



**Funding Alert No 32**

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## **Arts Council England**

Despite another funding cut announced to its budget, Arts Council England has announced new initiatives to help arts organisations combat the recession:

**Sustain** – A new £40m fund which will provide extra support for arts organisations under pressure as a result of the recession. This scheme will not fund “failing” organisations, but can be used to address short-term needs (such as cash flow) and long-term sustainability. Grants will take the form of one-off awards covering up to two years. Priority will be given to those organisations who are seen as “vital to the Arts Council achieving its mission of Great art for everyone”.

**Grants for the arts** – This is Arts Council England’s main funding stream for the support of individual artists and arts organisations. The budget for this scheme will be £54m (increase of £2m) in 2009-10 and will rise further to £56m in 2010-11.

**Sustain opened on 1 June 2009. Grants for the arts is currently operational.**

Further information:

Internet: [www.artscouncil.org.uk/actiononrecession](http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/actiononrecession)

## **Community Sustainable Energy Programme**

This Lottery funded scheme provides funding to install renewable energy technologies (e.g. wind turbines and solar panels) and energy saving measures (e.g. roof and cavity wall insulation).

£8m is available for the installation of microgeneration technologies and energy efficiency measures (capital grants) and £1m for project development grants. The maximum capital grant is £50,000 or 50% of the project costs. The maximum project development grant is £5,000 or 75% of the study cost – whichever is lower.

Project development grants (feasibility studies) are awarded on a first-come first-served basis. For capital grants there are quarterly selection panel meetings

**The next deadline is 7 August 2009.**

Further information:

Tel: 0845 3 671 671;

Internet: [www.communitysustainable.org.uk/](http://www.communitysustainable.org.uk/)

## Co-operative Community Fund

This funder has re-opened its Community Grants scheme which provides grants ranging between £100-£2,000 (for groups in existence less than three months the maximum is £500).

Eligible costs include equipment, event costs, help towards running costs (rent, heat, light, etc) or fixtures, sport or computer equipment. Applicants can be community groups, voluntary groups, self-help groups, community charities or local branches of national charities.

Further information:

Community Fund Tel: 0161 827 5879 ;

Email: [community.fund@co-operative.coop](mailto:community.fund@co-operative.coop)

Internet: [www.co-operative.coop/membership/Community-Fund/](http://www.co-operative.coop/membership/Community-Fund/)

## E.ON Sustainable Energy Fund : New Deadlines

The E.ON Fund which supports community energy projects has changed its name from the E.ON SOURCE Fund to the E.ON Sustainable Energy Fund. The Fund supports projects which either result in the production of energy from a sustainable source or which reduce the amount of energy used by a community organisation.

Community groups, charities and not-for-profit organisations that benefit young people, elderly people or people in fuel poverty can apply for grants of up to £20,000 (for up to 90% of costs) to implement sustainable energy projects in community buildings. Joint proposals, for example with local authorities, will be considered although the community organisation must lead the application.

To be eligible projects must:

- result in the creation of renewable energy and/or a reduction in the amount of energy used;
- have a positive impact on the local community;
- have a measurable positive impact on the local environment which will most likely be demonstrated through carbon savings;
- be used for purchase and implementation of capital equipment, physical measures and associated costs;
- involve and/or have consent from their local community;
- be sustainable beyond the support of the Fund; and
- be completed within 12 months of a grant being awarded.

**The new deadlines for applications are 12 June and 16 October 2009.**

Further information:

Internet: [www.eon-uk.com/about/sustainableenergyfund.aspx](http://www.eon-uk.com/about/sustainableenergyfund.aspx)

## Groundswell Grant Award Scheme

This scheme offers grants of up to £700 to homeless people to set up their own projects. They welcome applications from anyone with experience of homelessness, i.e. rough sleepers, Travellers, squatters, refugees and asylum seekers, residents of hostels and B&Bs etc.; anyone without a secure tenancy.

Examples of projects include: setting up a service user group, an arts group, a business, a charity – any kind of self-help initiative. They have so far awarded £150,000 to over 300 homeless-led self-help projects.

**The next two deadlines are 15 July and 15 October.**

Further information:

Internet: [www.groundswell.org.uk/grants\\_home.html](http://www.groundswell.org.uk/grants_home.html)

## Learning Launchpad Fund: Extension to Deadline

The aim of the Learning Launchpad Fund is to help create lasting projects that support young people between the ages of 14 and 25 to discover their potential, pursue their goals and achieve their dreams.

Launchpad is looking for ideas that help young people reach beyond academic paths to success, encourage learning-by-doing, and develop their non-cognitive 'soft' skills through real-world experience. Therefore, it seeks to support projects that do not have traditional academic learning routes as their focus.

Individuals, teams or organisations in the early stages of development and based in England, Scotland and Wales that have ground-breaking ideas for solving problems facing young people, are eligible to apply to the Fund.

Unrestricted funding of up to £30,000 is available. Normally, investments take the form of a loan, an equity stake, or a 'revenue participation agreement' (where a small proportion of the organisation's revenue is taken).

The 2009 application deadlines for the Fund have changed.

**The current Round Two deadline has been extended to 15 July.**

**The Round Three deadline has moved forward to 24 November 2009.**

Further information: Internet: [www.learninglaunchpad.org/what-we-offer.php](http://www.learninglaunchpad.org/what-we-offer.php)

## Launch of the £20 Million Learning Revolution Transformation Fund

This new Fund supports the Government's vision for informal learning for the 21st Century. The Fund can support a wide range of innovative projects which are designed to support informal learning for people aged 19 and over.

Its aims include:

- encouraging more and different people into learning, particularly people from disadvantaged groups;
- opening up access to learning in new places, in new ways and at more flexible times;
- supporting people to drive their own learning through self organised groups and learning clubs;
- widening choice, by developing and sharing innovative content;
- making better use of broadcasting and technology to stimulate and support learning;
- supporting a new culture of learning, including driving sign ups to the Learning Revolution principles, its pledge and Open Space Movement;
- improving connections between different kinds of learning experiences, to encourage people to broaden and deepen their interests; and
- building partnerships, strengthening capacity and encouraging knowledge transfer between sectors.

The Fund is divided in three discrete delivery pots:

- Small grants below £10,000 aimed at supporting innovative ideas from smaller organisations and partnerships.
- Medium grants of £10,000 to £100,000 aimed at more substantial projects.
- Showcase projects above £100,000, aimed at making a substantial contribution to the development of a new infrastructure for informal learning and leaving a permanent legacy which will drive forward the Learning Revolution objectives.

Funding is available to public, private and third sector organisations from all backgrounds, e.g. culture, sport, broadcasting and health etc, in England. Collaborations are particularly welcome to apply.

**The deadline for bids is 12 July 2009**

Further information:

Email: [learningrevolution@dius.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:learningrevolution@dius.gsi.gov.uk)

Internet: [www.dius.gov.uk/~media/publications/L/learningrev\\_prospectus](http://www.dius.gov.uk/~media/publications/L/learningrev_prospectus)

## Local Food Scheme: Update

First Stage Applicants for this Lottery scheme, offering grants to food-related projects help make locally grown food accessible and affordable to local communities, have **until 21 August 2009** to submit bids.

The scheme is closing early due to overwhelming demand.

Further information:

Tel: 0845 3 671 671; Email [localfood@rswt.org](mailto:localfood@rswt.org)

Internet: [www.localfoodgrants.org/grants/faqs\\_suspension](http://www.localfoodgrants.org/grants/faqs_suspension)

## Modernisation Fund Grants Programme: Phase One Bursaries Now Open to Applications

Third sector organisations with an annual turnover of between £150,000 and £750,000 are invited to apply for a bursary from the Government's Modernisation Fund Grants Programme, which is being delivered by Capacitybuilders.

The funding is focused on helping frontline organisations to increase their impact and become more resilient through working more closely with others. It is targeted at organisations which are wholly or primarily engaged in recession-related services under the themes of:

- wellbeing and health
- advice, information and guidance
- loss of income, training and skills

The £1,000 bursaries available under Phase One of the programme will allow organisations to buy at least two days' of advice and support to explore how they can become more resilient and work more closely with others, including through collaboration or merger.

From the Autumn, £10,000 grants will be available to help organisations that have gone through Phase One of the programme and would like to take further significant steps towards collaboration or merger.

**The deadline for receipt of online applications to Phase One is 17 July 2009.**

Further information:

Internet: [www.modernisationfund.org.uk](http://www.modernisationfund.org.uk)

## **New Youth Music fund launches**

Youth Music will be **launching its new funding programme on 30 June 2009**, for music projects providing music-making activities to children aged zero to 18. Applications will be via its first ever online application form and grants for between £5,000 and £30,000 will be available to projects running for six to 24 months.

The fund will be available to projects that provide structured, regular and progressive music-making activities for children and young people in support of Youth Music's three goals of working with Early Years, Children and Young People in Challenging Circumstances and Encouraging Talent.

To be eligible, projects will need to work with children and young people aged zero to 18 years (or up to 25 if they have special educational needs, disabilities or are in detention) and children and young people will be at the heart of the decision making for all projects.

The fund will support and promote innovation, partnership working and workforce development. To be notified when the fund is open for applications, sign up to the Youth Music newsletter at [www.youthmusic.org.uk/Newsletter-and-Magazine.html](http://www.youthmusic.org.uk/Newsletter-and-Magazine.html).

## Receive FREE fundraising ideas throughout the year

NTT Fundraising has launched a new service to help charities across the country develop their fundraising strategies. You will receive regular innovative fundraising ideas free of charge and each one focuses on a different type of campaign.

To register for this new service visit the NTT website  
[www.nttfundraising.co.uk/our-services.aspx](http://www.nttfundraising.co.uk/our-services.aspx)

## Secret Millionaire Fund

The Big Lottery Fund has teamed up with the Channel 4 programme Secret Millionaire, giving viewers an opportunity to nominate worthy organisations for grant funding.

The Secret Millionaire Fund will support projects that give people better chances in life, build stronger communities, improve rural and urban environments or promote healthier and more active people and communities.

Lottery funding worth £1 million has been set aside, to be allocated as grants of between £300 and £10,000 (£5,000 in Wales) to organisations across the UK.

Successful applicants may be selected for filming by Channel 4 and appear on the website or television programme. Visitors to the website can also showcase their favourite local cause on an interactive map of the UK and get involved by donating time or money.

**The Secret Millionaire website will be live until 21 December 2009.**

Visitors to the website can nominate or apply for a grant at any point during this timescale.

Further information

Tel: 0844 88 80 100;

Internet: <http://secretmillionaire.channel4.com/>

## Sport England's Innovation Fund

This £5m scheme seeks to create innovative sporting opportunities enabling those currently participating in sport to do more, or to bring sport to those people who currently play sport only occasionally, or not at all. The fund will invest in new ideas and solutions which will reach a whole new audience, and provide better, more exciting opportunities to a wider range of people, some of whom, perhaps, think that sport is not for them. Bids must deliver at least one of Sport England's strategic aims of:

**Grow** - Getting one million people doing more sport and working with the Youth Sport Trust to offer young people at least five hours of high quality sport a week.

**Sustain** - Increasing participants' satisfaction with their sporting experience, and reducing the number of young people aged 16-18 who drop out of sport.

**Excel** - Improving talent development.

Given its limited budget the scheme will be very competitive. Sport England anticipates making a 10-20 awards of between £10,000-£500,000. The Fund is open to organisations such as sports clubs, voluntary or community organisations, local authorities, and education establishments, such as schools, colleges and universities.

**The deadline date for applications is 10 August 2009.**

Further information:

Tel: 08458 508 508;

Internet: [www.sportengland.org](http://www.sportengland.org)

## **Sport England's Sustainable Facilities Fund**

This scheme seeks to secure a lasting grassroots sporting legacy from the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympics Games, by moving towards modern community sports facilities.

Bids will need to meet the following criteria to be eligible for funding:

- Benefit all sections of the local community;
- Be submitted by an organisation entitled to receive lottery funding;
- Relate to a recognised sporting activity of more than one national governing body;
- Comprise capital costs only which are eligible for lottery funding;
- Include partnership funding in cash or in-kind;
- The sports facility provision element of the project for which funding is sought must not have started.

Although there are no minimum or maximum levels of funding stated, the Fund only has an annual budget of £10m and expects to be over-subscribed.

Priority will be given to proposals that draw in funding from other sources in order to maximise the impact of this limited investment fund. The Fund is open to organisations such as sports clubs, voluntary or community organisations, local authorities, and education establishments, such as schools, colleges and universities.

**The next deadline for receipt of applications is 30 June 2009.**

Further information:

Tel: 08458 508 508;

Internet: [www.sportengland.org](http://www.sportengland.org)

## **TalkTalk: Innovation in the Community Awards 2009**

This scheme seeks to help charity and community groups to harness the power of the Internet and **will open for applications on 1 July 2009.**

30 winners will receive cash grants of up to £2,000 each to fund both technology related projects as well as technology equipment, to help them make the most of the Internet.

The award categories are: Work and Training; Play and Sport; Learning and Knowledge; Creativity and Culture; Body and Soul.

Further information:

Internet: [www.talktalk.co.uk/innovation](http://www.talktalk.co.uk/innovation)

## **vcashpoint - Round Six Open to Applications**

Application materials are now available for the sixth funding round of the vcashpoint scheme.

Grants are awarded to young people in England, aged between 16 and 25, to set up exciting and creative voluntary projects that benefit their communities. The scheme has a total budget of £1 million available for distribution, with individual grants capped at £2,500.

Projects that involve young people in their organisation, planning and implementation will be supported. The funding can be used to design and undertake schemes that will benefit the applicant's community and will have a positive impact in the long-term.

**The deadline for receipt of applications is 17 August 2009.**

Further information:

Tel: 0800 089 9000

Internet: [www.vinspired.com/opportunities/vcashpoint/](http://www.vinspired.com/opportunities/vcashpoint/)

## **Village SOS Programme**

The Big Lottery Fund has teamed up with the BBC to launch the new Village SOS Programme, with £3 million of funding available to support enterprising ideas in six UK villages.

Successful applicants will receive grant support of between £100,000 and £400,000 to create a brand new venture that will bring new life and energy to their village.

The programme will fund organisations with a specific idea for an enterprise. This might be linked to land or a building that is owned or rented or which the applicant wishes to buy. It can also fund a new event (such as a music or food festival) to be held for the first time.

Six enterprising individuals will be selected to act as Village Champions to help achieve the ambitions of the selected villages. Those with a business proposal for rural villages with fewer than 3,000 residents are invited to apply.

All types of voluntary and community organisations such as charities, social enterprises, local festival committees, village history societies and community-based co-operatives, are eligible.

The Big Lottery Fund aims to make three awards in England and one each in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. The journey of the six successful villages and their Village Champions will be filmed for a BBC One television series in winter 2010.

**Applications may be submitted until 14 August 2009.**

Further information:

Tel: 0844 88 88 677

Email: [general.enquiries@biglotteryfund.org.uk](mailto:general.enquiries@biglotteryfund.org.uk)

Internet: [www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog\\_village\\_sos.htm](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_village_sos.htm)

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### **Funding Alerts**

If you would like to be notified by Email whenever a new Funding Alert is posted on the Surrey Community Action website please send your request to Jackie Hetherington at [jackieh@surreyca.org.uk](mailto:jackieh@surreyca.org.uk)

### **Funding Advice**

We can help you to find sources of funding or resources that meet the needs of your community or voluntary group. Surrey Community Action offers free funding and resource advice to all voluntary and community groups in Surrey. We can provide you with information about suitable sources of funding, 1-1 support with your fundraising and signposting to further sources of information. To find out more, please contact, Surrey Community Action's Funding and Resource Adviser either through our website:

[http://www.surreyca.org.uk/grants\\_funding\\_advice.htm](http://www.surreyca.org.uk/grants_funding_advice.htm)

or Tel: 01483 459292 ext 215 on Tuesdays or Wednesdays.

*\* Please note the blanks in the address above are in fact underscores*

### **Training in Practical Fundraising Skills**

Surrey Community Action's training programme covers an extensive range of short courses and other services to develop the skills and increase the capacity of their organisations.

Please contact Ann Meager Email: [annm@surreyca.org.uk](mailto:annm@surreyca.org.uk) Tel: 01483 459292 ext 238 for a brochure.

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[www.surreyca.org.uk/vb.htm](http://www.surreyca.org.uk/vb.htm)