

Funding Update

June 2011

This funding update assembles the national funding opportunities for the voluntary and community youth sector as highlighted in the NCVYS Strategic Information Service Bulletin during May. Additional information on local grants, which have been omitted from the bulletin for space reasons, is also available. The majority of information about these local grants was found at Funding Central (<http://www.fundingcentral.org.uk/>). To access the details you will need to register on the Funding Central website, which is free.

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<https://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?formkey=dENKYk5fYVFMY3ZtdEdDRkJFQmNwX3c6MQ>

National grants and awards

Financial confidence

The Big Lottery Fund has launched the Improving Financial Confidence programme, a £30m fund for projects in England aimed at helping families and individuals avoid financial difficulty. The programme will offer grants worth between £500,000 and £1m for projects lasting between three and five years. The programme aims to give people more confidence and skills in accessing and using financial services, such as bank accounts and affordable loans. It is targeted at certain groups, including young people, of social housing residents who live in target local authority areas. The application deadline is 16 September.

http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_improving_financial_confidence

Youth Action

During 2011, UK Youth, together with Starbucks, will be rolling out a program called 'Youth Action' in major cities across the UK and Ireland. The program will offer young people, who have ideas of how to improve their communities, the opportunity to access up to £10,000 seed funding and volunteer time from local Starbucks partners (employees) to help realise their ambitions. UK Youth will be supporting the program by offering skills training and advice to young people.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/starbucks-youth-action>

Comic Relief

Comic Relief's UK Grants Programme 2009 - 2012 aims to tackle poverty and social injustice by helping people make lasting, positive changes in their lives and their communities. The Programme will provide funding through a range of priority areas, including youth people. Grants of between £25,000 and £40,000 are available. The deadline for applications is 1 July.

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

Education for adults

The Adult and Community Learning Fund will provide grants of between £10,000 and £75,000 for voluntary sector projects. The £2.25m grant fund from the Skills Funding Agency, administered by NIACE, will support informal adult and community learning for people aged 19 and over in England. Applications for grants must be submitted by noon on Friday 10 June.

<http://www.niace.org.uk/current-work/adult-and-community-learning-fund-aclf>



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Addressing gun, knife and gang violence

The Ben Kinsella Fund is provided by The Prince's Trust to help young people aged 14 to 25 years in England and Wales start up their own project to help promote anti- gun, knife and gang violence messages in their local community. 50 grants of up to £3,000 are available.

http://www.princes-trust.org.uk/need_help/grants/ben_kinsella_fund.aspx

Tender for research on young people at risk

The Office of the Children's Commissioner is tendering for a research project designed to develop proposals which would improve access to protection and support for children and young people at risk of harm. The contract is worth £80,000 over two years. The deadline for applications is 27 June 2011.

http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/force_download.php?fp=%2Fclient_assets%2Fcp%2Fpublication%2F500%2FInvitation_to_tender_-_Recognition_and_telling.pdf

Big Society Awards

The Big Society Awards recognise people, organisations, companies and groups that are demonstrating the Big Society in their work or activities.

<http://www.number10.gov.uk/bigsocietyawards>

Film and young people

The Young Film Fund from First Light is open for applications. There are two funds available to support young people's (aged 5-19) film making projects. These are up to £30,000. The Young Film Fund has introduced a maximum number of applications which can be accepted in each round so you are advised to submit your application well before the deadline, which is 2pm on 14 June 2011.

<http://www.firstlightonline.co.uk/fundingstream/young-film-fund>

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 by 12pm on 14 October 2011.

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

Creative young people

IdeasTap currently has a number of design briefs open for young people with creative ideas. Ideas Fund Innovators is open to young people aged 16-25 who have an idea for a creative project. Ten awards of £1,000 are available in all creative disciplines. The deadline for applications is 20 June 2011.

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

Ambitious social entrepreneurs

The Big Venture Challenge is a national competition, run by UnLtd, to find 25 ambitious social entrepreneurs in England. Winners will get an initial £25,000, plus the opportunity to pitch for up to £150,000 of seed investment, if this can be matched by loans or equity from co-investors. They also win business support and mentoring. The deadline for applications is 30 June 2011.

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

Community dance

The BBC Performing Arts Fund is now accepting applications for community dance projects. The scheme has up to £200,000 to award, with grants of £500 - £5,000 available. Applications are welcomed from groups working across the UK with all age groups and dance styles. The fund aims to encourage participation and audience development. The deadline for applications is 12 July 2011.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/performingartsfund/grants/communitydance>

CYPNow Awards

The Children & Young People Now Awards have become the gold standard for everyone working with children, young people and families. Now in their sixth year, these awards provide a great source of pride and recognition for all those who strive day in, day out, to improve the lives of others. The deadline is Friday 17 June 2011.

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

Youth social welfare work

Joanie's Trust offers funding to charities working with young people aged 11 to 25. The Trust makes approximately 30 grants each year with an average value of £1,000 to support projects that offer intensive support to young people as well as those that promote preventative work, and especially those that are designed to lead to individual development through integration, work opportunities or accreditation.

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

Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust

The trustees welcome applications for funding projects of between £1,000 - £5,000 within the following areas for the next three years - children, youth, the elderly, medical, music and the arts, overseas, and community. The deadlines for applications for music and arts are 1 June 2011 and 1 November 2011. The deadlines for applications for children and youth are 1 June 2014 and 1 November 2013.

<http://www.austin-hope-pilkington.org.uk/index.php>

Children's education and welfare

The Tesco Charity Trust Community Awards Scheme provides one-off donations of between £1,000 and £4,000 to local projects that support children and their education and welfare, elderly people and adults and children with disabilities. The next deadline is 30 June 2011.

www.tescopl.com/tescocharitytrust

Online trading

MissionFish, the charitable organisation that has helped deliver eBay for Charity since 2005, is offering two grants of up to £10,000 to charities that want to set up or develop an online trading or fundraising business. Online applications must be submitted by 31 July 2011.

http://www.missionfish.org.uk/fundraise/grants/uk_online-business-grants.html

Partner for youth offending programme

The Big Lottery Fund is looking for a UK partner to help run the Realising Ambition programme. This will provide up to £25m to support projects that have already proven their effectiveness at diverting young people away from pathways into offending. The deadline for applications is 2pm on 23 June 2011.

http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_realising_ambition.htm?regioncode=-uk

Playing fields

Sport England has launched the £10 million Protecting Playing Fields as part of the Places People Play mass participation legacy. The fund will see hundreds of sports playing fields across the country protected and improved, with the workshops explaining how applicants can bid to protect, improve or create a new playing field in their local area. The deadline for applications for round one of Protecting Playing Fields is 6 July 2011.

http://www.sportengland.org/about_us/our_news/ppf_launch_news_story.aspx

Faith-based organisations

The Church Urban Fund provides Mustard Seed grants of up to £5,000 to help churches and faith-based organisations carry out community projects. Projects should be tackling poverty and be based in the 10% of most deprived areas in England. Some projects working outside these areas may be funded if they are working with a disadvantaged group.

<http://www.cuf.org.uk/mustard-seed-grant-programme-2011>

Outdoor projects

The Andy Fanshawe Memorial Trust is a small trust which gives grants mainly to schools and youth groups wishing to carry out projects which will develop disadvantaged young people's existing interest in the great outdoors.

<http://www.andyfanshawe.org/index.php>

Young people and volunteering

The Alec Dickson Trust supports individuals and groups of young people who are able to demonstrate that through volunteering or community service they can enhance the lives of others, particularly those most marginalised by society. Funding of up to £500 is available to help young people to run a project in their local area anywhere in the UK that involves local volunteers.

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

National grants and awards from May's Update that are still open

Santander seeking charity partner

Santander is inviting national charities to apply to become its charity partner in 2012. Charities can apply to win the partnership, which normally raises around £500,000 for the charity. Applications can be submitted from May to June each year.

<http://www.aboutsantander.co.uk/csr/communities/charity-of-the-year>

Community and environmental projects

The Biffaward - Flagship Scheme is available to support rebuilding biodiversity and cultural facilities of regional and national significance. Grants are available of £150,000 to £500,000. The deadline for the Round One Expression of Interest Stage forms is 5pm 1 July 2011.

<http://www.biffaward.org/about/foverview>

Poverty, education and medical welfare

The Newby Trust Ltd provides smaller grants up to £1,000 and larger grants up to £10,000 for activities relating to medical welfare, education, training and research, and relief of poverty.

<http://www.newby-trust.org.uk/>

Crime fighting projects

The Tilley Awards, now in their thirteenth year, recognise crime fighting projects where police, community safety groups and the public work together to tackle problems identified by their local communities. There is a £2,000 prize for the winning project. The deadline for submitting entries for phase one is 1:00pm on 13 June 2011.

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/crime/partnerships/tilley-awards/>

O2 It's your community awards

The O2 It's Your Community awards support projects that bring people together and benefit local communities. The awards will fund sustainable projects that help local communities and are small enough to benefit substantially from a £1,000 award.

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

Social enterprise grants for young people

The Potential Organisation has launched a competition offering young people the chance to bid for a starting grant of £200 that will go towards creating an enterprise that benefits their community. Individuals or groups of up to five young people will be able to apply for the funding.

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

Youth activities around migration and development issues

The British Red Cross is awarding grants of between £50 and £1,000 to support youth activities that raise awareness of migration and development issues. This is an ideal opportunity to support activities for Refugee Week from 20 - 26 June 2011. Grants are for schools, colleges and youth groups working with young people aged 12 to 25. British Red Cross is accepting grant applications at any time until 17 June 2011 and they expect that youth action activities will have been completed by the 31 July 2011.

<http://www.redcross.org.uk/What-we-do/Teaching-resources/Teaching-packages/Positive-Images/Get-involved>

Local grants and awards

Where available the deadlines are in brackets. Click on the locality for further details.

[Tyne and Wear and Northumberland](#)

Various grants and other support to groups and individuals.

[Warrington](#) (17 June 2011)

Procurement opportunity (contract value £530,000 - £900,000) to provide support disabled children and young people and their carers through short breaks.

[Preston](#) (10 June 2011)

Procurement opportunity (contract value £49,100) to provide support for children and young people at risk of offending and anti-social behaviour.

[Bradford](#) (23 June 2011)

Procurement opportunity (contract value £400,000) to provide support for children and young people (aged 8 - 13) at risk of offending and anti-social behaviour and their families that do not currently receive an appropriate service.

[Bradford](#) (23 June 2011)

Procurement opportunity (contract value £400,000) to participate in a project to move unemployed 18-24 year olds closer to employment.

[Leeds](#) (27 June 2011)

Transition Fund (up to £10,000) for organisations that have been adversely affected by cuts in public sector funding for the delivery of frontline public services.

[Tameside](#) (29 June 2011)

Procurement opportunity (contract value £210,000) to deliver Friday and Saturday night youth provision for young people aged 11-19.

[Manchester, Trafford and Cheshire](#) (30 June 2011)

Neighbourhood Fund (£100 upwards) to support small scale community projects that will improve the quality of life and make a real difference to the neighbourhood in areas where Adactus manage homes.

[Greater Manchester](#) (17 June 2011)

The GMWDA Community Waste Fund (up to £15,000) is to support community projects reducing waste and promoting recycling and reuse.

[Rugby](#)

The Grants to Voluntary and Community Organisations scheme (up to £5,000) is intended for local voluntary and community groups to undertake projects and activities that benefit the local community.

[Leicestershire](#)

Big Society Grant Fund 2011-12 (fund value of £340,000) to help voluntary organisations to run projects which will embed the principles of the Big Society at a local level.

[Coventry](#) (22 June 2011)

Procurement opportunity (contract value £4.8m) to provide a range of supported accommodation and floating support services for vulnerable young people aged 16-24.

[Nottinghamshire](#) (4 July 2011)

Procurement opportunity to provide positive activities for children and young people as part of an Intensive Supervision and Surveillance Programme.

[Nottinghamshire](#) (11 July 2011)

Procurement opportunity to provide for children and young people who go missing from home, or who are at risk of going missing from home.

West Midlands (10 June 2011)

Procurement opportunity to provide supported accommodation for young people aged 16-17

Loughborough

Community Grants (up to £2,000) are intended to support small projects that improve the well-being of people.

Wolverhampton

The Local Education Partnership (LEP) Community Fund (up to £5,000) is for innovative projects that improve schools or communities.

Hampshire (31 August 2011)

The Community Challenge Fund 2011 (up to £2,500) is intended to assist community organisations and parish councils in rural areas..

Hampshire (29 February 2012)

The County Councillor Grants scheme (£500 - £1,000) is aimed at local groups and organisations for revenue and small capital projects which will benefit their local area.

Ealing (20 June 2011)

The Community Services Grants 2011-2015 (£26,100 - £ 375,000) aim to help local people have greater access to and participation in activities and services which will result in improving the quality of their life and the sustainability of their local communities.

Ealing (20 June 2011)

Children's Grant Funding 2011-2015 (£23,000 - £ 90,000) is for providing children's health and social care services.

Hounslow (10 June 2011)

The Community Grants scheme (up to £15,000) provides small-scale revenue funding to appropriate voluntary and community sector projects based in the borough.

Barnet (1 July 2011)

The Corporate Grants Programme (up to £10,000) 2011-12 can be used either to set up a new project or activity in response to identified needs or for specific events, purchases or other non-recurring items of expenditure.

Lambeth (20 June 2011)

Procurement opportunity (contract value £247,000) to develop and implement a model of Sex and Relationship Education (SRE), emotional health and wellbeing, substance misuse education and support to schools on healthy weight.

London

The Mayor of London's Fund for Young Musicians aims to raise £2 million by March 2012 to boost music education for children in London. It will provide 400 children aged 7 to 11 who have significant musical talent and commitment, with four-year music scholarships. There will also be the opportunity for around 10,000 children, up to the age of 18, to enhance their music education by working alongside professional musicians.

London (10 June 2011)

The PlaySport London Facility Fund (up to £250,000) aims is to raise participation levels in sport through the funding of sports facilities.

London and Northamptonshire (31 August 2011)

The London Marathon Charitable Trust (up to £150,000) funds projects which provide facilities for recreation or leisure.

Local grants and awards from May's Update that are still open

North East

The Evening Chronicle Sunshine Fund endeavours to improve quality of life for disabled children by providing financial help to purchase equipment, resources and learning aids that cannot be obtained via health or local authorities.

Merseyside

The Police Property Act Fund (up to £5,000) is available for activities taking place in summer 2011 that have an impact on community safety and crime reduction.

Shropshire (30 June 2011)

The Rural Challenge Capital Fund (£7,500 - £40,000) is for capital projects in rural communities.

Wychavon (17 June 2011)

Community Grants (£250 - £10,000) for innovative new projects that make a lasting difference and improve the quality of life.

Mid Suffolk

The Community Grants scheme (up to £20,000) is for organisations which provide a service to people.

Tendring

The Big Society Fund (total fund value £500,000) for new projects that benefit their neighbourhood or for the delivery of a service that the council normally provides.

Essex

The Big Society Fund (up to £15,000) is available to local organisations for projects and services that strengthen communities.

Oxfordshire (29 February 2012)

The Big Society Fund (total value £600,000) provides one-off grants for local community groups with innovative ideas to deliver local services that are needed in their community.

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