



Funding Alert No 34

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Access to Nature Programme - Early Closure

Following on from the early closure of the Local Food Programme, another lottery funded environmental scheme the 'Access to Nature Programme', will also be closing its doors to bidders earlier than scheduled due to the "large number of high quality applications".

Access to Nature deadlines are now:

Stage 1 applications by 1 February 2010;

Stage 2 applications 4 May 2010.

Further information:

Internet:

<http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/enjoying/outdoorsforall/accesstonature/default.aspx>

Barclays Community Finance Fund

Funded by Barclays this scheme is aimed at improving the capacity of community finance providers such as Credit Unions and Community Development Finance Initiatives (CDFIs).

Funding is available to increase existing community finance providers' capacity to deliver affordable credit to the low income consumers by providing them with short-term direct financial support; and to provide financial support to credit unions and CDFIs that are starting up in areas where public access to affordable credit is restricted. Credit Unions and CDFIs are able to apply for grants of up to £50,000 for a variety of purposes including (but not limited to) marketing, infrastructure, product development, mergers between businesses and the delivery of financial capability or money advice services.

The total budget available is £250,000 and Barclays' are expecting to award up to 12 grants. Projects must be nominated (i.e. by an existing or previous funder, a provider of in-kind support).

The deadline for nominations is the 6 November 2009.

Further information:

Internet: <http://www.transact.org.uk/>

BT Community Connections

BT Community Connections is an award scheme which enables community and charitable organisations to get online. Groups can apply for a laptop and a year's free broadband connection. Award packages will be given to groups who can demonstrate how an award will benefit their work and the local community.

Any organisation, working in any field of community benefit, located anywhere within the United Kingdom or the Republic of Ireland can apply. In the past voluntary projects, silver-surfers, conservation organisations, family support groups, sports teams and youth groups have been successful.

The deadline for postal applications is 5 January 2010

The deadline for online applications is 7 January 2010

To find out more and see case studies from past winners simply visit

<http://www.btcommunityconnections.com>

Choral Ambition (Choirs)

This scheme is part of the BBC Performing Arts Fund operated in association with Making Music and seeks to provide funding for choirs across the UK.

Adult or youth choirs of any genre are eligible to bid. Grants can range between £500-£5,000,

Funding can be utilised for commissioning new music, training and development, masterclasses, workshops and projects to attract new members.

The deadline for applications is the 30 October 2009.

Further information:

Internet: http://www.bbc.co.uk/performingartsfund/choral_ambition

The Church and Community Fund

The Church and Community Fund (CCF) gives grants to community projects run by parish churches, deaneries, dioceses and other bodies connected to or working in partnership with the Church of England.

Typical projects supported by the CCF might include employing a youth worker, renovating an old church hall for use as a community centre or providing hot meals for the homeless in a church room. Applications which show imagination in responding to needs are welcomed.

Further information:

Internet: http://www.churchandcommunityfund.org.uk/about_us.html

Communitybuilders Fund

The Adventure Capital Fund has confirmed that the Communitybuilders Fund has opened for applications.

The fund will provide loans, grants and mentoring support to help empower citizens and communities by strengthening community-led organisations across England through a mixture of financial and advisory support

The Fund is organised into the following three investment packages:

- A development package providing bespoke business support based on an initial needs assessment and leadership grants of £2,000 for staff development and training.
- A feasibility package offering further business support of up to five days and grants of up to £20,000 to use towards project development of a growth plan. Grants of up to £75,000 and 30 days of support will be available for larger projects.
- An investment package for organisations ready to develop, grow and expand their role within the community. Investment will consist primarily of loans between £50,000 and £2 million, offered at 5% for an initial three year period of a ten-year loan term.

Applications are welcomed from non-profit, multi-purpose, inclusive community-led organisations (sometimes known as Community Anchors), which are operating at a neighbourhood level.

Organisations can register their interest at any time, via the Communitybuilders website.

Further information:

Tel: 0191 2692278;

Email: info@communitybuildersfund.org.uk;

Internet: <http://www.communitybuildersfund.org.uk/>

Community Cash Awards

The Awards ranging from between £250 and £5,000 are available to disadvantaged 14 to 25-year olds who want to transform their area.

Applications can be made at any time.

Further information:

Tel: 0800 842 842

Internet: http://www.princes-trust.org.uk/need_help/grants/community_cash_awards.aspx

Ecominds Announces Closing Dates

Like Access to Nature, this Lottery funded programme has also announced that, due to the large number of applications, it is now introducing closing dates for its remaining unallocated funds.

The scheme supports community and voluntary groups who encourage people with experience of mental distress to get involved in environmental projects, such as improving open spaces and wildlife habitats, designing public art and recycling. The scheme is also open to commercial organisations for projects that operate on a not-for-profit basis, statutory bodies working in partnership with the third sector can apply for the scheme.

Ecominds reports that the small grants element of the scheme (up to £20,000) is not currently oversubscribed.

The closing dates announced are:

**30 October 2009 for large grants (£60,001-£150,000);
8 January 2010 for medium grants (£20,001 - £60,000); and
30 June 2010 for small grants (up to £20,000).**

Further information:

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

Grants for the arts Programme

Arts Council England has announced a number of changes to this programme which will come into effect from March 2010.

These include a central Grants for the arts team; online applications; simplified applications for grants £10,000 or less and a quicker decision making process (within six weeks).

Grants for the arts will be suspending new applications between 18 January - 26 February 2010.

Further information:

Internet: <http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/grantsfortheartschanges>

The Heathrow Community and Environment Large Grants Awards

The Heathrow Community and Environment Large Grants Awards are designed to help groups across the Heathrow area to fund projects to support their community and improve their local environment.

Awards will be made to exciting local community projects focused on five themes: 'climate change and energy', 'reduce, re-use, recycle'; 'protecting and enhancing our environment'; 'bringing communities together' and 'education and developing skills'.

Groups can bid for awards of over £2,500 up to £50,000. Applicants must demonstrate a minimum of 10 per cent match funding of the total amount applied for. This can be in-kind, including volunteer time valued at £10 per hour for unskilled labour and £20 per hour for skilled labour.

The scheme is open to local authorities, schools and community groups – this could be a youth club, residents association, charity, or even a group of like-minded neighbours – within the eight local boroughs around Heathrow:

- Slough.
- Hillingdon.
- Hounslow.
- Ealing.
- Richmond.
- Windsor & Maidenhead.
- Spelthorne.
- Runnymede.

Applications for the round one first Expression of Interest must be submitted by 16 October 2009.

The round one second Expression of Interest deadline is 13 November 2009.

Further Information:

Tel: 020 8745 5791

Email: heathrowcommunityrelations@baa.com

Internet: <http://www.heathrowairport.com>

The J Paul Getty Jnr Charitable Trust

This Trust has indicated that it will be winding down its activities and spending its remaining estimated £44m endowment over the next 5-10 years with a possible emphasis on more substantial grants that will have an enduring impact.

The Trust has just re-opened its doors to bidders with revised guidelines and a new online application form.

There are two types of grants:

Main grants – Offering grants between £10,000-£250,000 over a period of 1-3 years.

Small grants – Offering grants of up to £5,000

The Trust can award grants towards both revenue and capital costs and will usually only approve grants to cover more than 20% of a charity's entire annual running costs. Applicants are normally expected to be registered charities. Occasionally, they may support Industrial Provident Societies or Community Interest Companies.

Further information:

Tel: 020 7486 1859;

Internet: <http://www.jpgettytrust.org.uk/index.html>

The Learning Launchpad - Funding to change young people's lives

The Learning Launchpad is a grant making fund delivered by the Young Foundation working in partnership with Edge. Learning Launchpad provides investment to organisations in their early stages of development. The funding is intended to support ideas that help young people

reach beyond academic paths to success, encourage learning-by-doing, and develop their non-cognitive "soft" skills.

The closing date for applications is 24th November.

Further information:

<http://www.learninglaunchpad.org/>

Macmillan – Helping You Help Others

Provides support to help cover some of the costs of operating cancer self help and support groups.

Grants have been awarded for promotional costs, printing (leaflets, stationary, newsletters etc.), postage, venue hire, refreshments costs and speaker fees.

Up to £500 is available for new groups to help with their initial development and promotion and up to £3,000 is available for existing groups for their continuing development.

The closing date for applications is the 30 October 2009.

Further information:

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Modernisation Fund - Second Round

Voluntary and community groups that have previously received bursaries to attend 'Beat the Recession' training in the first application round from the Modernisation Fund, may now apply for grants of up to £10,000.

Phase one of the Fund saw organisations receive grants of up to £1,000 for two days' training on how to survive the recession. Groups which subsequently decided to consider mergers and collaborations with other organisations, may now apply to phase two of the programme.

This phase is open until the 9 November and it is expected that 500 awards will be made.

The Fund is targeted at charities with annual turnovers of between £150,000 and £750,000 working in health and wellbeing, advice and guidance, and training and skills.

Further information:

Internet: <http://www.modernisationfund.org.uk/>

Porticus UK

The mission of this organisation is to have solidarity with the poor and the marginalised, reflecting Christian responsibility and support for the social teaching of the Roman Catholic Church.

It operates a grant giving programme focused on the following categories: Strengthening Family Relationships; Enriching Education; Transformation through Faith and Ethics in Practice

Grants range between £10,000-£25,000, although smaller grants of less than £10,000 are occasionally funded, as are larger projects.

Applicant must be a registered charity or a registered community interest company (bidders are not required to have a faith basis).

Further information:

Tel: 020 7024 3503;

Internet: <http://porticusuk.com/>

Screen South East Digital Shorts - Announcement of 2009 Programme

The aim of Digital Shorts is to make original and cinematic films which will help enhance film-makers' careers. The scheme intends to capitalise on the benefits offered by new digital technology in the production, distribution and exhibition of films. Emerging and developing film-makers will have the opportunity to demonstrate their capabilities using digital camera and editing techniques.

Up to 12 shortlisted projects will take part in the development workshop and tailored development programme. Following this, Screen South will commission four to six films, from five to 15 minutes in duration. Selected film-makers will then take part in a national Skillset approved training course.

Projects will be awarded a production budget of between £7,000 and £13,000 to make their film with the support of Screen South.

Further information:

Internet: <http://www.screensouth.org/content.aspx?page=6>

SITA Trust 2010 Enriching Nature Programme Launched with Imminent Deadline

SITA Trust has announced that it will be offering a new three-year Enriching Nature Programme that will run from 2010 to 2012.

The Trust has committed £8 million in new funds to the programme. There will be three funding rounds per year in each of the years 2010, 2011 and 2012. In 2010 a total of £2.7 million has been allocated, with £300,000 available for each of England's nine biodiversity regions. Applicants may request up to £120,000 for an individual project.

Applications are welcomed from not-for-profit organisations with projects that focus on conserving a species or habitat identified as a priority in the UK BAP process.

The Enriching Nature Programme was first introduced in 2005 in response to increasing concern about the UK's natural environment. Over the past four years the programme has committed total funding of £18 million.

The first deadline for 2010 funding is 4 November 2009.

Further information:

Internet: <http://www.sitatrust.org.uk>

The Saint Sarkis Charity Trust

Although primarily focused on the Armenian community, this trust also can provide grants to UK-registered charities developing innovative projects to support prisoners in the UK.

Projects should reduce the rates of re-offending, particularly helping people with short-term sentences to cope on their release from prison, women offenders and the families of offenders.

Further information:

Tel: 020 7012 1408;

Email: info@saintsarkis.org.uk;

Internet: <http://www.saintsarkis.org.uk/>

The Mrs Smith & Mount Trust

The Trust aims to assist disadvantaged people towards greater independence or a better quality of life.

The Fund currently has the following priority areas:

1. Mental Health
2. Learning Disability
3. Homelessness
4. Family Support, within the areas of mental health and learning disability, and homelessness. (Applications for general family support will not be considered.)
5. Health in the Community. This category is for registered charities with an annual income of less than £500,000, working to improve health in the community. This could include groups working in areas such as food poverty, childhood obesity, specific health conditions and hospices. The Trustees do not consider appeals for equipment under this category.

All applications are to be submitted online. The next scheduled Meeting of the Trustees is due to take place on **Wednesday 18th November 2009**.

Full details of the Mrs Smith & Mount Trust and their current criteria can be found at www.pwwsolicitors.co.uk and then following the link to Charitable Applications

The Sylvia Waddilove Foundation

This charitable trust offers grants of up to £20,000 to registered charities in the following fields:

- Educational projects for children and adults, particularly those relating to the Arts
- Music composition and performances
- Herbal medicine
- Medical research
- Disability
- Farming related projects

Grants are available to registered charities with a turnover of less than £500,000.

Further information:

Internet: <http://www.pwwsolicitors.co.uk> (following the link to Charitable Applications)

Trusthouse Charitable Foundation - Mental Health Projects

This Foundation has launched a new grants scheme to support small projects working specifically with prisoners and ex-offenders to improve their mental health and to help their integration into the community.

Grants given under the programme may be one-off payments towards a capital project, or given over 1-3 years for running costs for established projects and over 4 years for new projects.

The Foundation can offer revenue grants of between £10,000-£50,000 per annum and capital grants up to £50,000. Eligible applicants are registered charities and non-profit organisations working in the UK.

The deadlines dates for applications are the 27 November 2009, 26 February 2010 and 28 May 2010.

Further information:

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Internet: <http://www.trusthousecharitablefoundation.org.uk/>

UnLtd Sport Relief Awards

This scheme is aimed at young people who want to use sport or the arts to address a social problem or conflict within their community. In addition to cash, UnLtd also provide a support package including one-to-one support and practical training. There are three categories of awards:

- **Try** - Aimed at 11–21 year olds and provides grants of up to £1,000 to try out a new idea.
- **Shape** - Aimed at 11–21 year olds and provides funding of up to £5,000 to develop an idea.

- **Do it** - Aimed at 18–21 year olds and provides funding of up to £10,000 to grow a project.

Bids can be submitted at anytime.

Further information:

Internet: <http://www.unltd.org.uk/>

Youth Music Grant Making Programme

Youth Music provides grants of between £5,000 and £30,000 to support projects that provide structured, regular and progressive music-making activities for children and young people.

Youth Music will fund any non profit-making organisation more than one year old that is committed to music-making activities for children and young people up to 18 (or up to 25 if they have special educational needs or disabilities).

The next closing date for applications is the 10th November.

Further information:

Internet: http://www.youthmusic.org.uk/looking_for_music_funding/Open_programme.html

Youth of Today's Reaching Out Programme

This government supported scheme opens to bidders at the end of September 2009. The scheme will fund established organisations with a proven track record of success and offers grants of between £50,000-£100,000. Projects should focus on social inclusion and promoting leadership and creating more opportunities for young people to influence the decisions affecting them.

Further information:

Internet: <http://www.theyouthoftoday.org/>

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

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, community and faith 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

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 Tel: 01483 459292 ext 238 for a brochure.

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www.surreyca.org.uk/vb.htm