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BIG - Changes to Awards for All - England

Big Lottery Fund have introduced some changes to Awards for All.

Firstly, following a review of the new programme that launched in April this year, and after assessing how applicants have been using the new application materials, they have "tweaked" them to make **some of the questions, and the guidance notes, clearer.**

Secondly, they are introducing a **new guide to support groups during the application process.** It fully explains their requirements of groups that have been offered a conditional grant, and should prove useful when deciding whether to apply to Award for All in the first place.

The third change, which will affect applicants the most, is the **relaxation of the requirements for a referee.** The application form will no longer ask for referee details to be included. Whilst they haven't removed the requirement altogether - they may ask certain groups that they feel need a referee once they have looked at their applications - it will make the initial application process quicker and easier for all. The referee requirement was originally introduced as a measure to counter fraud but, as their processes and checks have improved, the need for all groups to provide a referee has diminished.

Website: <http://www.awardsforall.org.uk/england/>

BIG LOTTERY SMALL GRANT SCHEMES

SPORT

AIM: Sport England's small grants scheme funds community projects that encourage people to become involved in sport and ensure that they have a quality sporting experience. The scheme also helps people to improve their performance in their chosen sport.

ELIGIBILITY: The scheme is for not-for-profit sports clubs, voluntary and community organisations, local authorities and education institutions.

GRANT SIZE: Grants of between £300 and £10,000 are available for revenue and small capital projects.

APPLICATION PROCESS: Application is via a single-stage online form. They offer advice and support to applicants, and the whole process, from receipt of application to decision, will take no longer than six weeks. Visit

CONTACT:

Website: www.sportengland.org
or call Tel: 08458 508 508 for more details.

HERITAGE

The heritage Lottery Fund have two small grants schemes.

Young Roots - This scheme makes grants to involve 13-25 year-olds in finding out about their heritage, developing skills, building confidence and promoting community involvement.

Your Heritage - This scheme supports projects that relate to the local, regional or national heritage of the UK and that help people to learn about and look after their heritage.

GRANT SIZE: Young Roots makes grants of between £3,000 and £25,000, and Your Heritage between £3,000 and £50,000.

APPLICATION PROCESS: They offer advice and help before you apply, the application forms are short and simple and they can offer you a mentor to help you run your project. You can apply at any time and will receive a decision on your application within 10 weeks of them receiving your completed application.

CONTACT: Visit Website: www.hlf.org.uk or contact Tel: 020 7591 6042 for more information.

ARTS

Grants for the arts - This scheme is for individuals, arts organisations and other people who use the arts in their work. Grants are for activities over a set period which engage people in England in the arts, and help artists and arts organisations in England carry out their work.

Grants to individuals range from £1,000 up to £30,000, and will pay for activities lasting up to three years.

Grants to organisations range from £1,000 up to £100,000, and will pay for activities lasting up to three years.

CONTACT: To find out more and apply Visit Website: www.artscouncil.org.uk or contact Tel: 0845 300 6200 for more details.

BIG LOTTERY - REACHING COMMUNITIES

During 2009 -2010 BIG Lottery Fund's Reaching Communities programme will remain open to applications. This is designed to act as a 'bridge' between their current funding programmes and their new Open Funding stream which will go live in 2010.

An extra £20 million pounds has been added to the Reaching Communities programme as part of the recession package launched at the end of June 2009.

In addition, the eligibility criteria for Reaching Communities has been relaxed. This means the programme will now accept applications for projects that were previously only eligible for other BIG programmes, for example advice, projects targeting young people and family learning.

AIM: Reaching Communities funds projects that help people and communities who are most in need, and can really make a difference. Projects can be new or existing activities, or be the core work of your organisation.

BIG want to fund projects that respond to needs identified by communities, and those that fund projects that help those most in need including those people or groups who are hard to reach.

PRIORITIES: BIG want to encourage the following changes to communities as a result of their funding:

- ♦ people having better chances in life, including being able to get better

access to training and development to improve their life skills

- ♦ strong communities, with more active citizens, working together to tackle their problems
- ♦ improved rural and urban environments, which communities are better able to access and enjoy healthier and more active people and communities.

ELIGIBILITY: You can apply to Reaching Communities if you are:

- ♦ a registered charity
- ♦ a voluntary or community group
- ♦ a statutory body, (including schools)
- ♦ a charitable or not-for-profit company
- ♦ a social enterprise

You should note there are high levels of interest in this programme and consider whether your project would be better suited to another Big Lottery Fund programme.

CONTACT: Contact their national helpline for advice Tel: 0845 410 20 30. Email:

general.enquiries@biglotteryfund.org.uk
Website: http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_reaching_communities



YOUR HERITAGE

AIM: Your Heritage provides grants to support projects that relate to the local, regional or national heritage of the UK. They welcome applications that help people to learn about, look after and celebrate heritage in a fun and enjoyable way.

GRANT SIZE: £3,000 and £50,000

PRIORITIES: They have three aims which relate to learning, conservation and participation.

To receive a grant your project must: help people to learn about their own and other people's heritage.

Your project must also do either or both of the following: Conserve the UK's diverse heritage for present and future generations to experience and enjoy; Help more people, and a wider range of people, to take an active part in and make decisions about heritage.

Heritage includes many different things from the past that we value and want to pass on to future generations. Heritage projects might include: people's memories and experiences; histories of people, communities, places and events; cultural traditions; historic buildings and townscapes; archaeological sites; collections of items, archives or other materials; natural and designed landscapes; habitats and species; sites and collections linked to our industrial, maritime and transport history.

DEADLINE: Your Heritage is a rolling programme and there are no deadlines for applications.

APPLICATION PROCESS: You will receive a decision on your application within 10 weeks from us receiving your fully filled-in application.

Prior to applying for a grant please read through the information on Website: <http://www.hlf.org.uk/English/HowToApply/OurGrantGivingProgrammes/YourHeritage/>



CONTACT: For further help and advice please contact your regional/country development team. See Website: <http://www.hlf.org.uk/english/InYourArea/YorkshireAndTheHumber/>. Helpline Tel: 0 2 0 7 5 9 1 6 0 0 0 6 2 7 1
Email: enquire@hlf.org.uk

YORKSHIRE & CLYDESDALE BANK FOUNDATION

The Foundation was established in July 2008 to provide support to registered charities, not-for-profit organisations, community and other voluntary organisations.

PRIORITIES: In terms of financial support four key areas of focus have been selected at this time:

- ♦ The advancement of **environmental protection** or improvement
- ♦ The advancement of **citizenship** through initiatives that support and promote volunteering
- ♦ The advancement of **financial education** including initiatives that promote accessibility to both financial education and financial services
- ♦ The advancement of **community development** through initiatives that build and strengthen the communities in which they operate

ELIGIBILITY: Wherever possible, applications from registered charities or not-for-profit organisations, community and voluntary sector organisations will take priority over applications from individuals, political or religious organisations

Activities should take place inside their Beneficial Area (areas covered by branches of the Bank, Financial Solutions Centres, HQ locations)

Project expenses will be prioritised rather than direct salary expenses.

APPLICATION PROCESS: If you wish to apply for funding, then print the Yorkshire & Clydesdale Bank Foundation funding application form from their website. Complete the application and post it to, Yorkshire & Clydesdale Bank Foundation, 20 Merrion Way, Leeds LS2 8NZ together with relevant supporting information.

They respond to all applications. It may take up to four months to process an application.



CONTACT: <http://www.ybonline.co.uk/about-yorkshire-bank/community/charitable-donations-about-us>

SECRET MILLIONAIRE FUND

AIM: The Big Lottery Fund and The Secret Millionaire have teamed up to give viewers of the programme a chance to act on the charitable inspiration fuelled by the show. Lottery funding worth £1 million has been lined up for people to apply for, or nominate projects to apply for.

GRANT SIZE: between £300 and £10,000

APPLICATION PROCESS:

To nominate a community project - You can propose a community project or organisation you think would benefit from BIG funding. BIG will then contact the organisation to see if it is eligible to apply for this small grants scheme and send out the relevant information.

To apply directly - If you have an idea for a project that can bring real improvements to the lives of communities, and can pass a simple eligibility test you can apply to Secret Millionaire Fund. In both cases Lottery grants are awarded following an application and assessment process which takes up to 8 weeks.

If your application to The Secret Millionaire Fund is successful Channel 4 (or RDF Media the production company who make the programme) might choose you for filming that will appear on the Secret Millionaire website and possibly in future editions of The Secret Millionaire.

DEADLINE: The Secret Millionaire website is live until 21 December 2009. Visitors to the website can nominate or apply at any point during this time scale.

ELIGIBILITY: To successfully apply to the Secret Millionaire Fund the same eligibility criteria as Big Lottery Fund Awards for All programme apply. This varies according to which country you are in so please see Awards for All Website: <http://www.awardsforall.org.uk/> or do The Secret Millionaire Fund simple eligibility test on website below.

CONTACT: All information is available on The Secret Millionaire website below. Website:

http://secretmillionaire.channel4.com/fund_info.shtml

**SECRET MILLIONAIRE
FUND** 



TRUSTHOUSE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

The Foundation currently distributes over £2 million each year. The average grant awarded by the Foundation is £5,000.

PRIORITIES: They have two overarching themes to their grants:

Rural Issues - they accept applications from local and national charities or not-for-profit organisations which are addressing issues in needy rural areas. 'Rural' in this context means cities, towns, villages and areas with 10,000 or less inhabitants. They are interested in, for example, projects providing transport for the elderly, disabled or disadvantaged; contact networks for young disabled people; projects which encourage a sense of community such as community centres and village halls; employment training schemes especially those promoting local, traditional crafts; projects addressing issues such as drug/alcohol misuse or homelessness.

Urban Deprivation - they accept applications from local or national charities or not-for-profit organisations which are working with residents of urban areas (i.e. more than 10,000 inhabitants) which are classified in the latest government Indices of Multiple Deprivation as being in the lowest 20%. They are interested in, for example, youth clubs; training schemes to help people out of unemployment; drop in centres for the homeless.

Within their overarching themes listed above, Trusthouse funds in three broad

areas. The examples given above are only a small snapshot of the types of project in which they are interested. See the greater explanation given on website below. If you are unsure if your project fits, please call them for an informal discussion.

Themed Grant: from July 2009, Trusthouse started a three year themed grant which will fund projects addressing mental health issues for prisoners and ex-offenders. If you are working in this field, please call them for an initial discussion. They will then send you details of how to apply nearer the time.

GRANT SIZE: They have 3 schemes: Large Grants Scheme for applications between £10,000 and £30,000; Small Grants Scheme for applications between £5,001 and £9,999; Fast Track Scheme for applications of £5,000 and below.

Please consult Guidelines on website below for further information and exclusions before applying. All applicants must complete an application form (which can be downloaded from Trusthouse's website or sent by post/email on request to the office).

CONTACT: Miss Judith Leigh, Grants Manager, The Trusthouse Charitable Foundation, 6th Floor, 65 Leadenhall Street, London EC3A 2AD Tel: 020 7264 4 9 9 0 Website: <http://www.trusthousecharitablefoundation.org.uk/home.html>

TUDOR TRUST

AIM: The Tudor Trust knows that solutions to the difficulties people face are seldom straightforward or immediate. They are therefore interested in encouraging people to use their own skills and abilities as a resource for change; to find new ways of tackling deep-rooted problems or to cope with and move on from difficult situations. They recognise that this may take time so, if appropriate, they can commit funding over a sustained period.

As an independent grant maker, an important part of their role is to support work which is untried, which has uncertain outcomes and which may be difficult to fund. However, they are not preoccupied with innovation and understand that there is a place for well-founded, practical work which seeks to bring normality and wellbeing into difficult places and situations.

ELIGIBILITY: They are most interested in helping smaller, under-resourced organisations (They are more likely to fund groups with an annual turnover of less than £1 million) which offer direct services and which involve the people they work with in their planning. The groups they fund don't have to be registered charities; they can also make grants to other groups as long as they can show them how they would use their grant for charitable purposes.

GRANT SIZE: There is no maximum or minimum grant amount. Grants can take the form of core funding (including salaries and running costs), development funding, project grants or capital grants for buildings or equipment. As they want to fund work which engages with the reality and complexity of people and their problems, they look to support organisations working across sectors and boundaries (whether actual or perceived).

They usually make grants over one, two or three years but may work alongside organisations for a longer period. However as they are keen to support a range of organisations, including those which are new to us, their funding cannot continue indefinitely.

APPLICATION PROCESS: They aim to make around 350 grants a year but receive thousands of applications. This is why they have a two-stage application process. They know that putting together a full funding application places heavy demands on your time and resources, so they ask all applicants to complete a brief first-stage proposal instead. They estimate that only around one in ten applicants will go through to this second stage.

CONTACT: Full Guidelines including exceptions are available on Website: <http://www.tudortrust.org.uk> The Tudor Trust, 7 Ladbroke Grove, London W11 3BD Tel: 020 7727 8522

ST JAMES'S PLACE FOUNDATION

This foundation was established in 1992, when it was known as The J. Rothschild Assurance Foundation. St. James's Place is a wealth management group. Employees and Partners contribute to the foundation throughout each year and the sums raised are matched by the company. The combined amount is distributed each year to causes determined by the contributors.

PRIORITIES: The focus of the foundation is children with learning disabilities: 'the foundation will support projects that provide directly for young people (under the age of 25) within the UK who suffer from physical or mental health difficulties or conditions, or a life threatening or degenerative illness. This will include young people under the age of 25 caring for others. Where organisations include other groups, 75% of beneficiaries must fit the above parameters.'

The foundation operates two programmes:

1) Small grants for capital items

GRANT SIZE: a maximum of £10,000

ELIGIBILITY: only available to organisations with an annual income of less than £600,000 (this restriction does not apply to special needs schools or mainstream schools with a special needs unit). The Foundation has a policy of not granting more than £10,000 in any two year period.

2) Major grants

for up to two years, which may be for capital or revenue.

GRANT SIZE: maximum of £25,000 per annum for a maximum of two years

ELIGIBILITY: only available to organisations with an annual income of less than £2 million.

These grants will be few in number and will be directed at interesting or innovative projects.

Revenue applications will only be considered where they result in direct benefit to the client group.

APPLICATION PROCESS: Application forms are available from the foundation office and must be returned by post. Applications will only be considered if accompanied by a signed copy of the most recent audited accounts and annual report. An initial enquiry should be made before applying for a major grant.

CONTACT: 01285 878 562.

Email: mark.longbottom@sjp.co.uk.

Web: <http://www.sjp.co.uk/foundation>



ST. JAMES'S PLACE
WEALTH MANAGEMENT

QUEEN'S SILVER JUBILEE TRUST

AIM: The Queen's Silver Jubilee Trust was established in 1977 and while its objects are wide, it is especially concerned with young people who are disadvantaged.

ELIGIBILITY: The trust gives the following summary of its grantmaking activities: The trust gives grants to youth projects based throughout the UK, Commonwealth, Channel Islands, and Isle of Man. Subject to funds being available for grant-making, the trustees of The Queen's Silver Jubilee Trust will consider applications from registered charities that offer support to young people. "The trustees will also consider a small number of applications from registered charities that offer general support to young people, along with applications from youth charities from the Isle of Man, the Commonwealth and the Channel Islands."

PRIORITIES: The Queen's Silver Jubilee is particularly interested in those organisations that support disadvantaged young people or those that enable young people to volunteer in their local community, broadly defined.

Further factors affecting eligibility:

- ♦ the age-range for those supported is 14-30
- ♦ grants can only be awarded to registered charities
- ♦ grants cannot be awarded to individuals.

APPLICATION PROCESS: Potential applicants are advised to email the contact before making a formal application. An [application form](#) is available to download from the trust's website.

DEADLINE: Deadlines for applications are also published on the trust's website. The deadline for completed applications for the Spring meeting next year is **February 8th 2010**

CONTACT: 020 7543 1234

Email: nicola.brentnall@princes-trust.org.uk

Web:

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



SPORT ENGLAND ACTIVE WOMEN THEMED FUND

AIM: Sport England's Active Women Themed Fund aims to get more women from disadvantaged communities, and more women who care for children, playing sport.

Women participate in less sport than men. Only 13% of women take part in 30 minutes of sport three times a week compared to 20% of men. The data also reveals that 30% of women take part in sport once a week whilst 37% do sport once a month, many of whom would like to participate more but face real barriers in doing so.

PRIORTIES: Sport England is seeking bids for projects that directly address the challenges women have to overcome if they want to play more sport. These include the following:

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

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

ELIGIBILITY: All bona fide and legitimate organisations with a written constitution

(such as a Memorandum and Articles of Association) or statutory powers can apply for this funding. These include sports clubs, voluntary or community organisations, local authorities, education establishments (such as schools, colleges and universities) and national governing bodies of sport.

APPLICATION PROCESS: The application process for all of their Themed Rounds of funding will be two-stage and competitive.

DEADLINE: The deadline for initial applications is 3 February 2010.

CONTACT: For more information on this funding stream visit Sport England's website: http://www.sportengland.org/funding/active_women.aspx

MOTO IN THE COMMUNITY TRUST

AIM: The Trust aims to make a difference to the local communities that the Moto sites are part of. Moto operates 48 service areas around the UK, employing around 5,000 staff.

Since 2000, Moto People have been fundraising for various national and local charities, and also engaging in the support of local community projects. These projects range from sponsoring children's sporting activities to helping with the upkeep of community buildings. Before the Trust was launched in 2005, Moto People had donated £750,000 to worthy causes around the UK.

PRIORITIES: Applications are looked on favourably when they clearly provide opportunities for Moto people to engage in the project/proposal. It is an objective of the trust, through the 'making a difference' employee volunteering programme, to offer Moto People as many opportunities as possible to get involved in the projects they support.

ELIGIBILITY: The Moto in the Community Trust looks to support a wide variety of local charity and community projects.

There are three types of grants under the Moto in the Community Trust umbrella:

- ♦ Community Grant
- ♦ 'Making a difference' Grant (employee volunteering scheme)
- ♦ Moto Benevolent Fund Grant

The Community Grant Scheme is the most appropriate scheme for outside

bodies wishing to approach the Moto in the Community Trust.

Due to the high volume of applications that they receive, they have established certain funding guidelines that allow their charity to focus on their key objectives. This means that they only consider grants for projects that benefit communities where Moto is present, or that they have a significant staff catchment.

They encourage applications if:

- ♦ You are a registered charity or a voluntary organisation which is formally constituted.
- ♦ The project you are telling them about is in line with the objectives of the Moto in the Community Trust.
- ♦ The beneficiaries of the grant are UK based. The Moto in the Community Trust does not consider overseas projects at this time.

GRANT SIZE: There is no minimum or maximum grant, the trust seeks to support as many community projects as possible. It is unlikely that the trustees would consider grants exceeding £10,000.

C O N T A C T : <http://www.motointhecommunity.co.uk/default.htm>. Tel: 01525 714467 / 717303



CHURCH URBAN FUND

The Church Urban Fund Mustard Seed Programme is supported by the J Paul Getty Jnr Charitable Trust.

AIM: The Mustard Seed Grant Programme aims to 'Provide grants to enable churches and faith-based organisations to engage in social action through supporting them to initiate or develop community work.' This work will then enable groups to either undertake larger pieces of work or significantly improve the existing provision.

ELIGIBILITY: Any church or faith-based group can apply but they are particularly keen to hear from groups that have new ideas they really want to test and try out. To find out more about the Mustard Seed Programme, please read their 2009-10 Grants Manual (PDF) downloadable from website below.

GRANT SIZE: Grant requests up to £5,000 will be considered.

Mustard Seed Grants can pay for specific activities but not for on-going revenue expenditure, existing salary costs, deficit funding, or retrospective spending.

The grant requested should typically represent at least a third of the total funding required. For capital requests, this total should be the total of the work undertaken, regardless of how it is presented as a grant proposal (e.g. a kitchen refurbishment totalling £10,000 to enable a specific project to start may be considered, however a kitchen refurbishment of £10,000 as part of an

overall building project of £100,000 will not be considered).

DEADLINE: This is a rolling programme where there are no deadline dates.

APPLICATION PROCESS: All applications must be submitted to the respective Link Officer in the first instance (NOT to Church Urban Fund Head Office). There is a Link Officer based in every Anglican Diocese in England. A list of all the Link Officers can be found on the Church Urban Fund website or you can Email: resources@cuf.org.uk for additional information.

CONTACT: Church Urban Fund, Church House, Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3AZ Tel: 020 7898 1647

Website: <http://www.cuf.org.uk/mustardseed.aspx>

ABBEY CHARITABLE TRUST

The Abbey Charitable Trust was established in 1990 and to date has donated over £25 million to charities in the UK

AIM: The Abbey Charitable Trust is committed to supporting local communities, particularly in those areas where Abbey, Alliance & Leicester or Bradford & Bingley have a significant presence.

PRIORITIES: They fund projects based on the following three priorities to help disadvantaged people:

- ♦ Education and training
- ♦ Financial advice
- ♦ Community regeneration

Community partnership - A large proportion of their donations are made through Community Partnership Groups made up of local Abbey staff and pensioners as well as a representative of local charities, usually from a Community Foundation, Council for Voluntary Services or similar organisation. They have groups in Camden, Belfast, Glasgow, Bradford, Sheffield, Teesside, Merseyside, Leicester and Milton Keynes. These groups have a key role in appraising local charity requests and in visiting the successful applicants. More importantly they are members of their local communities and therefore have a good understanding of the issues faced by the charities working in their areas. They also actively encourage Abbey Branches to nominate local charities that

meet their charitable priorities. Around a third of their donations are made through matching fundraising undertaken by Abbey staff and pensioners. (Staff are free to raise funds for any UK registered charity)

Each year they invite charities that they have supported to give them feedback on their grant giving process and to tell them about the lasting differences that their donations have made. With 86% of beneficiaries reporting long term impacts that are significant or exceptional it demonstrates that charities are very successful in maximising the social return on the investment. What they have also learned from this feedback is that it doesn't necessarily take a large donation to make a big difference...

CONTACT: To find out more about applying for donations and The Charitable Trust, please Email: communitypartnership@abbey.com You can call their helpline Tel: 0870 608 0104 or write to: The Abbey Charitable Trust, 201 Grafton Gate East, Milton Keynes, MK9 1AN

Website: http://www.aboutabbey.com/cs/gs/Satellite?c=GSInformacion&cid=282596177748070&pagename=AboutAbbey%2FGSInformacion%2FPAAI_generic



BIG - HEROES RETURN 2

AIM: WW2 veterans from the UK, Channel Islands and Republic of Ireland can apply for travel and accommodation costs to visit the places where they saw active service. They can also receive funding to take part in an official commemoration in the UK.

ELIGIBILITY: Those eligible are veterans who fought with or alongside British forces in World War 2 and who are resident in the UK and the Republic of Ireland. War widows and widowers of veterans are also eligible for funding, and carers and spouses can receive funding to travel with veterans.

DEADLINE: You can apply between 1 April 2009 and 31 January 2011.

GRANT SIZE: Grants are £150 - £5,500, depending on the number of people taking part and the destination.

CONTACT: If you have any questions about the scheme and whether you are eligible, ring the application helpline Tel: 0 8 4 5 0 0 0 0 1 2 1

Email: general.enquiries@biglotteryfund.org.uk

Website:

http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_heroes_return.htm

There is specialist travel arranged by the Royal British Legion through Poppy Travel Website: <http://www.heroesreturn2.org.uk>

SOUTER CHARITABLE TRUST

The Souter Charitable Trust is a grant-making trust, and was set up in 2000 by Trust Deed. In the last two years, The Souter Charitable Trust has made around 600 grants totalling £2.1 million, of which 478 were for £1,000 or less.

AIM: Their stated policy is to assist, "projects engaged in the relief of human suffering in the UK or overseas, particularly those with a Christian emphasis". They tend not to get involved with research or capital funding, but would be more likely to provide a contribution towards the revenue costs of a project.

ELIGIBILITY: Grants are generally given to charitable organisations and not to individuals or in support of requests on behalf of individuals. Applications for building projects, personal educational requirements or personal expeditions are specifically excluded.

APPLICATION PROCESS: To make an application: apply in writing to the administrator at Souter Charitable Trust.

CONTACT: PO Box 7412, Perth PH1 5YX Tel: 01738 634 745 Email: enquiries@soutercharitabletrust.org.uk

Website:

http://www.soutercharitabletrust.org.uk/The_Souter_Charitable_Trust/Guidelines.html

THE VARIETY CLUB CHILDREN'S CHARITY

AIM: The charity raises money and then provides Sunshine Coaches, mobility aids or general grants to help those:

- ♦ with mental, physical or sensory disabilities;
- ♦ with behavioural or psychological disturbances;
- ♦ suffering through distress, abuse or neglect.

ELIGIBILITY: Applications can be made from non-profit making groups and organisations working with children under the physical age of 19. In general, consideration is given to funding specific items of equipment that are for the direct use of sick, disabled and disadvantaged children.

GRANT SIZE: There is no upper or lower limit on the level of grant, but most grants are for less than £5,000. Many requests are for small sums under £500.

CONTACT: Phone: 020 7428 8100

Email: info@varietyclub.org.uk

Web: <http://www.varietyclub.org.uk>

WINTER CELEBRATION GRANTS

Age Concern and Help the Aged are offering Winter Celebration Grants. Grants for clubs for older people for costs towards winter celebrations, e.g. outings or one-off events, such as theatre trips, day outings, parties, and dinners.

GRANT SIZE: up to £500 for specific items.

ELIGIBILITY: Voluntary or charitable groups for older people, whose annual turnover is less than £50,000 per annum, are eligible to apply.

DEADLINE: The deadline is Friday 11 December 2009. Completed applications will be assessed as they are received by the Grants team. They will inform you in writing, within 10 working days, of the decision.

CONTACT: For more information visit the Age Concern website here: <http://www.ageconcern.org.uk/AgeConcern/08D1C0F9EA804291B35B0DAE63BA5134.asp>

The logo for Age Concern features the word "AGE" in a large, bold, blue, sans-serif font. Below it, the word "Concern" is written in a pink, cursive script font. A pink horizontal line is positioned below the word "Concern".

CASH 4 CLUBS

The Cash 4 Clubs scheme is funded by Betfair and is supported by SportsAid. Betfair's vision is to be a champion of regional and community sport, with Cash 4 Clubs fitting in as part of its much broader community investment programme.

AIM: Cash 4 Clubs is a sports grants scheme which provides funding to support grassroots UK sports clubs whether it be to improve facilities, purchase new equipment, gain coaching qualifications, or generally invest in the sustainability of their club.

GRANT SIZE: Cash 4 Clubs gives clubs a chance to win grants ranging from £250 to £1000. There are 3 tiers of grants at £250, £500 and £1,000 which are awarded on a discretionary basis.

ELIGIBILITY: Any sports club can apply as long as they are registered with their sport's National Governing Body or local authority. Funding can be requested for anything that will add to the sustainability and effectiveness of the sports club.

APPLICATION PROCESS: Clubs can apply for a Cash 4 Clubs Sports Grant by filling out the online application form at anytime, available at website below. Grants are awarded on a quarterly basis after selection by their committee. Application forms are available on their website.

CONTACT: Email:

cash4clubs@betfair.com

Website: <http://www.cash-4-clubs.com>

VCASHPOINT

AIM: vcashpoint is giving away £1 million to 16-25 year olds in England with good ideas. If you've got an idea for a volunteering project to improve your community, you could get your hands on a grant to make your idea a reality.

Interested in bringing your ideas to life, learning new skills and transforming your community?

DEADLINE: The next 3 rounds of vcashpoint are now open for application! Make sure you read the vcashnotes guidance to check your eligibility before applying.

Deadlines for applications are:

- Round 7 - 12 noon Monday 25 Jan 2010;
- Round 8 - 12 noon Monday 10 May 2010.

CONTACT: To apply and for guidelines and criteria please visit the website: www.vinspired.com/vcashpoint

If you need help please contact the help desk Tel: 0800 089 9000 Email: vcashpointinquiries@bss.org

GEORGE A MOORE FOUNDATION

The George A Moore Foundation is not accepting any new or unsolicited applications for this financial year due to the current economic climate, which has resulted in a decrease in income from the Foundations investments.

The Foundation is currently only supporting charities with which they have an established relationship but hope to support new applications in the future.

You can visit the George A Moore Foundation website here: <http://www.gamf.org.uk/>

BOVRIL

Bovril's Great Outdoors Revival campaign is being run in partnership with the Angling Trust, Ramblers, and The Camping and Caravanning Club.

They are looking for projects that aim to revive the countryside. This could be a broken stile on a nature trail, a dishevelled jetty, a rickety old fishing hut, or a campsite in need of repair.

GRANT SIZE: Bovril is offering £100,000 to be split between small, local projects.

The funding is only available for repair projects, not projects that need starting or building from scratch.

APPLICATION PROCESS: Projects can be submitted online and the public is then encouraged to vote for them. Bovril's Great Outdoors Revival website includes tools such as a downloadable poster and a send-to-a-friend messaging facility to let groups or individuals encourage their contacts to vote for their project.

To nominate your project you will need to buy a promotional jar of Bovril.

CONTACT: www.bovril.co.uk/revival/



FUNDING TRAINING

York CVS, City of York Council, and NYFVO have developed a programme of six low cost training courses aimed at helping local organisations get to grips with funding and fundraising issues.

Course 1: Foundation for Success

Course 2: Funders and Applications

Course 3: Developing a Fundraising Strategy

Course 4: Improving Applications

Course 5: Proving Your Case to Funders

Course 6: Creativity in Fundraising

The programme is designed to meet all levels of funding knowledge, skills and experience. It is aimed at people completely new to fundraising right through to people with over one year's experience.

If you would like to know where and when these courses will be held please visit their website:

www.ynyfundingadvice.org.uk

or

contact Ellen Cross, Funding Advice Network Coordinator at NYFVO, telephone 01347 825710.

or

contact your local Funding Adviser as detailed in the above website link.

FUNDING ADVICE

The York and North Yorkshire Funding Advice Network website is available to local voluntary and community organisations requiring information about funding.

The site contains:

- contact details of local funding advisors
- funding related news, including this downloadable monthly Funding Bulletin
- dates and venues for forthcoming funding training programme courses
- funding factsheets which give guidance on fundraising issues
- access to GRANTnet; a funding database which assists organisations identify funding sources available for specific projects
- supporting information and statistical data for inclusion in your funding applications
- links to other useful sources of information.

www.ynyfundingadvice.org.uk

Your Local Funding Adviser, based within local infrastructure organisations, is available to provide support to voluntary and community organisations. To find your local Funding Adviser's contact details go to the website above.

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