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1. Young People & Communities

Women's Fund for Scotland

Applications are for up to £5000. Applications must address at least one of the following three outcomes: women are more equipped to access opportunities that will lead to employment; women are able to access employment; women have access to income maximisation advice and support; charities and not for profit groups and community organisations with an income of less than £250,000

Email: grants@scottishcf.org or visit the [Scottish Community Foundation](#)

Application Deadline **3 October 2011**

Vodafone Foundation

The [Lifetracks programme](#) helps 16-25 year-olds who face exclusion from society, either through difficult transitions, struggling with emotional well-being or having difficulty accessing information that they need. The programme aims to create sustainable change by encouraging charities to work together in collaboration to support young people

£200,000 Mentoring Programme for the UK's Talented Young People

The [Ambition AXA Awards](#) are designed to find exceptionally talented 11 to 18-year-olds in the UK who deserve the opportunity to develop their skills through a mentoring programme delivered by someone who is already a leader in their area of expertise. Those who can demonstrate how determined they are to be the best and have the ability to achieve their ambitions could win a bespoke mentoring prize worth up to £40,000, designed specifically for them.

The deadline for receipt of entries is **14 October 2011**

Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust

The Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust has announced that its grant making programme is open for applications. Within the UK, the Trust makes grants to both **organisations and individuals** for activities that relate to: peace and conflict resolution; promoting racial justice; power and responsibility; and Quaker concerns. [The Trust](#) tends to fund work that is on a national level and there are no maximum grant limits although the Trust does stress that costings need to be realistic.

Previously supported projects include: Asylum Aid, which assists people seeking refuge in the UK Asylum Aid received a grant of £203,170 from the Trust to support a project that enables women fleeing serious human rights violations to gain protection in the UK.; and the University of Liverpool received a grant of £75,000 from the Trust to undertake an audit of local democracy in Burnley and Harrogate. **Deadline is the 5th September 2011.**

Funding for IT Projects Supporting Disadvantaged Groups (UK)

Funding is available to organisations with innovative IT related project ideas that can make a positive difference to disadvantaged and vulnerable groups - in the UK, developing countries and around the world. The funding is available through the [Nominet Trust](#). The aim of the Trust is to fund innovative Internet projects that make a positive difference to the lives of disadvantaged and vulnerable people, primarily in terms of education, safety and inclusion. The Trust is particularly interested in funding projects that can be scaled up and replicated. There is no minimum grant application and applications for over £100,000 require an interview. Organisations wishing to apply need initially to complete an online eligibility questionnaire. Those organisations deemed successful will be provided with a link to a more detailed application form.

The next closing date for applications is **9 am on 14th September 2011.**

BT Community Connections

[BT Community Connections](#) is an award scheme which offers community groups the chance to get online and help people discover the wonders of the internet. If your group helps the community access the internet and improves people's ICT skills, you could be eligible to apply for a year's free broadband. The scheme supports a diverse range of community and charitable groups across the UK. **The closing date for applications is Thursday 15th September at 5.30pm**

Yorkshire and Clydesdale Bank Foundation

The Foundation was established in July 2008 to provide [support](#) to registered charities, not-for-profit organisations, community and other voluntary organisations can apply for support for projects that:

- advance environmental protection or improvement;
- advance citizenship through initiatives that support and promote volunteering;
- advance financial education including initiatives that promote accessibility to both financial education and financial services;
- advance community development through initiatives that build and strengthen the communities in which the banks operate.

Supported activities should take place in areas where the bank operates.

Voluntary Action Fund *deadline approaching !!*

(VAF) is an independent charitable grant making trust which invests in voluntary and community based organisations across Scotland. The [funding](#) and support we provide enables voluntary groups to grow and develop and undertake projects that challenge inequalities and overcome barriers to being involved in community life. **Applications will be considered 3 times a year and should be submitted by 15th September 2011 or January 2012.**

Youth Work Fund

The [Youth Work Fund](#) is a scheme supported through the Cashback for Communities programme. It can make awards to youth work organisations to provide diversionary events and activities for young people ages 10 - 19 years who are at risk of becoming involved in anti social behaviour.

Deadline for applications is **12 September**

Lloyds TSB Foundation (Scotland)

The Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland distributes its funds to recognised charities in Scotland which are focused on improving the quality of life for people in Scotland who are disadvantaged or at risk of becoming disadvantaged. It has a particular emphasis on funding grassroots charities (with an annual income of £500,000 or less). [Funding](#) is available through three funding programmes.

The majority of grants are made through the **Henry Duncan Awards** (previously known as the Standard Grants Scheme). The two other funding programmes are the **Capacity Building Programme** which funds projects that enhance the effectiveness of the voluntary sector and the **Partnerships Drug Initiative** which aims to promote voluntary sector work with vulnerable children and young people affected by substance misuse.

Crisis Changing Live Programmes (UK) *funding for individuals*

Crisis, the national Homeless Charity has announced that the Changing Lives Programme is currently open to applications.

The [Crisis Changing Lives](#) programme provides financial awards of up to £3,000 to single people who are homeless or settling into a home and looking for support so that they may achieve their vocational goals.

There are three possible grants: the Education Grant, the Self Employment grant; and the Into Employment grant. Applicants must be; single (not living in a partnership situation with another person); over 18; Recently homeless (e.g. slept rough, lived in a hostel/refuge, 'sofa surfed' etc .in the last 5 years) free from alcohol, drug or other substance misuse for at least 6 months prior to application; working with a Support Worker for at least 6 months prior to the application; eligible to remain and work in the UK indefinitely.

All grants are transferred to local support organisations which administer and control the grant on behalf of their client.

Applications are accepted throughout the year apart from during the summer period (**mid July to mid September**).

The Wave of Friendship Volunteering Bursaries (Scotland & London)

The [Wave of Friendship](#), a volunteer programme that encourages and supports volunteering between Scotland and London, has announced that volunteers can apply for bursaries of up to £500 to cover travel, accommodation and other costs incurred as part of the volunteering activity. Volunteers can choose any opportunity that takes place between now and September 2012 that demonstrates one or more of these values; Friendship, Respect, Courage, Determination, Equality and Inspiration. There are many suitable opportunities and these could include providing support for an event, carrying out an assignment or volunteering for a set time, rather than an ongoing commitment.

If you would like more information about this scheme please email: wof@peoplemakingwaves.org.uk or just click on the link above to visit their website

2. Sports, Arts & Culture

Creative Scotland

Creative Scotland through their [investment programmes](#) has a range of funding available which will support, capital projects, such as refurbishments, increase access & audience engagement, develop talent and assist long term financial resilience.

Esmée Fairbairn Collections Fund (UK)

Museums, galleries and heritage organisations can apply for grants of between £20,000 and £100,000 through the Esmée Fairbairn [Collections Fund](#). The Esmée Fairbairn Collections Fund, run by the Museums Association, focuses on time-limited collections work outside the scope of an organisation's core resources. The fund seeks to support projects at an early stage of development where it may be difficult to guarantee tangible outcomes. Eligible projects include; research into collections, conservation, collections review and initiatives to develop the use of collections. A total of £800,000 a year will be awarded through this fund with two grant rounds per year. Those who have a project idea, are encouraged to contact Sally Cross at the Museums Association for a preliminary conversation sally@museumsassociation.org **Deadline for applications is 31st October.**

Want to try something new to get people involved?

Through Voluntary Arts Scotland's [Make a Splash!](#) programme, you can apply for between £250 – £2,000 to try something new and help even more people discover how good it feels to take part in arts and crafts activity. Your grant can be used for a wide range of things, from venue hire to training, so long as it fosters long-term participation in the arts/crafts.

Deadline for applications is 31 March 2012.

Sky Arts Futures Fund

Sky Arts has teamed up with IdeasTap to create a life changing opportunity for five emerging artists aged 18-30 years entitled [future fund](#). On offer to the five successful artists is £30,000 bursary each, and support through Sky's on air, online or on demand platforms.

The fund is designed to help young talent bridge the development gap from formal education to becoming a working artist. **Deadline for applications is 19 September 2011**

Daiwa Foundation Art Prize Open To Entries (UK)

The Daiwa [Foundation](#) which supports closer links between Britain and Japan in all fields of activity including the visual arts, has announced their Art Prize 2012. The Art Prize aims to offer a British artist a first solo exhibition in Japan. The Prize is open to British artists resident in the UK who have neither had nor are planning a solo exhibition in Japan. The Prize is open to artists working in any medium including painting, photography, print, drawing, sculpture, ceramics, installation and moving image. The winner will be awarded a £5,000 participation fee plus travel and accommodation costs for a 7 day period in Japan to coincide with the opening of the exhibition in Autumn 2012. **The deadline for applications is the 26th September 2011**

Gibson Graham Charitable Trust

The [Trust](#) can support a wide range of charitable activities including cultural, educational and general welfare projects.

Barclays Community Sports Award (UK)

Barclays Spaces for Sports has announced the launch of its new [Community Sports Award](#). The Award is a new award to recognise the outstanding achievements of individuals and groups that use sport to benefit communities across the UK. Each month, the winner of the award will receive £1,000 for their group or organisation, a limited edition trophy and will be entered into the end of season award to win a further £5,000. Nominations can be made for any individual, group of individuals or not-for-profit organisation **on or before 5.00 p.m. on the 20th of each month**

3. Research, Education & Learning

Baily Thomas Charitable Fund (UK)

The Baily Thomas Charitable Fund, is a registered charity established to support projects in the area of learning disability and to aid the care and relief of those affected by learning disability. [Grants](#) are available to voluntary organisations within the UK and the Republic of Ireland working in this field.

The Trust consider under learning disability the conditions generally referred to as severe learning difficulties, together with autism. In this area, they consider projects concerning children or adults. Application for funding is normally considered for capital and revenue costs and for both specific projects and for general running/core costs. They will not offer grants for research into or care of those with mental illness or dyslexia. **The next application deadline for general grants is 1st October 2011**

Connecting Classrooms – fund re-opens

Under [Connecting Classrooms](#), grants are available to schools and local authorities/federations of schools (or affiliated bodies) from the UK to set up partnerships with schools usually from two different countries within one continent. The aim of these partnerships is to bring an international dimension to young people's learning, to improve their knowledge and understanding of other cultures and prepare them for life and work as global citizens. Partnerships last for three years, initially, and participating schools are eligible for funding to support activities and projects that sustain the link during this period. The level of funding available depends upon the countries involved in the partnership. The British Council will provide further information in the summer term about the partner countries available and the application process. Last year the participating regions included sub-Saharan Africa, North Africa, Central and South Asia, East Asia, Middle East, China and Latin America.

The next application deadline will be the 21st October 2011.

PKC contact: Margaret Cowie Tel 01738 477836 or email MCowie@pkc.gov.uk

4. Environment & Sustainability

EAGA Charitable Trust Grant Programme (UK)

The EAGA Charitable Trust is a [grant](#) giving trust that supports projects and research into the causes of fuel poverty and the promotion of energy efficiency and the needs and preferences of vulnerable consumers. There is no minimum or maximum grant level that organisations can apply for and most grants last between two and three years. **The next application deadline is the 2nd September 2011.**

5. Announcements

Village Halls Improvement Scheme

Two **FREE** workshop/information sessions that seeks to support the preservation and maintenance of village halls in Perth & Kinross. The sessions are designed for hall committee members and anyone involved in the running of a community facility.

Saturday 27 August in Bridge of Earn Institute, 10.30am to 1.30pm
Saturday 10 September in Pitlochry Town Hall, 10.30am to 1.30pm

For further information please contact: Colin Carr at *Voluntary Action Perthshire* on 01738 452211 .
To book a place email info@vapertshire.org

OSCR Annual Open Meeting 2011

OSCR fifth annual open meeting has been confirmed for **Tuesday 20 September 2011 at Perth Concert Hall, Perth**. This event will see charity representatives meet the Regulator face to face, hear about the latest developments, and network with sector colleagues.

In addition to presentations on OSCR's work and current priorities, there will be three breakout sessions:

- **Who's in Charge?** - independence and control in charities.
- **What's a SCIO?** - the new legal form and its requirements.
- **Public Benevolent Collections** - the new Regulations and their intended impact.

Places are limited and are expected to be taken up quickly, so early application is recommended.

Find out more and apply for your place [here](#)

Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland Funding Surgeries

As part of their ongoing support to communities Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland holds a series of [surgeries](#) for registered charities interested in applying for funding.

The surgery is an opportunity for charities to have a one-to-one session with one of our assessors, and to discuss how they can go about putting an application to the Foundation. Charities wishing to find out more about our grants and how to apply can attend one of the surgeries detailed below.

Please call 0131 444 4020 to arrange an appointment at a surgery:

August 2011

Glasgow, Monday, 22nd August
Dundee, Tuesday, 30th August

September 2011

Govan, Wednesday, 7th September
Edinburgh, Wednesday, 21st September
Inverness, Tuesday, 27th September

New community ownership support service

The Development Trusts Association Scotland ([DTAS](#)) has received funding from the Scottish Government to set up a Community Ownership Support Service (COSS). The new service has a team of advisers who will be able to offer support and advice to both community groups and local authorities.

They'll be running training courses for community groups and elected members and Council staff as well as providing advice on all aspects of asset transfer. They're also planning to provide a comprehensive web resource, including information on good practice, toolkits and case studies.

£2.5 Billion Business Growth Fund Formally Launched

Formally launched in June, the [Business Growth Fund](#) (BGF) is a £2.5 billion, government sponsored equity investment programme established to meet growth finance needs of UK companies. The Fund will begin making investments in smaller and medium-sized UK businesses, offering a collaborative approach to financing growth and working closely with the companies in which it invests. The BGF was created as a result of recommendations made by the Business Finance Taskforce in October 2010, which was established following the government's green paper, *Financing a Private Sector Recovery*, designed to analyse the finance needs of UK businesses and create a framework to support private sector growth.

In summary, the BGF will:

- invest between £2 million and £10 million in return for an equity stake of between 10% and 50% in the business and a seat on the board;
- invest in established UK companies with sales of approximately £10 million up to £100 million per annum;
- have enough capital and resources at hand to move very quickly for the right opportunities;
- offer longer-term funding over five to seven years or more, investing off its own balance sheet;
- develop a partnership approach with investee businesses, agreeing shared goals and objectives from the outset;
- look for businesses with evidence of a strong track record and demonstrable growth potential;
- carry out targeted due diligence in a cost-effective and timely manner; and

- consider investment opportunities and businesses in all sectors, apart from financial services and real estate.

The main focus of the Fund will be areas of the economy that have significant long-term potential for growth. Eligible sectors will include high-tech manufacturing, software and electronics, leisure and tourism, renewable energy and cleantech, healthcare and life sciences, industrial and business services, outsourcing, and digital businesses. However, the [BGF](#) will also support businesses with strong credentials in other sectors.

Applications may be submitted at any time.

New website provides a one-stop shop for Scottish funding

[Funding Scotland](#) is a new organisation which aims to make applying for funding in Scotland quicker and easier. They do this by providing an online platform for organisations seeking funding ('Fund Seekers') and organisations offering funding ('Funders') to work more efficiently. Operating as a social enterprise, all income generated by Funding Scotland is reinvested into the operation and the continuous improvement of their services.

Increased HLF support for heritage in 2011–12

HLF has set a budget of £250million for new grants in the next financial year – £45million more than this year. The additional funds are a result of the recently confirmed increase in the share of Lottery funding available for heritage and good National Lottery ticket sales. £17million of the extra money has been allocated to the small-grants scheme and [targeted programmes](#), to give a boost to communities and important parts of the historic environment, such as places of worship and landscapes, in the tough economic climate. Over the past few months HLF has announced a number of measures to help applicants who face such challenges – including reducing match-funding requirements to just 10% of the overall grant for grants over £1million and to 5% for grants under £1million.

Do you need further assistance with trying to find a funding source for a project?

visit

<http://www.pkgrantsdirect.com/>

or

Voluntary Action Perthshire holds regular Funding Surgeries in The Gateway Centre North Methven Street Perth. Surgeries comprise of 2 hour-long appointments

To book an appointment please telephone or e-mail Bob 01738 452210; Bob.Gillespie@pkavs.org.uk

Before you attend, you should have some idea of how much funding you need and what for. There are further surgeries on:

Tuesday 30 August: 11am & 12 noon

Thursday 15th September: 1pm & 2pm

Tuesday 27th September: 11am & 12 noon