

Southampton City Council Funding Bulletin – Regeneration Team – July 2010

Introduction

The purpose of the bulletin is to keep partners and colleagues informed of relevant funding opportunities by summarising recent funding news. The bulletin is designed to contain information on programmes, grants and funds that are applicable to Southampton, and to occasionally highlight funding related policy developments.

Please note that there are often funders who do not specify their area of giving or are too broad to categorise, plus a funding scheme listed below may span more than one category, so it is recommended that you read the full bulletin to ensure you do not miss any news.

I would welcome any comments you have please, via email at regeneration@southampton.gov.uk. Please let me know if you have details of grants that should be included in the next edition.

For more information you can also visit our website at <http://www.southampton.gov.uk/living/grants/bidding.aspx>

If you are a community group and require help with your funding application, please do contact Southampton Voluntary Services on 02380 228291, email information@southamptonvs.org.uk; or visit their website: <http://www.southamptonvs.org.uk/funding.htm>

If I can be of assistance please call me on 02380 833089, or email me at Allison.barrow@southampton.gov.uk. Thank you.

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Grantfinder

Don't forget, we also have an online funding database available to all residents with an email address, as long as their project has a Southampton postcode. It is based at: <http://www.euro-info-centre.co.uk/funding.htm>. When you have registered with them, you will be e-mailed a password which will allow you to gain access. Having logged onto the system you will need to answer a few simple questions about yourself and the project you wish to undertake; the database, Grantfinder, will then provide an overview of all the schemes available. This additional service is totally free for residents and project beneficiaries in Southampton.

Arts, Film, Music and Culture

The Fidelio Trust (UK)

Fidelio welcomes applications for grants in support of the arts, in particular the dramatic and operatic arts, music, speech and dance. The Fidelio Trust is currently inviting applications from institutions, colleges, arts festivals and other arts organisations seeking financial support (for grants up to £5,000) for individuals or groups of exceptional ability to enable them to:

- receive special tuition or coaching (e.g. in the case of musicians to attend Master Classes)
- to participate in external competitions
- be supported for a specially arranged performance
- receive support for a special publication, musical composition or work of art.

Applications from individuals or groups seeking support for themselves will not be accepted.

There are three application deadlines per year. The next application deadline is the 1st October 2010. Please click on to the following link for further information about the Trust. <http://www.fideliocharitabletrust.org.uk/index.php>

Regional Investment Fund for England (RIFE) - Large Awards from Screen South

Screen South is the regional screen agency for the South East of England which aims to stimulate a successful, vibrant film industry and promote the widest possible enjoyment and understanding of cinema throughout the region. Screen South has announced that they are open to applications through the RIFE Large Awards from individuals and legally constituted organisations operating in the Screen South region. Grants of up to £5,000 are available to individuals and £10,000 to organisations towards the cost of Feature (Fiction, Documentary, Animation, Digital) Film Development, Pre-Production, Production, Post Production and Distribution and Marketing support. The deadline for applications is the 22nd October 2010. For further information please click on the following link. <http://www.screensouth.org/content.aspx?parent=4&page=49>

Heritage Lottery Fund - Heritage Grants over £1 million and under £5 million

Under the Heritage Grants scheme funding is available for projects that relate to the national, regional or local heritage of the UK. To be eligible for funding a project must help people to learn about their own and other people's heritage; conserve the UK's diverse heritage for present and future generations to experience and enjoy; and to help more people and a wider range of people to take an active part in and make decisions about heritage. HLF welcomes applications from single organisations and partnerships. Priority is given to not-for-profit organisations, and partnerships led by not-for-profit organisations. If private owners are involved, HLF expect the public benefit to be greater than any private gain. The next application deadline for the Heritage Lottery Fund's Heritage Grants Scheme for projects over £1million and under £5million is the 9th August 2010. For grants over £50,000 and under £1million HLF's Country and Regional Committees meet four times a year to make decisions on Heritage Grants in June, September, December and March. Please refer to the following link for information about all HLF grants.

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

The Ashden Awards for Sustainability Development (UK)

The Ashden Awards bring to light inspiring sustainable energy solutions in the UK and developing world and help ensure that they are spread more widely. At the heart of the Ashden Awards is a rigorous judging process culminating in a prestigious ceremony in London where prizes are presented to winners from all corners of the globe to help further their work.

The Ashden Awards for sustainability development are now open for applications. The award, which is open to schools, businesses, not for profit organisations, the construction sector, the public sector and for organisations that promote organisational change, aims to reward organisations that have excelled at providing sustainable energy at a local level. The award is for existing not new projects. Awards are given for the benefits that sustainable energy brings rather than for the technology used. This year there will be a total of 6 UK awards. One gold award will have an award fund of £20,000 and the other five will receive an award fund of £10,000.

Previous winners have included:

- A school in Cornwall, who took a practical but fun-packed approach to driving energy use down by making eco pledges in class and at home, generating energy with wind and solar, and giving their building a green overhaul.

- A Scottish heritage trust, which cut their carbon emissions by 50% by carefully managing their energy use, actively encouraging energy-saving in everyone's daily life and generating 90% of electricity through renewable energy.

The closing date for UK projects is the 26th October 2010 and for International projects the 19th October 2010. Please refer to following web link for further information. <http://www.ashdenawards.org/>

Children and Young People

Youth in Focus – Big Lottery

The Big Lottery is making up to £30 million available for projects in England that support vulnerable young people through difficult changes in their lives.

There are certain groups of young people who need more support at important stages in their lives. Youth in Focus will help some of these young people.

The groups Big are targeting are:

- Young carers - Helping young people between the ages of 10 and 25 to be heard and get better access to practical advice and services, which can support their day to day lives.
- Young people leaving care - Supporting young people between the ages of 10 and 25, so they get better access to education, housing, healthcare and employment advice and services.
- Young people leaving youth offenders' institutions - Helping young people between the ages of 15 and 25 to develop their life skills and get better access to services, particularly young men with learning difficulties and young women.

To be eligible for Youth in Focus, applicants must be in a partnership led by a voluntary and community sector organisation. Through the programme, grants of between £500,000 and £1,000,000 are being made available to fund projects that work with the young people that Big are targeting to:

- improve confidence, skills and knowledge - so they can better deal with the life events that affect them
- provide more effective support that is joined up with other services - so they can tackle challenges better.

Big is planning to hold briefing events and to make application forms available in September 2010 with a closing date of 2pm on 30th November 2010. Please refer to the following link for further information

http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_youth_focus?tab=1®ioncode=-uk

The Peter Cruddas Foundation

The Peter Cruddas Foundation aims to support charitable works that benefit disadvantaged and disengaged young people in the UK. The funding streams for 2010 are:

- Pathways/support for young disadvantaged or disaffected people into education, training or employment; Crime diversion schemes;
- Work experience/skills projects for young people;
- Mentoring of young people in London and General youth work in London.

To apply for a grant, an organisation must be a registered charity. There is no minimum or maximum amount for grants and projects can be funded for more than one year. Applications can be submitted at any time. For more information please visit their website. <http://www.petercruddasfoundation.org.uk/index.htm>

BBC Children in Need Grants Scheme (UK)

The BBC Children in Need's grant programme is open to organisations working with disadvantaged children and young people who are 18 years old and under. To be eligible an organisation must be a registered charity or other not for profit organisation.

BBC Children in Need are currently inviting applications under their grant schemes, which are:

- Small Grants of £10,000 or less per year for up to three years
- Main Grants over £10,000 per year for up to three years.
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Funding is available to organisations that work with young people who are suffering from:

- Illness
- Distress
- Abuse or neglect
- Are disabled
- Have behavioural or psychological difficulties
- Or are living in poverty or situations of deprivation

There are four general grant deadlines per year, the next deadline is the 15th October 2010. Please click on the following link for more information.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/grants/general_grants.shtml

Communities

Hidden Histories – The Heritage Lottery Fund

The Heritage Lottery Fund is launching a new scheme called 'Hidden Histories' which may be of particular interest to community groups and specialist interest groups. HLF is encouraging applications from first-time applicants and community groups for grants of between £3,000 and £10,000 to the scheme. Examples of how you could share your 'Hidden History' might include for instance, through an exhibition: community event; an open day; local press; website, CDs, etc. (further examples and information about the scheme can be found on the attached information sheet).

'Hidden Histories' is a priority theme for the South East England team and HLF is keen to support projects focusing on stories that have been lost, forgotten or untold. Themes could include:

- settlers in the South East
- forgotten heroes
- overcoming prejudice
- local traditions
- vanishing environments
- disappearing communities
- lost, forgotten, untold stories
- village secrets
- threatened species
- languages and dialects
- cultural traditions and customs.

To receive a grant projects must help people learn about their own and other people's heritage. Your project must also do either or both of the following: conserve the UK's diverse heritage for present and future generations to experience and enjoy; help more people, and a wider range of people, to take an active part in and make decisions about heritage

HLF is setting up some 'drop in' sessions to talk through project ideas with people. Dates scheduled so far are given below, but they hope to offer more drop in sessions in the autumn:

Thursday 29 July - at HLF's London Office

Wednesday 4 August - in High Wycombe

Friday 6 August - in Basingstoke

These sessions can be booked through HLF's regional e mail southeastengland@hlf.org.uk or by phoning 020 7591 6197.

Further information can also be found at:

<http://www.hlf.org.uk/inyourarea/southeast/Pages/HiddenHistoriesinSouthEastEngland.aspx>

Community Grant Scheme - Moto Trust

The Moto in the Community Trust is the charitable arm of Moto Hospitality Ltd (the chain of motorway service stations). Moto operates 49 service areas around the UK. The Moto in the Community Trust seeks to support a wide variety of local charity and community projects. To be eligible for funding through Moto Trust's Community Grant Scheme projects must benefit communities and charities where Moto is present, or where they have a significant staff catchment. As a rule their catchment area is a 25 miles radius of a Moto site (NB the nearest Moto Service Station to Southampton is situated at Winchester Services Southbound which may just be within the 25 mile radius). The Trust has indicated that it is unlikely to support any applications above £10,000. In order to apply for a Grant, applicants should contact the relevant Moto Service Area General Manager to introduce their organisation. If the project/cause meets the criteria set by the Trust, the General Manager of the Moto location will submit an application to the Trustees. Preference will be given to projects which have a long term relationship with Moto, for example schools or community groups. Grants are approved by the Trustees every three months. For further information, including the dates of Trustee meetings, please refer to the following web link <http://www.motointhecommunity.co.uk/default.htm>

Education

Ernest Cook Trust

The Ernest Cook Trust is one of the UK's leading educational charities. Rooted in the conservation and management of the countryside, the Trust actively encourages children and young people to learn from the land through hands-on educational opportunities on its estates and by offering grants. The current Trustees are able to distribute more than £1.25m in educational grants to benefit children and young people each year.

The small grants programme supports state schools and small registered charities wishing to undertake projects which meet the Trust's objectives and that require a small amount of pump-priming in order for such projects to take place. The programme is a rolling one, with meetings bi monthly throughout the year. Pressure on funds is high; it is therefore wise to think well ahead.

The large grants programme is aimed at more comprehensive education programmes: these sometimes require support for the salary of an education officer; in such cases the ECT would always expect to be a part-funder. The range of the programme is wide; over the years education projects linked to theatres, art galleries and orchestras have been supported, as have those covering a wide range of environmental and countryside projects.

The fund awards small grants (from £100 to £4,000) or larger grants (between £4,000-£10,000), usually for one year only. Projects eligible for the award must be for educational purposes, preferably with charitable status. The full board of Trustees meets twice a year, in April and November, to consider grants in excess of £3,000; applications for these meetings should be submitted by 31st January and 31st August respectively. Meetings to consider grants of £4,000 or less are held bi monthly. For more information please visit <http://www.ernestcooktrust.org.uk/>

Ford Britain Trust Grants

The Ford Britain Trust provides grants for the education and advancement and other charitable purposes beneficial to those areas where the Ford Motor Company Ltd has its present activities and a long standing association with such local communities. Grants are for projects being undertaken and for expenditure being made in locations near to Ford Motor Company operations. The communities concerned are:

- Essex (including East London)
- Bridgend (South Wales)
- Southampton
- Daventry

Exceptions may be made for initiatives in which Ford Motor Company Ltd employees and retirees are involved.

The Trust will pay special attention to projects focusing on education, environment, children, the disabled, youth activities and projects that provide clear benefits to the local communities close to their UK locations. The Trust will accept applications from registered charities; Schools/PTAs (Non-fee paying, state sector schools only); and non profit organisations. Grants made by the Trust are usually one-off donations for a specific capital project or part of a project, typically items of furniture and equipment. Two grant schemes are available:

- Small grants for amounts up to £250
- Large grants for amounts over £250 and usually up to a maximum of £3,000.

Large grants are considered by the trustees twice yearly. The next application deadline for large and small grants is 1st September 2010.

<http://www.ford.co.uk/AboutFord/CorporateSocialResponsibility/FordBritainTrust>

Faith

Mustard Seed Fund – The Church Urban Fund

The Church Urban Fund is a charity which supports churches and projects tackling poverty and injustice in England's poorest communities. The Church Urban Fund's Mustard Seed Programme makes grants of up to £5,000. The CUF is currently seeking applications from churches under its Mustard Seed Fund but they also welcome applications from other faith groups too. The aim of the fund is to provide grants to enable churches and faith-based organisations to engage in social action through supporting them to initiate or develop community work. The pilot studies and initial work funded by Mustard Seed Grant funding allows groups to undertake larger pieces of work or significantly improve the existing provision that they offer. Mustard Seed Grants can pay for specific activities but not for on-going revenue expenditure, deficit funding, or retrospective spending. The 'Mustard Seed' programme makes grants up to £5,000 in very deprived areas, to test and try out new ideas. Applications can be made at any time. Please see the following link for further information.

<http://www.cuf.org.uk/act/cuf-funding>

General/Other/Mixed

Comic Relief Grants Open for Applications (UK)

Comic Relief is now inviting applications through their grants programmes. They focus their funding on six areas - these are: Mental health, Domestic and Sexual abuse, Refugee and Asylum Seeking Women, Older People, Sport for Change, and Young people aged between 11 and 25 and Local Communities. Grants will be given for 1-3 years, and can be for running costs and capital costs. Building costs will be a very low priority, only funded in exceptional circumstances. Capital costs which are part of a larger appeal will also not be funded. Grants on average vary between £25,000 and £40,000 - there is no minimum or maximum size stated. The programme is open to applications from: constituted voluntary and community groups; charities; social enterprises; co-operatives; faith organisations; community interest companies. The closing date for applications is the 3rd September 2010. Please see the Comic Relief website for more information http://www.comicrelief.com/apply_for_a_grant/uk

Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust

The Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust awards grants of up to £10,000 to charitable organisations in the United Kingdom and overseas. The Trust's aim is to support charitable work with grants of between £1,000 and £10,000 (grants average below £5,000). The trustees welcome applications for projects within the following areas for the next three years. These categories are then repeated in a three-year rotation

- 2010 Children; Youth; The Elderly; Medical (the only Medical Research projects that will be considered are those dealing with the ageing population. Applications relating to the other priorities - Children, Youth, the Elderly, and non-research Medical projects - are welcome)
- 2011 Music and the Arts; Overseas
2012 Community category applications ONLY from charities working with: Homeless; Addiction; Asylum and Refugees; Sexual and Domestic Abuse; Prisoners and ex-Offenders).

The closing date for final funding within the categories of Children, Youth, The Elderly and Medical must be received by 1st Nov 2010. Grants are awarded for one year only. Please visit <http://www.austin-hope-pilkington.org.uk/> for more information.

Development of Innovative Technology and Services for Independent Living – Technology Strategy Board

The Technology Strategy Board, together with co-funders the Economic and Social Research Council and the Department of Health's National Institute for Health Research, is to invest up to £10 million in new research that will help to underpin the development of innovative, cost-effective user-centred services for independent living.

Through its Assisted Living Innovation Platform, which supports UK businesses and the health & care sector to develop new technologies and services to support the elderly and those with long-term conditions, the Board is to invite competitive proposals for research projects in the two areas of Economic & Business Modelling and Social & Behavioural Studies.

The Economic and Business Modelling theme of the competition aims to provide improved evidence to underpin industry and social enterprise, to encourage investment in (and implementation of) assisted living services and technology. The Social and Behavioural Studies theme aims to better understand the interactions between Assisted Living technologies and services and individuals, families and communities.

A briefing and networking event was held on 10th June 2010 and the competition opened on 21st June 2010 (which organisations interested in the competition were recommended to attend). The competition closes on 14th October 2010. For further information, please check the following website <http://www.innovateuk.org/content/competition-announcements/-10-million-to-be-invested-in-developing-innovativ.ashx>

Health, Mental Health, Medical, Disability

Healthy Heart Grants

Heart Research UK has funded many medical breakthroughs, including the first heart transplants in the UK. Voluntary organisations, community groups and researchers who are involved in or who are spreading the healthy heart message are invited to apply for grants of up to £10,000 from Heart Research UK. Previous types of projects that have received funding include:

- Flying high - Circomedia in Bristol who teaches teenagers circus skills as a way of enthusing them to get active.
- Lords of the Dance - Cafe West in Bradford encourage local residents to participate in fun physical activities such as belly dancing, line dancing and exercise classes.

Applications are open from July to August 2010 for the November round of funding. Government or local authority funded institutions are not supported, however, community and voluntary groups aided by public money may apply. Please visit the website for further information:

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

Funding to Improve Care Available to Children with Serious Medical Conditions – Burdett Trust for Nursing/Roald Dahl Foundation

The Burdett Trust for Nursing and the Roald Dahl Foundation has launched a new funding scheme to support specialist children's nursing in the UK. The 'Different Disciplines, Common Experience' programme will provide grants of up to £7,500 to enable specialist nurses in the fields of paediatric neurology and haematology to carry out initiatives to improve the quality of care available to children living with serious medical conditions.

A total grant fund of £150,000 is available over 3 years and the programme will enable up to 30 specialist nurses to deliver nurse-led projects. The projects will improve the quality of patient care, enhance the status of specialist nurses and increase their leadership skills and confidence. The findings of each project will be disseminated widely to improve the profile and quality of specialist paediatric nursing in general.

Completed Expression of Interest forms for the 2010 round of grants need to be received by 9am on Monday 2nd August 2010. Please refer to the following link for further information.

<http://www.roalddahlfoundation.org/Default.asp?PageID=50>

IMPACT Awards 2011 - GlaxoSmithKline

The IMPACT Awards have been running since 1997 and are designed to recognise and reward charities that are doing excellent work to improve people's health. They are funded by GlaxoSmithKline and managed in partnership with The King's Fund. The 2011 GlaxoSmithKline IMPACT Awards are now open to applications from small and medium UK registered charities that have existed for a minimum of three years. Nine charities will receive £25,000 each, with one overall winner receiving £35,000. There will also be five highly commended awards of £5,000 and up to five runners-up awards of £3,000. Those organisations that win or are highly commended for an award will also be invited to send up to two representatives to take part in a free training programme, valued at £4,000. Winners will be given a range of resources to help promote their work (such as professional photographs, films, banners and brochures). Deadline for applications for the 2011 awards is 5pm on Friday 24th September 2010.

http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/current_projects/gsk_impact_awards/#inbrief

The Philips Livable Cities Award

The Philips Livable Cities Award is a new global initiative designed to encourage individuals, community groups and businesses to develop practical, achievable ideas to improve the health and well-being of people living in cities. The award consists of three grants which will be made to help translate these ideas into reality. These are:

- 'Wellbeing Outdoors' initiatives to help citizens feel safe and secure in public spaces, or help create identify and sense of belonging;
- 'Independent Living' initiatives that will help the growing number of elderly people living alone to feel secure and comfortable living in a city, or to enable them to live longer at home while receiving appropriate access to healthcare; and
- Initiatives that will support a healthy body and mind, whether through a person's surroundings or other essentials such as exercise, sleep and diet.

One overall Philips Livable Cities Award of €75,000 will be made for the best submission from any of the three categories, with two additional awards of €25,000 for the best submissions in the two categories not receiving the overall award. The Award is open to the following: individuals; community or non-Government groups and businesses of any type or size. The closing date for entries is 5pm on the 28th October 2010. Please refer to the Philips website for further guidance. <http://www.because.philips.com/>

Housing, Refugees/Asylum Seekers, the Homeless

Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust (UK)

The JRCT makes grants to individuals and to projects seeking the creation of a peaceful world, political equality and social justice. The 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
- 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. The next deadline for applications is the 7th September 2010. Please see the following link for further details. <http://www.jrct.org.uk/>

Learning

Innovative Geography Teaching Grants – The Royal Geographical Society

The Ray Y Gildea Jr Award is the Royal Geographical Society's first endowed award supporting innovation in teaching and learning in higher and secondary education.

Applications can currently be made to the Society for projects to research, develop and/or pilot innovations in teaching and learning in any field of geography in higher or secondary education. A single grant of £1,000 is awarded annually. The outcomes of the grant should show direct benefit to students of geography.

This award is open to secondary teachers or university lecturers in the UK and the USA. The outcomes of the grant should show direct benefit to students of geography.

The deadline for applications is the 15th October 2010. Please refer to the following link for further information and guidance.

<http://www.rgs.org/OurWork/Grants/Teaching/Ray+Y+Gildea+Jr+Award.htm>.

In addition the Royal Geographical Society also offers give grants of up to £800 each to fund innovative geography teaching for all geography teachers working in secondary schools.

The grants will enable geography teachers to develop imaginative, innovative or creative teaching materials and teaching methods. The aim is to serve both geography pupils and the wider teaching community. The deadline for applications is 15th October 2010.

<http://www.rgs.org/OurWork/Grants/Teaching/Innovative+Geography+Teaching+Grants.htm>

Schools

State Schools and The Foyle Schools Library Programme

The Foyle Foundation distributes grants to registered charities and schools in the UK in the areas of Learning and the Arts. The average grant made to schools under the Foyle Schools Library programme is £10,000.

The purpose of the Programme is to enable State funded secondary and primary schools, as well as dedicated schools catering for those with Special Educational Needs (SEN) that do not have libraries or want to improve their libraries the funding to undertake enhancements. The programme recognises that there is no statutory requirement for schools to have a library and that many school libraries are in a desperate situation through underfunding and underdevelopment. Encouraging children to read widely from an early age will provide a major boost to improving literacy levels, which is a current key educational objective. Priority will be given to funding library books. The Foundation will also consider contributions towards library software, necessary IT equipment and specialist seating/desks. Preference will be given to schools which can clearly demonstrate that their library can be maintained and renewed in the future. Major school building projects, community or sports projects are unlikely to be supported. Private schools will not generally be supported. Applications can be made at any time. Please see the following link for further guidance

<http://www.foylefoundation.org.uk/how-to-apply/state-schools.php>

Foyle Foundation Small Grants Programme

The Foyle Foundation also operates a Small Grants Scheme which is designed to support smaller charities in the UK, especially those working at grass roots and local community level, in any field, across a wide range of activities. Please note that they are not able to support individuals.

Applications are welcomed from charities that have an annual turnover of less than £100,000 per annum. Larger or national charities will normally not be considered under this scheme. Nor will the Scheme generally support charities that are able consistently to generate operational surpluses or which have been able to build up unrestricted reserves to a level equivalent to three months turnover.

Applications can be submitted at any time. Please refer to the following link for further information <http://www.foylefoundation.org.uk/small-grants-scheme/>

Social Entrepreneurs

Stelios Award for Disabled Entrepreneurs

The Stelios Philanthropic Foundation administered in partnership with Leonard Cheshire Disability is giving disabled entrepreneurs in the UK the chance to win £50,000 prize to fund the further growth of their business, and become Stelios Disabled Entrepreneur of the Year 2010. The eligibility criteria are as follows:

- Applicants must own at least 25% management stake in their company
- Have a turnover in excess of £10,000
- Have been trading for between 1 and 5 years
- The business must be registered in the UK.

This Award is sponsored by Sir Stelios Hajiloannou, best known as the founder of airline easyJet. Last year The Stelios Philanthropic Foundation Award was awarded to John Pickup, an amputee, who began Amputees in Action in 2004 which is a company that specialises in supplying amputee extras and stuntmen for Hollywood films, television and for armed forces casualty training. Entry for the Award will close on the 3rd September 2010 at 5pm. The 2010 winner will receive a cheque at the Growing Business Awards on 25th November 2010. For information please refer to the link below.

<http://www.stelios.com/entrepreneurship/disabled-entrepreneur-award.html>

Social Exclusion, Poverty, Homelessness

Spark 2010 Opens for Applications (UK)

Spark is a pioneering development and investment programme that aims to inspire organisations to build social enterprises that will prevent and tackle homelessness using sustainable business models. Spark offers investment to charities, voluntary organisations, social enterprises, housing associations, local authorities and primary care trusts. Its aim is to give organisations and individuals the opportunity to address homelessness through social enterprise. Spark has announced that its 2010 challenge is now open for applications to apply for a share of £1.6 million to support an enterprising approach to prevent and tackle homelessness.

Spark has five specific goals:

- To enable more homeless and vulnerably-housed people to move into independent living and employment
- To champion and build sustainable social enterprise models
- To increase sustainability and impact of sector in tackling homelessness compared to existing models of intervention
- To develop more valuable connections and partnerships between the private, public and third sectors

- To continue testing, promoting and disseminating the value of social enterprise and the Spark model

Eligible organisations can apply for a cash investment of up to £150,000 as well as at least 5 days business development support to create Business Plans and presentational skills support. Winning organisations also have the opportunity to secure additional financing of up to £500,000 from Big Issue Invest.

The closing date for applications is 5pm on the 13th August 2010, with finalists to be announced on 1st September 2010. To find out more please click on the following link <http://www.sparkchallenge.org.uk/index.html>

Erach & Roshan Sadri Foundation (UK)

The objects of the Charity are for exclusively general charitable purposes according and in particular by: providing financial assistance for education and welfare purposes; relieving poverty by alleviating homelessness; and assisting members of the Zoroastrian religious faith. Its areas of operation focus mainly on India and the UK. Charities and organisations have the opportunity to apply for grants of between £2,000 and £100,000 through the Foundation. Applications from individuals may also be considered. Projects that the Foundation has funded in the UK in the past include a Saturday Education programme; funding for a Muslim school; and support for young carers in Wiltshire. The trustees meet four times a year 1st March, 1st June, 1st September and 1st December. The next deadline for applications is the 1st September 2010. Please click on the following link for further information <http://www.ersf.org.uk/index.html>

New Insights - Funding for Research into Social Disadvantage - Joseph Rowntree Foundation

JRF is committed to working towards better outcomes for people and places that experience poverty and social disadvantage. Joseph Rowntree Foundation is currently seeking to support projects that address the economic, social and environmental challenges we face in a context of constrained public spending. Funding is available for theoretical and research projects that promote understanding of the future we are facing, and make concrete suggestions for ways in which disadvantaged communities can be protected, or even supported to thrive. Proposals under this call must have relevance to the following overarching themes of:

- Poverty: to examine the root causes of poverty, inequality and disadvantage, and identify solutions.
- Empowerment: to identify ways of enabling people and communities to have control of their own lives.
- Place: to contribute to the creation and development of strong, sustainable and inclusive communities.

All of the projects should have the clear potential to influence policy and/or practice. Examples of the kinds of question JRF are interested in include:

- How could we achieve public sector savings without increasing poverty and social exclusion?
- Is it possible to do more for less? What is the potential for transformative approaches to delivering services at a local level?

JRF are unlikely to fund any project with a budget of more than £100,000 and accepts proposals from any organisation or individual and does not restrict its funding to any particular sector.

The closing date for applications is 12 noon on the 2nd August 2010. Please refer to the JRF website for further information and guidance.

<http://www.jrf.org.uk/funding/new-insights2010>

Sport

Support for Grassroots Sports – Wells Sports Foundation

The Sports Grants Scheme has been established to create a lasting legacy for future generations through the development of club sport. Grants of between £500 and £2,000 are available to sports clubs to support the development and sustainability of sports clubs. Funding could include for example sustainable equipment that is specifically focused on increasing participation, CRBs for volunteers, coaching qualifications and refereeing/umpiring courses. To be eligible to apply for funding projects must support the development of grassroots sport for young people between the ages of 5-18; clubs must have achieved the Clubmark status; have at least one partnership agreement with a local state school; have raised at least 50% of the required funds for the overall project and can provide evidence of this; and the total project costs must not exceed £5,000. The deadline for applications is the 10th of every month. Please refer to the Wells Sports Foundation website for further information. <http://www.wellssportsfoundation.org/grassroots-sport/sport-grants.aspx>

Sustainable Investment in Community Facilities Fund – Sport England

The Sustainable Investment in Community Facilities Fund is now open to organisations (including applicants from sports clubs), voluntary or community organisations, local authorities, and education establishments, such as schools, colleges and universities. The Fund will invest £10m a year of Lottery and Exchequer money into innovative projects capable of transforming the places where people play or take part in sport. The Fund is aiming to invest in projects that are sustainable in financial and sports development terms and can demonstrate that it will benefit all sections of society. Priority will be given to projects with a collaborative or consortia approach which can demonstrate the potential to grow and sustain participation in community sport. The funding is for

the development of the capital infrastructure, this can include contributions to the costs of new build; modernisation; and major fixed equipment where it is an integral part of a project. Round 2 of the fund will re open for applications on 26th October until 21st December 2010. For further information, please visit their website

http://www.sportengland.org/funding/sustainable_facilities.aspx

Changes and reviews to Government Funding

Grassroots Grants gives way to new Communities First Fund

£130m worth of grants programme will not be renewed next year as Government plans begin to take shape. The Government's new Communities First Fund, which will provide start-up funding for community groups in disadvantaged areas, will replace the Grassroots Grants scheme when it runs out in April next year. Further details are expected from Office for Civil Society in December.

Grassroots Grants

This £80m programme for small grants to community groups and £50m to match other funding of local foundations will not be renewed from 2011.

V Up for Review

This programme received £38.1m in Government funding in 2009/10 and is due to receive £39m in 2010/11. This might change as the government plans to develop a national citizen service to offer volunteering opportunities to school leavers.

Capacitybuilders

Has a budget of about £90m in the 2008-11 spending round; came under criticism from the National Audit Office.

New Policy directions for Big Lottery expected September 2010

The new coalition Government has published the Structural Reform Plan for the Department of Media Culture and Sport, which is the department responsible for the Big Lottery Scheme.

The key points from the DCMS Structural Reform Plan affecting the Big Lottery are:

- To reform the National Lottery so that more money goes into sport, the arts and heritage. A consultation on the proposals to allocate 60% of Lottery funding to the arts, sport and heritage causes, and 40% to the voluntary and community sector is open until 21 August and will be enacted by a statutory instrument in September.

- To reform the Big Lottery Fund to ensure that only voluntary and community sector projects are funded and to prevent funding of politicised projects
- To stop wasteful spending by Lottery distributors, by banning lobbying activities and reducing administration costs to 5% of total income

Furthermore, the Structural Reform plans to encourage Competitive Sport in Schools, by using the 2012 Olympics and Paralympics to establish a lasting community sporting legacy in schools to be overseen by the Sport Lottery distributor following London 2012. This includes launching an Olympics and Paralympics-style schools event and to improve local sports facilities and to support sports clubs through a capital fund through the possible use of cash in dormant betting accounts.

The DCMS Structural Reform Plan can be viewed via the following weblink
<http://www.culture.gov.uk/publications/7246.aspx>