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People's Millions 2010 now open

The People's Millions 2010 competition, from the Big Lottery Fund and ITV, is now open for applications. There is **£3.8 million** to give out in 2010.

They are looking for new projects that aim to improve local facilities or help people get more out of their area.

Every night for a week in November ITV regional news will feature two great project ideas competing for viewers' phone votes. At stake is up to £50,000 from the Big Lottery Fund.

You'll stand a better chance of winning if your project will get people involved in their local community, help those most in need, or is original and imaginative.

It is expected five awards will be made in each ITV region.

Short listed projects will be put to the public vote on ITV for a week in November.

The deadline for applications is 14 May 2010.

For more information, including how to apply, visit the People's Millions website here.

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

FORCES in MIND

The BIG Lottery Fund is announcing a £35 million FORCES in MIND programme.

The funding will help those veterans who struggle with the transition to civilian life, especially those whose psychological well-being subsequently impacts on the quality of their life and others around them. Former armed forces personnel and their families are set to benefit.

BIG intends to establish an independent trust to provide long-term support and advocacy for those who served in conflicts including Iraq, Afghanistan and the Gulf War. The Trust will draw on the expertise and dynamism of the many charities working in this field and will provide support for those working with veterans to improve their psychological well-being.

Charities and other experts in the field are clear that where the impact of the transition from Forces to civilian life is traumatic it can lead to issues such as depression, family trauma, substance misuse, homelessness and even suicide. It will be the Trust's challenge to help veterans tackle these issues.

For some the after-effects of making the transition from a career in the Forces do not always present themselves in an obvious way or even immediately. Supporting organisations that can make a real difference to the reintegration into

civilian life of the men and women who have served their country is a real and pressing priority.

BIG has established a remarkable legacy in funding older veterans and now they want to also focus on more recent veterans and their families including returnees from Iraq and Afghanistan by putting in place this long term support.

The programme is one of the new funding programmes developed by BIG for 2010-2015 as part of its Strategic Framework. An extensive public consultation identified the broad areas of need that the Fund would prioritise as areas of isolation and transition.

Forces in Mind will enable existing organisations that support veterans and their families to improve access to appropriate and relevant services. It will also fund research, awareness raising and advocacy work.

Website: http://www2.biglotteryfund.org.uk/pr_080310_eng_hr_big_backup_for_former_forces_moving_into_civvy_street

FAITHS IN ACTION

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

Round 2 is now open for applications. Grants will be distributed from April 2010 and will fund activities that take place between April 2010 and March 2011.

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.

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.

For full eligibility criteria, please read the guidance notes on website below.

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.

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.

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

CONTACT: Guidance notes and Application forms are available on website below or for hard copies, please call Tel: 0 1 2 2 3 4 0 6 5 3 3 Email: fundingadmin@cdf.org.uk

Website: <http://www.cdf.org.uk/web/guest/faiths-in-action>

WELLCOME TRUST ARTS AWARDS

Wellcome believe the arts are an effective way of stimulating debate and engaging people with biomedical science.

Visual art, music, moving image, creative writing and performance can reach new audiences which may not traditionally be interested in science and provide new ways of thinking about the social, cultural and ethical issues around contemporary science.

Collaborative and interdisciplinary practice across the arts and sciences can help to provide new perspectives on both fields. The arts can also provide imaginative ways of engaging and educating young people in the field of science.

AIM: Arts Awards support imaginative and experimental arts projects that investigate biomedical science.

The scheme aims to:

- ♦ stimulate interest, excitement and debate about biomedical science through the arts
- ♦ examine the social, cultural, and ethical impact of biomedical science
- ♦ support formal and informal learning
- ♦ encourage new ways of thinking
- ♦ encourage high quality interdisciplinary practice and collaborative partnerships in arts, science and/or education practice.

All art forms are covered by the programme: dance, drama, performance arts, visual arts, music, film, craft,

photography, creative writing or digital media. The Trust invites applications for projects which engage adult audiences and/or young people.

GRANT SIZE: There are two levels of awards:

1) small to medium-sized projects (up to and including £30 000)

Funding can either be used to support the development of new project ideas, deliver small-scale productions or workshops, investigate and experiment with new methods of engagement through the arts, or develop new collaborative relationships between artists and scientists.

DEADLINES: Upcoming deadlines are: 30 April 2010; 30 July 2010; 29 October 2010.

Decisions will be made approximately three months after the relevant deadline.

**2) large projects (above £30 000)
CURRENTLY CLOSED**

CONTACT: Arts Awards, Wellcome Trust, Gibbs Building, 215 Euston Road, London NW1 2BE Tel: 020 7611 7222 Fax: 020 7611 8269 Email: arts@wellcome.ac.uk

Website: <http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Public-engagement/Grants/Arts-Awards/index.htm>

SPORT FOR CHANGE COMIC RELIEF

AIM: Comic Relief have developed this new programme to support a range of innovative projects that are using sport as a tool for making a real difference in the communities in which they are based.

The aim of this programme is to understand more about how sport can play a part in delivering positive change within the lives of individuals and communities, and to meet one or more of the outcomes listed below.

They also want to understand:

- ♦ how sport can be used as part of a broader programme to achieve a measurable social change
- ♦ how basing the work in community development principles can increase the impact of the work
- ♦ the different monitoring and evaluation systems being used to track change

Examples of social issues or community concerns could include substance use, crime related problems, integration, exclusion of older people, community cohesion, gangs or knife crime, mental health, and young people at risk. These are examples only and they welcome applications for work tackling any social issue so long as the need for the work is clearly explained.

PRIORITIES: The organisations they fund will need to show how their work will help deliver one or more of the following outcomes:

- ♦ Increased sense of inclusion and well-being by marginalised and disadvantaged people
- ♦ Greater community involvement
- ♦ An increased understanding of how sport can help bring about positive changes in the lives of individuals and communities
- ♦ Greater knowledge across the community and sports sectors about effective work which uses sport as a tool for social change

ELIGIBILITY: They welcome applications from community groups and organisations using sport as part of a broader programme of work to bring about change at an individual and /or community level. They particularly want to fund organisations working to support people from BME communities, older people and women/girls. They also want to receive applications from all parts of the UK – from Wales, Northern Ireland, Scotland and England. They will fund across all age ranges and within a broad range of communities.

They are happy to receive applications from consortia of agencies as long as there is a lead community-based organisation.

DEADLINE: The deadline for submitting your expression of interest on-line is 30 April 2010.

CONTACT: Tel: 020 7820 5555. Website: http://www.comicrelief.com/apply_for_a_grant/uk/sport

OLDER PEOPLE'S PROGRAMME COMIC RELIEF

AIM: This programme is built around supporting older people to bring positive change to their communities, enabling them to contribute their time, energy and skills to those individuals who need it most. They know that encouraging participation has direct health benefits and can provide older people with opportunities for social engagement and building networks.

ELIGIBILITY: They are able to support applications from a range of organisations including self help and community groups, voluntary organisations, community interest companies and social enterprises who are targeting their work at older people aged 65 and over.

PRIORITIES: Whilst they welcome applications from all sections of the community, they are particularly keen to make sure their funding reaches those who are often missed out, such as older people from Black and minority ethnic communities, lesbians, gay men, bisexual or transgendered people and older men for example. So, they particularly encourage applications for work targeted at these and other groups who may face additional disadvantage.

They want to fund a broad range of projects where there is clear evidence of:

- ♦ Older people being actively engaged in developing and planning the work;
- ♦ Older people being actively involved in the delivery of the work through

their role as mentors, peer supporters or advocates; and

- ♦ How the project will lead to new ways of working.

Examples of the work they are looking to fund include projects where older people are:

- ♦ Acting as mentors to vulnerable young people (for example in schools or with young offenders)
- ♦ Giving support to their peers who may be isolated (through telephone or visiting schemes). Please note that individual lunch clubs or services providing only social or recreational activities do not fit the programme
- ♦ Acting as advocates around the needs and rights of those with caring duties
- ♦ Running social enterprises.

DEADLINE: The deadline for submitting your application is 30 April 2010.

CONTACT: UK Grants Team, Comic Relief, 5th Floor, 89 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7TP Tel: 020 7820 5555 Fax: 020 7820 5500 Minicom: 020 7820 5579 Email: ukgrants@comicrelief.com

Website: http://www.comicrelief.com/apply_for_a_grant/uk/olderpeople

BAILY THOMAS CHARITABLE FUND

AIM: The Baily Thomas Charitable Fund is a registered charity which was established primarily to aid the research into learning disability and to aid the care and relief of those affected by learning disability by making grants to voluntary organisations working in this field.

PRIORITIES: They consider under learning disability the conditions generally referred to as severe learning difficulties, together with autism. In this area, they consider projects concerning children or adults. Learning disability, thus defined, is their priority for funding. They do not give grants for research into or care of those with mental illness or dyslexia.

ELIGIBILITY: Funding is available only to organisations within the UK. Grants will not normally be awarded to individuals. Applications will only be considered from voluntary organisations which are registered charities or are associated with a registered charity.

DEADLINE: Meetings of the Trustees are usually held in June and early December each year and applications should therefore be submitted **no later than 1 May** or 1 October for consideration at the next relevant meeting. Late applications will not be considered.

If your application is considered under the Small Grants procedure then this will be reviewed by the Trustees ahead of the usual meetings in June and December.

Following the meeting all applicants are contacted formally to advise on the status of their application.

Please feel free to submit your application whenever you are ready, rather than waiting for the deadline

CONTACT: The Baily Thomas Charitable Fund, c/o TMF Management UK Limited, 400 Capability Green, Luton, Beds, LU1 3AE Tel: 01582 439225 Email: info@bailythomas.org.uk

Website: <http://www.bailythomas.org.uk>

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY FUND

AIM: The Church and Community Fund's charitable objects are to promote, aid and further the work of the Church of England.

The CCF is under the trusteeship of the Archbishops' Council and works in support of a number of its' objectives:

- ♦ to enhance the Church's mission by: promoting spiritual and numerical growth enabling and supporting the worshipping Church and encouraging and promoting new ways of being Church, and engaging with issues of social justice and environmental stewardship.
- ♦ to sustain and advance the Church's work in education, life long learning and discipleship
- ♦ to encourage the maintenance and development of the inherited fabric of Church buildings for worship and service to the community.

GRANT SIZE: The maximum grant is £10,000 and applicants are welcome to request any amount within this limit. However, the CCF has limited resources and regrettably they are rarely able to offer the full amount requested and they cannot support all applications, however deserving.

Grants may be awarded on a 'one-off' basis or, for revenue projects, the total awarded may be phased over a number of years (usually two or three).

DEADLINES: 2010 Schedule:

Quarter 2: Deadline: 7th May Meeting 16th June

Quarter 3: Deadline: 16th July Meeting 8th September

Quarter 4: Deadline: 30th September Meeting 1st December

Quarter 1, 2011: Deadline: 31st December Meeting (to be confirmed)

CONTACT: The Church And Community Fund (Ccf), Church House, Great Smith St, London SW1P 3NZ Email:

Kevin.Norris@c-of-e.org.uk or

libby.fordham@c-of-e.org.uk or ccf@c-of-e.org.uk

Tel: 020 7898 1767 or 7898 1541

Full application details are on Website:

www.churchandcommunityfund.org.uk

COMMA

Defra has commissioned ACRE to deliver three years of funding with finances drawn from the Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund. The distribution of the grants programme, known as COMMA, is in 3 stages: 2008-2009, 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 and focuses on supporting community projects in settlements affected by the impacts of quarrying. The COMMA Fund has supported a wide range of projects which have directly improved the lives of people in their communities.

COMMA 2010-11 is now open for applications and it will remain open until Friday 14th May 2010.

ELIGIBILITY: Five essential conditions must be satisfied for projects to be eligible for the COMMA fund:

1. The community where the project is based, is/has been affected by aggregates extraction or transportation of aggregates
2. The proposed project is within 10 kilometres of an aggregates extraction site, either current or disused
3. The proposed project must benefit the whole community or section of the community, not an individual
4. The applicant must be a community organisation, a charity or a parish/town council
5. All project works funded by COMMA grants in 2010/11 must be able to complete by 31st March 2011.

To qualify, your project must be located in one of the 23 Rural Community Councils and must be supported by your local RCAN member.

GRANT SIZE: Applications may only be submitted for grants of between £3,000 and £20,000

APPLICATION PROCESS: All the information you need to prepare and submit your application is on their website. Applications must be submitted, using a COMMA application form. Completed applications should be sent to the RCAN member in your area.

Applications will be assessed against the national criteria and a shortlist of high-scoring applications compiled. These shortlisted applications will be forwarded by your local RCAN member, to ACRE, for final decisions to be made.

Before completing your application please read the guidelines carefully.

CONTACT: Website: http://www.acre.org.uk/sustainabledevelopment_comma.html

YOUTH OF TODAY LEADERSHIP FUND

The fund is managed by The Young Foundation. Their vision is for all young people across England to have access to high-quality youth leadership opportunities.

AIM: The Youth of Today Leadership Fund helps third sector organisations scale up innovative youth leadership projects, and reach out across communities.

They have got £1 million of funding to give away to great organisations across England, to be spent by March 2011. And your organisation's project can be part of how that money is allocated.

The Youth of Today Leadership Fund has been set up to fill outstanding gaps in the provision of leadership opportunities available to young people. The Fund will help to support programmes with cash and will identify new innovations that could lead to greater sustainability and creativity in the sector in the long term.

Their mission is to increase accessibility and raise the standard of youth leadership opportunities offered by third sector organisations across England.

Their values are to:

- ◆ Support social organisations that allow young people to realise their potential.
- ◆ Be visionary in approach and fair in application.

- ◆ Respect and learn from communities in order to build on best practice.
- ◆ Take an infectious approach to youth-led innovation.

ELIGIBILITY: At the moment, they are not funding individuals or unregistered organisations. They are exploring the potential for doing this in future rounds.

Scaling Up. This fund helps small organisations take their existing projects to the next level.

DEADLINE: Round 3 is open. The deadline is for applications is 23 April 2010.

The deadline for Round 4 (6 month projects only) is 23 June 2010. There will be no further rounds of Scaling up.

In the next few weeks they will also be launching their Young Leaders Fund. They will give out an additional 8 grants of up to £4,000 for projects developed by young people and supported by third sector organisations. If you have young people with inspirational ideas, this could be the time to get them going!

Website: <http://www.theyouthoftoday.org/fund-great-projects>

DEFRA FUNDING TO INSPIRE SUSTAINABLE LIVING

Third sector fund to inspire sustainable living

AIM: The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) is providing seed corn funding in 2010/11 for third sector organisations to run projects helping individuals and communities adopt more sustainable and pro-environmental behaviours in the run up to the London 2012 games and beyond. Projects should use the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games as a way of reaching hard to engage groups and can take place anywhere in UK under one or more of the following themes:

- * Active travel (walking and cycling more)
- * Sustainable consumption - e.g. eco products or local and seasonal food
- * Greener gardens/local areas
- * More efficient resource use - particularly energy and water
- * Waste less - recycle more.

GRANT SIZE: Between four and eight projects will receive grants of £100,000 - £200,000.

There is a possibility of using funding to scale-up existing activities, but additionality must be demonstrated.

APPLICATION PROCESS: There is a two-stage application process - the first stage is to submit a concept, explaining what you could deliver if you had the funding.

DEADLINE: The deadline for this stage is 21 May 2010 and applicants will know if they have been shortlisted by early July 2010. 10-12 applicants will be shortlisted and invited to a workshop in early July and will then be asked to submit a full project plan. Delivery partners will be expected to start work in September 2010.

For more information and to register your interest, see the Defra website here: <http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/funding/thirdsectorsd.htm>

UK Film Council's FUND CLOSED

The UK Film Council's film development and production funds officially closed on Wednesday 31 March 2010.

In line with the UK Film Council's new funding structure for the three years starting 1 April 2010-31 March 2013, there will be a new Film Fund in operation with effect from 1 April 2010.

As part of the transition process the Development, New Cinema and Premiere Funds will not be accepting any new applications for funding.

They will announce the guidelines for the new Film Fund on their website home page, through the trade press and directly to production trade organisations.

Minimising the time necessary to implement the new funding processes for assessing applications to the new Film Fund is their key priority but there will be a period of transition post 1 April 2010 before the new funding becomes available. They will publish key dates on the new fund becoming active on their Website.

See Website: <http://www.ukfilmcouncil.org/fundingnotice>

PEOPLE'S POSTCODE TRUST

The next round for the People's Postcode Trust in England is open.

PRIORITIES:

- ◆ To prevent poverty, sickness and distress for the benefit of the public
- ◆ To promote, maintain, improve and advance health
- ◆ To advance citizenship or community development
- ◆ To advance public participation in sport
- ◆ To promote, improve and advance human rights, conflict resolution or reconciliation
- ◆ To promote and advance environmental protection or improvement.

There is an updated application form, application process and guidance notes which must be used when applying.

GRANT SIZE: The Trust funds projects with grants of £500 - £10,000. The deadline for applications is 23 April 2010.

Visit the People's Postcode Trust website here for more information: <http://www.postcodetrust.org.uk/>

HILDEN CHARITABLE FUND— SUMMER PLAYScheme

AIM: The Hilden Charitable Fund has allocated a small budget to help community groups run Summer Playschemes for the benefit of children from refugee and ethnic minority families.

GRANT SIZE: The amount you can apply for is around £1,000.

ELIGIBILITY: They will support: Summer Playschemes for children aged 5 - 18 years; Small local schemes lasting for 2 - 6 weeks; Schemes with strong volunteer support; Schemes held in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland; Applications will only be considered from voluntary agencies with an income of less than £150,000

They will not support: Playschemes with a budget of over £12,000; Day Care; Summer camps; Club or family holidays; Replacing equipment.

DEADLINE: Deadline for Application Forms to be returned: Friday 14th May 2010.

CONTACT: The Hilden Charitable Fund, 34 North End Road, London W14 0SH
Tel/Fax: 0207 603 1525 Email: hildencharity@hotmail.com Website: <http://www.hildencharitablefund.org.uk/play.htm>

LANKELLYCHASE FOUNDATION

The LankellyChase Foundation is now accepting applications under its 2010 Summer Activities Small Grants Programme.

AIM: Each year the Trustees of the Foundation set aside funds to support summer activities for children and young people between the ages of five and 17 years.

GRANT SIZE: Around 120 grants of up to £500 are available to UK registered charities wishing to run small local summer activity schemes.

PRIORITIES: In 2010, the Foundation will be supporting specific activities for children and young people who are:

- ♦ living in refuges for families escaping domestic violence; or
- ♦ young carers.

Preference will be given to applications from organisations with strong volunteer support and clear safeguarding measures in place.

DEADLINE: The deadline for applications is 14 May 2010.

CONTACT: For more information please visit the Website: <http://www.lankellychase.org.uk/>

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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