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BIG LOTTERY FUND NEWS

The Big Lottery Fund has announced that its Reaching Communities programme is remaining open. The fund offers grants between £10,000 and £500,000.

Improvements have been made to the application process and there will be a simpler process and quicker decision making for groups applying for up to £40,000 per year. Later in 2010 there will also be a dedicated capital stream available later in the year for community buildings. More information will be available shortly.

New application materials will be available online from 28 April 2010. The final day for submissions using the existing outline proposal forms will be 14 May 2010.

BIG has also announced that a minimum of £30 million will be spent on projects to improve understanding on how to **support young people in care and in youth offending institutions to independent living, and support young carers through key transitional life events**. BIG is inviting views on how they can best use funding in these areas or can other areas of youth transition. To put your viewpoint forward, email: youngpeople@biglotteryfund.org.uk



<http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/yorkshireandthehumber/about-y/region-update-y.htm#story01>

YOUR GREEN IDEA M&S

AIM: Marks & Spencer's new 'Your Green Idea' competition is now open for entries, and offers the chance for someone to win £100,000 to spend on 'greening' an organisation of their choice, such as a school, a local community group or a charity.

'Your Green Idea' invites people to share their ideas for new, positive 'green actions' that M&S could implement under Plan A, its environmental and ethical plan.

DEADLINE: Entries must be received by the end of **16 May 2010**.

APPLICATION PROCESS: M&S' panel of experts will select the best three green ideas which will be put to a public vote later in the year. The final winning idea will be implemented by M&S and rolled out across its over 700 UK stores within the next year.

CHECKLIST:

- ◆ Does the idea fit in with what they do at M&S?

Is it linked to the things they sell in their 700 shops, their cafes, or on their website? Think clothes, food, or things for your home.

- ◆ Is it something their 21 million customers could take part in?

It could be related to the way they shop or the things they buy from us.

- ◆ Does the idea fit in with their Plan A initiative?

They're committed to becoming the world's most sustainable major retailer by 2015, and have their Plan A objectives to prove it. But maybe there's something they haven't thought of?

- ◆ Will the prize money be spent on an organisation's green project?

You'll need to tell us what this is and briefly describe what the money would be spent on.

M&S has launched several Plan A customer-led initiatives over the last three years. For example, the Oxfam Clothes Exchange has seen M&S' customers recycle four million garments, and carrier bag charging means that over 80% of customers now bring their own bags to M&S when shopping, saving over 600 million food bags.

www.yourgreenidea.co.uk

YOUR M&S

LEARNING AND SKILLS COUNCIL FUNDING CHANGES

The Learning and Skills Council (LSC) has been replaced by the Young People's Learning Agency (YPLA) and the Skills Funding Agency (SFA) from April 2010.

The transition marks a key change in the way funding is channelled into learning and skills and separates 0-19 and post-19 provision.

The LSC has contracted with the Third Sector National Learning Alliance (TSNLA) to assist voluntary and third sector providers and support organisations through these changes.

To contact the telephone helpline, call (01225) 792500.

For information about the **Young People's Learning Agency** visit Website:

<http://www.tsnla.org.uk/sites/default/files/TSNLA%20Briefing%20-%20YPLA.pdf>

For information on the **Skills Funding Agency** visit Website:

<http://www.tsnla.org.uk/sites/default/files/TSNLA%20Essential%20Briefing%20Paper%202%20-%20The%20SFA.pdf>
and <http://www.tsnla.org.uk/sites/default/files/SFA%20PRESENTATION.ppt>

A guide to third sector organisations seeking funding for learners aged 16-19 can be downloaded from Website:

<http://www.tsnla.org.uk/sites/default/files/TSNLA%20support%20briefing%203%20-%202016-18.doc>

This also covers learners aged 19-25 with learning difficulties and/or disabilities.

For information on the React programme, which supports the transfer of 16-19 education from the LSC to local authorities, visit Website:

<http://www.tsnla.org.uk/content/lsc-third-sector-transition-support-resources>



SOCIAL ENTERPRISE FEASIBILITY GRANTS

Feasibility grants for community groups is managed by Social Investment Business.

AIM:

The *Feasibility element* of the Fund is for organisations that have ideas and need assistance with project development. The aim is to develop organisations to such a level that they can qualify for investment.

The *Investment element* of the Fund is for organisations that are ready to grow and expand their role within the community and are on the way towards financial self-reliance through the generation of unrestricted and/or earned income.

Loans are a fundamental part of this element and bringing organisations to the point where they are ready to take on a loan is the ultimate aim of the Fund.

GRANT SIZE: Business development grants of £10,000-£20,000 for project development. There will also be a handful of grants of up to £75,000 for larger projects.

Each organisation will receive support from the Communitybuilders business support team or through business development grants of up to five days of support for use with external consultants of professional advisors.

This could cover a wide range of needs, for example:

- Feasibility studies
- Lease negotiation
- Developing successful planning applications
- Business development
- Advice on winning and delivering contracts
- Market analysis and development
- Professional fees for architecture, legal advice etc
- Intensive support

Note that they have a limited supply of support and finance available. The organisations selected will be the ones who best show their commitment to becoming sustainable and becoming investable i.e. able to take on a loan.

Find out if you might be eligible - Look at their guidance notes for information on what the grants can be used for.

If you have previously expressed an interest in the Communitybuilders Fund and would like to discuss financing opportunities further, please get back in touch with them Tel: 0191 269 2278.

CONTACT: Download the application form from Website: <http://www.socialinvestmentbusiness.org/feasibilitygrants2/>

ESMEE FAIRBAIRN FOUNDATION - MAIN FUND

The Main Fund distributes about two-thirds of the Foundations funding.

AIM: This grant funds the charitable activities of organisations that have the ideas and ability to achieve change for the better.

They like to consider work which others may find hard to fund, perhaps because it breaks new ground, appears too risky, requires core funding, or needs a more unusual form of financial help such as a loan.

PRIORITIES: It is responsive to requests for support across the broad range of their interests, which are: the cultural life of the UK, education and learning, the natural environment and enabling disadvantaged people to participate more fully in society.

The Main Fund prioritises work that:

- Addresses a significant gap in provision
- Develops or strengthens good practice
- Challenges convention or takes a risk in order to address a difficult issue
- Tests out new ideas or practices
- Takes an enterprising approach to achieving its aims
- Sets out to influence policy or change behaviour more widely

APPLICATION PROCESS: There is a two stage on line application process. Applications at any time but only one application per organisation at a time through the Main Fund.

If your organisation currently holds a grant and you would like to continue or develop the work, you should telephone the contact person for your grant six months before the end of the current grant.

The Foundation aims to acknowledge first stage application by email within a week of receiving it and a decision about whether to take it further within a month.

At second stage, decision within four months of receiving your application. It is, therefore, advisable to factor in a minimum period of five months into planning, particularly if requesting a grant of more than £75,000.

CONTACT: Esmée Fairbairn Foundation, Kings Place, 90 York Way, London N1 9AG
Tel: 020 7812 3700 Fax: 020 7812 3701
Email: info@esmefairbairn.org.uk

Website: www.esmefairbairn.org.uk

ACT FOUNDATION

AIM: ACT provides grants to individuals and other charities, principally in the UK, with the aim of enhancing the quality of life for people in need, (specifically the mentally and physically disabled).

PRIORITIES: Grants generally fall into the following areas:

- Building - funding modifications to homes, schools, hospices etc.
- Equipment - provision of specialised wheelchairs, other mobility aids and equipment including medical equipment to assist independent living.
- Financial assistance - towards the cost of short-term respite breaks at a registered respite centre.

Projects that intend to be a platform for continuing services will be expected to demonstrate sustainability. ACT would be concerned to be a sole funder of projects that require ongoing support.

Check website below for exclusions.

ELIGIBILITY: Applications are welcomed for grants from all sections of the community and decisions on prioritisation are made having regard to funding levels and never on grounds of gender, age or race.

DEADLINE: Applications are accepted at any time.

APPLICATION PROCESS: ACT will send an acknowledgement letter within one week of receiving an application.

If the proposal is either in an unacceptable form, or ineligible, or a low priority, you will be told in this letter.

They will assess all acceptable applications and they may contact you for further information and/or make a personal visit. In the case of charitable bodies they may also ask for a presentation.

Decisions on grants of up to £50,000 are normally made within one month of receiving your application. Decisions on grants over £50,000 can take up to three months.

If the application is for an emergency a faster timescale can be requested and ACT will do their best to assist.

CONTACT: Full details are on Website: www.theactfoundation.co.uk

CADBURY FOUNDATION

Investment from the Foundation can be a mixture of money, the time and skills of their people and/or gifts in kind.

The Foundation has a wide range of resources that can be given in kind. These include product donations, use of meeting rooms and other facilities, as well as access to training and other specialist materials.

As the needs of communities vary from region to region and country to county, investment is not prescriptive. Local business units decide how much money, time and skills or gifts in kind they will invest, using the Growing Community value around the world guidelines to measure and manage their community investments.

Financial contributions include:

- giving money in response to specific appeals
- investing funds in projects tackling social priorities
- financially supporting charities and community organisations
- sponsoring community-focused events or activities
- donating a percentage from sales of products linked to a cause
- directly employing people and resources to manage community programmes

Staff contributions can:

- add deeper value to cash donations
- build long-term relationships with real substance
- bring energy and creativity
- supply specialist skills which community groups really need
- help them find new and better ways for the company to contribute

The businesses donate a wide range of resources in-kind including:

- their products
- materials and promotional items
- equipment or furniture

Full details are on Website: <http://tinyurl.com/y7ydwaf> (URL shortened using TinyURL)



EQUITABLE CHARITABLE TRUST

AIM: The Equitable Charitable Trust is an education charity. It makes grants totalling up to £1 million each year towards projects for children and young people under the age of 25 who are from disadvantaged backgrounds or disabled.

PRIORITIES:

- education projects or services that support the learning and development of disabled children and young people in the UK;

- formal education projects for disadvantaged children and young people in the UK that support delivery of the National Curriculum (i.e. curriculum enrichment projects) or that deliver accredited vocational learning that will increase employability;

- education projects that will help increase participation in, or improve the quality of, education for disadvantaged or disabled children and young people in developing countries.

For overseas projects, Trustees particularly wish to support projects with potential to deliver benefits over the medium to long term.

Grants can be made for project costs, capital expenditure, equipment and/or the salary costs of a post.

ELIGIBILITY: The majority of projects funded by the Trust take place in the UK at local or regional level, though national projects and those benefiting children or young people overseas (in developing

countries only) are also supported. Please note that grants for overseas projects are only made through UK registered charities.

The trust supports a broad range of organisations; from small and medium sized not-for-profit organisations to larger charities. However, priority is given to organisations and charities with annual incomes of under £5 million. You do not need to be a UK registered charity to apply unless you are applying for a grant towards a project or work that will take place outside the UK.

GRANT SIZE: The length of funding can range from one to three years. Grants of more than one year are paid in annual instalments, with instalments beyond the first year dependent on receipt of progress reports that are satisfactory to the Trustees.

The size of grants ranges from £2,500 to £30,000. Most are for sums between £5,000 and £20,000. It is rare for a multi-year grant to exceed £10,000 p.a. and most multi-year grants will be for sums between £5,000 and £7,500 p.a.

DEADLINE: Applications can be submitted at any time and are considered monthly by the Trustees.

CONTACT: Tel: 020 7264 4995/4993 Fax: 020 7488 9097. Email:

jlong@equitablecharitabletrust.org.uk

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

GET CONNECTED INVESTMENT PROJECT - CYCLE 2

AIM: The Get Connected Investment Project is a capital grant scheme for registered providers of adult social care in England and independent sector organisations supporting personalisation in adult social care. It will enable them to improve access for their users, carers, visitors and staff to information and communications technology (ICT) so that they can use the power of the internet to communicate, learn and train.

GRANT SIZE: The Get Connected Investment Project will provide grants up to a value of £20,000.

ELIGIBILITY: Get Connected can only accept Expressions of Interest from registered care providers. They cannot accept applications from any agent.

Cycle 2 is open to:

- private and voluntary sector adult social care providers offering services in England and registered with the Care Quality Commission.

- organisations not necessarily registered with the Care Quality Commission, but that are providing adult social care services or supporting users and carers to access or development, with a status which means they are capable of receiving funding (e.g. a registered charity or company).

A registered care provider with 250 or more full-time equivalent staff is not eligible for investment in this cycle, but may be eligible in Cycle 3 or Cycle 4.

Cycle 3: Launch July 2010

Cycle 3 will be open to:

- registered providers or social care organisations eligible for cycles 1 or 2
- adult social care organisations of all sizes (including large registered providers), seeking funding for developing or transferring innovative uses of ICT to extend personalisation. Organisations with more than 50 full-time equivalent staff will be expected to identify matched funding.

Cycle 4: Launch November 2010

Cycle 4 will be open to:

- registered providers or social care organisations eligible for cycles 1, 2 or 3
- registered social care providers with 50 or more full-time equivalent staff with proposals to extend the use of their ICT resources to include independent personal assistants or staff from micro or small organisations, private or voluntary, to support their learning, training and professional development.

CONTACT: Social Care Institute for Excellence, Goldings House, 2 Hay's Lane, London SE1 2HB Tel: 020 7089 6840 Textphone: 020 7089 6893 Fax: 020 7089 6841 Email: info@scie.org.uk For further information visit Website: <http://www.scie.org.uk/workforce/getconnected/index.asp>

CSV ACTION EARTH

CSV Action Earth is supported by Morrisons and Scottish Natural Heritage

AIM: Every year, across England, Scotland and Wales, CSV Action Earth gives out hundreds of cash grants to help people make a difference to the environment where they live.

Action Earth is a campaign co-ordinated by CSV Environment. The purpose of the campaign is to enable people to take part in practical conservation projects and empower them to improve quality of life for themselves, their communities and future generations.

CSV Action Earth gives people the funds and the support they need to improve the environment where it matters most. Get in touch to find out about their environmental grants programme and how they can help you to get your project off the ground.

They provide small grants to local voluntary and community groups to help them purchase the tools, equipment and materials needed.

GRANT SIZE: up to £50

ELIGIBILITY: Projects must:

- ◆ Be practical and visual
- ◆ Have an immediate or lasting benefit to the environment
- ◆ Involve volunteers (new/existing)
- ◆ Take place between 1st March and 31st July 2010

- ◆ Be for the benefit of the community
- ◆ Rules for registering projects
- ◆ Each group can submit up to three projects. They must meet the following criteria:
 - ⇒ Projects must be CLEARLY DISTINCT
 - ⇒ On SEPARATE SITES/LOCATIONS
 - ⇒ Take place on DIFFERENT DATES
 - ⇒ Project sites can not be your own back garden or business premises, and must have some level of public access

DEADLINES:

14th April 2010, 28th April 2010, 12th May 2010, 26th May 2010, 9th June 2010, 23rd June 2010, 7th July 2010

APPLICATION PROCESS: Once applications are received a decision will be made and you will be notified by post within 3 weeks.

The easiest way to apply for your £50 Action Earth grant is to register online.

Alternatively, you can download a registration form and print it out, call the Action Earth hotline on 0121 328 7455 or email us for a project registration pack.

DEADLINE: Action Earth 2010 will run from 1st March through to 31st July 2010.

CONTACT: Call Naseem on 0121 328 7455 or email naseem@csvgenvironment.org.uk.

MONEY SAVING EXPERT CHARITY

AIM: The MSE Charity supports projects such as self-help groups and other innovative projects that will help educate people about money/debt/consumer issues. So whether you're a charity, or an individual with a good idea, let them know and they'll see what can be done to help.

ELIGIBILITY: What type of projects? Anything that fits the charity's remit. Whether it's a project to teach squaddies about money before they leave the army, or to set up a debt support group - it'll be considered.

However you will need to adhere to the following 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 has the skills, ability and experience to deliver the project.

•The MSE Charity will consider full project cost recovery, but costs must only relate to the project itself and not the organisations core funding.

- 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.
- Can anyone apply for this?

Before they can give you funding, you will need to become a 'constituted group'.

GRANT SIZE: Grants of up to £5000 are available.

APPLICATION PROCESS: How to apply? To register your interests at any time, simply complete the initial Group Application Form online. They'll then get in touch to discuss it further and see if it fits within the charity's aims.

CONTACT: <http://www.msecharity.com/index.html?pid=21#groups>

DFID—GLOBAL COMMUNITY LINKS

AIM: The Department for International Development (DFID) has announced The Global Community Links programme, which will help support UK community groups forging links with communities in the world's poorest countries.

DFID is offering £3 million over three years to help local groups to strengthen their global link, learn and share knowledge about global development issues, or involve other people and other community groups in their link.

The programme, managed by the British Council, will offer workshops and grants to community groups such as scout troops, Women's Institutes and church groups who have forged links with developing countries.

GRANT SIZE: There are two types of Community Linking grants. These are:

-£1,000 to a maximum £2,000 to be spent over a four month period, or
-£7,000 to a maximum of £10,000 to be spent over a nine month period.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

The first step is to register your link. Once you have done this you can then book a place on an activation and inspiration workshop which will help you get started. After attending the workshop you'll then be able to apply for funding to turn your ideas into reality.

CONTACT: www.dfid.gov.uk/getting-involved/how-you-can-help/dclp/

Bag4Sport

AIM: Bag4Sport Limited (B4S) have helped over 300 organisations raise over £40,000 in funding. They are a social enterprise based in Wiltshire that supports sports clubs, youth projects, communities and charities across the UK by turning unwanted and useless clothing into useful cash, at zero cost to the you.

B4S also encourages waste awareness and recycling. The textiles collected are re-used as affordable clothing in second hand shops in less privileged countries, where the unused clothes are sent for textile recycling.

Getting involved is simple: B4S bags and posters are issued to the organisation, each with a letter, and given out to members. Bags are then filled by the members etc, then collected on an agreed date, weighed, and a receipt issued. They then pay the organisation 40p per kilo (£400 per tonne), and issue a certificate of achievement. Cheques are sent out within 6 weeks.

B4S can also deliver a short presentation if necessary to raise awareness of recycling and the scheme, and storage issues can be resolved by the clothes being donated on the collection date when they are on site.

Contact Bag4Sport.co.uk Tel: 01380 728880 for more information and to arrange your free fundraiser today.

Website: <http://www.bag4sport.co.uk>

BARCLAYS ONE SMALL STEP COMPETITION

One for Social Entrepreneurs?

AIM: The aim of the Barclays Business Take One Small Step Competition is to find people with ambition, passion and, most importantly, a great business idea.

2010 will continue to be challenging for businesses and Barclays want to help. So in addition to the free support they offer all companies, Barclays are going to give a £50,000 boost to ten brilliant business ideas out there. The brief is open — it could be a lifelong ambition or a recent brainwave. It could be a personal experience or a distant dream. Even a revolutionary concept that changes the world. It's an open invitation and anyone with a great business idea and the drive to make it happen could win.

DEADLINE:

- ⇒ Prepare your pitch, submit your idea, rally support 22 March – Deadline 16 May 2010.
- ⇒ Judges shortlist 3 entries from each region 16 May – 23 May.
- ⇒ Canvas for votes - Get people voting for you 7 June – 4 July.
- ⇒ The entry with the most votes per region wins
- ⇒ Winners get £50,000 each on 15 July

CONTACT: Website: <https://www.takeonesmallstep.co.uk>

LIFE CHANGERS AWARDS

Do you know anyone who deserves a Life Changers Award? Nominations are now open for the 2010 Life Changers Awards.

Life Changers Awards honours exceptional individuals and organisations that have in one way or the other made a positive impact in their community.

There are 16 categories to these Awards:

- Outstanding Achievement Award
- Best Development & Initiative Award
- Best Replicable Project Award
- Lifetime Achievement Award
- Civic Leader Award
- Exemplary Business Award
- International Achievement Award
- Young Entrepreneur Award
- Personality of the Year
- Best Advocacy Campaign of the Year
- Corporate community involvement Award
- Best practice Award
- Young Male Achievement Award
- Young Female Achievement Award
- Arts and Culture Champion Award
- Rising Star

DEADLINE: May 31 2010.

CONTACT: Email your name to: nominate@life-changers-awards.com or send a text to with your email to Tel: 07960125717 and a form will be sent out to you. For further information call Tel: 020 8854 1484

Website: <http://www.life-changers-awards.com>

AL FAYED CHARITABLE TRUST

AIM: Children's hospices in the UK are not entitled to any specific government funding; many rely almost entirely on public donations. For this reason, Mohamed Al Fayed set up the Al Fayed Charitable Foundation to help children suffering from life-threatening illnesses or living in poverty.

The Foundation is committed to helping make a difference. As well as financial support, causes receive toys, chocolate and hampers, primary schools throughout the UK are sent reading books, and Mr Al Fayed and Harrods staff give time to help distribute food, blankets, gifts and other comforts for the homeless at Christmas.

GRANT SIZE: Grants range from £1,000 to £850,000.

APPLICATION PROCESS: To apply for funding from the AlFayed Charitable Foundation, please send an overview of your cause or fundraising project, and how you would like the Foundation to help to Email: acfoundation@harrods.com

CONTACT: Full details are on Website: <http://www.alfayed.com/philanthropy/alfayed-charitable-foundation.aspx>

BOOST CHARITABLE TRUST

AIM: Boost is a charitable trust created in 2005 to Build On Over-looked Sporting Talent. All of their activities, which you will find detailed in their website, are designed to champion the disabled and disadvantaged and to inspire them to overcome their challenges through the power of sport.

The charity provides grants and sponsorship to individuals and groups which meet these goals. They have recently launched a fund raising programme to raise awareness and to support these causes.

Boost believes that sport is for everyone and they hope to work with people from all ages, races, colours, creeds, physical abilities and geographic locations.

CONTACT: Lucy Till, Boost Charitable Trust, 5 St Bride Street, London EC4A 4AS Tel: 020 7078 1955 Email: lucy.till@boostct.org

Website: www.boostct.org/

FOUR ACRE TRUST

AIM AND PROIRITIES: Four Acre Trust supports charities (registered in Great Britain and Northern Ireland) working in the following areas:

•**Mentoring schemes** – Mentoring schemes for young people aiming to achieve a significant change in lifestyle and aspirations.

•**Youth work in local communities** – Core costs of local youth organisations using volunteers to deliver programmes for young people aimed at improving their future prospects.

•**Breaks and holidays for young people** – They support charities providing opportunities for young people and their families to experience challenging activities on a holiday or short break. They expect beneficiaries or their families to contribute to the cost.

•**School holiday activity schemes** – They will part fund so long as beneficiaries make a contribution to the cost.

•**Adventure and other training centres** – They support charities booking places at adventure training centres. They do not directly fund centres or bursary schemes.

CONTACT: Tel: 01981 580002 Email: info@fouracretrust.org.uk. Website: www.fouracretrust.org.uk

THINK BIG PROGRAMME O2

Telecoms company O2 is offering £5 million to young people aged 13-25 across the UK to support a project of their choice in their local community.

GRANT SIZE: a cash grant of £300, together with training and support to help them make the most of it. The Think Big programme will also offer successful applicants the opportunity to re-apply for a further £2,500 cash for the project.

If you get invited to take your project further you could get

- Up to £2500 cash for your project (given in stages)
- Free O2 broadband for a year
- £50 phone credit
- A laptop for your project group
- Support from O2 mentors
- The chance to win gig tickets and merchandise for the project group
- The opportunity to apply for an O2 apprenticeship

What you get once you're in the programme

- £300 cash for your project
- Training and support
- £30 mobile credit to share around your project group
- A Think Big merchandise pack
- Communications tools
- Support from the team of O2 helpers

CONTACT: www.o2.co.uk/thinkbig

Maximising ERDF EU funding booklet

This guide has been commissioned by Yorkshire Forward and funded with assistance from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF).

The aim of the guide is to help you understand the opportunities presented through European Union (EU) programmes and the potential synergies in funding streams that support regional economic development.

Published by Leeds Metropolitan University, this guide is designed for partners in Yorkshire and Humber but will be useful for all:

<http://www.yorkshire-forward.com/sites/default/files/documents/ERDF.pdf>

EU GRANTS DIRECTORY

EU Money Service has published the 2010 edition of its annual EU Grants Directory, which contains details of hundreds of grants available from the European Commission for various kinds of organisations. Funds are available for projects relating to racism, the environment, women's issues, child protection, young people, the elderly, education and training, the disabled, human rights, energy, transport, the arts, the media and many more.

The EU Grants Directory is published on CD-Rom for £30, or can be downloaded for £20. The 155-page Directory contains information extracted from the European Commission's budget and is presented as a PDF, and is searchable by keyword. A sample extract of the Directory is available online. Orders placed before 31 March qualify for a £5 reduction.

Those purchasing the Directory also receive 12 months unlimited access to the company's EU Money Grants Update Service. Each month subscribers receive by email a copy of "EU Grants News" which contains links to information on the latest call for grant applications; grant objectives; current priorities; grant deadlines; grant rates; application timetable; Brussels contact names and addresses; partnership requirements; application forms; and guidance notes.

www.europeangrants.com/directory.html

DORMANT ACCOUNTS SCHEME—UPDATE

The Co-operative Financial Services (CFS) has agreed to support the Government and industry efforts to take forward the Dormant Accounts Scheme, by preparing a plan for the establishment of the Central Reclaim Fund.

CFS intends to submit an application to the FSA for authorisation to establish and administrate the Central Reclaim Fund, subject to work going ahead as planned.

The Government's Dormant Accounts and Building Society Act received Royal Assent in November 2008. The Act enables banks and building societies to transfer money held in dormant accounts for reinvestment in the community and will provide account holders with a right to repayment.

The Central Reclaim Fund will form an integral part of the introduction of the unclaimed asset scheme. It will ensure there will be money available to enable customers to reclaim their account monies at any time. The fund will also ensure that any surplus will be passed to the Big Lottery Fund for onward distribution to good causes within the community.

Once in place, the fund will operate independently from the BBA, BSA and the Government. Banks and building societies estimate that there is about £400 million in dormant accounts, which will be eligible for transfer to the Reclaim Fund.

It is anticipated that the plan will identify a 'road map' for FSA authorisation and implementation of the Reclaim Fund by Summer 2010. The first transfers from bank and building societies will follow this.

Website:

<http://tinyurl.com/ykjbaty> (URL shortened using TinyURL)

also

<http://www.civilsociety.co.uk/finance/news/content/6326/co-operative-financial-services-to-administer-unclaimed-assets-fund>

FUNDING CENTRAL

Funding Central is a free smart website for the whole voluntary and community sector, including social enterprise, providing access to thousands of funding and finance opportunities, plus a wealth of tools and resources supporting organisations to develop sustainable income strategies appropriate to their needs.

If you are completely or **relatively new to fundraising**, Funding Central provides a guided search enabling you to identify the most appropriate funding and finance opportunities that best suit you and the beneficiaries that you support.

As an **experienced fundraiser**, you can drill down through thousands of opportunities to identify the most appropriate funding or finance for your organisation using the advanced search.

As a **funder** you will have access to your own exclusive area - the Funder Zone. Here you can explore statistics on your funding programmes or contracts, including web visits and comments made and add your own helpful hints to support fund-seekers.

As an **infrastructure organisation** you can use Funding Central to access a wealth of support materials to enhance your work with other groups and identify funding and finance opportunities for your own needs.

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

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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