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ACT Foundation

This funder provides grants to both individuals and organisations for activities which enhance the quality of life for people in need (specifically the mentally and physically disabled). Grants generally fall into the following areas:

- **Buildings** - Funding modifications to homes, schools, hospices etc;
- **Equipment** - Provision of specialised 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.

In the case of organisations, applicants should be charities registered for at least three years. Decisions on grants of up to £50,000 are normally made within one month of receiving your application. Decisions on grants over £50,000 can take up to three months (faster timescales are available in the case of an emergency).

Further information:

Internet: <http://www.theactfoundation.co.uk/>

H.B. Allen Charitable Trust

This Trust is currently prioritising the following area: Environment/wildlife/animals; Hospices; Medical conditions/research/hospital spending but no substitution of NHS; Museums/galleries/heritage, especially heritage buildings; Churches in respect of built heritage.

The Trustees are prepared to fund core costs as well as capital projects, but they are unlikely to provide initial funding for newly established organisations. They only give to registered charities.

There is no typical grant size, though the Trustees do make a large number around £5,000. They give priority to those organisations to which grants have been made in the past.

The Trust welcomes enquiries from potential applicants before they submit an application in writing.

The Trustees are expected to meet in March/April 2011

Further information:

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

B&Q Waste Donation Scheme

B&Q operates a waste donation scheme through all stores.

This scheme allows donation of waste material, for example, slightly damaged tins of paint, off-cuts of timber and end of range materials, to community groups, charities and schools.

Further information:

Internet: <http://bit.ly/bqwaste>

Big Lottery Fund's Community Wildlife Programme

The Big Lottery Fund has teamed up with the BBC to launch the Community Wildlife Programme, which brings communities together to improve or protect the natural environment by raising awareness of threatened wildlife or places.

The programme celebrates 2010, the International Year of Biodiversity, by allowing local groups and communities to get more involved with, enhance and protect their local wildlife. Not-for-profit organisations, social enterprises, local councils and schools or health bodies may apply for support.

Grants of between £300 and £10,000 are being provided for one-year projects that:

- Improve rural or urban environments for people to enjoy, for example by: protecting wildlife habitats; creating a nature trail, woodland walk or wildlife garden; or improving community spaces such as rivers, ponds, woodlands.
- Projects that get people more active and healthier, for example by: exploring parks, rivers and the countryside to look for rare or endangered species; encouraging people to take up gardening or to go on nature walks; or providing opportunities for children to learn about nature through play.

The programme has three funding rounds. The deadlines for receipt of applications for each round are 21 July; 22 September and 24 November 2010.

Further information:

Internet: <http://www2.biglotteryfund.org.uk/index>

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation: Access to Learning Award

This annual award is given to a public library or similar organisation, which has a commitment to offering the public free access to information technology. The Award, for existing and innovative projects, carries a prize of up to US \$1m.

The 2011 Access to Learning Award has now opened to applications. The Award is a reward for work already accomplished by an organisation and should be used to further expand the recipient organisation's efforts to provide free access to information technology.

Applications are particularly encouraged from institutions in developing countries or those working with disadvantaged communities. Preference will be given to organisations that reach out to under-served groups, such as poor or disabled patrons, or those from minority communities.

Applications must be submitted by 30 September 2010.

Further information:

Internet: <http://www.gatesfoundation.org/atla/Pages/access-to-learning-award-overview.aspx>

Comic Relief - Cycle 4

Comic Relief offers support under the following grant programmes.

- **Mental Health** – Aims to promote the rights and support the recovery of people who have mental health problems.
- **Domestic and Sexual Abuse** – Support for young people 11-25 who have witnessed or directly experienced domestic or sexual abuse – 2 strands: Crisis Support and Young Voices.
- **Refugee and Asylum Seeking Women** – Support for those who have experienced rape, torture and other forms of violence in their home countries – 2 strands: direct support to women and training.
- **Young People aged 11-25** – Funding for young people is targeted at a range of priority areas.
- **Sexually exploited and trafficked young people.**
- **Young people and alcohol** – Aims to reduce the levels of drinking, create greater awareness of dangers and provide support to those at greatest risk.
- **Young people with mental health problems** – Has two strands: services for young people and training.

Comic Relief can give grants for running costs and capital costs. Grants on average vary between £25,000 -£40,000 and rarely exceed the upper limit.

The deadline for Cycle 4 applications is 17 September 2010.

Further information:

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

Comic Relief Older People's Programme

This scheme seeks to support older people (aged 65 and over) wishing to bring positive change to their communities, enabling them to contribute their time, energy and skills to those individuals who need it most.

Please note that due to the huge response to the first funding round of this scheme Comic Relief have narrowed the criteria for applicants. Only those that have an exact fit with the programmes aims and outcomes will be considered.

Comic Relief is particularly interested in projects involving:

- Acting as mentors to vulnerable young people;
- Giving support to their peers who may be isolated;
- Acting as advocates around the needs and rights of those with caring duties; and
- Running social enterprises.

Comic Relief particularly welcomes applications which address the needs of those in the community who experience the greatest levels of isolation and exclusion.

Grants range between £15,000-£40,000 providing funding for up to three years. All bids must demonstrate the active engagement of older people in the development and delivery of the work.

The deadline for Expressions of Interest is 3 September 2010.

Further information:

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

Fire Safety Fund

This scheme seeks to reduce electrical fires in UK homes. Bids are encouraged from local community consumer-safety services and bodies (i.e. not-for-profit organisations; third sector organisations and Community-safety organisations.) who have an active role in promoting electrical fire safety to their local community, Any project with the potential to help prevent electrical fires will be considered. Maximum grant £5,000.

The deadline for the receipt of applications is 16 July 2010.

Further information:

Email: enquiries@esc.org.uk;

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

Freerunner: Free WiFi Access

Freerunner has partnered with JustGiving.com to put free WiFi Internet access in 160 charity buildings provided they have broadband access. Example: in charity shops where it gives people another reason to visit.

To apply, let Freerunner know why your community needs WiFi.

Further information:

Internet: <http://www.freerunr.com/community/>

Healthy Heart Grants

Supports innovative projects aimed at promoting heart health and to prevent or reduce the risks of heart disease in specific groups or communities. Grants of up to £10,000 are available to community groups, voluntary organisations and researchers promoting the healthy heart message.

The next deadline is 31 August 2009.

Further information:

Internet: http://www.heartresearch.org.uk/healthy_heart_grants.htm

Help the Hospices - Emergency Grants Programme

Offers support to hospices facing urgent financial crisis. There are 2 to 3 grants of between £5,000 and £10,000 available to hospices in the UK which are full UK member Hospices.

Hospices who wish to apply must be facing a reduction in frontline services for patients, their families and carers within the next 6 months. Grants will not be given for running costs, core funding, maintenance or for specific short term fundraising activities. All money must be spent on work that strategically moves the hospice towards a more secure and sustainable long-term future.

There is no deadline for applications, but it is suggested that you contact the grants team in advance to briefly discuss your proposal.

Further information:

Internet: <http://www.helpthehospices.org.uk/our-services/grants/uk-grants/emergency-grants/>

HLF: Parks for People

Local Authorities as well as not for profit organisations that own public parks and gardens can apply for grants of between £250,000 and £5 million for the regeneration of parks and public gardens (including squares, walks and promenades).

Applicants will need to raise at least 30% of the project costs from their own sources and partnership funding, either as cash or non-cash contributions.

The 'Parks for People' programme has a two-stage application process - **the next deadline is 31 August 2010.**

Further Information:

Internet: <http://www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/programmes/Pages/parksforpeople.aspx>

Hilden Charitable Fund

The Hilden Charitable Fund awards grants to projects both in the UK and in developing countries, with the aim of addressing disadvantage, particularly in support of causes less likely to attract public funding.

The Fund's current funding priorities in the UK are as follows:

- Homelessness.
- Penal affairs.
- Asylum seekers and refugees.
- Community-based initiatives for young people aged 16-25.

Applications are invited from registered charities and other charitable organisations in the UK, although preference is given to charities with an income of less than £200,000 per year. Grants are rarely given to well-funded national charities, as funding is directed largely at supporting work at a community level within the Fund's categories of interest.

The Overseas Countries funding programme is designed to help small and medium-sized community development, education and health initiatives. Trustees will particularly welcome projects that address the needs and potential of girls and women.

The Fund will be pleased to hear from UK non-governmental organisations/charities and hopes that UK NGOs/charities will encourage their local partners, if appropriate, to apply directly to Hilden for grant aid.

The deadline for applications is the first week in September 2010.

Further information:

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

Kerrygold Community Awards

Kerrygold, the butter brand owned by a co-operative of Irish dairy farmers, has launched the Kerrygold Community Awards.

First run last year, the awards are designed to encourage, support and reward people all over the UK that come together to achieve a common goal that brings benefits to a whole community. People or organisations with a good idea for a community project and who require funding may enter the Community Awards. However, national registered charities are excluded from entering and projects must be staffed by members of that community.

The deadline for applications is 31 July 2010

Further information:

Internet: <http://www.kerrygoldcommunityawards.co.uk/>

Manifold Charitable Trust

This funder has a particular interest in heritage conservation and supports culturally important activities and buildings in the UK.

Areas of interest include: educational, environmental, conservational, the arts (particularly music) preserving buildings and monuments of architectural interest, museums and galleries, churches and chapels.

Funding for church buildings is delivered via the Historic Churches Preservation Trust. One of its more unusual features is that it makes grants directly to churches and to Parish Councils for the maintenance of public clocks.

Grants normally range between £500-£5,000 but larger grants up to £50,000 may be possible.

Further information:

The Secretary to Corporate Trustee, The Manifold Charitable Trust, Shottesbrooke House, Maidenhead SL6 3SW

Email: helen.niven@cumberlandlodge.ac.uk

Internet: <http://www.ffhb.org.uk/detail.php?CodeID=218>

Media Trust – Volunteer Filmmaking

Now in its sixth year and open for applications, the scheme has supported over 125 small organisations by producing a film for a small fee of £1,000 and has to date seen the equivalent of £1,250,000 donated in time and resources by the media industry.

If you are a small charity with an annual turnover of under £2million, get involved in our Volunteer Filmmaking scheme to get a high-impact, bespoke, professional-led film about your organisation's work at a much-reduced rate.

The deadline for applications is 12 noon on Monday 26th July 2010.

Further information:

Internet: <http://www.mediatruster.org/get-support/productions/volunteer-films/>

Polden-Puckham Charitable Foundation provides grant funding in support of projects that seek to:

- influence values and attitudes;
- promote equity and social justice; and
- develop radical alternatives to current economic and social structures.

The Foundation funds organisations in the UK that are working to influence policy, attitudes and values at a national or international level and will give particular consideration to small pioneering headquarters.

Grants of between £5,000 and £15,000 per year for up to three years are available to UK registered charities and other organisations that can indicate a UK registered charity that will receive funds on their behalf.

The deadline for applications to the autumn 2010 round is 15 September 2010.

Further information:

Internet: <http://www.polden-puckham.org.uk/>

RS Partnership Grants Scheme: Primary/Secondary Schools

Grants of between £250 - £3,000 will be available to support teachers; scientists and engineers to help develop science projects. The aim is to make the teaching of science more interesting within primary and secondary schools. The Partnership grants scheme forms partnerships to allow teachers to increase their scientific knowledge and to give scientists and engineers the chance to develop their communication skills and engage with enquiring young minds.

Any UK primary or secondary school teacher or practicing scientist/engineer can apply as long as the students involved in the project are aged 5-18. Applications must be made together with the partner, and need to be signed by the teacher, partner and schools' head teacher.

The next round will open on the 6 September 2010 and close on the 5 November 2010.

Further information:

Internet: <http://www.royalsociety.org/Partnership/>

Sport England's Sustainable Facilities Fund

This £10m scheme aimed at developing innovative projects capable of transforming the places where we play or take part in sport.

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.

It will re-open on 26 October 2010 with a final deadline of 21 December.

Further information:

Tel: 08458 508 508;

Internet: http://funding.sportengland.org/funding_programmes/sustainable_facilities.aspx

The Architectural Heritage Fund

This scheme provides grants and low-cost loans for the conservation of scheduled or listed buildings, or those in conservation areas. The following grants and loans are available to qualifying charities:

- **Options Appraisal Grants** - Up to 75% of the cost of looking at the key conservation issues affecting the building, examining all the available options, considering their viability, and exploring possible sources of funding. The maximum grant is normally £7,500, but in exceptional circumstances this can be up to £12,500.
- **Project Development Grant** – Up to £25,000, available to Building Preservation Trusts only, to help with the costs of developing a project, and to take it towards the point where site work begins.
- **Low-interest loans** – Up to £500,000, available to registered charities to acquire and/or repair and re-use historic buildings.

Repair grants are not available, only grants for conservation appraisal.

The next deadlines for applications are 12 August and 21 October 2010.

Further information:

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

The Naturesave Trust: Community Renewable Energy Grants

This trust now provides start up 'seed corn' grants for community renewable energy projects, whatever type of renewable power generation you, as a community, are considering.

They are keen to help communities, in particular, that do not have the initial start up capital to undertake all the preliminary work needed in the planning stage and most importantly for the community to retain as much control as possible over the operating income once the project has been successful. No minimum or maximum grant sized is mentioned.

Further information:

Internet: http://www.naturesave.co.uk/trust_naturesave.html

The Souter Charitable Trust

This trust provides revenue funding for projects that engage in the relief of human suffering in the UK or overseas, particularly those with a Christian emphasis.

No maximum or minimum grant levels are specified but currently the average grant is around £2,000. Apart from July when no applications will be considered, deadlines are usually the last Tuesday in each month.

Further information:

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

The Volant Charitable Trust has announced the next deadline for applications. The Trust supports registered charities whose purpose is to alleviate poverty and social deprivation with particular emphasis on children and women's issues.

There is no stated minimum or maximum grant size, however most grants are given for more than £100,000 to large national charities but some smaller grants are given to local and regional charities. Revenue and capital costs can be funded, including equipment, premises, core costs and salaries.

The deadline for applications is 30 July 2010

Further information:

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

The Wates Foundation

The Wates Foundation is open to applications after a review of its grant-making structure.

The Foundation aims to promote work that builds social values and responsibility and provides access to opportunities that address disadvantage.

Awards are either one-off payments or a series of grant payments over a number of years. For 2010, the maximum amount that the grants Committee may award to applications is £30,000 over not less than two years.

Grants are awarded under the following programme headings:

- Building family values.
- Community health.
- Safer communities.
- Sustaining the environment.
- Strengthening the charitable and voluntary sectors.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

Further information:

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

UnLtd 4iP Awards

4iP is a digital media innovation fund created by Channel 4. It supports great ideas for websites, games and mobile services which resonate with Channel 4's core audiences.

UnLtd and 4iP have teamed up to help individuals develop early stage digital media ideas and prototypes. Together they will build the skills, capabilities and partnerships to turn prototypes into social businesses.

Two new themes have been added:

- Body image for girls and women aged 14-35; and
- Changing food habits for health, ethical or wealth reasons.

Further information:

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

UnLtd - Level 2 Awards: Notice of Opening Date for Autumn 2010 Round

UnLtd has announced that the autumn 2010 funding round of the UnLtd Millennium Awards (Level 2) will open to Expressions of Interest on 6 August 2010.

Social entrepreneurs in England and Northern Ireland that have ambition, drive, determination and a vision to bring about social change are invited to apply for practical and financial support.

Awards are offered on two levels:

- Level 1 – awards of between £500 and £5,000 for individuals who need help getting their project off the ground. Support is available for project running costs.
- Level 2 - awards of up to £15,000 are available for individuals whose project can be scaled-up to create a sustained impact within their community.

Funding is intended to take projects to the next level and may be used, for example, for living expenses of award winners so that their time may be devoted to the project.

The autumn 2010 deadline for receipt of Expression of Interest forms for the Level 2 awards is 6 September 2010 (12 noon).

Applications for Level 1 awards may be made at any time.

Further information:

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

Winston Churchill Memorial Trust - 2011 Travelling Fellowship Programme

The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust awards Travelling Fellowships to British citizens aged 18 and above on 31 December 2010 who are resident in the UK, to cover the costs of an overseas project lasting between four and twelve weeks.

The 2011 Fellowship categories are as follows:

- Arts, Crafts and Music.
- Business, Industry and Commerce.
- Citizen and Civil Society.
- Education and Training.
- Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.
- Exploration, Adventure and Sport.
- Medical, Health and Social Services.
- Professions and the Public Services.
- Science, Engineering, Technology and Communications.
- Open.

The Trust will consider applications in support of projects that will bring real benefit to the applicant as an individual and will enable positive benefit to their community or field of interest.

The deadline for applications to the 2011 Travelling Fellowship programme is 5 October 2010 (5 pm).

Further information:

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

Charity Commission: Updated Publications

The Charity Commission has published new sets of financial guidance which update existing guidance for charities:

- internal controls, CC8, provides more information on electronic banking and safeguards against fraud.
- reserves, CC19, contains more information about the factors that must be considered when deciding on a reserves policy.
- risk assessment guidance, CC26, contains new information about how to assess risk, including non-financial risk.

Further Information:

Internet: <http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/>

Heritage Link's Directory of Funding Sources

This free, national web-based Directory provides a comprehensive guide to sources for anyone undertaking heritage projects in areas such as: historic landscapes, parks and gardens; industrial, transport and maritime heritage; archives and spoken history; archaeology; heritage skills and conservation; and heritage interpretation and education.

Further information:

Internet: <http://www.heritagelink.org.uk/fundingdirectory/main/fundinghome.php>

LawWorks Offers Free Legal Advice for Voluntary and Community Organisations

LawWorks for Community Groups provides free legal advice to small charities, not for profit, voluntary and community organisations and social enterprises in England and Wales using volunteer lawyers. A wide variety of legal work is available, including company law, employment law, property law, charity law; insurance law; and health and safety law.

Further information:

Internet: <http://www.lawworks.org.uk/?id=468>

Registering a Charity online

The Charity Commission has announced you can now send supporting documents electronically via the online service when applying to register a charity. Online applications are processed quicker and sending documents this way means they no longer need to be sent separately.

Further information:

Internet: <http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/>

Volunteer England: Volunteer Management Portal is a central source of information on support, training and development opportunities for people who manage volunteers. It is a sign-posting tool and provides links to hundreds of online resources; from training providers and consultants, to publications and networks.

Further information:

Internet: <http://www.volunteering.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

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