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ACRE - COMMA Fund 2010-2011 Round Now Open

National rural community development charity Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE), and members of the Rural Community Action Network (RCAN) have announced the launch of this year's COMMA fund to support projects in communities in England affected by quarrying.

Communities can apply through their local RCAN member for grants of between £3,000 and £20,000 to support community projects and amenities. ACRE and RCAN are delivering the grants on behalf of DEFRA, funded by the aggregates levy on quarries.

The Fund is open to parish councils, registered charities and community organisations with a formal constitution. Almost any community activity can be supported.

Applications must be made to one of the 23 RCAN members in whose areas the fund is applicable.

Closing date for applications: 14 May 2010.

Further information: http://www.acre.org.uk/sustainabledevelopment_comma.html

BBC Children in Need

BBC Children in Need provides grants for groups working with disadvantaged young people aged 18 or under.

The next closing date for applications: 15th April 2010

Further information: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/grants>

Big Lottery Fund: People's Millions - 2010 Competition Launched

The 2010 People's Millions competition will give communities throughout the UK the opportunity to win local public support and share in £3.8 million of Lottery funding.

Grants of between £20,000 and £50,000 will be provided for projects that transform local environments and offer opportunities or facilities for people to take part and enjoy their local area. This will include initiatives focusing on buildings, amenities, public and green spaces and natural habitats.

Voluntary and community groups, social enterprises, local authorities, schools and health organisations are invited to apply.

Head-to-head competitions will take place in the local ITV regions in November, when the public will be able to cast their vote for the projects they want to win. There will be a total of 75 winning projects this year; four awards and one bonus award for the runner-up in each of the 15 ITV regions.

The deadline for receipt of entries is 14 May 2010.

Further information: <http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/>

Comic Relief UK Grant Programme - Cycle 3 Now Open to Applications

Comic Relief's UK Grant Programme aims to bring about positive and lasting change in the lives of poor and disadvantaged people in the UK by investing in work that addresses people's immediate needs as well as tackling the root causes of poverty and injustice. Registered charities and voluntary organisations (including social enterprises and community interest companies) in the UK are invited to apply for grants of between £25,000 and £40,000.

Grants are available to cover running or capital costs of organisations or projects under the following programmes:

- Mental Health.
- Domestic and Sexual Abuse.
- Refugee and Asylum Seeking Women.
- Sport for Change.
- Local Communities.
- Older People.

Young People aged 11-25

- Sexually Exploited and Trafficked Young People.
- Young People and Alcohol.
- Young People with Mental Health Problems.
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Check out the website for closing dates for each programme at http://www.comicrelief.com/apply_for_a_grant/uk

Community Radio Fund

This £500,000 scheme seeks to contribute towards the core costs of running a community radio station, e.g. management; administration; fundraising; and community outreach.

The first funding round in 2010 will open on 14 April and close on 11 May. Further information will be reported when known.

Further information: <http://www.ofcom.org.uk/>

Computers for Rural People

The Arthur Rank Centre set up the "Computers for Rural People" scheme to provide computers at very low cost to encourage people to take the first step. Currently £109 for individuals and £190 for laptops, multiplies for community group projects are less.

All computers come pre-installed with Microsoft Windows XP and Microsoft Office 2003, 3 months Warranty and free delivery to UK mainland. They ask that you make a voluntary donation of £12 minimum to The Arthur Rank Centre to cover their costs and support their charitable activities.

Further information: http://www.arthurrankcentre.org.uk/projects/computers_for_rural_people/index.html

DFID Development Innovation Fund

This £7m Department for International Development (DFID) scheme provides grants to small community based organisation delivering projects targeting poverty in the developing world, including development awareness work in the UK.

- **Eligible organisations** – Include Scout troops, Church groups, groups from the Women's Institute and Rotary Clubs, etc
- **Examples of projects** - Include: support to health camps, provision of text books, education/learning materials or other appropriate technology materials, skills exchange.
- **Funding** - Grants of up to £60,000 are available for one off projects lasting for up to 1 year.

No match funding required.

Applications must show that the intended activities will improve the lives of poor people in the developing world and also how the intended work will be used to help raise awareness of development issues in the UK.

Applications can be submitted at any time and will be evaluated within one of 3 funding rounds that the DFID are planning to hold over the next 16 months, DFID will inform you which of the 3 funding rounds your application has fallen into.

Further information: <http://www.dfid.gov.uk/Working-with-DFID/Funding-Schemes/>

Ecominds - Small Grants deadline changes

Due to the large number of applications received to date, Ecominds has brought forward the closing date for applications to its Small Grants programme to **30 April 2010 (12 noon)**.

Ecominds aims to help people with direct experience of mental distress to become involved in environmental projects that improve mental and physical health and local communities.

The programme is open to community groups, voluntary organisations, schools, community interest companies and social enterprises in England. Small Grants of up to £20,000 are available for both capital and revenue costs.

Further information:

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

Fidelio Charitable Trust

Fidelio welcomes applications for grants in support of the arts, in particular the dramatic and operatic arts, music, speech and dance. Institutions, colleges, arts festivals and other arts organisations in the UK may seek financial support.

Further information: <http://www.fideliocharitabletrust.org.uk>

First Light Movies - Young Film Fund

First Light Movies provides grants to projects that enable young people to participate in film productions. Every year approximately £700,000 of grants are available through three funding streams.

- The Studio Awards provides grants of up to £30,000 for between two and four films of up to 10 minutes.
- The Script Awards provides grants of up to £3,000 for script writing projects that team young people with script professionals.
- The Pilot Awards provides grants of up to £5,000 for one short film of up to five minutes in duration.

The Script and Pilot elements of the fund re-opened for applications on the 2nd March and closes for applications on the 27th April 2010.

Further information: <http://www.firstlightonline.co.uk/funding/young-film-fund>

Funding for Community shops

The Village Retail Services Association in partnership with Esmee Fairbairn Foundation and Co-operative and Community Finance have funding available to support start up funding for new Community owned shops in rural areas of England or to help an existing shop, through transfer to community ownership.

Further information: <http://www.plunkett.co.uk/whatwedo/core/Core.cfm>

Heart Research UK - Healthy Heart Grants

Heart Research UK Healthy Heart Grants support innovative projects designed to promote heart health and to prevent or reduce the risks of heart disease in specific groups or communities.

Further information: <http://bit.ly/hrukhhg> or www.heartresearch.org.uk

Hilden Charitable Fund - 2010 Summer Play Schemes Grants

The Hilden Charitable Fund annually awards grants to help community groups in the UK run summer play schemes for the benefit of children aged five to 18 years from refugee and ethnic minority families.

Grants of around £1,000 are available to voluntary agencies with an income of less than £150,000 running play schemes lasting for two to six weeks.

Summer camps or play schemes with a budget of over £12,000 will not be considered for funding.

The deadline for applications is 14 May 2010.

Further information: <http://www.hildencharitablefund.org.uk/>

LankellyChase Foundation: Summer Activities Small Grants Programme

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

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

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.

The deadline for applications is 14 May 2010.

Further information: <http://www.lankellychase.org.uk>

Looking After Our Town Centres

Communities and Local Government has created a £3m fund called Looking After Our Town Centres to help reinvigorate ailing town centres during the recession. The fund supports the costs of bringing vacant premises such as empty shops back into use for temporary activities that benefit the local community.

Further information: <http://bit.ly/acemppsp> or www.artscouncil.org.uk

Musicians Benevolent Fund - Young Talent Awards 2010

Talented young instrumentalists under 18 years of age are invited to apply for the Musicians Benevolent Fund (MBF) Young Talent Awards 2010. Applications are encouraged from all musical genres including jazz, folk, rock, pop and classical music.

Awards are offered to applicants who are:

- able to demonstrate a high level of musical achievement;
- in financial need;
- under 18; and
- are either British/Irish or resident in the UK or Ireland for at least three consecutive years on 11 June 2010.

Awards range from £200 to £1,000 towards the cost of:

- buying an instrument;
- music lessons with a private teacher; and
- fees or travel expenses for Saturday music centre and colleges.

The closing date for applications is 11 June 2010.

Further information: <http://www.mbf.org.uk/under-18s>

National Churches Trust – Grants

Throughout 2010 the National Churches Trust is offering grants of £10,000 or more for structural repair of places of worship in projects costing more than £50,000. The Trust is also offering Community Grants of between £2,500 and £25,000 for provision of community facilities that will be of benefit to the church and local community.

Further information: <http://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/howgrant.html>

People's Trust for Endangered Species UK Mammals Grant

The scheme is intended to support work in the areas of: Scientific research; Practical habitat management work; Re-introduction and monitoring programmes; Educational projects; Volunteer support and development programmes; Public awareness campaigns and Work on alien species if it is likely to result in benefit to a native species. In particular, the scheme wishes to support work likely to further the aims of Biodiversity Action Plans and similar initiatives.

Applicants for funding must not financially benefit from the marketing or results determined by the project. Will fund costs associated with eligible projects; grants are usually made in the region of £9,000.

The deadline for application is 22 November 2010.

Further information:

The People's Trust For Endangered Species,

15 Cloisters House,

8 Battersea Park Road,

London SW8 4BG

Tel: 020 7498 4533

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

Santander Foundation

The Abbey Charitable Trust has now changed its name to the **Santander Foundation** and has announced some changes on its new website. The Santander Foundation will support disadvantaged people, focusing on the priorities of education and training and financial capability.

Grants of up to £10,000 can be awarded anywhere in the UK. The Foundation is also now able to support revenue or capital items, such as salaries and project costs or equipment.

There are no deadlines or application form, however there is now a cover sheet that you can use as a checklist to make sure that you covered all the information required in your letter of application.

Further information: <http://www.santanderfoundation.org.uk>.

The Anton Jurgens Charitable Trust

Provides small grants up to £5,000 to registered charities. Has an interest in supporting community based projects (new/existing) and the refurbishment of community centres.

Trustees meet twice a year in June and October.

Further information:
Mrs Maria Jurgens
Saffrey Champness
Lion House
72-75 Red Lion Street
London WC1R 4GB
Tel: 0207 8414100

The BRIT Trust

Supports activities that encourage young people in the exploration and pursuit of educational, cultural or therapeutic benefits emanating from music.

The BRIT Trust does not consider individual grants, scholarships or capital grants or grant donations outside the UK. If you have a relevant project that you wish to put forward visit

Further information: <http://www.brittrust.co.uk/main.php?section=funding>.

The Tree Council - Grants for Planting Trees

The Tree Council has two funding schemes:

- **Trees for Communities** - Open to community groups, both formal and ad hoc. All projects should include the participation of children aged up to sixteen in the planting project.
- **Trees for Schools** – Open to schools with pupils aged sixteen or under.

Successful applicants organise their planting events in conjunction with the Tree Council's annual celebration of the new tree planting season.

Grants range between £100-£700 and successful applicants will receive up to 75% towards their planting costs. For example, if your project totals £700, The Tree Council would offer up to £525. The remaining 25% will need to be secured by your school or organisation.

The closing date is the 31 March 2010.

Further information: <http://www.treecouncil.org.uk/>

The Youth of Today Scaling Up Fund - Round Three

The Youth of Today Scaling Up Fund invites applications from small third sector organisations in England to address key challenges of how to scale-up innovative youth leadership programmes and reach out across communities. The Fund is expected to make investments of between £5,000 and £20,000.

The Fund aims to:

- help more young people take on leadership roles in their community;
- create more opportunities for young people to influence the decisions affecting them;
- raise the quality of youth leadership opportunities;
- enable small organisations to grow; and
- fund innovative projects that are unlikely to find funding from other sources.

Grants should be used to develop and expand youth leadership programmes – including delivery costs, staff costs and small capital items.

The deadline for Round Three is 23 April 2010.

Round Four of the Fund will be for six month projects only and has a deadline of 23 June 2010. This will be the last round of the Fund.

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

Volant Trust Update

This Trust set up by the author J K Rowling has committed its funding for research into the causes, treatment and possible cures of Multiple Sclerosis and for overseas projects, and are not, therefore, considering further applications for these programmes.

It will, however, continue to consider UK based projects, whether national or community based that alleviates social deprivation, with a particular emphasis on women's and children's issues.

The next deadline for this programme is 30 July 2010.

Further information: <http://www.volanttrust.com/>

Woodward Charitable Trust - 2010 Grant Programme

The Woodward Charitable Trust awards grant funding to organisations in the UK working in the following areas:

- Social and ethnic minority groups.
- Prisoners and ex-offenders.
- Homelessness.
- People experiencing abuse.
- Arts outreach work.
- Disability projects.

- Environmental projects.
- Addiction.

Small grants of between £100 and £5,000 and large grants of over £5,000 are available to UK registered charities with an annual turnover of less than £250,000.

The Trust also awards annual grants to summer play schemes for children between the ages of five and 16 who come from disadvantaged backgrounds. Applications are accepted from UK registered charities with an annual turnover of less than £100,000.

Applications are considered at Trustees' meetings twice a year.

The deadline for receipt of applications to be considered at the Trust's July 2010 meeting is 24 May 2010.

The deadline for summer play scheme grant applications is 1 April 2010.

Further information: <http://www.woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk/>

Youth Music Open Programme 2010/2011

The Youth Music Open Programme targets nearly £2 million of Youth Music's funding towards projects in England in the following priority areas:

- Early Years – advancing the learning and development of all children in their early years by aiming to ensure universal access to high quality music making in England.
- Challenging Circumstances – improving the life chances of children and young people in the most challenging circumstances by supporting them to achieve their full potential through engagement and progression in music making.
- Encouraging Talent and Potential – realising the musical talent and potential of children and young people by ensuring opportunity for all to develop their talent, regardless of background or chosen genre.

Grants of between £5,000 and £30,000 are available to organisations that work with children and young people between the ages of 0 and 18 in England. The programme also funds work with young people up to the age of 25 when they are:

- in detention;
- have special educational needs; or
- have disabilities.

The closing dates for applications to the 2010/2011 Programme are 10 May 2010; 10 September 2010; 10 December 2010 and 10 March 2011.

Further information:

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

Beacon Prize

The Beacon Prize is an annual award scheme set up to highlight and showcase exceptional contributions to charitable and social causes in the UK.

Nominations are accepted from charities, voluntary and community organisations, and the public in categories including Community Builder, Young Philanthropist, Effective Giving, and New Initiatives. One overall winner will receive a cash prize of £30,000 to give to the charitable cause(s) of their choice.

Closing date for nominations: 16 April 2010.

Further information: www.beaconfellowship.org.uk

Mentor UK CHAMP Awards

Mentor UK, the drug and alcohol misuse prevention charity is calling for nominations of projects that can help prevent children and young people aged 14 and under from misusing alcohol – both now and in their future lives. 2010 winners will each receive £10,000 cash and a further £10,000 in consultancy support to help them expand their activities.

Closing date for nominations: 21 April 2010.

Further information: <http://www.champawards.org.uk>

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

Training Courses

Surrey Community Action's training programme covers an extensive range of short courses, including Fundraising, 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, or view all courses on our website at <http://www.surreyca.org.uk>.

Surrey Community Action is a registered charity which works to strengthen and support the Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector (VCFS) across Surrey through access to advice, training, funding and advocacy. Surrey Community Action actively encourages volunteering and the details of local volunteer centres in Surrey can be found on our website at: http://www.surreyca.org.uk/cvs_vc_details.htm