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### USEFUL WEBSITES

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Aside from research on the internet and other sources, there are three excellent subscription services which have been used to compile the information in this newsletter:

- Charities Information Bureau: <http://www.cibfunding.org.uk/>
- Grants Online: <http://www.grantsonline.org.uk/>
- Profunding: <http://www.fundinginformation.org/>

*Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of information contained herein, however, please note that sources and conditions of grant aid may change rapidly and individuals should check all appropriate conditions prior to application. Contact details also alter frequently, so website addresses have been included for access to up-to-date information.*

## **GRANTS & AWARDS**

### **AWARDS FOR ALL SEEKS BIDDERS FOR REMAINING FUNDING**

The Big Lottery Fund is encouraging local community groups and organisations such as schools, health bodies, parish or town councils to apply for the remaining £40 million of Awards for All grants that is available for this year. Under Awards for All funding of up to £5,000 is available for projects that enable people to take part in art, sport, heritage and community activities, as well as projects that promote education, the environment and health in the local community. The funds are allocated regionally to ensure that every area receives a portion of lottery funding. Projects across England can apply at any time, but those in the East Midlands, London, the North East and **North West** are particularly encouraged to apply at this time to take up their allocation.

<http://www.awardsforall.org.uk/>

### **RUSSELL COMMISSION SMALL GRANTS**

The Russell Commission has launched a £600,000 small grants programme to fund preparatory work within England that will lay the foundations for the work of the new Russell Commission Implementation Body. The grant round aims to fund projects in two key areas: Developing volunteer involving strategies for 16-25 year olds; and Best practice examples of how to reach new groups of young volunteers, particularly Black and minority ethnic groups, disabled people, faith groups and those without qualifications. Grants will cover 2005-06. This programme is not about funding volunteering opportunities for young people directly, but about capacity building and best practice models. Funding volunteering opportunities will be the role of the new Russell Commission Implementation Body, which will be formally launched in Spring 2006. **Closing date: 2 December 2005.** Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their bids by 22nd December.

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

### **SITA TRUST - ENHANCING COMMUNITIES**

This funding programme is designed to improve community life around landfill sites owned by the waste management company, SITA UK. Not for profit organisations, community groups and charities can apply for funding. The types of projects that can be supported include improvements to village halls, the provision of recreation facilities (within ten miles of a SITA UK landfill site) and the repair and restoration of religious or historic buildings (within three miles). SITA UK has sites around the UK, including Lancashire in the north west. Visit the 'Landfill Locator' in the Community Section of [www.sitatrust.org.uk](http://www.sitatrust.org.uk) for details of where.

The Enhancing Communities Programme has two funding levels: projects up to £25,000 and projects up to £150,000. The next closing date for applications is the 20th December 2005. Subsequent closing dates are 21st March 2006, the 18th June 2006 and the 12th September 2006

[http://www.sitatrust.org.uk/community/enhancing\\_communities](http://www.sitatrust.org.uk/community/enhancing_communities)

### **SCHOOL SPORTS PARTNERSHIP PRIZE**

The Franco-British Society has announced that the deadline for applications under its School Sports Partnership Prize is the 9th February 2006. The prize which is open to state or private primary or secondary school in Britain (including Special Schools) provides up to three prizes with prize money totalling £5,000 to carry out an

interesting sports project with a partner school in France. The project should be planned for the academic year 2006/2007 and can relate to any type of sport. The emphasis should be on practical work at a local level and allow for some form of collaboration between the partner schools which can also draw on the different experiences in the two countries. Credit will be given for work which is well integrated into the curriculum and also benefits the school and local community. Prize money can be used to create a link (virtual or real) between schools, for a visit to France or for an exchange..

<http://www.francobritishcouncil.org.uk/>

## **FAITH COMMUNITIES CAPACITY BUILDING FUND**

The Community Development Foundation has launched the Faith Communities Capacity Building Fund, which it is managing on behalf of the Cohesion and Faith Unit of the Home Office (can you believe it). The Fund was first announced in the Government's Improving Opportunity and Strengthening Society strategy in January 2005. The Fund has two main aims: capacity building and inter faith activity. Grants are available in England and Wales, with a priority on local groups working in particularly disadvantaged areas and where the largest and most ethnically diverse populations live. **Closing date: 2 December 2005.** Decisions will be notified by the middle of February 2006.

[http://www.cdf.org.uk/bfora/systems/xmlviewer/default.asp?arg=DS\\_CDF\\_TECHART\\_22/\\_page.xsl/25](http://www.cdf.org.uk/bfora/systems/xmlviewer/default.asp?arg=DS_CDF_TECHART_22/_page.xsl/25)

## **ADULT LEARNERS WEEK AWARDS 2006**

NIACE, the National Institute of Continuing Adult Education, has announced that it is now seeking entries for the Adult Learners Week Awards 2006. Awards are made to celebrate and recognise individual learners, groups of learners, families that learn together and projects that are innovative in attracting more and different learners. There are two awards: awards for the individual, groups and families with awards ranging between £250 and £500; and the Opening Doors to Adult Learning Awards – with awards of £1,500 for projects that encourage adult learning. The closing date for entries is the 13th January 2006.

<http://www.niace.org.uk/ALW/2006/Default.htm>

## **TOWNSCAPE HERITAGE INITIATIVE**

The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) has announced that the next application deadline for stage 1 applications is the 6th May 2006. The Townscape Heritage Initiative is HLF's grant giving programme under which it supports schemes led by partnerships of local, regional and national interests that aim to regenerate the historic environment in towns and cities across the United Kingdom. The scheme is open to single organisations (such as Local Authorities) or partnerships of not for profit organisations and provides grants of between £250,000 and £2 million.

<http://www.hlf.org.uk/English/PublicationsAndInfo/AccessingPublications/Townscape+Heritage+Initiative.htm>

## **DEUTSCHE BANK SPOTLIGHT AWARDS**

Awards of £1,000 are available to young people aged 11 - 18 who have helped improve, change or create something in their school, club or community. These could include young people who have for example campaigned against racism, stood up

for animal rights, spoken up about bullying at school or even started a club or school council. The deadline for entries for the award is the 3rd February 2006.

<http://www.justdosomething.net/home/public/about-us/spotlight.aspx>

## **TESCO SUPPORT FOR LOCAL COMMUNITIES**

The Tesco Charity Trust makes cash grants totalling £878,556 to local and national charities throughout the UK. Tesco Charity Trust Community Award Scheme gives grants totalling £400,000 to local projects in local communities where they have stores. They benefit local organisations whose core work supports children's education and welfare, children and adults with disabilities, and elderly people. Awards are one-off donations and range between £1,500 to £5,000. Applications are considered in two rounds:

- ❑ Organisations supporting children's welfare and children's educational projects, including special needs schools;
- ❑ Organisations supporting elderly people and people with disabilities.

The scope of activities supporting children, elderly and disabled people is very wide but consult the guidelines on their website for exclusions.

[www.tescocorporate.com/images/Charity\\_trust\\_guidelines.pdf](http://www.tescocorporate.com/images/Charity_trust_guidelines.pdf)

## **HOME OFFICE TO TACKLE GUN AND KNIFE CRIME**

The Home Office has announced that the latest round of the Connected Fund is now open for applications. A quarter of a million pounds will be available to support local community based projects that tackle gun and knife crime in the worst affected areas in England as part of the Government's drive to channel the proceeds of crime back into communities. Bids are invited for grants of up to £5,000. The fund is open to new as well as on-going projects. The closing date for applications is the 16th December 2005.

<http://www.gnn.gov.uk/Content/Detail.asp?ReleaseID=178356&NewsAreaID=2>

## **FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY-FOCUSED HERITAGE PROJECTS**

Not-for profit organisations with ideas for a community-focused heritage project can apply for funding of between £5,000 and £50,000 to turn their idea into reality. The funding which is available through the Heritage Lottery Fund provides grants towards projects that care for and enhance the natural landscape as well as historic buildings, places and objects. Projects should also ensure that everyone can learn about, have access to, and enjoy their heritage. The funding is available for up to 5 years and applications can be made at any time.

<http://www.hlf.org.uk/English/HowToApply/OurGrantGivingProgrammes/YourHeritage>

## **LOCAL ENTERPRISE GROWTH INITIATIVE**

The Neighbourhood Renewal Unit has published the application form and national assessment criteria for applications to the Local Enterprise Growth Initiative. The fund which was first announced in March 2005, will be available to the 88 local authorities currently in receipt of the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund, plus any new areas named in the next allocation round. The aim of the Local Enterprise Growth Initiative (LEGI) is to boost local incomes and employment opportunities in the most deprived local areas through enterprise and investment. The closing date for applications is the 9th December 2005

<http://www.neighbourhood.gov.uk/>

## THE BIG BOOST

The Big Boost is an awards programme that supports young people who are keen to get involved in their communities. The awards which will run for two years from the 1st November help young people set up and run projects that will make a lasting difference to them as well as to the areas they live in. A Big Boost Award is cash plus the support to help young people make their ideas a reality. Funded by the Big Lottery Fund, the programme awards grants of between £250-£5,000 to help individuals and small groups of people aged between 11-25, deliver projects in their local areas. Applications can be made at any time.

<http://www.thebigboost.org.uk>

## LATEST NEWS FROM THE BIG LOTTERY FUND (BLF)

The Big Lottery Fund will give out more than £2.3 billion between 2006-2009. BLF have now decided the list of new programmes in England, and expects to launch most of them between autumn 2005 and spring 2006.

<http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/programmes/updates/index.htm>

### BLF: REACHING COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME

The Big Lottery Fund has announced that it is to launch a new £100 million programme of funding for communities on the 7th December 2005. Under the 'Reaching Communities' programme, the Big Lottery Fund will give out grants of up to £500,000 over five years for projects that:

- ❑ offer people better chances in life, including being able to get better access to training and development to improve their life skills;
- ❑ build strong communities, with more active citizens, working together to tackle their problems;
- ❑ develop improved rural and urban environments, which communities are better able to access and enjoy; and
- ❑ create healthier and more active people and communities.

The maximum length of funding under this programme will be five years to allow projects more time to develop and become sustainable.

<http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/newsroom/release.aspx?prId=1770>

### BLF: COMMUNITY BUILDINGS PROGRAMME

The Big Lottery Fund has announced that it will launch a Community Buildings programme in the Summer of 2006. £50 million will be made available over three years in England to support the building and improvements to village halls and other local venues. A key aim of the programme will be to extend the services and activities delivered through community building and to ensure that more people make use of them. More details about the scheme, including information about those who can apply and how will be released in 2006

<http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/newsroom/release.aspx?prId=1675>

### BLF: ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMMES

These are to be launched in November 2005.

The Parks programme will aim to:

- ❑ provide better parks which are accessible to all and relevant to the needs of their communities
- ❑ increase community involvement and pride in parks
- ❑ improve safety
- ❑ increase the number of skilled rangers, conservation officers and volunteers
- ❑ ensure long-term maintenance and management by local authorities and communities.

The budget is up to £354 million, with up to £90 million for a joint parks programme with Heritage Lottery Fund and up to £264 million focusing on community spaces, community enterprise and access to the natural environment.

The community spaces strand will aim to enable communities to come together to improve their local environment and reclaim the spaces around them.

The local community enterprise strand will aim to improve the capacity of local communities to engage in local food growing, processing, distribution and land management. It will also look to improve knowledge of and access to healthier foods, reduce waste through recycling, composting and awareness raising and bring communities together, building community cohesion through sharing of food cultures. Access to the natural environment will aim to involve communities in creating, restoring or preserving wildlife rich spaces and improving access to these spaces, creating the capacity for healthy living and education.

### **BLF: CHILDREN'S PLAY**

The Big Lottery Fund has announced that applications for funding through the £155 million Children's Play Scheme will open to applications in March 2006. The aim of the fund is to make provision for Children's play areas in England. £124 million of the fund has been ring-fenced for applications from local play partnerships led by their Local Authority. Local Authorities have been requested to begin a process of consultation with local stakeholders to review and develop their strategies for children's play. In addition a further £31 million of funding is available to the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector. This will be used to fund a regional support and development infrastructure and to commit to projects under a programme for innovation in children's play.

[http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/programmes/childrensplay/childrens\\_play.htm](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/programmes/childrensplay/childrens_play.htm)

### **BLF: SEEKS OUTLINE PROPOSALS UNDER NEW CHANGING SPACES PROGRAMME**

The BLF has announced that it is seeking outline proposals for its "Changing Spaces" programme. The programme which is open to voluntary, public and private organisations aims to distribute £234 million between now and 2009 to improve the local environment. The Changing Spaces programme will have three priority areas:

- ❑ community spaces;
- ❑ local community enterprise
- ❑ access to the natural environment.

Organisations and Partnerships can apply to manage a grant scheme on the Big Lottery Fund's behalf or they can deliver a portfolio of pre-identified projects. The Big Lottery Fund expects that grants awarded will be in the range of £10,000 - £500,000. Outline proposals need to be submitted by 5 pm on the 10th January 2006.

[http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/programmes/changingspaces/changing\\_spaces.htm](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/programmes/changingspaces/changing_spaces.htm)

## **GENERAL NEWS**

### **SPORT ENGLAND NORTH WEST LAUNCHES ITS INVESTMENT STRATEGY FOR 2005-09**

The Regional Investment Strategy provides a strategic steer on how the North West Regional Sports Board will support projects that will make a real difference to sport and physical activity in the north west. £21 million will be invested into sport and physical activity over the next 4 years from the Community Investment Fund, through strategic, targeted and open funds. The majority of funding will be targeted towards revenue programmes which will help Sport England achieve the participation targets for sport and physical activity in the north west.

The overarching message is that the Board want to see proposals that help make a real leap in participation and to reach low participant groups and retain them. To do this Sport England North West are looking for partnerships that make a lasting difference to their local community, have a multi sport/activity dimension and have the support of their County Sports Partnership.

[http://www.sportengland.org/northwest\\_index/northwest\\_get\\_funding.htm](http://www.sportengland.org/northwest_index/northwest_get_funding.htm)

### **PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON LOTTERY FUNDING**

The Department for Culture, Sport and Media has launched a consultation exercise to ask the public how the money allocated to Lottery distributing bodies responsible for arts, film, heritage and sporting projects should be spent after 2009. The responses will be used to help the Government decide in June 2006 how Lottery money should be shared between the good causes after 2009 and whether the Government should change the policies affecting how the money is spent. People will be able to make their views known through a dedicated website.

[www.lottery2009.culture.gov.uk](http://www.lottery2009.culture.gov.uk)

### **RURAL FUNDING TO BECOME MORE FLEXIBLE**

The Government has announced that with the adoption of the new Rural Development Regulation which will replace the English Rural Development Programme in 2007, rural funding will become more flexible and accessible. The new funding programme will focus on three priorities:

- ❑ Improving the competitiveness of agriculture and forestry by means of support for restructuring, development and innovation;
- ❑ improving the environment and the countryside by means of support for land management
- ❑ improving the quality of life in rural areas and encouraging diversification of economic activity.

In addition, the new regulations will incorporate successor arrangements to LEADER which funds community driven 'bottom up' initiatives that will underpin the three themes and any successor or transition arrangements for the Defra element of Structural Funds.

<http://www.gnn.gov.uk/Content/Detail.asp?ReleaseID=177802&NewsAreaID=2>

### **SCHOOLS TO BECOME CENTRAL IN EXTENDING THE CULTURE OF GIVING**

The Home Office has announced that it is to launch a new programme to promote a culture of giving in England. As part of a £9 million package, the Home Office is set to develop a network of School Charity Accounts available to every secondary school in

England. A grant of £500 will be available to every secondary school to encourage students to run their own 'real life' charity; to build up the account through fund raising and then decide how to distribute the money to recognised charitable causes. These accounts are expected to be rolled out in 2006/07. In addition the Home Office has announced that the Giving Nation programme will be extended to primary schools.

<http://www.gnn.gov.uk/Content/Detail.asp?ReleaseID=177770&NewsAreaID=2>

### **NEW NATIONAL ERDF WEBSITE LAUNCHED**

The Office of the Deputy Prime Minister has launched a national European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) website. The site is designed to provide individuals and organisations involved or thinking about becoming involved in ERDF projects with improved access to a wide range of information, guidance and advice on the European fund in England. The site also makes it easier to identify the availability of the fund and raises awareness of ERDF projects happening around the Regions.

<http://www.erdf.odpm.gov.uk/>

### **A GOLD STANDARD FOR VOLUNTEERING - £5 MILLION PROGRAMME TO ENCOURAGE GOOD PRACTICE**

The Home Office is to launch a new £5 million programme to support nearly 50 projects with proven track records of good practice in volunteering, mentoring and befriending through its GoldStar Volunteering and Mentoring Exemplar Programme (GoldStar). The funding is guaranteed until 2008 and will enable to supported projects to act as exemplars of good practice to the sector. 20 projects will be selected by Government Offices in London, the **North West**, North East and Yorkshire and Humberside working in partnership with Volunteering England and the National Mentoring and Befriending Foundation and the remainder will be selected from projects currently supported under the Mentoring Fund and the Volunteer Recruitment Fund. The grants will be rolled out between April 2006 and January 2007.

<http://www.gnn.gov.uk/Content/Detail.asp?ReleaseID=178192&NewsAreaID=2>

### **FUNDING TO TACKLE HOMELESSNESS AMONGST ETHNIC MINORITIES**

The Office of the Deputy Prime Minister has announced that it will launch a £3 million fund to help tackle homelessness amongst ethnic minority groups. The Ethnic Minorities Innovation Fund (EMIF) is a strand of the Homelessness Innovation Fund which was launched in June 2005. The Fund will provide financial support to voluntary and community groups working in partnership with local authorities, to help deliver innovative projects that will reduce levels of homelessness amongst ethnic minority groups. The EMIF will provide grants in 2006/07 and 2007/08. Details of how to submit Expression of Interest for the EMIF will be made available in the near future.

[http://www.odpm.gov.uk/pns/displaypn.cgi?pn\\_id=2005\\_0194](http://www.odpm.gov.uk/pns/displaypn.cgi?pn_id=2005_0194)

### **SAFER AND STRONGER COMMUNITIES FUND - TAKING THE AGREEMENTS FORWARD**

The Safer and Stronger Communities Fund (SSCF) was introduced for all Local Authorities in England in April 2005. It brings together ODPM and Home Office funding streams aimed at tackling crime, anti-social behaviour and drugs,

empowering communities and improving the condition of streets and public spaces, prioritising the most disadvantaged neighbourhoods.

This guidance sets out the areas which local partners should consider as part of the review, in light of the decision to roll out Local Area Agreements (LAAs), the announcement of new funding for disadvantaged areas and taking account of experiences from the first year.

<http://www.neighbourhood.gov.uk/document.asp?id=1545>

## NEW INITIATIVES TO HELP OLYMPIC STARS OF THE FUTURE

The Department for Culture Media and Sport has announced a support package to help train the future Olympic stars of the future and to boost the chances of Britain's medal hopefuls in the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Amongst a variety of support measures, the support package includes the creation of a new Trust Fund - a 10-year programme with business backing, to provide additional funding to help promising athletes.

[http://www.culture.gov.uk/global/press\\_notices/archive\\_2005/dcms123\\_05.htm](http://www.culture.gov.uk/global/press_notices/archive_2005/dcms123_05.htm)

## USEFUL WEBSITES

Access Funds: <http://www.access-funds.co.uk/>

Business in the Community 'professionals4free':

<http://www.professionals4free.org.uk/>

Charities Information Bureau: <http://www.cibfunding.org.uk/>

Company Giving: <http://www.companygiving.org.uk>

Defra Funding: <http://www.defra.gov.uk/funding/index.htm>

The European Commission Representation in the United Kingdom Guide:

<http://www.cec.org.uk>

The European Social Fund UK website: <http://www.esf.gov.uk>

FunderFinder: <http://www.funderfinder.org.uk/>

Funding Finders: <http://www.fundingfinders.co.uk/>

Government Funding: [www.governmentfunding.org.uk](http://www.governmentfunding.org.uk)

Government Office North West European Funding page:

<http://www.gos.gov.uk/gonw/EuropeanFunding/?a=42496>

GrantsForIndividuals: <http://www.grantsforindividuals.org.uk>

Grantsnet: <http://www.grantsnet.co.uk>

Grants Online: <http://www.grantsonline.org.uk/>

j4b: <http://www.j4b.co.uk>

Profunding: <http://www.fundinginformation.org/>

Trust Funding: <http://www.trustfunding.org.uk>

