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BBC CHILDREN IN NEED SMALL GRANTS

AIM: To make a positive change to the lives of disadvantaged children and young people across the UK.

ELIGIBILITY: They fund not-for-profit organisations who work with disadvantaged children and young people 18 years. BBC Children in Need wants to fund stable, well-managed and effective organisations.

BBC Children in Need can only fund projects that focus on the differences made (outcomes) to the lives of disadvantaged children and young people. For this reason, when applying for a grant you must provide clear evidence that disadvantaged children and young people will:

- ◆ Be the primary beneficiaries of the project; and
- ◆ Experience positive changes in their lives from the activities or services you are providing

GRANT SIZE: £10,000 or less per year. Funding can be awarded for between one and three years, depending on the nature of the request.

DEADLINE: 15 April, 15 July and 15 October.

APPLICATION PROCESS: BBC Children in Need has a fully online application system

CONTACT: For support with completing your application please [email pudsey@bbc.co.uk](mailto:pudsey@bbc.co.uk) or call our Helpdesk on 020 8576 7788. http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/grants/guidelines_smallgrant.shtml

Awards for All Update

Since 1st April 2009 when changes were made to the programme there have been fewer bids and fewer grants (The figures in brackets show a comparison with 1st April - 30 November 2008).

- ◆ there have been 667 applications (1,137)
- ◆ the total amount requested has been £5,098,831 (£9,261,445)
- ◆ there have been 262 conditional offers
- ◆ there have been 199 awards (512)
- ◆ the amount awarded has been £1,571,065 (£3,850,439)
- ◆ Seventy-six per cent of conditional offers have gone on to receive an award.

The main reasons for this downward trend are thought to be:

- ◆ the need to meet at least one of four programme outcomes
- ◆ most sports, arts and heritage projects are not eligible because their main purpose does not meet an Awards for All programme outcome
- ◆ possible lack of interest
- ◆ competition from other small funders like Grassroots Grants

The top five reasons for rejection are:

- not meeting programme outcomes
- applications for funding outside the programme remit e.g. salaries
- not enough evidence of need
- ineligible group
- planning and management concerns

Lloyds TSB Foundation

Lloyds TSB Foundations for England and Wales, Northern Ireland and the Channel Islands have concluded their negotiations with **Lloyds Banking Group**.

They have reached agreement on funding being provided at a higher level than 2009, through until 2013. They have also confirmed a significant ongoing commitment for the remainder of the covenant (the Foundations' income is covenanted to them from the Lloyds Banking Group).

Heritage Lottery Fund - Parks For People AND Skills for the Future

AIM: Parks for People offers grants for projects that regenerate public parks of national, regional or local heritage value. The definition of a park for this programme is as follows: an existing designed urban or rural green space, the main purpose of which is for informal recreation and enjoyment. It includes parks, gardens, squares, walks and promenades.

For them to consider your park for funding you must show them:

- ♦ the community values the park as part of their heritage;
- ♦ the parks meets local social, economic and environmental needs;
- ♦ and the park management actively involves local people.

Your project must deliver all the following five outcomes:

- ♦ increasing the range of audiences;
- ♦ conserving and improving the heritage value;
- ♦ increasing the range of volunteers involved;
- ♦ increasing skills and knowledge through learning and training;
- ♦ and improving management and maintenance

DEADLINE: You can submit a first-round or second-round application at either date: 1 March 2010 for a decision in June 2010; 31 August 2010 for a decision in December 2010.

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

AIM: Skills for the Future will fund projects which provide paid training placements to meet a skills gap in the heritage sector, and fully support trainees to learn practical skills.

PRIORITIES: It will fund traditional conservation training and also the skills needed to engage people with heritage.

This could include the skills to deliver education, community participation or volunteering programmes, or to use new media and technology to open up heritage.

ELIGIBILITY: They welcome applications from organisations which can deliver training opportunities in heritage that are additional to current or recent provision. Partnerships – for example of community and voluntary organisations, professional bodies and learning and training providers – can also apply.

They give priority to not-for-profit organisations. If private sector organisations are involved, they expect the public benefit to be greater than any private gain.

DEADLINE: The closing date is 12 noon on 19 March 2010. You can now [register and apply online](#). Awards will be made in May 2010.

APPLICATION PROCESS: They will provide help before you apply. Please read our online guidance and complete a pre-application form.

WEBSITE: <http://www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/programmes/Pages/Skillsforthefuture.aspx>

Low Carbon Buildings Programme Phase 2 (LCBP2)

AIM: The Low Carbon Buildings Programme - Phase 2E (LCBP2E) is a Department for Energy and Climate Change (DECC) scheme offering grants for microgeneration installations by public sector and charitable organisations.

Check the Scheme Conditions to confirm your eligibility.

Grants are available for installations of up to a maximum of 50kW electricity and 300kW heat. Qualifying organisations can apply for 50% of the project cost of installing microgeneration technologies.

Products and installers must be selected from the Microgeneration Certification Scheme (MCS). In regards to products solar thermal collectors certificated under the Solar Keymark scheme may also be eligible. Biomass boilers and heat pumps between 45kW and 300kW listed on the Energy Technology List (part of the Enhanced Capital Allowance (ECA) Scheme may also be used. Further information on products and installers can be found at Websites: www.microgenerationcertification.org
www.eca.gov.uk/etl/find
www.estif.org/solarkeymark/productsandcertificates.php

GRANT SIZE: Organisations can apply for a maximum of up to £200,000 in grant funds per site. A site may include more than one building and multiple applications from one organisation for

different sites will be considered.

APPLICATION PROCESS: Please ensure you have read and understood the Guidance Notes and Scheme Conditions before proceeding to the on-line application form, as grant awards are subject to full compliance with these Conditions. Alternatively you may download a paper application form. All documentation is available on website below.

Separate applications must be made for each geographically different site. If you are planning to apply for more than £100,000 in grant for any one site or for a heat project between 45 and 300kW.

Applications for electricity generation (non-PV) can only be accepted up to March 2010 when Feed-in Tariffs will be introduced.

Heating only applications can be made throughout 2010 but applicants will have to claim their grant by the end of February 2011.

DEADLINE: Please note that this scheme ends on 1st April 2011 when the Renewable Heat Incentive will be introduced.

CONTACT: Tel: 08704 23 23 13 Email: info@lcbpphase2.org.uk
Web: www.lowcarbonbuildingsphase2.org.uk/page.jsp?id=2

Ecominds – Revised arrangements

Ecominds is an open grant programme run by Mind as an award partner of the Big Lottery Fund. The programme has £7.5 million to distribute to around 125 new and existing projects focusing on mental health and the environment around England over the next five years.

AIM: Ecominds aims to help people with direct experience of mental distress become involved in environmental projects that improve mental and physical health and local communities. Ecominds will help reduce the stigma surrounding mental distress and help create a society that treats people with experience of mental distress fairly, positively, and with respect. There is growing evidence demonstrating that green exercise provides substantial benefits for health and wellbeing.

PRIORITIES: Projects must:

- ♦ Have both a mental health and environmental perspective;
- ♦ Be submitted by an England-based group and applied for in England;
- ♦ Be thoroughly planned and relevant to the environment; Involve people with direct experience of mental distress;
- ♦ Encourage community access and collaboration, and improve the environment and environmental sustainability;
- ♦ Have a budget falling within one of our four levels: Small - under £20,000;
- ♦ Be delivered by December 2012.

APPLICATION PROCESS: Download Guidelines and application forms from website below. Upon completion, post your application form to: Grants Officers, Ecominds, 15-19 Broadway, Stratford, London E15 4BQ

PLEASE NOTE: The deadlines have now passed for Large and Medium applications to the Ecominds programme. Ecominds continues to encourage small applications up to £20,000 at this time, but please check the website regularly for updates.

DEADLINE: 12:00 noon Wednesday 30 June 2010

CONTACT: Changing Spaces advice line
Tel: 08453 671 671

Website: <http://www.mind.org.uk/ecominds/>

UnLtd Sport Relief Awards

AIM: UnLtd Sport Relief Awards are a UK wide funding programme for 11-21 year olds, who are prepared to go the extra mile and use their passion for sport and arts to bring respect and understanding to their communities by setting up their own projects.

UnLtd Sport Relief Awards are funded by Comic Relief and provide opportunities for young people to bring communities together, to help promote understanding and solve problems through sport, arts and recreational activities.

There are three types of awards:

Try It - Aged between 11 - 21 ? Got an idea you want to try out? Could it make a difference to others? Need financial support to get the idea off the ground? Try It can give you support and cash to use sport, arts or recreational activities to overcome an issue in your community and bring people together through a short project or one off event. You can get up to £1,000 and the support you need to go out and TRY IT!

Just fill out the online Application Form and select 'Try It' and soon you could have up to £1,000 to MAKE IT HAPPEN.

Shape It - Aged between 11 - 21 ? Got an idea that you're ready to shape into a project? Will it make a difference to others? Need some additional financial support to develop the idea further? Shape It can give you support and cash to

use sport, arts or recreational activities to overcome an issue in your community and bring people together through a short project or one off event. You can get up to £5,000 and the support you need to go out and SHAPE IT!

Just fill out the online Application Form and select 'Shape It' and soon you could have up to £5,000 to MAKE IT HAPPEN

Do It - Aged between 18 -21 ? Got an idea that will make a significant difference to others? Do you want to run this project long term? You can apply for up to £10,000 to grow your idea into a project that will continue to have an impact after your award. The £10,000 can also be used towards your living costs. Do It Awards will be made every 3 months with the first application deadline being January 2010.

Before applying for a Do It Award they would strongly recommend that you speak to a member of their team about your project.

CONTACT: You can contact UnLtd Sport Relief by either completing the online message box or Email: sportreliefawards@unltd.org.uk Tel: 08453 670 770 with any enquiries you may have. Website: <http://www.unltdsportrelief.com>

OTS Hardship Fund - Community Development Foundation

The Community Development Foundation is working with Office of the Third Sector (OTS) to deliver the new Hardship Fund.

AIM: The Hardship Fund will provide grant support to third sector organisations in England delivering front-line services to the most vulnerable and disadvantaged people in society that have been affected by the recession.

GRANT SIZE: Grants of between £50,000 and £250,000.

ELIGIBILITY: Grants are available to organisations with an income of at least £200,000 that are in financial hardship which is impacting on their ability to deliver services in the following areas:

- ◆ Health and Social Care
- ◆ Housing Support
- ◆ Education and Training
- ◆ Information, Advice and Guidance

The Hardship Fund is currently open for applications.

Grants will be paid from October 2009 and need to be spent by September 2010.

APPLICATION PROCESS: To apply to the Hardship Fund, please read the guidance notes before filling in and returning your application form (both available from website below). Once received, they will acknowledge and then assess your application as soon as they can. Because this Fund is to support Third Sector organisations facing financial hardship, they will assess applications in

the date and time order that they receive them at CDF (on a rolling programme) until there are sufficient relevant applications up to the value of the Fund.

CONTACT: Contact the Hardship Fund helpline Tel: 0113 246 1561 Email: hardshipfund@cdf.org.uk

Postal address for applications to this programme is: Community Development Foundation, Suite 4D Josephs Well, Hanover Walk, Leeds LS3 1AB

Website: <http://www.cdf.org.uk/web/guest/hardship-fund>

CLG - Faiths in Action CDF

Faiths in Action is a £4 million grant programme, distributed over two years in two rounds of funding.

In the first round, 216 organisations were offered grants of up to £12,000, totalling over £2.43 million.

Round 2 is now open.

PRIORITIES: In your application, you must show how your project relates to one or more of the fund's four priorities:

- A. Developing the confidence and skills to "bridge" and "link"
- B. Supporting shared spaces for interaction and social action
- C. Developing structures and processes which support dialogue and social action
- D. Improving opportunities for learning which build understanding

These priorities come from the Government's framework, Face to Face and Side by Side

GRANT SIZE: The maximum size of a grant in Round 2 is £6,000.

DEADLINE: There is no formal deadline for applications – Round 2 is a rolling programme.

ELIGIBILITY: Faiths in Action is for local projects and activities, and is open to faith, inter faith, voluntary and community sector organisations at national, regional and local levels in England.

For full eligibility criteria, please read the guidance notes (available to download from website below). If you would like a hard copy version of the guidance notes, please contact Tel: 01223 406533 Email: fundingadmin@cdf.org.uk

APPLICATION PROCESS: Applications will be accepted in the date and time order that they are received by CDF, until the total value of the eligible, relevant applications received equals the overall value of the fund.

Grants will be distributed from April 2010 and will fund activities that take place between April 2010 and March 2011.

Faiths in Action funds both new and existing projects. They welcome those that support women and young people. You can also apply in partnership with another group or organisation if this helps your project.

CONTACT: Questions? Consult their Frequently Asked Questions or contact the Faiths in Action helpline: Tel: 01223 406533 Email: fundingadmin@cdf.org.uk Website: <http://www.cdf.org.uk/web/guest/faiths-in-action>

Santander Foundation

The Santander Foundation brings together the charitable donations formerly made in the UK by Abbey, Alliance & Leicester and Bradford & Bingley savings business.

PRIORITIES: All its funding must directly help disadvantaged people through one or both of these charitable priorities:

- ♦ Education and training - This does not have to be formal training or lead to a qualification. It could be any activity disadvantaged people undertake where they improve their confidence in a skill or their understanding of a subject eg independent living skills, anger management, improving self-esteem, reminiscence projects for older people, art and craft sessions as well as IT classes.
- ♦ Financial capability - This covers activities that help disadvantaged people understand how to manage their money. It could include budgeting skills, accessing affordable credit as well as managing the challenges that arise from being a carer, unemployment, disability or relationship break-up.

All funding is for one-off donations. Grants are available to buy tangible items such as equipment or training materials. Grants are also available to fund project costs such as sessional worker fees, salaries, room hire or other costs.

ELIGIBILITY: The foundation can make donations only to organisations with charitable status for their work within the UK. This includes registered charities, Friendly Societies, Industrial & Provident Societies registered under charitable not membership rules (an exception to this are credit unions – which can be funded).

GRANT SIZE: Grants of up to £30,000 are available in areas where Santander has a significant presence.

There are three main differences between the Santander Foundation and the Abbey Charitable Trust, which it replaces:

- ♦ Cross-community regeneration can no longer be funded.
- ♦ The maximum grant for groups has gone up from £20,000 to £30,000
- ♦ Funding does not have to be for capital items only - groups can bid for capital or revenue funding or a mixture of the two.

As well as responding directly to applications made by charities, the Foundation also supports fundraising undertaken by Santander staff and pensioners in the UK through a staff matched donation scheme. Staff can fundraise for as many UK registered charities as they want, which is matched up to £700 for each individual or up to £3,500 for teams of four or more.

WEBSITE:

www.santanderfoundation.org.uk/index.aspx

Community Chest scheme

Santander has launched a new charity scheme to celebrate the rebrand of Abbey and Bradford & Bingley to Santander, which will see £250,000 donated to local charities.

The bank is asking its UK customers to decide which charity is to benefit in their local area.

The Community Chest scheme is being rolled out in all Santander branches, with each branch being allocated some of the quarter of a million pounds to be distributed to local good causes.

The scheme will allow customers to support local charities by voting every time they visit their branch.

The aim is to strengthen relationships in the communities in which Santander branches are located and help to raise the profile of charitable organisations making a difference in their area.

How the Community Chest Works - Every branch has nominated three local causes and customers visiting their branch from **11 January until 26 February 2010** will be invited to vote for their favourite.

The winning charities will receive a share of the Community Chest.

Village CORE Programme

The Village CORE Programme is managed by the Plunkett Foundation in partnership with Co-operative & Community Finance and the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation.

AIM: The Village CORE Programme is a dedicated support programme for communities looking to set up and run a community-owned rural shop.

GRANT SIZE: It provides advisory support along with a £40,000 funding package comprised of a £20,000 grant matched with a £20,000 loan, which is also matched by the equivalent community contributions.

This programme, which will have supported over 50 new community-owned rural shops by the end of 2009, has recently been renewed for a further three years. Grants will be awarded to rural communities of at least 300 people.

CONTACT: For further information visit <http://www.plunkett.co.uk/whatwedo/core/Core.cfm> or contact the Plunkett Foundation on (01993) 810730, email ruralcommunityshops@plunkett.co.uk.

Social Care Volunteer Fund

Care Services Minister Phil Hope Minister launched the new Health and Social Care Volunteer Fund on 14 December 2009.

This will pave the way for a renewed focus on volunteering projects in the NHS and social care by managing the grants system centrally. It replaces the Opportunities for Volunteering (OFV) scheme which has been running since 1982.

The scheme will be managed by a partnership including leading national third sector bodies, Attend, Community Service Volunteers (CSV) and Prime Timers working with ECOTEC.

PRIORITIES: The Health and Social Care Volunteering Fund will provide two distinct grant funding schemes:

- * a local grant scheme aimed at supporting volunteering in health and social care.
- * a national portfolio scheme for national organisations invited to apply for more substantial awards to deliver more strategic or developmental volunteering programmes.

The scheme will award grants for dozens of volunteer projects which could include schemes such as providing friendship and support to vulnerable adults, community services for disabled children and help for those living with and affected by HIV. It will prioritise projects which work towards

key aims such as improving adult social care and reducing health inequalities.

ELIGIBILITY: The new fund will be open to third sector organisations across health and social care.

OPENING DATE: Application for grants under the new Health and Social Care Volunteering Fund will open in January 2010.

CONTACT: Volunteering Fund Helpline: 0845 172 8058. Website: <http://www.volunteeringfund.com>

Yorkshire Dales LEADER Programme

If you intend to apply for LEADER finance for your project contact Rima to discuss your project first.

The following points will ensure your efforts in filling out the application are well spent:

1. Please read the guidance notes carefully before beginning to fill in the form. When you have finished filling in the application form, please re-read the guidance notes just to be sure.

2. Please send an email copy of your application to Rima.Berry@ydmtd.org **BEFORE** you submit your application to Norma Hood, at North Yorkshire County Council. If you can do this with time to spare, there will be time to make any changes before the LEADER deadline. Please refer to point (1) above.

3. Applications to LEADER are by **HARD COPY (postal or hand delivery) ONLY**, unless you have prior agreement with members from within the North Yorkshire County Council Team. Any emailed applications will not be considered and will be returned to the applicant for re-submission by hard copy.

4. Applications to LEADER are considered on a "first come, first served" basis, with a fixed ceiling on the number of applications that are appraised by the Decision Panel. **Prompt submission of all documents** is necessary to ensure your project goes forward to the Panel.

DEADLINE: If you have a project idea that might be financed through LEADER the next deadline for applications is March 5th 2010. Please contact Rima Berry 015242 51002 for more information.

WEBSITE: Don't forget to book mark our website, www.yorkshiredalesleader.co.uk for details of what is new

Latest round of projects to receive funding

An innovative Yorkshire art event, housed in Skipton Auction Mart, is one of the latest projects to receive funding from the Yorkshire Dales LEADER programme.

The Mart Theatre based at Skipton Auction Mart receive over £14,000 to fund the development of 'Art in the Pen' project, which promises to be one of the north's major visual art events attracting internationally renowned writers and artists.

The meeting of the LEADER Local Action Group in December agreed funding for a further five projects, totalling over £375,000. Beneficiaries include Wigglesworth Community Centre, who receive almost £100,000 to provide educational and training facilities, childcare and welfare services to members of the community. .

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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