over two years. It is hoped the grants will support a wide variety of local activities in a range of community settings. Administered by the Community Development Foundation (CDF) on behalf of Communities and Local Government, Faiths in Action aims to bring communities together, promoting positive relationships between people of different religions and beliefs.

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/news/corporate/899026>

### **"Access to Nature" Grants Programme**

Under the scheme, Voluntary and Community Organisations, Charities, Friendly Societies, Industrial and Provident Societies, Charitable Trusts and the Public Sector will be able to apply for grants of between 50,000 and £500,000 to encourage people from all backgrounds to understand, access and enjoy the natural environment. The scheme which is jointly funded by the Big Lottery Fund's "Changing Spaces" programme and Natural England and will focus on three broad themes; community awareness of and active participation in the natural environment;

education, learning and volunteering;

and creating welcoming, well-managed and wildlife-rich places.

In addition Natural England will make a small number of Flagship grants of over £500,000 for projects which have a national significance.

Applications can be submitted at any time until June 2010 except for flagship projects. The next deadline for the submission of Flagship projects is the 17th October 2008.

<http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/leisure/grants-funding/default.htm>

### **Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts – Local Food Programme**

Under the Local Food Programme a total of £50 million is available over the next five years to support a range of organisations such as voluntary and community groups, health agencies including hospitals and PCTs , schools, social enterprises, Parish and Town Councils etc., to carry out a variety of food related projects to make locally grown food more accessible and affordable to local communities. Grants are available through two funding streams.

The small grants scheme which makes grants of between £2,000 and £10,000;

The main grants programme which makes grants of between £10,001 and £300,000 to support projects such as growing, processing, marketing and distributing local food; composting and raising awareness of the benefits of such activities.

Applications to the Small and Main grants programmes can be submitted at any time.

<http://www.localfoodgrants.org/index.php/grants>

### **Tesco Charity Trust - Support for the Elderly and / or People with Disabilities**

The Tesco Charity Trust has announced that the next funding round for projects supporting the elderly and/or people with disabilities will begin on 1st August 2008. Through the Trust Community and Voluntary groups can apply for grants apply for grants of between £1,000 and £4,000 through the Tesco Charity's Community Awards whose core work is supporting elderly people and people with disabilities. The Tesco Charity Trust has been in existence since 1987 and aims to provide approximately £600,000 in grants each year. The types of projects supported in the past have included;

- befriending schemes;
- luncheon clubs;
- specialist equipment for disabled people;
- and day trips / social trips – for elderly / disabled people, etc.

The closing date for applications is the 30th September 2008.

<http://www.tescocorporate.com/page.aspx?pointerid=B1F541F43C1F4148B8786B476518A649>

### **Jeans for Genes Calls for Grant Applications**

UK charity Jeans for Genes has announced it is now accepting applications from other charities for grants up to £25,000. Jeans for Genes raises funds for research into serious genetic disorders affecting thousands of children such as cystic fibrosis, haemophilia and sickle cell. Funds also

provide laboratory equipment and facilities, as well as valuable advice and support for families. The Charity is seeking applications for projects to "extend the reach of Jeans for Genes into the genetic disorder community". The charity is offering grants of between £500 and £25,000 to improve the understanding of genetic disorders and helping those people who suffer from such disorders to cope with the challenges that they bring. The closing date for applications is the 30th September 2008 and application forms can be accessed on the Jeans for Genes website. <http://www.jeansforgenes.com/about/grants>

### **Communities in control: real people, real power - White Paper**

*Communities in control: real people, real power* was launched on 9 July 2008. This White Paper is about passing power to communities and giving real control and influence to more people.

Our key themes are power, influence and control: who has power, on whose behalf is it exercised, how is it held to account, and how can it be diffused throughout the communities we live in. It is about democracy, and how democratic practices and ideals can be applied to our complex, modern society.

The White Paper does not signify the end of work in this area. It is intended as a catalyst for change and its success will be measured over the medium term. *Communities in Control* contains an annex which gives an indication of plans for implementation. Some elements of the White Paper will be subject to formal consultation during the summer months. We will publish a full Implementation Plan shortly.

Some of the policies within the White Paper will require legislation. These will feature in the Community Empowerment, Housing and Economic Regeneration Bill, which forms part of the draft 2008/2009 legislative programme.

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/communities/communityempowerment/communitiesincontrol/>

### **Young People's Fund 2: Local Grants**

The Young People's Fund 2: Local Grants programme aims to put young people in England at the heart of local issues and services that affect their lives *and* to lead on developing the activities and services they want in their local area. The programme is administered by the Big Lottery Fund (BIG) and is available for voluntary and community sector organisations. The Total Fund Value for the Young People's Fund 2: Local Grants programme is up to £38 million. BIG can make grants of between £10,000 and £500,000 for projects costing up to £750,000.

Capital and revenue grants are available for projects, which can last up to five years. See 'Eligible Expenditure' for details.

The Young People's Fund 2: Local Grants is an England-wide programme that has two main aims:

- to ensure that all organisations that provide services to young people (from age 10 and up to and including the age of 25) includes them in developing, running and reviewing policies and services; and
- to help achieve the five Every Child Matters outcomes

**The BIG Advice Line (See Contact Information) is available for enquiries prior to submitting an Outline Proposal form.**

Applicants are informed within 10 working days if their project is being considered for funding. Successful applicants at the outline stage are then sent an application form, to be returned within up to six months. BIG aims to assess projects and inform applicants of their decision by July 2009.