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## **Grants**

### **BBC Wildlife Fund**

The BBC has announced that it plans to close its Wildlife Fund as part of its budget cuts and greater concentration on programming. Launched in 2007 the Fund initially raised around £2 million but it has been less successful over the past couple of years.

#### **Background.**

The BBC Wildlife Fund was launched in 2007 as part of the BBC's *Saving Planet Earth* TV series. Around £2 million was raised in an initial flurry of activity, with the money going on projects to help protect species and habitats around the world and in the UK. In 2010 another appeal was launched in association with the *Springwatch* programme and another £1.2 million was raised.

Grants were given out in 2010/11 as a result of the appeal and an open application process. 80% of grants went to activities outside the UK, with most grants ranging from £10,000 to £20,000.

As you might imagine, news of the imminent closure of the Fund has been met with concern, frustration and anger amongst conservation organisations, especially those that have benefited from grants. A petition has been mounted to persuade the BBC to change its mind (see [www.savebbewildlifefund.net](http://www.savebbewildlifefund.net)). So far more than 7300 signatures have been gathered.

Unless the BBC changes its mind, or someone else takes over the Fund, which is an independently registered charity, the Fund will wind down its activities and monitor existing grant projects before it closes completely.

**Information about the BBC Wildlife Fund's past activities is available at [www.bbc.co.uk/wild/about-us/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/wild/about-us/).**

### **Homelessness Transition Fund**

Applications are being invited to a new £20 million Homelessness Transition Fund. The Fund operates across England and is being financed by the Government's Department for Communities and Local Government. Applications are being managed by Homeless Link and grants will be up to £250,000. The aim of the Fund is to protect essential services for homeless people, encourage innovation, and support local projects to cut rough sleeping. The 'Transition' element of the Fund means that

activities should lead to a change in the way your work is funded, leading to greater sustainability.

## **Background.**

With the support of the Government's Department for Communities and Local Government, £20 million will be available over the next three years from the new Homelessness Transition Fund. Managed by Homeless Link, the aim of the Fund is to protect essential services for homeless people in England, many of which are under threat from grant cuts and increased demand as a result of the recession, and encourage innovation in service delivery and support local projects to cut rough sleeping.

The objectives of the Fund, and the Government's strategy to reduce rough sleeping, are covered in the report *Vision to end rough sleeping: No Second Night Out nationwide*, which is available at [www.communities.gov.uk/documents/housing/pdf/1939099.pdf](http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/housing/pdf/1939099.pdf).

There will be a series of annual application rounds, the first of which is open now and is offering a total of £8 million. A further £8 million will be available in 2012/13 and £4 million in 2013/14.

## **Who can apply and for what?**

Applications are invited from voluntary organisations, charities and social enterprises delivering front line services to single homeless people, in particular rough sleepers or those at risk of rough sleeping. Priority will be given to applications from organisations that spend more than 50% of their income delivering strategic services.

The core objectives of the Fund are to:

- Help deliver an end to rough sleeping by rolling out the principal learning from the No Second Night Out Pilot Project in London;
- Support a smooth transition for existing services to sustainable funding arrangements;
- Support strategically critical homelessness services for single homeless people: In particular those serving rough sleepers and where there is evidence of rising rough sleeping.

The most critical aspect of the Fund that applicants must address is the transitional element of the programme: That is that organisations must use the funding not only to reduce rough sleeping but also to move to a more sustainable funding arrangement that focuses on outcomes and improved efficiency in the medium term. This means that you can spend the grant on:

- Redesigning or developing services;
- Expert advice;
- Support or training;

- New partnerships or mergers.

You will need to show how you have considered other forms of funding, other funding arrangements and the ability for the project to be maintained if necessary when the grant from the Fund ends. Grants may only be given conditional on receipt of other funds.

Applicants will also need to show that they have taken account of local and national strategies and priorities for ending rough sleeping and that their projects borrow from best practice elsewhere.

Grants can be given for one, two or three years. It is unlikely that any single grant will be for more than £250,000 in total.

Money must be spent on revenue costs; no capital grants will be made.

#### **Further information and how to apply.**

**The application guidance for the Homelessness Transition Fund is available at [www.homeless.org.uk/sites/default/files/20110729%20Transition%20Fund%20Criteria%20and%20Guidance%20FINALv2.pdf](http://www.homeless.org.uk/sites/default/files/20110729%20Transition%20Fund%20Criteria%20and%20Guidance%20FINALv2.pdf). The guidelines only relate to this first application round and may change in the subsequent annual rounds over the next two years.**

**Homeless Link is also running a webinar on 6 September 2011 between 10.30am and 11.30am to answer questions from potential applicants. It is free to take part but you must register first, and as soon as possible to be certain of a place. You can register at <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/232769718>.**

**There are two application opportunities in this round:**

- **If your need is especially urgent, and the entire grant you are applying for will be spent before 31 March 2012, you have the opportunity to apply before 31 August 2011. In such cases the Government hopes to make grant decisions by mid-October 2011.**
- **If your need is less urgent, or you cannot make the earlier deadline and spending rules, you have until 30 September 2011 to make your application. In such cases you are unlikely to hear whether you have a grant much before the end of November 2011, and maybe even into 2012.**

**There is an application form, available via a link at [www.homeless.org.uk/transition-fund/how-to-apply](http://www.homeless.org.uk/transition-fund/how-to-apply). Applications can be submitted online.**

**If you have any specific questions you can e-mail [fund@homeless.org.uk](mailto:fund@homeless.org.uk).**

**Closing date: Urgent requests have to be made by 31 August 2011, otherwise the first application round closes on 30 September 2011.**

**Institute of Fundraising Bursary Scheme**

The Institute of Fundraising is offering a limited number of bursaries to enable staff from smaller voluntary organisations in England to attend its fundraising conferences and training programmes. The bursaries reduce the attendance from £225 to just £20.

### **Background.**

The Institute of Fundraising (IoF) is the professional membership body for UK fundraisers. As well as representing fundraisers and fundraising, and setting professional standards, the Institute runs a series of training programmes and conferences dealing with fundraising topics.

The IoF is one of the Government's strategic partners, and it is in that capacity that it is able to offer a limited number of bursaries to enable fundraisers from small organisations in England to attend events on its 2011/12 programme at greatly reduced rates. It would normally cost non-IoF members £225 to go to these courses/conferences but for organisations with incomes below £250,000 a year some places are available for just £20.00. A total of 200 bursaries are available.

Some immediately available events include:

- Digital Fundraising 2011, on 19 September 2011 in London;
- Face to Face Fundraising 2011, on 26 September 2011 in London;
- Legacy Fundraising 2011, on 10 October 2011 in London.

**Applications for bursaries have to be made by 30 August 2011. There is an online form along with details of the courses available at [www.institute-of-fundraising.org.uk/events/bursaryscheme.htm](http://www.institute-of-fundraising.org.uk/events/bursaryscheme.htm).**

**Closing date: 30 August 2011.**

### **CommunityForce**

NatWest bank is inviting applications to its CommunityForce programme. It supports local community projects in England and Wales where the bank has branches and provides grants of up to £6000. Successful projects will also receive a platform to raise the profile of their work to attract volunteers. A similar scheme is run in Scotland by the Royal Bank of Scotland.

### **Background.**

This is the second year of CommunityForce. Over 600 projects were supported in England and Wales in 2010, receiving financial support and the opportunity to build a local profile to attract volunteers. The scheme has been beefed up for 2011, with larger awards.

The programme is part of NatWest bank's Customer Charter, which includes a commitment to help local communities where the bank has branches. Applicant organisations are encouraged to sign up to the scheme and local community panels

and senior bank managers select a shortlist, which is then voted on by the local community.

NatWest is part of the Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc. The Group runs a parallel scheme in Scotland.

### **How it works.**

There's a CommunityForce website (<http://communityforce.natwest.com/> in England and Wales, or <http://communityforce.rbs.co.uk/about/> in Scotland) where you are encouraged to register your project. Entry categories include: Animals; Arts and Culture; Education and Young People; Elderly and Disabled; Environment; Health and Welfare; Public/Community Benefit; Sports; Other.

Entries are welcome from registered charities, voluntary organisations and social enterprises.

The country is broken into a number of CommunityForce areas, and up to three awards of £6000 can be given in each area. There are 158 areas across England and Wales, and more in Scotland.

Entries close on 4 September 2011 and the public vote on the shortlisted projects begins on 26 September 2011. The winners will receive their prizes by the end of December 2011.

### **Further information and how to apply.**

**Full details about CommunityForce are available at <http://communityforce.natwest.com/> for England and Wales, or at <http://communityforce.rbs.co.uk/about/> for Scotland. There's also a helpline on:**

- **England and Wales: 0800 2100 246 or via Minicom at 0800 0155 545;**
- **Scotland: 0800 2100 245 or Minicom 0800 0155 545.**

**Registration and project entries are made online at <https://communityforce.natwest.com/user/login/?next=/user/project/register/> in England and Wales, or <https://communityforce.rbs.co.uk/user/register/> in Scotland.**

**Closing date: 4 September 2011.**

## **LandAid**

LandAid, a trust set up by the UK property industry to help disadvantaged young people access facilities, skills and opportunities to achieve their potential, is seeking applications to two funds: a Training, Education and Support Fund; a Capital Projects Fund. In both cases grants of between £5000 and £25,000 are available across the UK.

### **Background.**

We first covered LandAid in November 2010, when at the time it provided an annual programme of grants for organisations in England only. The eligibility criteria have now expanded to cover the whole of the UK.

The objective of LandAid is to use money raised from the UK property industry to help young disadvantaged people access the facilities, skills and opportunities they need to achieve their potential. Over the past four years the fund has increased considerably, and now more than 40 companies have become Foundation Partners by committing at least £10,000 a year for three years. (There's a list of the supporting companies at [www.landaid.org/foundation-partners/](http://www.landaid.org/foundation-partners/)).

It will be interesting to see what developments there are at the trust after the recent urban riots.

### **Who can apply and for what?**

Two schemes are currently open to application:

- Training, Education and Support Fund.
- Capital Projects Fund.

#### **1. Training, Education and Support Fund.**

Grants of between £5000 and £25,000 are available across the UK to fund training, education or support programmes targeted at disadvantaged young people, including NEETS, homeless young people or those from a low income background. Projects should lead to recognised qualifications or employment.

Grants cannot cover salaries and other general revenue costs (except where they are specific to the project).

#### **2. Capital Projects Fund.**

Grants of between £5000 and £25,000 are available across the UK to fund refurbishment, conversion, extension or new build of facilities for young and disadvantaged people. LandAid is especially keen on projects that have an education or learning element. This can include hostel/foyers, community or youth centres and accommodation.

The closing date for both schemes is 31 August 2011.

### **Further information and how to apply.**

**Details of the current LandAid grants are available at [www.landaid.org/grants/](http://www.landaid.org/grants/).**

**Applications must be made online, but there is no facility to save your application as you go along. There is a sample application form that lists the answers you will be required to give about your project and the back-up information you will need to provide. It's recommended that you use this sample form to rehearse your answers so that you can cut and paste them into the online**

**form in one go. The sample application is available at [www.landaid.org/images/stories/Projects/Sample\\_Application\\_for\\_Funding.pdf](http://www.landaid.org/images/stories/Projects/Sample_Application_for_Funding.pdf).**

**You can also contact:**

**LandAid Trust  
St Albans House  
5th Floor  
57-59 Haymarket  
London  
SW1Y 4QX**

**Tel: 020 3102 7190.**

**Closing date: 31 August 2011.**

### **Social Enterprise Investment Fund: Capital Growth Fund**

A brief application opportunity is available for capital grants (or occasionally loans) from the Social Enterprise Investment Fund. The new Capital Growth Fund is managed by the Social Investment Business on behalf of the Government's Department of Health: Capital grants of between £50,000 and £150,000 will be given to existing social enterprises in England providing health and/or social care service delivery. The money must be spent by 31 March 2012. For the purposes of the Fund the definition of a social enterprise is very widely drawn.

#### **Background.**

The Department of Health's Social Investment Fund has for several years been assisting social enterprises (and similar organisations) in England that are delivering health and/or social care services. The aim has been to enable such organisations to take care/health services into the social enterprise sector for the first time or to expand and develop existing provision. The Fund has been offering a mix of loans, capital grants and some initial revenue support.

This new SEIF Capital Growth Fund is managed by the Social Investment Business and covers capital support only for existing social enterprises organisations.

#### **What can you apply for?**

£12 million is available overall. Capital grants of between £50,000 and £150,000 can be used by social enterprises in England for:

- Property or land purchase;
- Some fees relating to capital projects including solicitors, architects and surveyors;
- Property renovations and refurbishments;
- Purchase of vehicles;

- Equipment for delivery of services e.g. fixtures and fittings;
- IT equipment.

Loans are also available where you can show your ability to repay. Any investment over £150,000 will include a loan element. Loans are repayable at an initial 6% and can be repaid between 6 months and 25 years.

Investment offers will be made by 2 December 2011 and all money must be spent by 31 March 2012. Though the spending timeline is brief, you will have to show that the investment will make a lasting benefit.

Applications will be accepted from all health and social care delivery organisations (that could define themselves as social enterprises) that have been in existence for at least a year. You will need to show that the capital item/s will help you directly grow and improve your social care/health service delivery.

**Further information and how to apply.**

**Information about the SEIF Capital Growth Fund application round is available at [www.thesocialinvestmentbusiness.org/our-funds/seif/](http://www.thesocialinvestmentbusiness.org/our-funds/seif/).**

**To apply to the Fund you must submit a completed application form and the mandatory supporting documents. These include:**

- **Three years of audited accounts (if you have been operating for less than three years you should provide any audited accounts that you have for the period for which you have been operating);**
- **A copy of your latest management accounts clearly showing the period that these cover;**
- **A copy of your governing documents, signed by an officer to evidence that these are the true, up to date documents as adopted by your board;**
- **A cash flow forecast completed on the SEIF template provided with the application form.**

**To get an application form you have to go through a simple eligibility checklist, which mercifully is shorter than its web address:**

**[www.thesocialinvestmentbusiness.org/our-funds/social-enterprise-investment-fund/seifcapitalgrowth/seif-capital-growth-fund-eligibility-checklist/](http://www.thesocialinvestmentbusiness.org/our-funds/social-enterprise-investment-fund/seifcapitalgrowth/seif-capital-growth-fund-eligibility-checklist/). (Quick clue: say yes to everything except the last question, where yes or no works).**

**If you have any specific questions you can also call 0191 269 2276.**

**Closing date: 16 September 2011.**

**Money Advice Trust**

The Money Advice Trust, a UK-wide independent money advice charity, is seeking applicants to its Innovation Grants Programme. The money is given by the Nationwide Building Society and grants of between £1000 and £30,000 are available for original and innovative work within the UK that will improve the money advice sector.

### **Background.**

The Money Advice Trust is committed to improving access to quality, free and independent money advice in the UK. It supports projects in two ways: by invitation and through an Innovation Grants Programme.

The invitation only programme supports money advisers in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, training courses, and membership services in support of money advisers. In 2011 this programme is supporting: Advice NI; Citizens Advice; Money Advice Scotland; the Institute of Money Advisers; and Advice UK.

Last year, 2010, the Trust ran a small, pilot, open grants programme that supported four organisations: Advocacy in Wirral (£8000); CLASSY, a network of money advisers in Sheffield (£3220); East End CAB in London (£1810); North Ayrshire Citizens Advice Service (£9804). That pilot programme has, with the support of the nationwide Foundation, morphed into a larger scheme.

### **What can you apply for in 2011?**

The Innovation Grants Programme seeks to support innovative projects within the UK in five priority areas:

- The development of new information and resources for money advisers that can be shared with others;
- The testing of support groups for client and advisers;
- Work with people who are usually excluded from society;
- Projects that combine money advice and financial capability;
- Work that will assist those who are homeless or facing homelessness.

The grants can be spent on specific capital items or groups of items, or projects.

The Trust will provide grants of between £1000 and £30,000 (possibly more in exceptional circumstances) for original activities that are not already being done by others. The core costs of providing money and debt advice are not covered. Nor will grants be given to replace those lost in statutory cuts.

Applicants do not have to be registered charities but they must have a formal constitution. Joint applications are welcome, but there must be a lead agency.

### **Further information and how to apply.**

**Information about the Money Advice Trust's Innovation Grants Programme is available at [www.moneyadvice-trust.org/content.asp?ssid=119](http://www.moneyadvice-trust.org/content.asp?ssid=119).**

**There is an application form at [www.moneyadvice-trust.org/content.asp?ssid=126](http://www.moneyadvice-trust.org/content.asp?ssid=126).**

**If you have any specific questions or want to clarify your eligibility before applying you can call the Trust's External Affairs Officer, Emily Hopkins, on 020 7653 9734.**

**Money Advice Trust  
21 Garlick Hill  
London  
EC4V 2AU**

**Closing date: 1 September 2011.**

## **Gannett Foundation**

Given the pressure that many local organisations are under following local authority cuts it's probably a good time to mention that applications are currently being invited in many localities across the UK by the Gannett Foundation. The grant programme is linked to more than 300 local newspapers and details vary from region to region, but in the main grants range from £5000 to £10,000 for one-off local activities or capital items that benefit a large number of people within the community.

### **Background.**

The Gannett Foundation, supported by the US-based Gannett Corporation, which is a major media company, has been a long-time supporter of charitable activity. To encourage applications from UK organisations it runs a programme through its Newsquest subsidiary, the programme being managed by the Quartet Community Foundation.

To apply you need to be within the circulation/production area of one of the more than 300 titles published by Newsquest. To find out if you are eligible to apply check the information details below. Applications have to be made to the specific local newspaper office too.

The grants programme has been running for 10 years, and in that time a total of more than £4 million has been given. The guidelines have recently been tightened in favour of giving fewer but slightly larger grants, with an emphasis on making a lasting local impact. Previously successful applicants in the past two years cannot apply again, so that ensures that grants are widely available to new recipients.

### **Who can apply, and for what?**

Projects must be local and take a creative approach to fundamental issues such as education, the need for neighbourhood improvements, economic development, youth

development, community problem solving, assistance to disadvantaged people, environmental conservation or cultural enrichment.

The Foundation prioritises: projects/items of lasting benefit such as specially adapted minibuses for older people or people with disabilities; projects that benefit people with special needs either through disability or disadvantage; sport, environment, conservation or local history projects.

Applicants must be registered charities, and national and regional charities can only apply for specifically local projects. Medical or research organisations or animal charities cannot apply. Applications are not accepted from uniformed groups or schools (except special schools). Applications will not be accepted from hospitals, but hospices are fine.

Applications will not be accepted from organisations with substantial financial reserves. Nor can organisations that have received a Gannett Foundation grant in the past two years apply.

As a rule, to ensure a lasting and positive impact, grants will be for between £5000 and £10,000 (though smaller sums can be asked for).

Grants are only made for specified items and detailed costings must be provided.

### **More information and how to apply.**

**There's a Newsquest newspaper title listing at [www.newsquest.co.uk/portfolio/our-titles/](http://www.newsquest.co.uk/portfolio/our-titles/), where you can find out if there is a Newsquest publication near you. Applications have to be made to the local newspaper, so go to its Website and search under Gannett Foundation if the information is not immediately obvious.**

**There is an application form, which has some attached guidance notes. It can be downloaded via a link at [www.gannettfoundation.org/](http://www.gannettfoundation.org/), then printed and sent to your local newspaper office.**

**There is a single application closing date this year, though the date varies from newspaper to newspaper. The dates are generally towards the end of September or early October 2011.**

**Closing date: Varies locally but is usually sometime late September or early October 2011.**

### **Transformers Fund**

The final application round has opened to the Transformers fund. Designed to support projects in the Olympic boroughs of Hackney, Tower Hamlets, Newham, Waltham Forest and Greenwich, grants of between £10,000 and £20,000 are available to organisations with a strong track record of delivering community projects in the area and engaging communities. All money must be spent by the end of December 2012.

### **Background.**

The Transformers fund is supported by the Olympic Lottery Distributor with the aim of leaving a legacy in the five host London boroughs of Hackney, Tower Hamlets, Newham, Waltham Forest and Greenwich. The scheme opened to applications in September 2010 and the third and final application round is due to close on 28 October 2011. The programme is being managed by the East London Business Alliance, ELBA.

Grants of between £10,000 and £20,000 are available to organisations with a track record of engaging communities in areas close to the Olympic venues in the boroughs and for activities where the outcomes will be:

- To raise the spirits and aspirations of local people to derive some real positive benefits for local communities.
- To encourage community participation to make a difference in their own community.
- To get local people involved in community activities that celebrate and promote the spirit of the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.
- To leave a lasting legacy in the community.

Perhaps the best guide to what the scheme is about is the 14 projects that received grants in the first application round late in 2010. Examples included:

- Connaught Opera was awarded £21,500 to work with elderly residents to help them celebrate the Olympics through music and song.
- Leyton Orient Community Sports Programme's grant of £40,000 is to develop multi-sports sessions for young people in specific neighbourhoods.
- Chisenhale Dance Space got £38,000 to deliver sports-themed dance projects in some schools in Tower Hamlets to children who would not normally engage in dance.
- SPLASH, a community project in south Poplar, got £32,000 to run a mini sports tournament to bring the whole community together.
- Newham Education Business Partnership got £19,000 to link seven schools with their wider communities through creating sculptures that reflect sporting themes.
- The Building Exploratory got £37,000 to work with older people from Bromley by Bow and Bow Boys' School to build a People's Archive.

### **Who can apply and for what?**

It's important to understand the programme's guidelines: In the second application round, which closed earlier this year, of the 230 applications received over 100 were ineligible.

Grants given in this final application round must be spent by the end of December 2012. Projects can start immediately after December 2011.

Applications are welcome from established charities, voluntary organisations, social enterprises, schools and national charities with branches in one of the eligible boroughs.

Whilst there is interest in funding projects anywhere within the five Olympic boroughs, special attention will be paid to projects in the following areas close to Olympic venues:

- **Hackney:** Hackney Marsh, Hackney Wick, Homerton, Lower Clapton.
- **Tower Hamlets:** Bow, Bromley by Bow, Langdon Park, Poplar.
- **Newham:** Carpenters, Stratford, Forest Gate, Plaistow, West Ham, Canning Town.
- **Waltham Forest:** Leyton, Leytonstone, Cathall, Cann Hall.
- **Greenwich:** Woolwich, Woolwich Dockyard, Plumstead, East Greenwich, Charlton.

Whilst most of the grant should be spent on project costs, it is possible to spend up to 15% supporting your core costs.

Match funding is not required.

**More information and how to apply.**

**The detailed application guidelines for Transformers grants are available at [www.transformers-1.org.uk/resources](http://www.transformers-1.org.uk/resources). You will also find the application form and details of the application process there.**

**If you have any specific questions about your eligibility you can call either Emma Quinn, Grants Manager, or Fahad Abdi, Grants Coordinator, on 020 7068 6960. Both work for the East London Business Alliance.**

**Closing date: 28 October 2011.**

## **Baring Foundation: Arts and Older People**

Pursuing a theme it has had since 2009, the Baring Foundation has two current opportunities for arts organisations working with older people. The first opportunity is an invitation to tender for a £60,000 contract to create and run, for at least three years, a website dedicated to the issue of arts and older people. The second is grants up to £30,000 for organisations working with arts and older people in residential care settings.

**Background.**

The Baring Foundation has been operating a grants programme focussing on arts and older people since 2009. Older people is taken to mean above the age of 60. It's a theme that the Foundation is committed to until at least 2014. The thinking behind the programme is covered by a report *Ageing Artfully*, which is available at [www.baringfoundation.org.uk/AgeingArtfully.pdf](http://www.baringfoundation.org.uk/AgeingArtfully.pdf).

The Foundation is also holding a free National Learning Event on the subject of Ageing Artfully in Manchester on 19 October 2011. The event is aimed at all those interested in the place of creative arts in older age. Though the event is free you must book in advance, and if you don't turn up you will be charged £40 to cover the wasted administration and catering charge. **To book a place you need to e-mail Rebecca Bromley (r.bromley@manchester.gov.uk) with your name, position and organisation.** The event is being organised in liaison with Manchester City Council's Valuing Older People Unit.

The Foundation's current funding programme brings two forms of support: A strategic grants scheme offering funding for specific kinds of activity and a direct grants programme supporting professional arts organisations working with older people. There are now application opportunities in both areas.

### **1. Invitation to tender to create and run a website on arts and older people.**

The invitation to tender to run a website on the arts and older people is one of the Foundation's strategic initiatives in the field. The aim of the website is to bring together for the first time in a single place information on arts and older people in a way that helps those new to the field as well as more experienced practitioners. Featuring work involving more disadvantaged older people will be especially welcome. The focus should be on the UK but an international perspective is ok too.

Applications are invited from organisations, consortiums or consultants to run the site for at least three years. Up to £60,000 is available inclusive of all costs.

The site should have the following features:

- Whilst focusing on the needs/interests of practitioners there could also be information for policy makers, funders, academics etc.
- It should use open source technology and be compatible with social media.
- It should be visually appealing and convey the excitement and beauty of the arts.
- It should contain news, a calendar of events, training resources and toolkits, case studies etc.
- It should cover funding sources.
- There should be a directory of organisations/members.
- It should feature a gallery of work.

The Foundation has already funded a website covering the arts and refugees, see [www.platforma.org.uk/about](http://www.platforma.org.uk/about), and suggests this might be a model on which to base your approach. Sadly, when we looked the home page could not be found so you need to make sure you use the [www.platforma.org.uk/about](http://www.platforma.org.uk/about) address.

**More information and how to apply.**

**The website tender document is at [www.baringfoundation.org.uk/Websitetender.pdf](http://www.baringfoundation.org.uk/Websitetender.pdf).**

**There's an application form at [https://www.grantrequest.com/SID\\_650/Default.asp?CT=CT&SA=SNA&FID=35026](https://www.grantrequest.com/SID_650/Default.asp?CT=CT&SA=SNA&FID=35026) which has to be completed online.**

**You are welcome to discuss a possible tender by calling David Cutler at the Foundation on 0207 767 1414.**

**The closing date is 31 August 2011 with a decision being made after interviews towards the end of December 2011.**

**Closing date: 31 August 2011.**

## **2. Grants from the Arts and Older People Project Programme 2012: Creative Homes in Creative Communities.**

Next year the Baring Foundation's theme for work with arts and older people is Creative Homes in Creative Communities, and linking different types of residential care settings into the community around them through the creative power of the arts.

At least £300,000 is available overall, and around 15 organisations will be supported across the UK with grants up to £30,000. Up to 20% of the grant can be spent on overheads. Projects cannot start before the end of March 2012 and can last up to two years.

Projects will need to:

- Respect older participants' rights and abilities to shape and determine the course of the project activities and to contribute to the arts organisation's development;
- Reach and engage people who experience disadvantage and discrimination through economic, health or other barriers to full participation;
- Display evidence of effective partnerships with residential care settings and in some cases other partners as well;
- Link the care setting with the external community in a way which creates value to both;
- Include a costed contribution from partners.

To apply you need to meet **all** the following criteria:

- Be an arts organisation with a main purpose of furthering the arts or one that contracts a professional arts workforce and/or seeks to offer non-professionals a developmental and high quality experience of arts practice;
- Have a track record of high quality work involving or led by older people;
- Be working in partnership on this project with a residential or day care setting for older people;
- Have had an annual income in 2010/11 of at least £100,000.

Applications **will not** be accepted from:

- Individual artists or informal unconstituted groups;
- Local authority services, departments or projects other than museums and galleries. In the case of museums and galleries the Foundation expects all work to involve living artists and creative processes;
- NHS departments or projects;
- Schools, colleges or universities;
- Voluntary organisations that are not arts organisations;
- Organisations previously funded under the Foundation's arts and older people programme.

#### **Further information and how to apply.**

**There are strict guidelines for the Creative Homes in Creative Communities programme and these are available at [www.baringfoundation.org.uk/ArtsProjectguidelines2012.pdf](http://www.baringfoundation.org.uk/ArtsProjectguidelines2012.pdf).**

**If you have any specific questions about your eligibility you should call the Foundation on 020 7767 1348.**

**There is an online application form at <https://www.grantrequest.com/SID%5F650/?SA=SNA&FID=35025>. You won't be able to download a form until you have completed an eligibility questionnaire.**

**The closing date for applications is 30 September 2011. After the first application stage a number of organisations will be invited to submit fuller bids after 15 November 2011. Final decisions about grants will be made in March 2012.**

**Closing date: 30 September 2011.**

#### **Flytipping in Scotland**

Applications are being invited from communities across Scotland to a new small grant scheme to deal with problems associated with persistent flytipping. Around ten

projects will be supported in this financial year and to prevent further problems next year.

### **Background.**

The new Flytipping Small Grant Scheme has £50,000 available from Zero Waste Scotland, an organisation that helps communities, businesses and individuals throughout Scotland to reduce waste, recycle more and use resources sustainably (see [www.zerowastescotland.org.uk](http://www.zerowastescotland.org.uk)). The programme is managed by Keep Scotland Beautiful, an environmental charity that aims to achieve litter free and sustainable environments throughout Scotland (see [www.keepsotlandbeautiful.org/](http://www.keepsotlandbeautiful.org/)).

### **Who can apply and for what?**

Applications are welcome from community groups and landowners/managers throughout Scotland that have been experiencing persistent flytipping. Projects should have two outcomes:

- The removal of litter during the current financial year (2011-12);
- The prevention of recurring flytipping at the same locations in 2012-13. This can be achieved through creating deterrents to flytipping, raising awareness of alternatives or penalties; making responsible waste disposal/recycling a more accessible option.

Grants can be for between £500 and £10,000 (but bear in mind the total fund is only £50,000). Where there are several sites with problems in the same locality you can apply for more than one grant, but the total applied for, regardless of the number of projects, cannot be for more than £10,000.

All money must be spent by the end of January 2012.

### **Further information and how to apply.**

**Full question and answer guidance about the Flytipping Small Grant Scheme is available at [www.dumbdumpers.org/flytipping/documents/FAQ.pdf](http://www.dumbdumpers.org/flytipping/documents/FAQ.pdf). You can also contact [flytipping@ksbscotland.org.uk](mailto:flytipping@ksbscotland.org.uk) or phone the Litter and Flytipping team at Keep Scotland Beautiful on 01786 468788 or 01786 468243.**

**Applications should be made by completing an application form which can be downloaded via the Dumb Dumpers website at [www.dumbdumpers.org/flytipping/](http://www.dumbdumpers.org/flytipping/). You can also apply online via the same page.**

**The closing date is 9 September 2011. Decisions will be made by the end of September 2011.**

**Closing date: 9 September 2011.**

### **Comic Relief UK Grants**

Time is beginning to run out if you want to make an application for a UK grant from Comic Relief before the current grant strategy expires. Applications are currently being accepted for the seventh grant cycle, with one further application window to come. Applications are invited from charities, voluntary organisations, social enterprises and similar organisations throughout the UK for projects lasting up to three years.

### **Background.**

Comic Relief operates a number of different grant schemes within its strategic cycle. The current cycle began in 2009 and will come to an end in 2012. We have covered it in some detail before, for example in June 2009, and refer you back to that information.

Essentially, as far as UK grants go, Comic Relief has two schemes: A Main Grants programme and a Local Communities Programme.

1. The **Local Communities Programme** covers small grants for locally based grassroots work. It is managed not by Comic Relief but by the Community Foundation Network. Each Foundation has its own timetable and specific arrangements but the essential guidelines are common: Supporting projects run by people directly affected by issues that lead to their disadvantage and social exclusion and isolation. Around a half of all funding goes on sport-related projects tackling those issues. Applications are invited from community groups, residents groups, social enterprises etc., but **not** schools or other statutory organisations. Grants are mainly between £1000 and £10,000, though in early 2012 a Community Cash scheme will open offering even smaller grants up to £1000.

Most of the community foundations taking part in the scheme have just opened a new application round, most with closing dates in the middle to end of September 2011. Though they offer grants up to £10,000 budgets are very limited and in some cases this application round will have little more than £15,000 available. So you need to act quickly.

**A full list of community foundations in the UK offering Comic Relief Local Communities Programme Grants is available at [www.communityfoundations.org.uk/difference/comic\\_relief/](http://www.communityfoundations.org.uk/difference/comic_relief/). You can then use the links to click through and see the detailed arrangements for your area.**

2. The **UK Grants Programme** is administered directly by Comic Relief and deals with larger local grants and regional and national projects. The current grant programme will come to an end in 2012, with a new strategy/programme being launched in the spring of 2013 with grants available from the summer of 2013.

Applications are invited in cycles, and the seventh cycle is now open with a closing date of 28 October 2011 for all except grants dealing with Older People and Sport for Change, where the closing date is 7 October 2011. In all cases the applications being accepted now will lead to grants being made in March 2012.

An eighth application round will follow, and will be the last under this set of guidelines.

## **What can you apply for?**

Comic Relief grants are aimed at bringing about positive and lasting change in the lives of poor and disadvantaged people, with investments in addressing people's immediate needs as well as tackling the root causes of poverty and injustice. Applicants need to show they understand the context in which their work operates, that they have consulted with all the people who will benefit as well as other key players that will influence the work, and that they are aware of best practice in their field. Working in partnership with others, involving users, valuing diversity and properly monitoring and evaluating your work are all seen as essential ingredients of a good application.

There are eight discrete grant programmes. The first six have their next closing date on 28 October 2011. The following two, Older People and Sport for Change, have a next closing date of 7 October 2011.

What follows is a set of highlights about what will be funded, and does not include all the exclusions. Full details of all the programmes are available at [www.comicrelief.com/apply-for-a-grant/programmes](http://www.comicrelief.com/apply-for-a-grant/programmes).

### **A. Young People and Mental Health.**

This is a very oversubscribed programme. Comic Relief is specifically seeking to reach young people with current mental health problems such as depression, obsessive-compulsive disorder, hearing voices, self harm, eating disorders or suicidal feelings.

It covers work with young people aged 11-25, including:

- **Services for young people** and approaches that help young people experiencing mental health problems make positive changes in their lives. It will fund interventions that directly relate to young people's existing and identifiable mental health problems. This could include individual counselling, group work or peer support. Comic Relief especially welcomes applications providing support in settings where young people feel comfortable and won't fear being labelled or stigmatised.
- **Training** to ensure those working with young people with mental health problems, including youth workers, have access to good quality training to improve their skill base and confidence levels.

Grants **will not be** given to support work seeking to improve young people's general wellbeing.

### **B. Sexually Exploited and Trafficked Young People.**

This programme will fund projects that will reduce harm to young people aged 11-25 through sexual exploitation and/or trafficking.

It covers a wide variety of work including direct services for young people which meet both immediate and longer term needs, especially in areas where there are no services or which are aimed at young people who are poorly served (e.g. young men,

minority ethnic groups). It will also fund prevention work, training for workers and professionals, and work that raises awareness of the issues surrounding sexual exploited and trafficked young people.

### **C. Domestic and Sexual Abuse of Young People.**

This covers work to support young survivors of domestic and sexual abuse aged 11-25. 'Young survivors' includes young people who have grown up in homes where they have witnessed violence and harm, and young people directly affected by abuse caused by a family member, by an outsider such as a stranger or family friend, or as a result of their own dating experiences.

There are two strands to the programme:

- **Crisis Support:** Funding direct services for young survivors that help them to cope with the harm they have experienced and support them in building safer futures by increasing their understanding of abuse and their resilience to it. This could include services such as counselling, advocacy and group work.
- **Young Voices:** Funding work that helps young people to heal through having a voice. This could include setting up a new survivors group or support for an existing group. It also covers work that aims to build networks of young survivors who can speak out to policy makers, planners and the sector, so that their views and voices are directly heard.

### **D. Mental Health.**

This programme aims to ensure people with mental health problems get access to the services they need, their rights are respected, and their voices heard. It also aims to reduce the stigma and discrimination surrounding mental health.

In most cases Comic Relief will expect organisations to be user-led, i.e. a majority of people with direct experience of mental health problems make up the trustee board. Where this is not the case, it will expect organisations to show how they are actively and meaningfully involving people with mental health problems in running the project (e.g. through a steering group). Where appropriate, it may also want you to show a commitment to becoming more user-led over time.

As part of its user-led ethos, Comic Relief will fund a range of advocacy models or campaigning work. It is particularly keen to reach those who face difficulties in accessing appropriate services or experience additional discrimination, such as people from Black and minority ethnic communities and older people.

### **E. Young People and Alcohol.**

This programme aims to fund work for young people aged 11-25 who are misusing alcohol or drinking excessively.

It will support services that aim to reduce the levels of young people's drinking, create greater awareness of the dangers of harmful drinking and provide direct support to them. This could include individual and/or group work sessions or street-based outreach.

Comic Relief is particularly interested in work targeting young people who traditionally find it hard to access services, such as those from Black and minority ethnic communities and young women. It is also keen to receive joint applications from young people's agencies and alcohol agencies where expertise can be shared, innovative approaches developed and the added value of working together can be shown.

#### **F. Refugee and Asylum-seeking Women.**

This programme aims to fund work with the most vulnerable refugee and asylum-seeking women who have experienced rape, torture or other forms of violence in their home countries.

Whilst Comic Relief appreciates that all women seeking refuge have support needs its funding is focused on those who are the most vulnerable, both in terms of the legacy of past abuses and the threat of future exploitation in the UK. It will work with organisations that understand the gendered nature of the violence and inequalities faced by these women.

There are two strands to the programme:

- **Crisis Support:** And support services for refugee and asylum-seeking women that help them cope with the trauma they have experienced; this could include counselling or group work. It will also fund legal support that recognises past trauma and enables women to disclose the full stories behind their asylum claims. It will also support health initiatives that help women with the impact of trauma on their mental and physical wellbeing.
- **Training:** It will fund work to develop training and support packages that improve and embed knowledge and practice about how to work with this vulnerable group of women. Training can be targeted at refugee or mainstream organisations.

#### **G. Sport for Change.**

This programme seeks to understand more about how sport can play a part in delivering positive change within the lives of individuals and communities. Comic Relief also wants to understand how sport can be used to tackle identified social issues as part of a broader programme to achieve a measurable social change. 'Broader programme' is taken to mean other activities that are seen as part of a coordinated approach to a social issue or concern that supports or links to sporting activity. This might be workshops, educational sessions, awareness raising, work experience, volunteering, or mentoring.

#### **H. Older People.**

This programme aims to support older people so they can bring positive change to their communities. It will support projects where there is clear evidence of older people being actively engaged in the development, planning and delivery of their work through their role as mentors, peer supporters and advocates.

Whilst applications from all sections of the community will be accepted, Comic Relief is particularly keen to ensure our funding reaches those who are often forgotten about, such as older people from Black and minority ethnic communities, older people with mental health problems, older men, lesbians, gay men, bisexual or transgendered older people.

Your attention is also drawn to some specific additional guidelines relating to this programme at [www.comicrelief.com/sites/all/assets/documents/resources/UK-Older-People-Additional-Information.pdf](http://www.comicrelief.com/sites/all/assets/documents/resources/UK-Older-People-Additional-Information.pdf).

### **How much can you apply for?**

Grants can cover revenue and capital costs.

You can apply for some or all of your project costs, but applications that bring some match funding will be very welcome. Comic Relief will not generally fund the full costs of applications made by charities with an annual income of over £10 million.

Grants usually vary between £25,000 and £40,000 per year for a maximum of three years and rarely exceed this upper limit. You could get more if your project is of particular national importance or there is widespread learning to be gained. Sport for Change projects cannot get more than £100,000 in total.

### **Further information and how to apply.**

**The full Comic Relief UK Grants Strategy is available at [www.comicrelief.com/sites/all/assets/documents/resources/UK-full-Grants-Strategy.pdf](http://www.comicrelief.com/sites/all/assets/documents/resources/UK-full-Grants-Strategy.pdf). Programme by programme guidelines are at [www.comicrelief.com/apply-for-a-grant/programmes](http://www.comicrelief.com/apply-for-a-grant/programmes).**

**If you have any specific queries you can call Comic Relief on 020 7820 2000.**

**All programmes except Sport for Change and Older People have a single stage application process. The application process happens online and starts at [www.comicrelief.com/apply-for-a-grant/apply-for-a-uk-grant](http://www.comicrelief.com/apply-for-a-grant/apply-for-a-uk-grant). Older People and Sport for Change have a two-stage process.**

**Closing date: The next closing date for all Comic Relief UK Grants except Older People and Sport for Change is 28 October 2011. The first stage closing date for the Older People and Sport for Change programmes is 7 October 2011.**

### **MSE Charity**

Applications from organisations across the UK working with people on money and debt issues are being invited by the MSE Charity. The grants can be for up to £5000.

### **Background.**

We first covered the MSE Charity when it was set up in 2008. Founded by Martin Lewis, the man behind the website [moneysavingexpert.com](http://moneysavingexpert.com), the Charity supports individuals and organisations seeking to improve consumer and debt literacy.

Grants are available to self-help groups and other constituted organisations for innovative projects that help educate people about money/debt/consumer issues. There is a lot of variation in what's supported, but all applicants need to take account of the following general criteria:

- Projects must assist people to improve their quality of life through knowledge and understanding of how to manage and take control of their own financial situation.
- Groups will need to demonstrate that they have researched and assessed the need for the project.
- Groups must demonstrate that the project will make a significant difference to the beneficiaries so the outputs must be achievable, measurable, deliverable within budget and within a time frame and be sustainable.
- Groups will also need to show that the project will also provide outcomes that will benefit their wider communities.
- It will be necessary for groups to demonstrate that they have the skills, ability and experience to deliver the project.

The Charity will consider full project cost recovery, but costs must only relate to the project itself and not the organisations core funding and projects must provide value for money.

For existing projects with a proven success record, consideration will only be given to those that can demonstrate that funding will be used to extend the project beyond its existing boundaries in terms of the scope of project, number of beneficiaries and/or time frame.

Almost £250,000 has been given in grants so far, and a list of the organisations receiving funding is available at <https://www.msecharity.com/who-we-have-helped.aspx>.

### **How much can you apply for and when?**

Grants are generally for up to £5000. In exceptional circumstances, for example when the project has national significance or involves work where more widespread learning is possible, more could be given. If you think you have such a project you should contact the Charity's Operations Manager via [stuart@msecharity.com](mailto:stuart@msecharity.com).

There are a series of application deadlines, followed by trustees meetings where decisions are made about grants. You should hear the result within a month of the trustee meeting. The next dates are:

- 30 September 2011, with a trustee meeting on 16 November 2011.
- 31 January 2012, with a trustee meeting on 7 March 2012.
- 31 May 2012, with a trustee meeting on 4 July 2012.

- 30 September 2012, with a trustee meeting on 14 November 2012.
- 31 January 2013, with a trustee meeting on 6 March 2013.

**Further information and how to apply.**

**Information about the MSE Charity is available at**  
**<https://www.msecharity.com/about-us.aspx>.**

**Applications must be made online. There is a group application form at**  
**<https://www.msecharity.com/group-application-form.aspx>.**

**The contact address is:**

**Operations Manager**  
**The MSE Charity**  
**PO Box 240**  
**Gatley**  
**Cheadle**  
**SK8 4XT**

**Closing date: The next closing date is 30 September 2011. You will hear about the grant decision by mid-December 2011.**

## **Armed Forces Community Covenant Grant Scheme**

The first applications are being invited to a new Armed Forces Community Covenant Scheme that aims to support local community projects that bring together the Armed Forces and the wider community where the Forces have a presence. Up to £30 million will be available over four years with grants ranging from £100 to £250,000. The first opportunities are available in Oxfordshire, North Yorkshire, Hampshire and the Vale of Glamorgan. Other communities are being encouraged to get involved.

### **Background.**

Over the past year or so the Government has made much of the need, particularly in times where the Armed Forces are involved in wars, for a reinforced Armed Forces Covenant. This is the basis of the moral obligation between the country, the Government and the Armed Forces. A new Covenant was published in May 2011.

To complement this Covenant the Ministry of Defence has, in August 2011, launched a parallel Community Covenant, which reciprocates the relationship between the nation and the Armed Forces by building a code of understanding and support between the Armed Forces and the communities in which they are based.

To underpin the Armed Forces Community Covenant the MOD has allocated up to £30 million over the next four years to a Community Covenant Grant scheme. Local communities where formal Covenants exist will be able to apply for funding to run projects that strengthen the bonds between the Armed Forces and the local population.

Grants of between £100 and £250,000 will be available in a series of application rounds. Projects, which must have one-off financial commitments, might take a variety of forms but will need to promote closer ties with, or a greater understanding of, the military in the local community. Examples might include:

- A public exhibition showing recent activity of the local Armed Forces unit;
- One-off activities such as an activity camp involving the Armed Forces and young people;
- A community outreach project that brings together veterans with their non-Service equivalents to highlight what support is available to them in their local community.

Applications can be made by any part of the community: voluntary organisations; groups of volunteers; charities; schools; public bodies etc.

### **How does the process work?**

Applications for grants can only come from areas where a formal Community Covenant is in place. This is created by the local authority and the local Armed Forces. Currently the scheme is being piloted in four areas: Oxfordshire, Hampshire, North Yorkshire and the Vale of Glamorgan.

Other areas are being encouraged to join in. No one Covenant is expected to look exactly like another, as they should reflect local circumstances. The process of forming a Covenant is expected to be led by local authorities, but Unitary Councils and individual towns might seek to create a Covenant of their own. A template for the creation of a Covenant is available via a link at [www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/AboutDefence/WhatWeDo/Personnel/Welfare/ArmedForcesCovenant/CommunityCovenant.htm](http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/AboutDefence/WhatWeDo/Personnel/Welfare/ArmedForcesCovenant/CommunityCovenant.htm).

Once the Covenant is signed applications can be made for grants. Though the applications can be led by any local organisation or group, the application must be endorsed by the leading parties to each local Covenant before it can proceed to consideration for a grant. Once endorsed, the bid will be considered by a panel that will include representatives from the MOD and HM Treasury. In some cases other experts will be involved where the project demands it.

The first application round is now open and closes on 30 September 2011. There will be three grant panel meetings this financial year (October 2011, December 2011 and March 2012), and four a year from then on.

**The grant application process is different for each of the four areas that already have Covenants.**

#### **1. Oxfordshire.**

Oxfordshire County Council's Armed Forces Covenant is the most advanced. Details of it are available at [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/wps/portal/publicsite/councilservices?WCM\\_GLOBAL\\_CO NTEXT=http://apps.oxfordshire.gov.uk/wps/wcm/connect/occ/Internet%2FCouncil+s](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/wps/portal/publicsite/councilservices?WCM_GLOBAL_CO NTEXT=http://apps.oxfordshire.gov.uk/wps/wcm/connect/occ/Internet%2FCouncil+s)

ervices%2FCommunity+and+living%2FOur+work+with+communities%2FArmed+forces+in+Oxfordshire%2FCD+-+OWWC+-+community+covenant.

If you have a project idea the first thing you should do is talk to the Partnership Manager, Claire Moore, on 01865 323966.

## **2. Hampshire.**

Details of the Community Covenant in Hampshire are available at [www3.hants.gov.uk/adult-services/welfarepathway/welfarepartnerships/welfarepolicy.htm](http://www3.hants.gov.uk/adult-services/welfarepathway/welfarepartnerships/welfarepolicy.htm). This includes a link to the Covenant document itself and the speech given by the Council Leader at the signing of the document.

Bidding information for grants is at [www3.hants.gov.uk/adult-services/welfarepathway/news-welfare-pathway/covenant-grant-scheme.htm](http://www3.hants.gov.uk/adult-services/welfarepathway/news-welfare-pathway/covenant-grant-scheme.htm).

The contact point for further information is Sue Robbins on 01962 832160.

Hampshire is requiring first round applications to be in by 22 September 2011 (not 30 September as elsewhere).

## **3. North Yorkshire.**

There is currently limited information available from North Yorkshire council save a press notice about the signing of the Community Covenant document. The Covenant was signed by the council chairman, Councillor John Fort. (See [www.northyorks.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=16842](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=16842)).

## **4. Vale of Glamorgan.**

A web site has been set up by the Vale of Glamorgan council to cover the local Armed Forces Covenant. At present there is no information about the Community Covenant or the grant scheme. The suggestion is that you call OneVale, the information line, on 01446 700111. The signatory to the Vale of Glamorgan's Community Covenant was the Cabinet Office of the Council on 01446 709826. The voluntary sector representative was Rachel Connor, the executive director of the Vale Centre for Voluntary Services on 01446 741706. You can download a copy of the local Community Covenant here.

### **Further information and how to apply.**

**The full guidelines for the Armed Forces Community Covenant Grant scheme are available at [www.mod.uk/NR/rdonlyres/C8A2B166-2BE2-416B-86E3-B1007A6522DB/0/20110811\\_Community\\_Covenant\\_Grant\\_Scheme\\_Criteria\\_and\\_Terms.pdf](http://www.mod.uk/NR/rdonlyres/C8A2B166-2BE2-416B-86E3-B1007A6522DB/0/20110811_Community_Covenant_Grant_Scheme_Criteria_and_Terms.pdf).**

**A link to it, and a link to the Grant scheme application form, is available at [www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/AboutDefence/WhatWeDo/Personnel/Welfare/ArmedForcesCovenant/ArmedForcesCommunityCovenant.htm](http://www.mod.uk/DefenceInternet/AboutDefence/WhatWeDo/Personnel/Welfare/ArmedForcesCovenant/ArmedForcesCommunityCovenant.htm).**

**Closing date: The first closing date is 30 September 2011 in all areas except Hampshire, where it is 22 September 2011.**

## **First Light**

First Light, which works with young people aged 5-25 from a variety of backgrounds to develop their skills in media production, has launched a new funding round with changed guidelines. Grants of up to £30,000 are available to organisations across the UK for work on a variety of film types with young people.

### **Background.**

Since 2001, First Light has been working with young people across the UK between the ages of 5-25 to develop their skills through the use of film and media production. During that time it has worked with over 40,000 young people but still remains committed to encouraging new ones to get involved. Most of the money for the grant schemes comes through the National Lottery and a link with the British Film Institute (BFI).

The main, but not only, funding scheme is the **Young Film Fund**. A new application round has opened to the Pilot Grant and Studio Grant schemes with revised guidance. A new **90 Second Comedy Shorts** scheme has also been launched within the Fund.

### **Young Film Fund.**

#### **1. Pilot Grant and Studio Grant.**

The Young Film Fund is Lottery funded and works with 5-19 year olds. There are two pre-existing schemes within it: **Pilot Grant and Studio Grant**. Whilst there are differences between the two schemes there are many shared objectives:

- In this funding round applications will be particularly welcome from projects for films inspired by the Olympic and Paralympic Ideals through Film Nation, a Cultural Olympiad project (see [www.filmnation.org.uk/](http://www.filmnation.org.uk/)).
- Projects must be completed by 14 March 2012.
- Applications are particularly welcome from areas where there have been the least applications in past rounds. These are the North East, East and East Midlands of England, Yorkshire & Humberside, and Northern Ireland.
- Films can be live action, drama, animated fiction or creative documentaries.
- Films must be made in the UK, primarily involving young people who live in the UK.
- Projects **must not be** part of the National Curriculum or a College/University course.
- Films **cannot** promote an organisation or its activities, or be campaigning or fundraising vehicles.

The **Pilot Grant** provides funding for one short film up to three minutes long. Grants can be for up to £5000 and you must provide at least 20% in match funding. Applications are welcome from organisations with experience of collaborative filmmaking with young people, or supported by a partner organisation that is.

The **Studio Grant** is for organisations with a successful track record of making films with young people. Grants of up to £30,000 are available to make between two and four films up to three minutes long. Once again 20% match funding is required.

## **2. 90 Second Comedy Shorts.**

The new strand within the Young Film Fund is **90 Second Comedy Shorts**.

Applications to this new strand are invited from organisations with a successful track record of collaborative filmmaking with young people. Applicants should be able to offer accreditation as part of the project. Grants of up to £20,000 are available to make between three and six films of up to 90 seconds long. All projects need to be complete by 14 March 2012.

Films can be live action, animated fiction or creative documentary and must be specifically of a comedic type.

Applications are particularly welcome from areas where there have been the least applications in past rounds. These are the North East, East and East Midlands of England, Yorkshire & Humberside, and Northern Ireland.

**Further information and how to apply.**

**It's very important you understand the application process.**

**The absolute final closing date for this round of all Young Film Fund applications is 12 October 2011. However, only 100 applications will be accepted for Pilot and Studio Grants and only 50 applications will be accepted for 90 Second Comedy Shorts. If that 100 or 50 limit is exceeded before 12 October applications will close sooner.**

**The moral: Get your application in as soon as possible to beat the 100 Pilot and Studio Grant or 50, 90 Second Comedy Shorts application cut off.**

**All grants will be announced on 23 November 2011.**

**Full application guidance is available via a series of documents that can be downloaded at [www.firstlightonline.co.uk/fundingstream/young-film-fund](http://www.firstlightonline.co.uk/fundingstream/young-film-fund). The same page has links to the online application form.**

**First light has recently become a channel within YouTube, and you are strongly recommended to go to [www.youtube.com/FirstLightMovies](http://www.youtube.com/FirstLightMovies) to register your interest and look at the film samples there.**

**Finally, if you have any specific questions about eligibility or your project ideas you should either email [info@firstlightonline.co.uk](mailto:info@firstlightonline.co.uk) or call First Light on 0121 224 7511.**

**Closing date: 12 October 2011 at the latest.**

## **Live UnLtd**

Live UnLtd is looking to support around 1500 young people aged 11-21 with grants of up to £5000 so that they can set up projects to develop their communities for the better. Activities might involve setting up their social businesses, sports teams, recreational groups, events etc. The scheme operates across the UK. Launched in 2010, Live UnLtd is keen to encourage more applications following the riots and to encourage young people to consider other options after their GCSE and other school results.

### **Background**

Live UnLtd is the name that the Lottery-funded supporter of social entrepreneurs and social enterprise, UnLtd, gives to its work with young people aged between 11-21. UnLtd is the operating name of the Foundation for Social Entrepreneurs.

Live UnLtd was launched in May 2010 and is still seeking applicants for Awards. The aim of Live UnLtd is to give those young people the opportunity to create positive change in their communities by offering grants of up to £5000 to develop ideas and make their projects/events/activities a reality. Examples of some of the projects supported so far are at [www.LiveUnLtd.com/projects/](http://www.LiveUnLtd.com/projects/).

Whilst the maximum grant is £5000 the average Award will be £1500, and young people between 11-15 can only apply for up to £500.

In addition to the funding, all Award holders will get support from a dedicated member of the Live UnLtd team who will act as a mentor. The support programme will work with you for a year.

### **Who can apply?**

Applications for grants are open to individuals who are age 11-21 and are living in the UK. They can apply as an individual or an informal group. Applications cannot be made by a formal group or an individual on behalf of a group.

The activity you have in mind must:

- Have a positive social impact on your community;
- Demonstrate that you have identified a problem and can explain how your project would tackle the problem;
- Describe the specific activities you want to do and what you hope to achieve;
- Provide a learning experience or opportunity.

The grant must be used on project-related activities and **cannot** be used for living expenses, undertaking academic qualifications or employing others to run your project.

**Further information and how to apply.**

**Basic information about Live UnLtd is available at [www.LiveUnLtd.com/about/faq/](http://www.LiveUnLtd.com/about/faq/). There's also a Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/LiveUnLtd](http://www.facebook.com/LiveUnLtd).**

**The application process involves making an initial enquiry via the online form at [www.liveunltd.com/enquiry/](http://www.liveunltd.com/enquiry/), after which, assuming you meet the eligibility criteria, someone from Live UnLtd will contact you within three working days. They will then arrange for a meeting to discuss your project plans in more detail. It usually takes between four and seven weeks from the time you make your initial enquiry until you get the final decision on your grant.**

**Closing date: Applications dealt with as received.**

## **Community Action Against Crime: Innovation Fund**

There has been a delay in launching the Home Office's new Community Action Against Crime: Innovation Fund. Due to be taking applications by the end of August, the Fund will now not issue detailed guidelines and application forms until early September 2011. The scheme will operate in England and Wales.

### **Background.**

We first covered the Community Action Against Crime: Innovation Fund in July 2011 and refer you back to that information. The Fund will provide £10 million over the next two years to encourage new and greater community activism and help communities tackle the local crime issues that matter most to them. The emphasis, at least initially, is to support local groups that have had little access to funding in the past.

The scheme is being administered by the Community Development Foundation and currently it is anticipated that application information will be available on 5 September 2011.

**Outline information about the Community Action Against Crime: Innovation Fund is available at [www.homeoffice.gov.uk/crime/partnerships/innovation-fund/](http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/crime/partnerships/innovation-fund/).**

**Closing date: To be announced.**

## **Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland**

The Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland has announced the closing dates for its Henry Duncan Awards programme in 2012. The Awards are the Foundation's main way of supporting local, grassroots, organisations across Scotland to carry out a wide range of projects to improve the quality of life for people living in the most disadvantaged communities.

## **Background.**

We covered the Lloyds TSB Foundation's Henry Duncan Awards in October 2010. The guidelines remain the same as then. Applications are welcome from registered charities across Scotland with annual incomes below £500,000. The emphasis is on supporting local grassroots work in disadvantaged communities.

Grants tend to be for around £5000 to £7000. To get an idea of the range of projects that are supported you can see the grants given in August 2011 at [www.ltsbfoundationforscotland.org.uk/documents/August%202011.pdf](http://www.ltsbfoundationforscotland.org.uk/documents/August%202011.pdf).

## **More information and how to apply.**

**Full guidance on the Henry Duncan Awards is available at [www.ltsbfoundationforscotland.org.uk/documents/Henry%20Duncan%20Awards%20Criteria%20&%20Principles.pdf](http://www.ltsbfoundationforscotland.org.uk/documents/Henry%20Duncan%20Awards%20Criteria%20&%20Principles.pdf).**

**Pre-application advice is available on 0131 444 4020.**

**The Foundation is also holding a number of funding surgeries in the coming months, and more will be arranged. To book a place call the number above. The current ones are:**

- **Govan, 7 September 2011.**
- **Edinburgh, 21 September 2011.**
- **Inverness, 27 September 2011.**
- **Glasgow, 3 October 2011.**
- **Aberdeen, 18 October 2011.**
- **Edinburgh, 24 October 2011.**
- **Kirkcaldy, 2 November 2011.**
- **Glasgow, 7 November 2011.**
- **Inverclyde, 22 November 2011.**
- **Edinburgh, 28 November 2011.**
- **Glasgow, 5 December 2011.**
- **Edinburgh, 14 December 2011.**

**There are several closing dates in 2012. These are cut-off dates and you should apply as soon as you can and not wait until the last minute. The dates are:**

- **7 November 2011 for board decisions in February 2012.**
- **16 January 2012 for board decisions in April 2012.**

- **19 March 2012 for board decisions in June 2012.**
- **14 May 2012 for board decisions in August 2012.**
- **16 July 2012 for board decisions in October 2012.**
- **17 September 2012 for board decisions in December 2012.**

**Closing date: The next two closing dates (after a very immediate one of 12 September 2011) are 7 November 2011 and 16 January 2012.**

## **Europe**

### **Youth in Action Partnerships**

The European Commission has published a call for proposals to sub-action 4.6 of the Youth in Action programme to support partnerships between it and European NGOs or public agencies that aim to develop or reinforce their long-term actions in the field of non-formal learning among young people. Activities must start between 1 March 2012 and 1 September 2012 and can run for up to 24 months. The maximum grant will be €100,000.

#### **Background.**

The Youth in Action partnerships programme supports projects that bring together non-governmental organisations, the public sector and others to develop long-term projects that relate to the Youth in Action programme.

The funded partnerships will need to encourage the widest participation of interested groups and build their capacity to provide non-formal education for young people and youth workers and exchange best practice as well as the recognition of the value of non-formal education.

Priority will be given to projects/programmes of work that involve:

- The active participation of young people, cultural diversity, and the inclusion of young people with fewer opportunities.
- Activities related to the European Year of Volunteering.
- Work around youth unemployment.
- Projects concerning global environmental challenges and climate change.
- Activities involving creativity and entrepreneurship.
- Activities dealing with inclusive growth.

The programme of work with the young people can involve transnational youth exchanges, national or transnational youth activities, European voluntary service, or training and networking.

Whatever the activity, it can be implemented directly and solely by the applicant (known technically as procedure A), or through a partnership of organisations working with the applicant (procedure B).

All activities must begin between 1 March 2012 and 1 September 2012 and can last up to 24 months.

Grants can be for up to €100,000 and 50% of eligible costs (from an estimated total budget of €2.3 million).

**Further information and how to apply.**

**The full application guidelines for the Partnerships programme within Youth in Action (call for proposals EACEA/13/2011) are available at [http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/youth/funding/2011/documents/call\\_4\\_6/2011\\_4\\_6\\_eacea\\_11\\_applicants\\_guidelines\\_en.pdf](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/youth/funding/2011/documents/call_4_6/2011_4_6_eacea_11_applicants_guidelines_en.pdf).**

**Application forms and other documentation are also available at [http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/youth/funding/2011/call\\_action\\_4\\_6\\_en.php](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/youth/funding/2011/call_action_4_6_en.php).**

**Closing date: 3 November 2011.**

## **Lifelong Learning Programme**

The European Commission has published the deadline dates and programme priorities for the Lifelong Learning Programme for projects in 2012. A total of €1.14 billion is available across a number of schemes.

### **Background.**

The European Commission has published a call for proposals (EAC/27/11) detailing the strategic priorities and closing dates for the various elements of the Lifelong Learning Programme for the early part of 2012. The Programme runs until 2013 and covers all levels and types of education and vocational education and training.

Amongst the actions covered and the closing dates are:

- Erasmus Intensive Programmes, mobility and placements, 9 March 2012.
- Comenius Individual Pupil Mobility, 1 December 2011.
- Comenius and Grundtvig In-service Training, 16 January, 30 April and 17 September 2012.
- Comenius Assistantships, 31 January 2012.
- Leonardo Mobility, 3 February 2012.
- Jean Monnet Programme, 15 February 2012.

- Comenius, Leonardo and Grundtvig Partnerships, and Comenius Regio Partnerships and Grundtvig Workshops, 21 February 2012.
- Comenius, Erasmus, Leonardo and Grundtvig Multilateral Projects, Networks and Accompanying Measures, 2 February 2012.
- Leonardo Multilateral projects for the transfer of innovation, 2 February 2012.
- Grundtvig Assistantships and Senior Volunteering Projects, 30 March 2012.
- Transversal Programme Key Activity 1 Study Visits, 30 March and 12 October 2012.
- Transversal Programme all other activities, 1 March 2012.

**More information and how to apply.**

**General programme information about the Lifelong Learning Programme is available at [http://ec.europa.eu/education/llp/doc848\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/education/llp/doc848_en.htm).**

**The 2011-13 strategic priorities for each of the Lifelong Learning Programme elements are available at [http://ec.europa.eu/education/llp/doc/call12/prior\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/education/llp/doc/call12/prior_en.pdf).**

**Many of the programmes have decentralised management of applications:**

- **For Comenius and Erasmus you need to contact the British Council at [www.britishcouncil.org/comenius](http://www.britishcouncil.org/comenius) or [www.britishcouncil.org/erasmus](http://www.britishcouncil.org/erasmus) or by calling 0207 389 4277.**
- **For Leonardo, Grundtvig and Transversal Programmes you need to contact ECORYS via [www.leonardo.org.uk](http://www.leonardo.org.uk), [www.transversal.org.uk](http://www.transversal.org.uk), [www.grundtvig.org.uk](http://www.grundtvig.org.uk) or by calling 0845 199 2929.**

## **European Refugee Fund: Community Actions**

The European Commission is seeking applications to the European Refugee Fund for Community Actions that complement the national programmes covered by the Fund in dealing with the consequences of receiving refugees and displaced persons. Applications must relate to the 2011 work programme for such Community Actions.

### **Background.**

The current European Refugee Fund runs to the end of 2013. Most of the money available is allocated to nationally operated programmes related to national objectives, but the Commission is able to spend a proportion of the Fund on projects of its selection that have wider European relevance.

Projects need to relate to at least one of the five priority objectives published in the 2011 European Refugee Fund Community Actions Work Programme. These are:

1. Improving the quality of asylum decision-making and the continuing development of the capacity of stakeholders, including Member State authorities, UNHCR and non-governmental actors, in the asylum field.

2. Improving the efficiency and the fairness of the Dublin system and the development of best practices on the implementation of the family unity criteria and on improvement of transfer procedures under the Dublin Regulation in order to enhance efficiency while at the same time ensuring that needs of asylum seekers, in particular vulnerable ones, are taken into account.

3. Enhancing solidarity mechanisms between the Member States and in particular assisting those Member States that are faced with particular pressures on their national asylum systems. Specifically, this covers the:

- Facilitation of intra-EU relocation, on a voluntary basis, of applicants or beneficiaries of international protection from one Member State to another in cases of particular asylum pressure;
- Any type of support to national asylum authorities of a Member State under pressure on its system.

Only national authorities or the UNHCR can apply for funding under this priority.

4. Promoting common measures to address specific needs of vulnerable groups among asylum seekers and persons benefiting from international protection; in particular of those who are unaccompanied minors, with a view to implementing the EU Action Plan on Unaccompanied Minors. This objective also covers victims of violence and torture, pregnant women, elderly people, disabled people, single parents, people with serious medical needs and people kept in prolonged detention.

5. Promoting the integration of refugees, taking into account the 60th anniversary of the 1951 Geneva Convention on Refugees, and the exchange and development of best practice between national asylum authorities, NGOs and international organisations with respect to new approaches on integration of beneficiaries of international protection.

### **Who can apply and for what?**

Applications are invited from national authorities and non-governmental organisations within the Member States participating in the Fund. Other countries can be involved in the project but the costs of their involvement cannot be included within the grant. In most cases at least two organisations must be involved from different Member States.

Projects can last up to 18 months and should start as soon as possible after the grant agreements have been signed in February/March 2012.

The overall budget is €3.64 million. Grants will range from €300,000 to €750,000 for organisations that are either not national authorities or the UNHCR, and can cover up to 90% of eligible costs.

### **More information and how to apply.**

**Full details about the European Refugee Fund Community Actions are available at [http://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/funding/refugee/funding\\_refugee\\_2011\\_01\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/funding/refugee/funding_refugee_2011_01_en.htm).**

**The detailed 2011 Annual Work Programme is available at [http://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/funding/refugee/work\\_programme\\_2011\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/funding/refugee/work_programme_2011_en.pdf).**

**Closing date: 14 October 2011. (It can take up to 2 weeks to register with the PRIAMOS application system so factor this into your planning if you are not already registered).**

## **European Fund for the Integration of Third Country Nationals: Community Actions**

The European Commission is seeking applications to the European Fund for the Integration of Third Country Nationals for Community Actions. Such actions should promote the integration of third country nationals in the Member States of the EU and must be carried out in transnational partnerships. Projects must not replicate activities that are supported by the European Refugee Fund or the Structural Funds, in particular the European Social Fund.

### **Background.**

The current European Fund for the Integration of Third Country Nationals (EIF) runs to the end of 2013. Projects need to be transnational and operated in partnership and promote the integration of third country nationals in the Member States of the EU.

Projects must not duplicate work funded under the European Refugee Fund or the Structural Funds, particularly the European Social Fund.

Projects need to relate to at least one of the five priority objectives published in the 2011 European Fund for the Integration of Third Country Nationals Community Actions Work Programme. The projects might relate to any one, or more, of the priorities 1-4, or priority 5 alone.

The priorities are:

### **1. Enhancing public perception of migration and diversity, and specifically:**

- Promoting a better understanding of the contributions of legal migration and migrants to the receiving societies;
- Enhancing the capacity of public and private bodies to reflect and manage increasing diversity;
- Promoting intercultural dialogue and education measures to combat racism and xenophobia;
- Improving the availability and quality of data to present a balanced picture of the situation of migrants in receiving societies.

## **2. Enhancing diversity management in neighbourhoods, and specifically:**

- Supporting the creation of inclusive neighbourhoods and bottom up initiatives for local participation;
- Promoting access to public and private goods and services in a non-discriminatory way;
- Promoting cooperation between national and local administrations to support neighbourhood integration.

## **3. Enhancing immigrants' participation in all aspects of collective life, and specifically:**

- Promoting effective language and introductory courses to support the entry into employment and other important arenas of the receiving society;
- Promoting involvement of immigrants in relevant consultative bodies at national and local level;
- Promoting the creation of networks of migrants' organisations;
- Assessing and encouraging measures for facilitating immigrants' access to voting rights.

## **4. Enhancing integration measures targeting disadvantaged immigrant groups, and specifically:**

- Addressing specific needs of young migrants, migrant women, older people and unaccompanied minors with legal status, and victims of trafficking;
- Promoting measures to address the challenges of particularly disadvantaged migrant groups.

## **5. Coordinating existing research activities in the field of migration and integration, including the role of sending countries in fostering integration of third country nationals.**

### **Who can apply and for what?**

Applications are invited from national, regional and local authorities and non-governmental organisations within the Member States participating in the Fund. At least three organisations from different countries must be involved in any project.

Projects can last up to 18 months (24 months in the case of priority 5) and should start as soon as possible after the grant agreements have been signed in March/April 2012.

The overall budget is a little under €5 million. Grants will range from €400,000 to €1 million and can cover up to 90% of eligible costs. Priority 5 projects can attract between €750,000 and €1.5 million.

### **More information and how to apply.**

**Full details about the European Integration Fund for Third Country Nationals Community Actions are available at [http://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/funding/integration/funding\\_integration\\_2011\\_01\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/funding/integration/funding_integration_2011_01_en.htm).**

**The 2011 Annual Work Programme is available at <http://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/funding/integration/AWP%202011.pdf>.**

**Closing date: 11 October 2011. (It can take up to 2 weeks to register with the PRIAMOS application system so factor this into your planning if you are not already registered).**

## **Immigration and Asylum: Pilot Project on Resettlement**

The European Commission is seeking applications to set up pilot projects to create a network of contact and discussion points between targeted cities/municipalities on experiences and best practice in resettlement and integration of refugees. Applications are invited from transnational partnerships involving authorities, NGOs, research centres etc., with at least four different organisations represented from at least two Member States.

### **Background.**

The pilot project to create a network of contact and discussion points between targeted cities/municipalities on experiences and best practice in resettlement and integration of refugees was set up by the European Parliament to benefit local and regional authorities involved in the resettlement of refugees, Member States, NGOs and refugees themselves.

Projects need to establish contacts between a range of interested parties that have just started a resettlement programme or intend to in the near future. More experienced countries/organisations need to be involved too so that best practice is shared.

There are three specific objectives and all activities must focus on at least one of them:

1. Creation of a cooperation network, including a steering board, composed of municipalities and other local and regional authorities in Member States which already implement resettlement programmes, which are in the preparatory phase of their national resettlement programmes, or which do not yet participate in resettlement programmes, but wish to make part of the network, aiming for future participation in such programmes.
2. Organisation of meetings between the representatives of the entities mentioned above, along with UNHCR, NGOs active in the field and resettled refugees, to exchange best practices and define the activities to develop together, including visits, exchanges of experiences, trainings, thematic meetings focusing on issues such as: housing, education, employment, etc. When necessary, contacts should be established with national authorities, the European Commission and the European Asylum Support Office (EASO).

3. The development of means to collect, exchange and disseminate information from the various stakeholders on: procedures, monitoring prior to resettlement, information collected on refugees to be resettled (including cultural, health and educational issues, food), resettlement-related infrastructure, human resources, accommodation, reception, actions taken after the resettlement to promote integration of refugees, including community participation in this process, any kind of economic, legal or educational aid provided to resettled refugees and the receiving communities, the role of resettled refugees in facilitating the integration of newly arrived resettled refugees, cooperation with NGOs and any other relevant issue.

### **Who can apply and for what?**

Applications are invited from national, regional and local authorities and non-governmental organisations within the Member States participating in the Fund. At least four organisations from at least two different countries must be involved in any project.

Projects can last up to 18 months and should start as soon as possible after the grant agreements have been signed in February 2012.

The overall budget is €1.5 million. Grants will range from €350,000 to €750,000 (€1 million in the case of national authorities) and can cover up to 90% of eligible costs.

### **More information and how to apply.**

**Full details about the Pilot Project on Resettlement of refugees are available at [http://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/funding/pilotprojects/funding\\_intro\\_2011\\_01\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/funding/pilotprojects/funding_intro_2011_01_en.htm).**

**The 2011 Annual Work Programme is available at <http://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/funding/pilotprojects/docs/Work%20programme%202011%20RESETTLEMENT%20non%20lw.pdf>.**

**Closing date: 4 October 2011. (It can take up to 2 weeks to register with the PRIAMOS application system so factor this into your planning if you are not already registered).**

## **Lottery**

### **Big Lottery Fund: Village SOS**

When the Big Lottery Fund launched People Powered Change in Manchester in April this year we doubt they had helping yourself to 50-inch plasma TVs in mind. Not to be deterred however, BIG has turned its attention to rural communities and is backing Village SOS. It's much more than a grant scheme, but £5.3 million is available in the form of 250 awards of between £10,000 and £30,000 to rural communities across the UK. The money can be used to bring people together in villages and support activities and enterprises that tackle the problems they face.

### **Background.**

People Powered Change is the BIG Lottery Fund's overarching scheme to encourage local activity and local solutions to problems delivered in a Big Society way. To coincide with the TV Series *Village SOS* currently showing on Wednesday evenings on BBC One, or at anytime on the iPlayer (see [www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b012zvq5](http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b012zvq5)), BIG is about to launch the Village SOS competition. It will provide a total of £5.3 million to around 250 projects across the UK so that community business activities can start up to tackle rural challenges and bring people together in villages.

Village SOS will not only provide money but advice and case studies.

### **Who can apply and for what?**

Applications for Village SOS support will open on 24 August 2011.

Applications are welcome from rural communities across the UK with populations of less than 3000 people. Grants of between £10,000 and £30,000 will support 'inspiring ideas' that bring people together in villages and which support community enterprises that tackle the challenges those communities face.

Priority will be given to activities that make the most use of local people and their skills, the local natural resources, and land and buildings.

Wide consultation within a village will be expected and only one application per village will be accepted.

### **Further information and how to apply.**

**Background details of Village SOS are available at [www.villagesos.org.uk/get-involved/business-essentials/village-sos-competition](http://www.villagesos.org.uk/get-involved/business-essentials/village-sos-competition).**

**It would also be worth watching the TV programme to get an idea of what BIG and the BBC are looking for. The first programme featured a community mill in Talgarth, Wales, and the programme on 17 August 2011 looks at the ups and downs of renovating a local pub in Honeystreet, Wiltshire. Future programmes will feature:**

- **A craft and toiletries store in Myddfai, Brecon Brecons, Wales;**
- **A village-wide venture in Newstead, Nottinghamshire;**
- **A museum development in an old chapel in Caistor, Lincolnshire;**
- **A food project in Tideswell, Derbyshire.**

**There's an initial two-stage application process.**

- **Grant application entries will open on 24 August 2011, with a closing date of 6 October 2011. You will need to register your interest in getting a registration form at <https://www.villagesos.org.uk/user/register>.**

- **From the list of initially interested communities, around 500 will be invited to prepare a detailed application. These will need to have financial details etc., and be complete by the end of February 2012.**

**Grants will be made from May 2012.**

**Closing date: Expressions of interested required between 24 August and 6 October 2011.**

**New Trusts**  
**(A sample of more than 25 new trusts covered)**

**The Clarendon Foundation**  
**Andrew Docker**  
**Clarendon House**  
**2a Dryburgh Road**  
**London**  
**SW15 1BL**

**Objects:** For the public benefit to further such exclusively charitable purposes according to the law of England and Wales as the trustees in their absolute discretion from time to time determine, with a particular emphasis on the welfare of animals, children and the vulnerable.

**Area of Benefit:** Undefined.

**Charity number:** 1143298.

**Trustees:** Mr Andrew Richard Docker; Mrs Claire Docker; Ms Katrena Rochell.

**Comments:** Andrew Docker was a highly successful city banker who has been suing the Dutch company Rabobank for unfair dismissal since they sacked him from his job in 2009. He has been demanding a multi-million payment for loss of earnings. Figures quoted in the lawsuit range from £1.5 million to more than £12 million.

**See Change Uniting The Arts & Giving**  
**Mr Carl Liederman**  
**K&L Gates LLP**  
**One New Change**  
**London**  
**EC4M 9AF**

**E-mail:** [info@seechangewitharts.com](mailto:info@seechangewitharts.com).

**Website:** [www.seechangewitharts.com](http://www.seechangewitharts.com).

**Objects:** To further such exclusively charitable purposes according to the law of England and Wales as the trustees may determine, in particular the conservation of

the environment, advancement of education, promotion of the arts, provision of assistance to those affected by natural and other disasters, the promotion of human rights, the relief of sickness and preservation of good health and promotion of sustainable development, by making grants to charities, raising awareness and promoting volunteering and charitable giving.

**Area of Benefit:** Worldwide.

**Charity number:** 1143213.

**Trustees:** Miss Cynthia Wu; Dr Christoffer Van Tulleken; Mrs Kathryn Elizabeth Greig; Mr Carl Liederman.

**Comments:** The aim of See Change Uniting the Arts and Giving is to link artistic events with fundraising for a range of charitable activities around the world. See Change will not raise money for activities of its own, instead it wants to link with existing charities whose fundraising and mission could be achieved through the storytelling potential offered by visual and written word arts.

See Change has been founded by Kathryn Greig, a very well connected socialite and, amongst many other things, founder of the Sorority, a worldwide club for professional women, an advisory board member of the Global Heritage Fund, and an ambassador for the medical emergency relief agency, Merlin. She is married to Geordie Greig, the editor of the Evening Standard in London.

See Change Uniting the Arts and Giving has a registered address at:

68 Ladbroke Grove  
London  
W11 2PB

Of the trustees, Cynthia Wu is the Executive Director of the Shin Kong Life Foundation, a job given to her by her billionaire Taiwanese father Tung-Chin Wu. She is also a trustee of the Institute for Philanthropy.

Christoffer Van Tulleken is an academic registrar in infectious diseases and tropical medicine at University College London Hospital and is a patron of the medical aid agency Merlin. He has been involved in a number of TV and film documentaries about indigenous peoples.

As well as being a lawyer, Carl Liederman is a trustee of Right to Play, which uses sport and play to improve the lives of disadvantaged children around the world. He and his wife support a number of other charities.

**The Robin Mischeff Charitable Trust**  
**Trevor Davies**  
**6 Amherst Road**  
**Hastings**  
**East Sussex**  
**TN34 1TT**

**Objects:** In particular:

- a) The prevention or relief of poverty;
- b) The advancement of education;
- c) The advancement of the arts, culture, heritage or science;
- d) The advancement of environmental protection or improvement;
- e) The relief of those in need, by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage; and
- f) The advancement of animal welfare.

**Area of Benefit:** Undefined.

**Charity number:** 1143219.

**Trustees:** Mr Robert Solyom; Mr Trevor Anthony Davies; Mr Dimitier Alexandrov Mirtchev; Mr Robin Mischeff; Ms Kelly Ann Noel-Smith.

**Comments:** Robin Mischeff is the chairman and managing director of the south-London based Kiril Mischeff Group, a food and drink supply business with a turnover of more than £40 million.

Of the trustees, the correspondent, Trevor Davies, is the company secretary for the Kiril Mischeff Group.

This trust appears to be a vehicle for the personal giving of Mr Mischeff, but the Group also has a history of supporting charities across the world, with recommendations for who to support made by suppliers and by staff within the Group. The Group has its registered office in London SE1, and industrial sites in Worksop, Nottinghamshire, Dorton, Buckinghamshire, and Felixstowe, Suffolk.

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