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As with earlier editions we have tried to list funding sources under themed headings where this is clear. This is not always easy so where a grant would cover several themes it will probably be under Communities. We have also left in some of the grants from the previous newsletter where these are specifically local grants or where deadlines are imminent.

Welcome to the latest edition of the **Community Regeneration Funding Newsletter**. Since the last edition the **West Lothian Funding Fair** was held at the end of January in Howden Park Centre. The event was attended by around 150 people representing a range of local organisations. They were able to get advice on funding from 14 funding bodies as well as other support agencies. Two workshops, offering advice on making a good application and the role of development trusts, were also well attended. 94% of those surveyed gave the event a positive score. We will look at a further event later in the year so watch this space.

As with previous editions we highlight some local successes:

Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland has awarded Craigshill Good Neighbourhood Network £2,400 towards the development and running costs of the Tuesday Club and West Lothian Disabled Ramblers £2,500 towards the transport costs.

It is also encouraging to note that four West Lothian applications have passed the stage 1 phase of BIG's Investing in Communities Fund and are currently working towards full stage 2 applications. However as mentioned in the previous edition a number of applications were submitted to Children in Need in 2010 and whilst there were successes, notably Boghall Pop Skool who received just under £20,000, the success rate was disappointing overall.

The local rural LEADER programme has awarded grants of £607,359.89 to West Lothian organisations over recent years. As these require match funding this equates to well over £1M of projects across the county. Some examples include:

- On-Line Grants Database £3,796.00 - provides two on-line grant databases to enhance existing internal and external funding advice and guidance.
- Country Parks Employability Programme £130,000.00 - will create 30 new employment and training opportunities based on rural land-based skills. Improvements will be made to West Lothian's three Country Parks.
- Armadale Unique Youth Space £42,135.00 - to provide a 'hub' for young people to provide clubs, workshops and educational sessions.
- Maximising Support to Rural Tourism Businesses £18,000.00 - specialised business support delivering workshops, one-to-one support etc.

- Loganlea Miners Welfare– Refurbishment of Village Hall £53,978 - internal and external repairs to hall which will help service provision to families; provide training and support integration of older and younger people.
- Equestrian Tourism Study £3,750.00 – to look at the development of horse based tourism in the east of the Central Scotland Forest.
- West Lothian Women's Aid Reach Out £24,999.00 - to establish an outreach worker who provided support to women who are experiencing or have experienced domestic abuse.
- Community Chest Grant Scheme £20,000.00 - grant support to small scale local projects (see Community Grants below).

The aim of this Newsletter is to provide an additional tool to help groups identify appropriate funding to support their particular project idea. The content is pulled from a number of sources and covers a wide range of interests and grants both small and large. Whilst many of these are new where funds are local or updated these remain from previous editions. Hopefully, you find this useful but if you have any suggestions on how this could be improved please e-mail me at the address below. I would be particularly keen to get information on:

- what issues should be covered in future editions;
- whether you have a good news story that you would like to feature; or
- know of a grant that you would like to promote.

Regards

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West Lothian Open4Communities is a local funding database which is available to all local residents and groups through the Communities Life and Leisure pages on the Council's website (www.westlothian.gov.uk), the LEADER pages on the Business Portal (www.westlothian.com) or directly at (<http://www.open4community.info/westlothian/Default.aspx>). This allows quick and easy access to information on local funding, charity and trust funding, government and lottery funding, as well as European funding opportunities. Anyone searching will be able to make unlimited funding searches and registration on the site is FREE.



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1. Young People & Early Years

BBC Children in Need Grants

Children in Need supports organisations (registered charity or other not-for-profit organisation) working with disadvantaged children and young people who are 18 years old and under. There are 4 deadlines per year, the next one being 15 July. They run a general grants programme which is split into:

- Small Grants of £10,000 or less per year for up to three years
- Main Grants over £10,000 per year for up to three years

They are fairly flexible on what they will fund as long as the beneficiaries are their key target group. See

http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/grants/apply_scotlandhome.shtml for more detail.

CASHBACK FOR COMMUNITIES ANTI VIOLENCE FUNDING is a new pot of cashback monies for organisations or partnerships who offer programmes of youth work activities or projects dedicated to addressing the perception or experience of violence among young people aged 10 – 19 years.

It will provide ring-fenced grant funding to projects dedicated to addressing the perception or experience of violence in Scotland among youngsters aged 10 to 19 who are at risk of becoming involved in violence. This may include dealing with issues such as knife crime and gang violence. Projects must be located in areas of multiple deprivation or areas with a history of violent incidents or knife crime.

Projects must:

- target young people aged 10 – 19 years from areas of multiple deprivation or where there is a demonstrated need;
- focus resources in areas where violence has been identified as an issue and/or a local priority;
- support young people who are currently involved or at risk of becoming involved in violence;
- be open and accessible to young people;
- addresses issues relating to the experience or perception of violence including issues such as knife crime, gang violence etc.;
- offer activities for young people to increase the opportunities they have to develop their interests and skills in an enjoyable, fulfilling and supported way;
- fill gaps in provision for young people or add value/build on existing provision which includes “No Knives Better Lives”;
- support and encourage the involvement of local people (particularly young people) in the development, management and running of the project.

For more information see <http://www.youthlinkscotland.org/Index.asp?MainID=11388> or contact Dougie Peddie, Senior Grants Officer on 0131 313 2488.

DEADLINE UPDATED - CASHBACK FOR COMMUNITIES SMALL GRANTS

SCHEME supports local volunteer led groups to enhance their programmes for young people. Eligible groups must belong to:

- Scottish Council - The Scout Association,
- Girlguiding Scotland,
- Boys Brigade,
- The Girls’ Brigade in Scotland,
- Clubs for Young People (Scotland) and
- Youth Scotland, the network of Youth Clubs and Groups in Scotland.

Funding of up to £2,000 may be available towards start up costs of a unit or youth group or a particular programme of activity, including equipment.

See <http://www.youthlinkscotland.org/Index.asp?MainID=11388> for more information. The next deadline is 16 September 2011.

NEW - THE ANDY FANSHAWE MEMORIAL TRUST provides small grants (around £500) to support projects that allow disadvantaged young people to develop an existing interest in the great outdoors. These are generally through supporting programmes run by schools or youth groups, but welcomes applications from individuals, but these must have a referee. See <http://www.andyfanshawe.org/index.php> for more information.

NEW - THE ERNEST COOK TRUST supports state schools, registered charities or other recognised not-for-profit organisations develop projects that encourage young people's interest in the countryside and the environment, the arts or raise levels of literacy and numeracy. They have a particular interest the continuation of rural skills and crafts. All applications are expected to link in with either the National Curriculum or with recognised qualifications.

There is a **Large Grants Programme** for grants above £4,000 the board meets twice, in April and September, to make awards. The **Small Grants Programme**, under £4,000, are awarded on a bi-monthly basis. See www.ernestcooktrust.org.uk for more details.

NEW - The Rank Foundation offers small grants up to £7500 and main grants above to support Youth Work and Education projects. These should be focussed in local communities but can cover number approaches. Ideally projects should:

- Engage with young people to foster their development;
- Develop the skills of people working with young people;
- Communicate good practice with other organisations and groups.

See <http://www.rankfoundation.com/grant-applications/application-form/> for more details.

NEW - The **VOLUNTARY ACTION FUND** operate a **Community Chest Programme** that can support a wide range of activities or cover operational costs. Grants can be up to £1,000. In particular:

- activities that help build and develop strong organisations through training for committee members and volunteers;
- visits to other organisations and conferences or professional support and consultancy.
- Disability or health related issues
- People who are excluded due to their ethnic origin, disability, gender, or sexual orientation
- Families and young people
- Older people

Free training may be available to groups with an annual income under £25,000. See <http://www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk/5/grants/> for details. Applications are considered 3 times a year and should be submitted by 15 April 2011, 15 September 2011 or 15 January 2012.

NEW - The Scottish Government has launched the **EARLY YEARS EARLY ACTION FUND**. This fund will be run by Inspiring Scotland and will open in mid-May 2011 when full details and application forms will be available.

The fund targets national organisations who should register their interest in advance before the May deadline. Those organisations registered will be contacted once the fund is open. The Fund will look to support delivery of services across more than one local authority area and improve outcomes for children through:

- play/activities
- parenting support
- provision of childcare
- activity to improve child and family health
- supporting families to help themselves; and
- supporting health improvement and helping looked after children.

See <http://www.inspiringscotland.org.uk/Home/Our-Funds/Early-Years> for more information.

NEW - IMPROVING FUTURES is another early years focussed fund recently launched by the Big Lottery Fund. It is a UK fund looking to support up to 20 partnerships led by voluntary organisations with the support of local Community Planning Partnerships. The money available can be up to £900,000 and work should improve outcomes for children in families with multiple and complex needs. Expressions of interests are being sought and only one can come from any local authority area.

See http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_improving_futures?tab=2®ioncode=-sco for more details.

NEW - Youth in Action is a European Programme that supports activities relating to young people, in particular working with partner countries. The Youth for Europe strand encourages young people's active participation and citizenship. The Youth for Europe strand has three main elements:

- Youth Exchanges
- Youth Initiatives
- Youth Democracy Activities

There are 5 deadlines per year and details can be found at

<http://www.britishcouncil.org/youthinaction.htm>

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2. Sport

LOCAL - West Lothian Council's Sports Grants

Sport and Outdoor Education offer a number of grants and are approved by a grants panel. Applications are due to be submitted by May 1 2011 and August 1 2011.

Grants available are:

Coach Education Grants through the 'step into coaching' grants scheme

- Step 1 up to £100
- Step 2 up to £300
- Step 3 development grant

Disability Grants

- Individual Grants up to £175

Club Development Grants

- Performance Projects up to a maximum of £250
- Purchasing Equipment up to a maximum of £200
- Start a new club/section up to a maximum of £250
- Events up to a maximum of £200

Individual Grants

- National level up to £200
- International level up to £250

Facilities (Small projects) up to £2000

Further information, application forms and criteria can be sent via email or post.

Email: sportandrecreation@westlothian.gov.uk or tel: 01506 775545

NEW - CASHBACK FOR COMMUNITIES is investing in **RUGBY**. The money is to go to Scottish rugby to be invested in activities and facilities over the next three years and will be administered through sportscotland's capital grant scheme.

Of this money Scottish Rugby will use £2.4m to enhance playing and coaching opportunities for youngsters across all of Scotland's local authorities. This will include support for a national network of jointlyfunded development staff, who act as a focal point for growing the game at the local level. £1.25m will also be made available to local rugby clubs with a track record of growing the game at junior, youth and adult levels. Clubs will be able to bid for £50,000 to invest in new facilities or improve existing ones. See <http://www.scottishrugby.org/community/content/view/1966/428/> for details.

NEW - A SPORTS AWARDS SCHEME has been set up by the Daily Telegraph and the Royal Bank of Scotland for amateur sports clubs to promote and stimulate participation in local sports activities. Five £1,000 support packages are available each month through the next year.

For more information see www.telegraph.co.uk/sport/othersports/amateur

NEW - Youth Scotland offers GIRLS ON THE MOVE GRANTS for projects that increase physical activity levels among girls and young women. The funding is available to groups working with girls and young women aged 12 - 18 years who are not currently taking part in physical activity. In particular projects that work with girls and young women:

- In disadvantaged communities
- Are homeless or living in care
- Have disabilities or mental health issues
- Are from black and ethnic minority communities;
- Are mothers of young children.

Awards can be up to £2,000. For more information see www.youthscotland.org.uk/projects/girls-on-the-move/the-participation-programme.htm

SPORTSCOTLAND has launched a new **SMALL PROJECTS FUND** to support the provision of new or upgraded sports facilities.

This is aimed at capital projects between £10,000 and £100,000 with Clubs being able to apply for up to 100% funding of up to £50,000 for projects that will have a significant impact on developing sport in the community. Otherwise, applicants will be expected to meet at least 25% of the eligible project costs from their own resources.

For more information see

<http://www.sportscotland.org.uk/ChannelNavigation/Topics/TopicNavigation/Facilities/Funding/The+Sports+Facilities+Fund/>

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3. Health

Drinkaware Grants are available for projects that influence public behaviour and find innovative ways to raise awareness about the effects of alcohol, reduce its misuse and minimise alcohol-related harm.

There are three grants schemes:

- **The Ideas Fund** grant is up to £2,000 and designed to help community-based projects work up an initial idea before applying for a larger grant. It can also be used to support development work looking to scope out a larger alcohol awareness or education initiatives.
- **Awareness Project** grants up to £25,000 to help with project costs, resources or publicity materials for a project that is already at an advance stage of development. Projects should involve direct, hands-on work with individuals and communities and if possible already have a positive impact in tackling attitudes to drinking.
- **Big Impact Awards** of up to £100,000 support larger scale initiatives that reach a wider audience and have a big impact. These should show evidence that the work has already been successful and has contributed to alcohol awareness and education. Preference will be given to those with a national impact.

Further information is available from the Grants Officer Alan Law at alaw@drinkaware.co.uk or see <http://www.drinkaware.co.uk/grants>

Heart Research UK has announced that the deadline for the November round will be 31 August 2011 for the next funding round of its healthy heart grants. The grants support innovative projects designed to promote heart health and to prevent or reduce the risks of heart disease in specific groups or communities. These can be up to £10,000 and are targeted at community groups, voluntary organisations and researchers who are spreading the healthy heart message.

For further information see http://www.heartresearch.org.uk/healthy_heart_grants.htm

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4. Environment and Rural

LOCAL - LEADER Programme in West Lothian

LEADER is a bottom up method of delivering support for rural development and will be aimed primarily at small scale, community driven projects that are piloted and innovative in nature.

There are two themes for its LEADER programme in West Lothian. These are:

- **Rural Community Capacity** - support for community engagement, capacity building and developing a skilled local workforce would feature large under this scheme. Project examples could be remote access IT provision to training courses/materials, training in traditional and new rural skills such as dyking, animal welfare or boat building, developing a skilled workforce through lifelong learning, capacity building with communities to engage fully (likely forerunner to a larger project). If possible two or more projects could be interlinked, for example, new technology could add value to projects, or tourism could link to environmental gains.

- **Revitalising Rural Communities** - Eligible projects are those involving rural transport initiatives, providing new or developing community facilities with particular emphasis on young people and other target groups, introducing or developing childcare provision, remote access IT provision to training courses/materials. In addition, improving access to areas of high environmental amenity, innovative approaches to local rural services, for example, community shops or services, or adding value to Post Office or enhancing the range of services locally – co-ordinating service provision as well as integrating delivery could be eligible under this theme.

Target groups include:

- Young people
- Women
- Micro-enterprises (small firms)
- The young long-term unemployed
- Community Development Trusts

- Social Economy organisations

See http://www.westlothian.com/Home/wl_economy/wlineurope/funding/leader/ for more information.

LOCAL - The Levenseat Trust supports local communities from landfill tax monies with environmental projects in areas close to participating landfill sites. In West Lothian they will support projects in the Breich, Addiewell, Stoneyburn, Longridge, Fauldhouse areas. Organisations must be registered with ENTRUST prior to work commencing and project should focus environmental improvements and help improve public amenities.

For more information contact Jim Hazelton, Trust Administrator on 01501 772813 or e-mail levenseatrust@yahoo.co.uk.

NEW - THE GREEN FUND provides grants to help cover the cost of renewable energy technology that can be used to produce green energy from the sun, wind, water, wood and other renewable sources. Schools, local authorities, community groups, village halls, museums and churches are amongst those eligible to apply for up to £30,000, this should not be more than 50% of the project costs.

The deadline is 31 August 2011 and details can be found at <http://www.edfenergy.com/products-services/for-your-home/documents/green-fund-application-form.doc>.

NEW - COMMUNITIES AND RENEWABLE ENERGY SCHEME (CARES) have a loan fund to help develop renewable energy schemes in rural Scotland. The scheme is designed to cover the risk of the pre-planning stage by offering loans of up to 90 per-cent of the costs, providing there is a community benefit. Loans of up to £150,000 are available to cover up to 90% of the early costs which are repayable at a commercial rate should the scheme receive planning permission but written off if the application fails. Early costs could include environmental assessments, river flow analysis and deposits to connect to the national grid.

For more information see <http://www.communityenergyscotland.org.uk/cares.asp>.

NEW - THE UK WATERWAYS GRANT will support **waterside woodlands conservation** projects on canals or inland waterways such as:

- Control of invasive species.
- Tree planting.
- Native wildflower planting.
- Thinning and coppicing.
- Woodland surveys.
- Hedgerow management.

The deadline is 30 April 2011 and grants will generally be for less than £2,000 and can be made to community groups, voluntary organisations and schools. For more information see www.thewaterwaystrust.org.uk/about-us/small-grantsscheme/wildlife-grants

NEW - The Alan Evans Memorial Trust supports land and building preservation projects that result in permanent preservation for the public benefit. Priority will be based on the beauty, historic interest and ecological interest of the land and buildings in question and only registered charities can apply. The Trust is managed by Coutts and Co. and more details are available at <http://www.ffhb.org.uk/detail.php?CodeID=104>

The Woodland Trust has announced they have replaced their grant scheme with a new **Community Tree Planting Pack**, and also have tree packs available to schools, youth groups. These are designed to help community groups plant more trees, hedges and copses in their local shared spaces.

The packs are available in two different sizes, 105 or 405 trees, are available in four different themes; Year-round colour; Wood fuel; Jams, jellies, chutneys and cordials; wildlife. Packs of edible trees are available to schools and youth groups, sponsored by Sainsbury's Active Kids. Schools and youth group must register on the website. For information see <http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/>

INCREASE Investment Fund

Social Investment Scotland, Zero Waste Scotland and Community Recycling Network for Scotland have come together to provide a new £800,000 grant/loan fund called the **INCREASE Investment Fund**. The purpose of this fund is to provide up to 50% funding in the form of a grant and the balance in the form of a loan for not-for-profit community sector organisations to improve the waste prevention, recovery, recycling and / or re-use capability and infrastructure across Scotland. The loan component will be provided through Social Investment Scotland and the application process for both elements will be done simultaneously.

For more information see <http://www.zerowastescotland.org.uk>

Community Renewables Energy Scheme (CaRES) can fund technical assistance and capital grants for renewable energy equipment installation and associated costs. Maximum grant level 50 percent or £150,000. See <http://www.communityenergyscotland.org.uk/cares.asp> for more information.

The **Scottish Power Green Energy Trust** awards funds to projects using renewable technology. The maximum award is £25,000 but £10,000 is more likely. For further info click this link: <http://www.scottishpowergreentrust.co.uk>

E.on's Sustainable Energy Fund supports community groups and not for profit organisations introduce sustainable energy measures with grants of up to £20,000. See <http://www.eon-uk.com> for more information.

The **Heritage Lottery Fund's Parks for People Fund** can provide grants of between £250,000 and £5m to support projects that address urban and rural green spaces that are for 'informal recreation and enjoyment'.

The next deadline is 31 August 11, for a decision in December 2011 and more information can be found at <http://www.hlf.org.uk>

THE PRINCE'S COUNTRYSIDE FUND provides funding for the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment and/or rural areas. Projects can help:

- To improve the sustainability of farming in areas of deprivation
- To improve the sustainability of rural communities – job creation, shared transport, rural education, business support, community environmental initiatives, enable young people to stay in rural areas
- To reconnect people with the countryside

Funding can be for capital, project and resources for up to 3 years. For more information see <http://www.princescountrysidefund.org.uk/about/our-goals>

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5. Education

NEW - CONNECTING CLASSROOMS is a new British Council funding programme that offers grants to small groups of schools, a minimum of three, from the UK to set up partnerships with schools usually from two different countries within one continent. The participating regions include sub-Saharan Africa, North Africa, Central and South Asia, East Asia, Middle East, China and Latin America.

The aim of these partnerships is to bring an international dimension to young people's learning, to improve their knowledge and understanding of other cultures and prepare them for life and work as global citizens. Partnerships last for three years, initially, and participating schools are eligible for funding to support activities and projects that sustain the link during this period.

All schools involved in will:

- work with partner schools on collaborative curriculum projects;
- receive professional development for teachers and school leaders; and
- be eligible for International School Award accreditation.

For more information see <http://www.britishcouncil.org/learning-connecting-classrooms.htm>

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LOCAL - West Lothian Council's Grant Assistance to Arts Organisations and Individuals

Arts Services is responsible on behalf of West Lothian Council Education Services for the administration of Grant Assistance to Arts Organisations and Individuals.

When considering applications for grant assistance, Arts Services will be particularly concerned with the value and relevance to the community of the proposed project / expenditure and to the contribution made by the organisation to the development and promotion of the arts within West Lothian.

a) Voluntary Arts Organisations within West Lothian

Groups organising arts activities for young people in West Lothian can apply for grants to:

Purchase equipment: A grant of up to 50% may be available in order to purchase essential equipment. A quote must be submitted with the application form.

Applications cannot be considered for uniforms. Organisations considered for funding under this category may be encouraged to seek partnership funding from other sources eg. National Lottery in order to maximise funding available.

Maximum grant £1000 (additional funds may be available to organisations seeking partnership funding from other sources)

Form a Club, Society or Organisation: Groups of individuals wishing to form a Club, Organisation or Society with an arts interest may apply for a grant to assist in this process. Maximum Grant £200

Run projects: Organisations may seek assistance with the costs incurred in promoting a project, performance or event organised by its members. Preference will be given to projects which take place in West Lothian and will be awarded on an individual basis. Up to 50% may be awarded for this purpose up to a maximum grant of £2000 or funding may be awarded as a Guarantee Against Loss to an agreed maximum.

Professional Fees: Organisations may apply for a grant of up to 75% of the cost incurred in engaging the services of a professional artist, tutor or performer to lead specialist workshops which are additional to the organisation's usual programme. Maximum Grant - £300

Individuals can also apply for a Developing Skills grant to attend arts based courses or workshops may apply for up to 30% of the fees. Offers of attendance and course fees must be sent with the application form. Individuals wishing to undertake some other form of skills development activities may apply for up to 30% of the associated costs. Maximum Grant - £600

For more information please contact Arts Services on 01506 773858 or email:

arts@westlothian.gov.uk

Scottish Arts Council's Youth Music Initiative – Training & CPD Fund provides funding of up to £750 (individuals) and £5000 (organisations) for training and continuing professional development. The fund is aimed at supporting individual musicians and music facilitators who are providing music making activities for children and young people aged 0-25 years, to help them extend and improve their professional practice.

For more information phone 0845 603 6000, email: help.desk@scottisharts.org.uk of

see www.scottisharts.org.uk/

NEW - The **PAUL HAMLYN FOUNDATION** supports projects that increase people's enjoyment, experience and involvement in the arts. Grants should enable organisations to experiment with and develop new ways of engaging with audiences and participants. This might be through traditional cultural activities or ensuring that the widest range of people have a greater opportunity to shape their experience of the arts and culture. Inter-generational work where young people (up to 25 years old) are one of the groups involved are encouraged.

Applicants must be constituted organisations, local authorities or other public bodies with no set levels for grants. For more information see www.phf.org.uk

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7. Communities

LOCAL - Community Chest Small Grants Programme is available to voluntary sector groups and organisations throughout West Lothian. Grants are between £1,000 and £3,000 for eligible activities. The focus is on 2 main target groups, Women and Young People, although other projects will be considered.

The 2 key themes are:

- Capacity Building & Early Stage Development Proposals: Assistance with the development of business plans and new project proposals. Feasibility studies. Development of organisation legal structures and constitutions. Support for organisational development, training for management committees and volunteers.
- Implementation of Small-scale Projects: Support for new initiatives and activities delivered through existing organisations. Support for the target groups of young people and women experiencing barriers to services and excluded from employment and other opportunities.

For further information and application material contact: David Murray, Community Regeneration, West Lothian Council on Tel: 01506 777128 or e-mail

david.murray@westlothian.gov.uk

UPDATED - Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland's main grant programme is named the Henry Duncan Award. Average awards are likely to be between £6 -£8k and projects should address:

- Lack of Youth Provision
- Challenging Family Circumstances
- Mental Health/Challenging
- Community Segregation/Territorialism
- Lack of Parenting Skills
- Debt
- Disability
- Lack of Services in a Rural Area

- Drug/Alcohol Misuse
- Retirement/Old Age
- Lack of Employability Skills
- Homelessness
- Illness and Poor Health
- Lack of Equality
- Poverty
- Physical/Emotional/Sexual Abuse

As an outcome funder, the Foundation expects their funding to provide benefit that will make a difference to people's lives. This could be by: Improving support for at risk groups; Reducing isolation; Improving community cohesion and integration; Improving health and well-being; Increasing independence or life skills; Improving family welfare; or Increasing citizenship. The next deadlines are **16 May, 18 July** and **12 September**.

The Foundation also runs a:

Partnership Drugs Initiative programme to promote voluntary sector work with vulnerable children and young people affected by substance misuse. This can be where parents misuse drugs or alcohol or the young people themselves either misuse or are at risk.

Capacity Building Grants to help charities, with an income of less than £1M, develop their capacity to help organisations run as effectively as possible. Advisers can help with:

- governance
- financial management
- fundraising
- resource and financial planning
- information technology
- communications
- strategic development
- staff management and support

For more information on all the above see www.ltsbfoundationforscotland.org.uk or phone 0131 444 4020.

NEW - HILTON IN THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION offer grants of up to £10,000, sometime up to £30,000, for projects in the field of:

- Disabled children
- Children in hospital
- Homelessness
- Life-limited children

2011 deadlines are 3 May, 2 August, and 18 October and more information can be found at <http://www.hilton-foundation.org.uk/application.htm>

NEW – The Big Lottery Fund has recently launched its **Becoming a Survivor** fund, part of the Life Transitions element of Investing in Communities. The fund aims to support projects that **support people affected by domestic abuse**. BIG are looking at multi agency partnership approaches and will support projects that replicate proven examples of multi agency good practice and include the participation of people affected by domestic abuse in the design and delivery of services.

The outcomes that BIG want to achieved are:

- More people who have experienced domestic abuse are in a home or their choice and are more emotionally supported; and
- Survivors of domestic abuse have a greater sense of self worth and emotional well-being.

Applicants can apply for grants of between £10,000 and £1M. However, as the overall fund is £3M large bids are likely to require a wide range of beneficiaries and large enough scope to justify a bid it that size. As with other Investing in Communities programmes funding can be 100% and for 5 years. Applications are similarly a two stage process with the deadline for Stage 1 applications by 17 June 2011 and those successful will be asked to complete a Stage 2 full application by 4 November 2011.

For more information see www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/scotland . To request an application or discuss your idea e-mail becomingasurvivor@biglotteryfund.org.uk or phone 0300 123 7110.

NEW - HEROES RETURN 2, the Big Lottery's WWII veterans programme will now remain open until 31 January 2012. This will ensure that veterans still to apply are able to journey in the year ahead to revisit the scenes of WWII events. Second World War veterans from the UK can apply for travel and accommodation costs to visit the places across the world where they saw active service or to take part in an official commemoration in the UK. War widows and widowers of veterans are also eligible, and carers and spouses can also receive funding to travel with veterans.

See <http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/scotland/funding-sco/heroes-return.htm> for more information.

NEW - The ROZELLE TRUST helps registered charities whose activities are primarily based in Scotland or in developing countries. Priority is given to projects that support the very poorest in their community. Their main priorities are:

- Children and young people
- People living in poverty (particularly self-sustaining work)
- People with disabilities

For more information see www.rozelletrust.org

NEW - The Trusthouse Charitable Foundation supports projects in the fields of Community Support; Arts, Education & Heritage; Disability & Health Care. They offer Fast Track, Small and Large grants all within a range up to £30,000.

For more information see

<http://www.trusthousecharitablefoundation.org.uk/index.html>

NEW - The Yorkshire and Clydesdale Bank Foundation supports charities, not-for-profit organisations, community and other voluntary organisations whose projects advance:

- environmental protection or improvement;
- citizenship through initiatives that support and promote volunteering;
- financial education including initiatives that promote accessibility to both financial education and financial services; and
- community development through initiatives that build and strengthen the communities in which the banks operate.

However projects should be local to where the banks are based. For details see <http://www.ybonline.co.uk/about-yorkshire-bank/community/charitable-donations-about-us>

NEW Debt Counselling and energy efficiency advice is available through Charis Grants Ltd who manage a number of Energy Trust programmes on behalf of some of the big energy companies including EDF, British Gas, Npower. Grants are available to individuals and groups working in the field of money advice, debt counselling or energy efficiency advice. See <http://www.charisgrants.com/> for more details.

LOCAL - West Lothian Development Trust Fund is money received from windfarm developments in West Lothian. The purpose of the fund is to assist communities within 10km of any windfarm development.

70% of all funding received will be spent in communities within 5km of any windfarm development. The remaining 30% will be spent within 10km

Projects should meet one of the following priorities:

- Relieve poverty, advance education or social purposes beneficial to an eligible community
- Promote and encourage environmental improvement or enhancement
- Secure investment, create employment, implement training, promote or secure sustainable development
- Provide or assist in the provision of renewable energy

The Trust has two strands of funding, a small grants fund of up to £2,000 and a main grants fund of up to £25,000. A maximum of 70% intervention rate applies to both grants.

Eligible areas for the Black Law Fund

- 5km – Fauldhouse
- 10km – Fauldhouse; Longridge; Stoneyburn; Breich; Addiewell; Whitburn; and Greenrigg

Eligible areas for Pateshill fund:

- 5 km – Stoneyburn; Addiewell; Harburn; Breich; West Calder
- 10km – Fauldhouse; Longridge; Whitburn; Blackburn

The West Lothian Development Trust meets bi monthly to assess applications. For more information and application material see

<http://www.westlothian.gov.uk/windfarms/>

LOCAL West Lothian Financial Inclusion Network Small Projects Fund

The Financial Inclusion Network has a Small Projects Fund of £16,000 a year available for partners' projects.

Examples of the projects that have successfully applied for funding include:

- ABE/Housing - "My Home for Keeps" course to help people sustain tenancy and avoid homelessness
- Signpost – Printing costs for financial support booklets
- Victim Support Scotland - Pilot scheme to have evening opening sessions to help clients complete Criminal Injuries Compensation Claim forms

If your organisation would like to apply for funding, you can get more information or download an application form from www.wlfin.org.uk or contact Janet Mundy on 01506 633222, e-mail secretary@wlfin.org.uk.

UPDATED The **Coalfields Regeneration Trust** has been successful in getting new funding to distribute in the new financial year. Details are still being finalised. Funding is available through their Scottish Investment programme to continue to support community and voluntary groups within the ex-coalfield communities of West Lothian to improve the quality of people's lives. For more details contact the Scottish office on 01259 272 127 and they will be happy to provide guidance on how to apply for this funding.

The Robertson Trust is a Scottish based Trust that has a strong track record of funding projects. It has four priority areas:

- Health - Activities should promote health and prevention activities, for example children at risk of drug and alcohol misuse.
- Care – can include care for older people, people with disabilities, palliative care, mental health and homeless issues.
- Education and Training – support for community based educational work, including capital projects that increase access and opportunity.
- Community Arts and Sport – Aims to encourage young people to take part in art and sport related activities in their community.

Support is also available for other charitable activities including:

- Work with children, young people and families
- Preservation of the environment
- Strengthening local communities
- The development of culture, heritage and science
- Animal welfare
- Saving lives.

Project can be small (under £10k), main (up to £100k) and capital (can be over £100k). For more information see www.therobertsontrust.org.uk

The **Nationwide Foundation** makes grants to registered UK charities supporting survivors of domestic abuse and older people to develop financial capability and fighting financial exclusion and to support housing needs.

Priority is given to applications for work engaging families of beneficiaries; applications for work which fits more than one objective (e.g. aims to address the financial and the housing issues of survivors of domestic violence / older people identified); and work supporting those groups identified who are from deprived areas. Awards can be up to £5,000 and for further information see <http://www.nationwidefoundation.org.uk/grants.asp>

Support is available for Social Entrepreneurs (Individuals and informal groups) looking to start or expand an existing social enterprise through the Scottish Government's Social Entrepreneurs Fund and Scotland Unltd's Millennium Awards.

There are three levels of funding available:

- up to £500 and are made primarily through referrals;
- £500 to £5,000 are to help make new ideas into real projects; and
- 5,000 to £20,000 are to support projects that are already developed or to pay for the living expenses of Award Winners to give them more time.

For more information see <http://www.socialentrepreneursfund.co.uk>

The **Woodward Charitable Trust** supports UK registered charities working in with:

- social and ethnic minority groups;
- prisoners and ex-offenders;
- homelessness;
- violence and abuse;
- arts outreach;
- disability;
- environment;
- addiction.

Grants of up to £5,000 are available through their small grants scheme and grants over £5,000 through their large grants scheme.

See <http://www.woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk/index.html> for more details.

The **Foyle Foundation** operates a Main Grants Scheme supporting charities whose core work covers Arts and Learning and a Small Grants Scheme covering small charities in all fields.

Main Grants supports the performing or visual arts through:

- helping to make the arts more accessible by developing new audiences, supporting tours, festivals and arts educational projects;
- encouraging new work and supporting young and emerging artists; and
- building and infrastructure projects to construct new arts facilities or improve or re-equip existing arts venues.

The majority of grants will be in the range of £10,000 to £50,000 but in some cases large grants of up to £500,000 may be payable over several years.

Small Grants support smaller charities in the UK, especially those working at grass roots and local community level, in any field, across a wide range of activities.

Applicants should have an annual turnover of less than £100,000 per annum and grants are between £1,000 and £10,000.

For further information call 020 7430 9119 or see www.foylefoundation.org.uk

Co-operative Membership Community Fund is a grants scheme which helps local communities throughout the UK. The scheme is funded by generous Co-operative members donating some or their entire share of profits, which is then given away in the form of small grants in their local communities. Projects must:

- address a community issue
- provide a good long-term benefit to the community
- support co-operative values and principles
- ideally be innovative in its approach

Grants of up between £100 and £2,000 can be applied for online at:

www.co-operative.coop/membership/local-communities/community-fund

DEADLINES UPDATED - Help the Homeless Grant Scheme is a £3,000 open to small to medium sized charities helping to assist homeless people to return to the community. The next deadlines are 30 June, 30 September and 31 December 2011.

For more information see

<http://www.help-the-homeless.org.uk/index.htm>

The ACT FOUNDATION supports work with people with disabilities and groups can apply for grants to support:

- modifications to homes, schools, hospices etc
- the provision of specialist equipment such as specialized 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

Grants can be from £100 to several millions and applications submitted at any time. See <http://www.theactfoundation.co.uk/> for more information.

GARFIELD WESTON FOUNDATION is a grant-giving charity whose aim is to support a wide range of charitable activity, including making donations towards general running costs. Grants are mainly for £20,000 or less. Applications can be made at any time and more information available at www.garfieldweston.org or by telephone on 020 7399 6565.

The VELLORE TRUST supports a wide range of charitable activities, and offers small grants to charities and community groups operating in Scotland. For more information write to The Vellore Trust, Caledonian Exchange, 19a Canning Street, Edinburgh EH3 8HE

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8. Useful Contacts

Lottery Funding

- Awards for All – www.awardsforall.org.uk
- Big Lottery Fund – www.biglotteryfund.org.uk
- Heritage Lottery Fund – www.hlf.org.uk

- Sportscotland – www.sportscotland.org.uk
- Scottish Arts Council – www.scottisharts.org.uk

Other useful funding sources

- The Tudor Trust - www.tudortrust.org.uk
- BBC Children in Need - www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/index.shtml
- The Robertson Trust - www.therobertsontrust.org.uk
- Esmée Fairbairn Foundation - www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk

Additional support with identifying and applying for funding is available through the **Voluntary Sector Gateway West Lothian**. Contact: Leigh Walker on (Leigh.Walker@vsgwl.org) or phone 01506 650111. Also see <http://www.voluntarysectorgateway.org/> for more information.

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