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As with the first edition we have tried to list funding sources under themed headings where this is clear. This is not always easy so where a grant would cover several themes it will probably be under Communities. We have also left in some of the grants from the previous newsletter where these are specifically local grants or where deadlines are imminent.

Update

Welcome to the second edition of the Community Regeneration Funding Newsletter. Following the positive feed back to the first edition in August we propose to make this a regular newsletter that will be issued on a quarterly basis.

The ability to identify sources of funding to support projects is a constant concern for voluntary sector organisations and Community Planning Partners. The aim of this newsletter is simply to provide an additional tool that might help groups identify appropriate funding to support their particular area of interest or project idea. It may even also help generate a project idea in the first place. As with the previous edition the content is pulled from a number of sources and is intended to include a wide range of areas of interest from small grants to large.

Whilst it is often a time consuming and frustrating experience the hard work can sometimes pay off as the following two local examples show:

- The **Fauldhouse Community Development Trust (CDT)** recently received £377,943 from the Big Lottery Fund's Growing Community Assets program to help establish a community hub in the village.

The grant covers:

- £145,000 to purchase the building (95% of total cost)
- £140,721 capital costs to develop the asset (50% of costs i.e. construction, equipment etc.)
- £92,222 contribution to running costs, spread over five years, in decreasing portions.

The hub will enable the group to provide a soft play area for young kids, meeting space, rental space for social economy groups and business start ups, and a gallery for local artists. It will also provide access to information for residents and create a number of jobs for the area.

- Smaller pots of funding can also help your organisation develop as is the case with **Boghall pop Skool** which has now been running for three years.

Finding funding streams has always been a key issue for the group and last year the group unfortunately had to fold due to lack of finance, not lack of community support. However with assistance from partners and community representatives, Boghall Pop Skool is going from strength to strength and their weekly classes attract between 70 - 90 children/ youths from Boghall.

In the summer of 2009 the group secured £3000 from the Community Chest Small Grants Programme (see page 34) to support a school summer holiday, dance, drama, singing sessions. The group were also delighted to hear that their application to Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland had been successful in securing £4,875. This will secure the project for a full year, however funding applications will continue to be progressed to allow this extremely successful group a long term future.

Boghall PopSkool is invited to perform regularly at events throughout Bathgate, including Bathgate Music Festival. The group also put on an annual production showcasing their talents to parents and invited guests. Their DVD is available on request.

An additional tool in identifying funding will be available through a new database for West Lothian that will be launched in January 2010. The **Open4Communities** site will contain information on local funding, charity and trust funding, government and lottery funding, as well as European funding opportunities. It will be available to all community organisations, the public sector and business within the Lothians. Anyone searching for funds will be able to make unlimited funding searches and registration on the site is FREE. The database will be available through the Council's website (www.westlothian.gov.uk), and the LEADER pages on the Business Portal (www.westlothian.com).



If you would like any further information on the database please contact Rachel Johnson on 01506 777993.

Another big funding related issue that has come up since the last edition that many of you may know about is the that **Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland** is on the verge of closure after failing to agree new funding with Lloyds Banking Group. As a

result its grants programme was suspended in October and it is currently trying to raise £12m to guarantee its short-term survival; whilst it tries to reach a settlement with its parent bank.

Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland has been, for a number of years, a key grant funder for the voluntary sector and the loss of their funding will hit groups hard, especially as it is one of the few that pays for the salaries and running costs involved in projects.

To support their fight for survival an online petition has been set up to ask Gordon Brown to challenge this proposal please. If you would like to sign this the petition can be accessed through this link: <http://petitions.number10.gov.uk/LloydsFoundation/>

I hope you find this Newsletter useful but it is still new so if you have any thoughts on how this could be improved please e-mail me at the address below. I would be particularly keen to get your thoughts on:

- what should be in future editions;
- whether you have a good news story that you would like to feature; or
- know of a grant that you would like to promote.

It would also be helpful to know if your organisation applies for any of the funds below and whether you are successful or otherwise.

Regards

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1. Young People

The Douglas Hay Trust supports physically disabled children up to age of 18. Local authorities, hospital social work departments and charities in Scotland are eligible to apply for financial contributions for holidays, education, computers, home improvements, clothing, bedding, shoes etc. for children resident in Scotland. See <http://www.douglashay.org.uk/> for more information.

The Peter Cruddas Foundation supports projects designed to help disadvantaged and disengaged young people to pursue their education (including vocational) and more generally develop their potential whether through sport or recreation, voluntary programmes or otherwise. Preference will be given to the support of projects undertaken by registered charitable organisations or organisations supported by such for the benefit of such people. Consideration may be also given in certain circumstances for individual support but only on referral from appropriate sponsor organisations.

Priority funding streams for 2009:

- Pathways/support for young disadvantaged or disengaged young people into mainstream education, training or employment
- Crime diversion schemes
- Work experience/skills projects for young people

For more information see www.thepetercruddasfoundation.org

Challenger Children's Fund is a Scottish based charity that provides "aids to, and the maintenance, clothing, education, outfit in life or otherwise for the general benefit and well being" of any disabled person under the age of 18.

Grants of up to £500 are available for anything that is not provided by statutory measures. See <http://www.ccfscotland.org/> for more information.

British Council Youth Initiative Fund supports:

- Projects developed by a single group in their country of residence are called National Youth Initiatives; and
- Projects developed to enable young people to co-operate and exchange ideas across different countries are called Transnational Youth Initiatives.

Applicants must be either a non-profit organisation/association or an informal group of young people. For this programme young people can be 15 to 30, although young people aged 15-17 must be supervised by a named coach or youth worker. Projects must last between 3–18 months including preparation, implementation, evaluation and follow-up.

€8,000 is available (€10,000 for Transnational), plus additional amount of up to €1,000 for a coach to support the group. Deadlines are 5 times a year so for more information see www.britishcouncil.org/connectyouth-programmes-youth-initiatives.htm

The Percy Bilton Charity funds projects and organisations that work with disadvantaged young people, people of all ages with a disability and older people. The charity does not fund running costs. Individual grants are also available to those with a disability or mental health problem to pay for household basics such as furniture or clothing.

Large grants of £2,000 and above are available for equipment and building projects. Small grants of up to £500 are also available for furniture or games equipment. Registered charities and small youth groups with a letter of reference can apply for funds, as can social workers on behalf of clients.

For information phone: 020 8579 2829 or see www.percybiltoncharity.org.uk

Royal Bank of Scotland Community Cash Awards

Young people are being given the chance to claim a share of £1 million to help tackle the dangers of drugs, crime and play a positive role in their community. The grants are distributed by The Prince's Trust to young people (14 to 25 year olds) who want to run community projects in some of Britain's poorest areas.

Previous projects supported include; an amateur boxing project to give young people greater confidence; and a media project to promote community

cohesion and greater understanding between the local community and asylum seekers.

Grants will be between £250 to £5,000 and more information can be found at http://www.princes-trust.org.uk/need_help/grants/community_cash_awards.aspx

European Voluntary Service for Organisations supports organisations sending or hosting young people. Host placements should offer a clearly defined role for the volunteer, with a variety of tasks and good (non-formal) learning opportunities. An EVS placement is a period of full time volunteering (35 hours a week) for between 2 and 12 months. The priority for host projects in the UK is 6 to 12 months.

Organisations working with volunteers affected by the following are suitable for shorter term projects, though the list is not exhaustive.

- Homelessness
- Left school without qualifications
- Involvement with the probation service or at risk of offending
- Alcohol / drug abuse

Awards cover accommodation, sending costs and volunteers' allowances by country. Travel costs from the volunteer's home to the venue (one return ticket) are covered. Extra funding is available to support volunteers with fewer opportunities. See <http://www.britishcouncil.org> Deadlines for full applications are set at 1 February, 1 April, 1 June, 1 September and 1 November each year.

Learning Launchpad is intended to provide investment and advice to organisations that work with young people between the ages of 14 and 25 on projects offering alternatives to traditional education.

The fund is keen to support innovative individuals and organisations with groundbreaking ideas and is intended to develop new mechanisms to help young people successfully navigate their transition to adulthood. The scheme hopes to challenge the traditional structures for passing on skills and knowledge to young

people, in order to ensure they gain the employability and resilience skills they need to thrive in the adult world. The programme is particularly interested in:

- Practical or vocational learning or learning-by-doing, rather than more traditional academic routes to success.
- The development of non-cognitive soft skills in young people.
- Supporting organisations in their early stages of development.

Investments of up to £30,000 are available. See <http://www.learninglaunchpad.org/>

Youth in Action Programme

The European Commission has announced a new call for proposals under its Youth in Action Programme for young people which aims to inspire a sense of active European citizenship, solidarity and tolerance among young Europeans and to involve them in shaping the Union's future.

This call for proposals aims to support partnership projects with regional or local public bodies (i.e. regions, municipalities, etc.) or with organisations active in the youth sector at the European level in order to develop longterm projects which develop or reinforce long-term actions, strategies and programmes in the field of non-formal learning and youth. The next deadline is 1 December 2009. See http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/youth/funding/2009/call_action_4_6_en.php for more information.

Comic Relief wants to fund projects working with young people between 11 and 25 experiencing problems with their alcohol use. Projects should:

- provides direct services for young people with alcohol problems
- reaches those who are vulnerable and at high risk of heavy drinking and who find it hard to access services
- provides training to equip staff with specialist alcohol skills.

Grants are available of between £15,000 and £40,000 per year and usually for between one and three years can be considered. The next deadline is 5 March 2010.

See www.comicrelief.com/ for more information

Girls on the Move Participation Programme: Funding for Groups is a project designed to increase physical activity levels among girls and young women in Scotland. Through the Participation Programme grants of up to £2,000 are available for projects and initiatives that target girls and young women aged 12-18 years.

Projects should aim to support participants to increase physical activity and skill levels, as well as self-esteem and confidence. Long term impact is key, and Girls on the Move is keen to fund projects that consider how activities can contribute once funding has finished.

Previous projects have included cheerleading, netball, dance, gymnastics, outdoor activities and many more. There are three rounds of funding and application deadlines are 1 December 2009 and 1 March 2010.

For more information contact Youth Scotland on 0131 554 2561 or see www.youthscotland.org.uk

Partnership Grants Scheme for Primary and Secondary Schools

The Royal Society has announced that the next round of Partnership Grants will open in September 2009. Through the scheme grants of between £250 and £3,000 will be available to support teachers, scientists and engineers help develop science projects. The aim is to make the teaching of science more interesting within primary and secondary schools. The Partnership grants scheme forms partnerships to allow teachers to increase their scientific knowledge and to give scientists and engineers the chance to develop their communication skills and engage with enquiring young minds. Any UK primary or secondary school teacher or practising scientist/engineer can apply as long as the students involved in the project are between 5 and 18. Applications must be made together with the partner, and need to be signed by the teacher, partner and schools' headteacher.

For more information see <http://royalsociety.org/page.asp?id=1948> or tel. 020 7451 2500

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2. Sport

West Lothian Council's Sports Grants

West Lothian Council has four sports related grants and support mechanisms that are available to local groups and individuals. These are:

- **Club Development** – To support club activities under the following headings: Club Development, Performance, Equipment, New Club/Start up or Events. Awards range from £350 to £450. For further information contact Ruth Reed on 01506 776182 (e-mail: Ruth.reed@westlothian.gov.uk)
- **Athlete Scholarships** – Whilst no grant is available access to all West Lothian Leisure facilities is available free to support training of current and potential local athletes. For further information contact Ruth Reed on 01506 776182 (e-mail: Ruth.reed@westlothian.gov.uk)
- **Disability** - West Lothian Trust was set up in 1992 to assist children and adults participation in sports, recreational, cultural and sporting activities. Individuals can apply for £150 and groups £375. For further information contact Andrew Smyth on 01506 774030 (e-mail: Andrew.smyth@westlothian.gov.uk)
- **Coach Education** – To develop new and existing coaches in West Lothian to enhance the level of sports activity in the area. The award will pay for up to 100% of the total cost of SportsCoach UK workshops in any one year, the total cost of NGB awards and cost of attending a conference or seminar. For further information contact Shirley-anne Smith on 01506 775123 (e-mail: Shirley-anne.smith@westlothian.gov.uk)

Deadlines are 1st of February, June and October apply with the exception of the Athlete scholarship which has one deadline at end September.

UnLtd Sport Relief 'Do It' Awards of up to £10,000

The UnLtd Sport Relief Awards are funded by Comic Relief and provide opportunities for young people to bring communities together, to help promote understanding and solve problems through sport, arts and recreational activities.

As a result of your feedback from the first Awards scheme we have split the Awards into 3 categories

- TRY IT – To test out an idea (up to £1000) 11-21 years
- SHAPE IT – To develop an idea (up to £5000) 11-21 years
- DO IT – To grow a project (up to £10,000) 18-21 years

These categories are open for anyone within the age range to apply. So if you know of anyone who could be interested please do put them in touch. Below is some more information and criteria for the new Do It Awards.

Do it is a new Award aimed at young people aged **18-21 years**.

We will be giving away Awards of up to **£10,000** plus more intensive support directly to young people. This Award can be used to cover your living expenses as well as the project set up costs. Project should cover:

- Exciting ideas that use sport or recreational activities as a solution to a social problem.
- Motivated people who already have some experience of running a project or working within their community.
- A project that has the ability to become sustainable (run without further financial support).
- That you have some experience that will enable you to deliver the project in an entrepreneurial way.

Awards will be made every 3 months with the next application deadline being January 18th 2010. If you would like to find out more contact on **0141 221 2322** or e-mail thomasmcalister@unltd.org.uk. Alternatively you can download an application form straight from our website www.UnLtdSportRelief.com

CASH4CLUBS

Local sports clubs can apply for up to £1,000 to provide additional opportunities for sporting activities. Clubs must registered with their National Governing body or local authority and covers both mainstream and minority sporting activities, providing that the sports club plays an active role in their local community.

Apply online at <http://cash-4-clubs.com/>

Sport Relief is a joint Comic Relief and BBC Sport venture to use sport to tackle poverty and disadvantage through the use of sport and exercise to strengthen communities and provide opportunities for people who are excluded or

disadvantaged. This may be through low income, rural or social isolation, age, disability, race, sexuality or gender.

Grants will range from £1,000 to £5,000 and are available for projects that:

- Increase access to sport and exercise for people who face social exclusion and isolation; or
- Help people who are experiencing difficulties in their lives to regain their confidence and self-esteem. For more information see www.scottishcf.org.uk

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3. Health

Drinkaware Grants are available for projects that influence public behaviour and find innovative ways to raise awareness about the effects of alcohol, reduce its misuse and minimise alcohol-related harm.

There are three grants schemes:

- **The Ideas Fund** grant is up to £2,000 and designed to help community-based projects work up an initial idea before applying for a larger grant. It can also be used to support development work looking to scope out a larger alcohol awareness or education initiatives.
- **Awareness Project** grants up to £25,000 to help with project costs, resources or publicity materials for a project that is already at an advance stage of development. Projects should involve direct, hands-on work with individuals and communities and if possible already have a positive impact in tackling attitudes to drinking.
- **Big Impact Awards** of up to £100,000 support larger scale initiatives that reach a wider audience and have a big impact. These should show evidence that the work has already been successful and has contributed to alcohol awareness and education. Preference will be given to those with a national impact.

Further information is available from the Grants Officer Alan Law at alaw@drinkaware.co.uk or see <http://www.drinkaware.co.uk/grants>

Healthy Heart Grants aims to promote the message of heart health and to prevent or reduce the risks of heart disease in specific groups or communities. Applications are invited from voluntary organisations to run innovative projects that promote heart health and/or prevent or reduce the risks of heart disease in specific groups and communities. Projects must relate specifically to heart health, not just healthy lifestyles in general.

Grants of up to £10,000 are available and can include equipment up to £2000 or 50% of the grant requested, whichever is the lower figure.

For more information see www.heartresearch.org.uk/healthy_heart_grants.htm
or contact the lifestyle team on 0113 297 6206 or e-mail
lifestyle@heartresearch.org.uk The next deadline is 28 February 2010 for grants
made in May 2010.

West Lothian on the Move

Did you know that the level of physical activity required to improve your health can be achieved through physical activities including;

- Gardening
- Recreational Sports
- Dancing
- Playing
- Walking & Cycling

Are you interested in creating new and innovative opportunities for those who have not been previously involved with physical activities to become active? If so then your organisation could be eligible for a grant!

Applications are invited for grants up to £2,500 and will be particularly welcome from groups requiring initial start up funds

For further information, or for an application form, please contact:

Jen Johnston on 01506 771792 or e-mail: jen.johnston@westlothian.gov.uk

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4. Environment and Rural

LEADER Programme in West Lothian

LEADER is a bottom up method of delivering support for rural development and will be aimed primarily at small scale, community driven projects that are piloted and innovative in nature.

There are two themes for its LEADER programme in West Lothian. These are:

- **Rural Community Capacity** - support for community engagement, capacity building and developing a skilled local workforce would feature large under this scheme. Project examples could be remote access IT provision to training courses/materials, training in traditional and new rural skills such as dyking, animal welfare or boat building, developing a skilled workforce through lifelong learning, capacity building with communities to engage fully (likely forerunner to a larger project). If possible two or more projects could be interlinked, for example, new technology could add value to projects, or tourism could link to environmental gains.

- **Revitalising Rural Communities** - Eligible projects are those involving rural transport initiatives, providing new or developing community facilities with particular emphasis on young people and other target groups, introducing or developing childcare provision, remote access IT provision to training courses/materials. In addition, improving access to areas of high environmental amenity, innovative approaches to local rural services, for example, community shops or services, or adding value to Post Office or enhancing the range of services locally – co-ordinating service provision as well as integrating delivery could be eligible under this theme.

Target groups include:

- Young people
- Women
- Micro-enterprises (small firms)
- The young long-term unemployed
- Community Development Trusts

- Social Economy organisations

See http://www.westlothian.com/Home/wl_economy/wlineurope/funding/leader/ for more information.

The Levenseat Trust supports local communities from landfill tax monies with environmental projects in areas close to participating landfill sites. In West Lothian they will support projects in the Breich, Addiewell, Stoneyburn, Longridge, Fauldhouse areas. Organisations must be registered with ENTRUST prior to work commencing and project should focus environmental improvements and help improve public amenities.

For more information contact Jim Hazelton, Trust Administrator on 01501 772813 or e-mail levenseatrust@yahoo.co.uk.

Community Action for Energy

The Energy Saving Trust provides Community Chest Grants of £200 towards the overall costs of energy saving projects. For further information contact the Community Action Energy Team on 0844848 0077 or email cafe@est.org.uk

Grants for Planting Trees (UK)

The Tree Council, the lead tree campaigning charity working to promote the importance of trees within the changing environment has two programmes open at present, Trees for Communities and Trees for Schools.

Funds are available for schools and community groups who are able to show that children under the age of 16 will be actively engaged in the planting projects. The Tree Council are able to fund projects between £100 and £700 and successful applicants will receive up to 75% towards their planting costs. For example, if your project totals £700, The Tree Council would offer up to £525. If you are interested in applying for next year, the 2010 application forms for schools and community groups will be available to download after National Tree Week (25 November 2009 to 6 December 2009) with a closing date of **31 May 2010**.

<http://www.treecouncil.org.uk/?q=grants>

The Forest Education Initiative Partnership Fund supports the work of local groups known as Forest Education Initiative (FEI) clusters. The aim of the Fund is to help develop among young people a greater understanding of trees, woodlands, forest management, forest products and wood as a sustainable resource.

Clusters can include woodland owners, related industries, schools and colleges, local authorities, community groups and environmental bodies . The Partnership Fund can provide grants of between £500 and £5,000 for specific activities, which enhance the overall objectives of the FEI. The type of activities that can be funded include; training for teachers; educational visits; creating facilities in woodlands for education; educational projects in schools; practical projects involving children; case studies about woodland management or wood use; and development and production of materials for educational use by teachers or children.

If you are interested in starting a Cluster Group, the FEI national coordinators are available to give support and guidance with setting up and running a cluster. There will be two or three bidding rounds each year depending on availability of funding. The deadlines are normally 1st February, 1st June and 1st October. See http://www.foresteducation.org/local_groups.php?page=4

Government Announces Extension to Low Carbon Buildings Programme Phase 2 Programme (UK)

Following an announcement that the Low Carbon Buildings Programme Phase 2 grants programme was to be closed at the end of June 2009, the Government has decided to extend the programme until April 2011 by investing a further £35 million into the scheme. Through this programme public sector organisations (including schools, hospitals, housing associations and local authorities) and charitable bodies can apply for grants of up to £200,000 for the installation of microgeneration technologies such as biomass boilers, air and water sourced heat pumps, hydro and wind turbines, etc. Applications to the Low Carbon Buildings Programme Phase 2 can be submitted at any time. <http://www.lowcarbonbuildingsphase2.org.uk/>

The **Carbon Trust's Applied Research Funding Programme** has doubled the size of grants available under this programme from £250k to £500k, this will enable the

development of more ambitious projects with potential for even greater carbon savings. Applied Research Grant funding is available to businesses, research institutions and other organisations and aims to support the development and commercialisation of technologies which have the potential to reduce UK carbon emissions. A minimum of 40% match funding is required. There are two stages to the application process: an initial proposal, followed by a full proposal. The next deadline for application is the **14th December 2009**. Funding for Applied Research Open Call applications from institutions or organisations based in Scotland for the 2009/2010 financial year is now fully committed.

<http://www.carbontrust.co.uk/technology/appliedresearch/>

The **Community Recycling Network for Scotland (CRNS)** has announced the launch of its new **Knowledge and Skills Exchange Fund**. This fund has come from the Scottish Government to facilitate learning and the exchange of knowledge and ideas between CRNS members and within the wider community sector. Grants of up to £1,000 are available to full and fledgling CRNS members for activities such as going on visits to other more established organisations in the third sector or projects of particular interest or relevance to your organisation; hosting a visit for one or a number of organisations ; and attending external events and conferences; etc. For more information see

<http://www.crns.org.uk/index/newsapp/story.666/title.lplrolloutknowledgeandskillsexchangeandfund>

Forward Scotland has received an award of £400,000 from the Big Lottery Fund to invest in the delivery of its **Sus it Out Plus** community empowerment programme. This will enable them to work with 150 groups, increasing awareness of sustainable development principles, developing group action plans and importantly providing funding to enable the building of vital skills and experiences.

The programme will run for two years and is open to community groups, new and existing, where they wish to develop themselves in a more sustainable manner.

For more information see www.forward-scotland.org.uk or contact christine.benvie@forward-scotland.org.uk

Green Energy Trust offers up to £25,000 for up to 50% of the cost of a chosen renewable technology. These can include small-scale hydro, wind power, biomass, landfill gas, solar energy and ground source heat pumps. Grant requests must be to support the capital and installation costs of a renewable energy project.

Local community groups, not for profit organisations and charities within the UK are eligible and projects should show a really strong community benefit and wider educational element.

For more information see <http://www.scottishpowergreentrust.co.uk/content/>

The Trust meets three times a year to consider applications – usually during the first week of September and December then April.

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5. Education

Comenius Regio allows local authorities in Europe to link together and through reciprocal meetings, work on any theme with educational relevance to young people of school age. The main purpose is to promote the development of structured cooperation between the partner regions. Themes can cover:

- School management
- Reducing early school leavers
- Language teaching and learning
- Violence in schools
- Immigration/integration issues
- Teacher training
- Sport
- Literacy

Partnerships in each country should be led by a local authority and include one school and a third agency, which can also be part of the local authority, public agency or community group. Grants can be up to €45,000 per region for meetings, work shadowing and other activities over a two-year partnership. Grants can be awarded for preparatory visits.

For further information contact the Gary Shiells at the British Council in Edinburgh, gary.shiells@britishcouncil.org, get online at <http://www.britishcouncil.org/comeniusapplications-forms-and-guidance.htm> The next deadline is 11 December.

Social Enterprises in School

With the introduction of Social Enterprise as part of the national curriculum for pupils aged 11-18, schools now have the opportunity to access funding to get ideas for social enterprises off the ground. Funding is to support individuals or informal groups of people who have an idea which will change society for the better, and want help getting it off the ground. To be eligible the applicants will need to be aged 16 or over. The money is to help with the running costs of the project.

At Level 1 social entrepreneurs can apply for an award of between £500 and £5,000, (with an average award size of £2,000). UnLtd gives out 1,000 Level 1 Awards each

year across the UK. School related projects supported in the past through the Awards include:

- The Magic Breakfast which provides disadvantaged young children with healthy breakfast choices;
- Healthy Planet – created to inspire, encourage and support individuals and businesses around the world to make a
- difference to themselves, their children and the planet; and
- An after-school project for local children for whom English is a second language, to provide homework support and to promote cooperation and understanding in the community.

For more information see

http://www.unltd.org.uk/template.php?ID=10=level1_examples

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West Lothian Council's Grant Assistance to Arts Organisations and Individuals

Arts Services is responsible on behalf of West Lothian Council Education Services for the administration of Grant Assistance to Arts Organisations and Individuals. When considering applications for grant assistance, Arts Services will be particularly concerned with the value and relevance to the community of the proposed project / expenditure and to the contribution made by the organisation to the development and promotion of the arts within West Lothian.

a) Voluntary Arts Organisations within West Lothian

Groups organising arts activities for young people in West Lothian can apply for grants to:

Purchase equipment: A grant of up to 50% may be available in order to purchase essential equipment. A quote must be submitted with the application form.

Applications cannot be considered for uniforms. Organisations considered for funding under this category may be encouraged to seek partnership funding from other sources eg. National Lottery in order to maximise funding available.

Maximum grant £1000 (additional funds may be available to organisations seeking partnership funding from other sources)

Form a Club, Society or Organisation: Groups of individuals wishing to form a Club, Organisation or Society with an arts interest may apply for a grant to assist in this process. Maximum Grant £200

Run projects: Organisations may seek assistance with the costs incurred in promoting a project, performance or event organised by its members. Preference will be given to projects which take place in West Lothian and will be awarded on an individual basis. Up to 50% may be awarded for this purpose up to a maximum grant of £2000 or funding may be awarded as a Guarantee Against Loss to an agreed maximum.

Professional Fees: Organisations may apply for a grant of up to 75% of the cost incurred in engaging the services of a professional artist, tutor or performer to lead specialist workshops which are additional to the organisation's usual programme. Maximum Grant - £300

Individuals can also apply for a Developing Skills grant to attend arts based courses or workshops may apply for up to 30% of the fees. Offers of attendance and course

fees must be sent with the application form. Individuals wishing to undertake some other form of skills development activities may apply for up to 50% of the associated costs. Maximum Grant - £600

For more information please contact Arts Services on 01506 773858 or email:

arts@westlothian.gov.uk

Scottish Arts Council Made in Scotland

Around £200,000 is available to Scottish dance and theatre companies, as well as individual artists, to present artistically ambitious work at the 2010 Fringe in the Made in Scotland showcase. The deadline is 23 November 2009.

For more information visit www.scottisharts.org.uk/1/funding/expofund.aspx

Scottish Arts Council Writing & Storytelling Fellowships

Applications are invited from suitable host organisations to employ writers or storytellers to develop their own work within specific communities. Fellows will work on their own projects and may also interact with specified groups within the host environment for between one month and three years.

Grants are available to cover 50% of the writer's fee, which would typically be a minimum of £18,000 per annum or pro rata. To find out more see www.scottisharts.org.uk/1/funding/apply/organisations/literature.aspx or tel: 0845 603 6000.

Funding to Support Digital Innovation in Film Distribution

UK Film Council has announced that they are trialling an earlier application process within its Prints and Advertising Fund, to support distributors in harnessing the internet to transform the way British audiences discover and engage with films. The fund supports the distribution and marketing strategy of 'specialised' films. Up to five Grants of up to £30,000 are available for digital promotional and marketing materials such as; creating digital assets such as clips, trailers, podcasts, stills, etc; developing social media elements such as blogs, widgets and social networking profiles; interactive websites; and viral marketing. In addition to film distributors, rights holders

can also apply for funding if the film they planning to distribute is not yet completed, so long as the intention to theatrically distribute in the UK can be clearly demonstrated. The deadline for this new application process is **the 31st March 2010**.

<http://www.ukfilmcouncil.org.uk/15846>

Vital Spark Awards is a new £1 million programme to help Scottish artists team up with the wider creative industries sector. The awards will be the first project to be financed by the £5 million Innovation Fund established by Creative Scotland. Grants will be between £20,000 to £100,000 to support work that “goes beyond the boundaries” of creative disciplines and encourages collaborations between artists and other sectors, including the creative industries, science and education. The deadline for applications is 30 November 2009.

For more information see <http://www.scottisharts.org.uk/1/latestnews/1006607.aspx>

The Barbara and Philip Denny Charitable Trust supports aspiring authors through grants or interest free loans. For more information contact Terry O’Neill, 50 Tierney Road, London, SW2 4QS

New Funding Package announced for Arts in Scotland

Creative Scotland 2009 Ltd has announced a new range of initiatives to support Scotland's artists and practitioners during the economic recession. The £5 million Innovation Fund the first Creative Scotland branded initiative, be offering new ways of getting funds into the hands of artists and creative practitioners. This includes funding to maximise the creative, cultural and commercial opportunities presented by new and emerging technologies; an awards scheme which will bring together innovative and inspirational collaborations by two or more Scottish or Scottish based artists from different sectors; an enterprise support programme for start up creative entrepreneurs across Scotland; a fund to support innovative, cross agency working in rural areas; a residency fund to provide additional innovative residencies for artists to work with communities in education, health and the environment; and an interest free credit scheme that encourages and makes it easier for people to buy original art and craft.

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2009/06/23120845>

The **Scottish Arts Council** and **Young Scot Arts Action Fund** offers young people the opportunity to follow their artistic dreams and fund their creative talents. Grants could be used to highlight a school performance, hire space to put together a new dance, buy props for a show, help to fund an art exhibition for example.

It is open to young people aged 11 to 25 and offers grants of £200 to individuals or £750 to groups. Application forms can be downloaded from www.youngscot.org/channels/arts/?ss=484&s=57&sr=79&ID=20394 or by calling 0808 801 0338.

The Radcliff Trust supports registered UK charities in the field of craft and music education.

Music grants would cover classical music performance and training, especially chamber music, composition and music education. Particular interests within music education are music for children and adults with special needs, youth orchestras and projects at secondary and higher levels, including academic research.

Craft grants would support craft training among young people both at the level of apprenticeship and at the post-graduate and post-experience levels. Crafts are broadly defined, including building conservation skills, rural skills and traditional creative craft skills.

Grants are likely to be between £1,000 and £5,000. For more information, visit www.theradcliffetrust.org or tel: 01285 841900.

Go & See bursaries scheme

Artists' groups and networks within the UK can apply for awards of up to £500 through the Go & See bursaries scheme. The scheme is managed by the Networking Artist's Network to support exchange between artists' groups and networks in the UK and beyond in order to explore new projects and provide a focus for critical exchange. NAN defines artists' groups as two or more artists working together or engaged in collective activity who consider themselves to be a group or network.

There are a number of application deadlines throughout the year and the next deadline is **1st December 2009**. <http://www.an.co.uk/nan/topic/473133>

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7. Communities

Co-operative Community Fund offers grants of between £100 and £2,000 to community, voluntary, or self-help groups to run projects that meet the following criteria. To be successful a group must carry out positive work in the community and their project must:

- Address a community issue
- Provide a good long-term benefit to the community
- Support co-operative values and principles
- Ideally be innovative in its approach

To read more about the Fund and fill out an application form, visit:

www.cooperative.coop/membership/Community-Fund

The Wakeham Trust supports groups of individuals as well as small community and voluntary groups (those that do not employ staff) that want to improve their communities, in particular community arts projects; projects involving community service by young people; and projects set up by those who are socially excluded. Grants can range from £75 - £750. There are no deadlines and more information can be found on www.wakehamtrust.org.

Groundswell Small Grants Scheme tries to tackle homelessness and social exclusion and helps homeless people make informed choices about their lives and to find solutions to their own problems. As such projects would be expected to show active involvement of homeless people in the decision making processes and which enable individuals to take control of their own housing situations.

Grants will be up to £700 and more information contact 020 7737 5500 or see http://www.groundswell.org.uk/grants_home.html for guidelines and application form. Deadlines are 15th of January, April, July, October each year.

Comic Relief has revised guidelines for its grant making programmes for 2009 – 2012 with its small grants for local communities programme being managed by the Community Foundation network in the UK. It will make fewer, but larger grants to increase its impact.

Priorities are –

- Mental health
- Young people experiencing domestic and sexual abuse
- Refugee and asylum seeking women
- Sport for Change (maximum £100,000)
- Young people aged 11-25
- Local communities (the Scottish Community Foundation which will be managing this programme)

Grants can cover running and capital costs with match funding encouraged. Awards are likely to range from £25,000 to £40,000 with the next deadline 5 March 2010. For information see www.comicrelief.com/apply_for_a_grant/uk/how_to_apply

Friends Provident Foundation - Financial Inclusion Programme 2009 - 2012

The Foundation's main grant giving programme 2009 – 2012 opened in early October 2009 and focuses again on Financial Inclusion with the aim of improving access to financial services for those who are currently excluded, particularly those on low incomes or otherwise vulnerable to market failure. These services include banking, free debt advice, savings and affordable credit. The three year programme has 6 specific outcomes:

1. A shared vision amongst key stakeholders of what financial inclusion means.
2. Universal banking access. (open to applications).
3. Sustainable debt advice. (open to applications).
4. Increasing savings: helping low-income groups build up savings in order to combat poverty. (open to applications).
5. Affordable credit. (open to applications).
6. Identifying and supporting third sector providers of financial services that are used by low income people as part of sustaining the progress towards financial inclusion.

The 'shared vision' and 'sustaining the progress' outcomes will not consider unsolicited applications but instead invite tenders or commission pieces of work amongst organisations with an existing track record. Applications under the other four remaining outcomes will be on an open application basis.

For more information, visit

<http://www.friendsprovidentfoundation.org/page.asp?section=90§ionTitle=Overview+of+the+Financial+Inclusion+Programme> or phone 0845 26 83388

Links Foundation provides grants to disadvantaged communities that:

- advance people's education
- reduce significant disadvantage
- assist those in conditions of poverty
- need or distress
- provide for recreational or other leisure time occupation

Recent grant awards have averaged £20,000 and can cover salary, rent and stationery as well as capital costs. Examples of successful projects include arts, crafts and drama facilities for residents on a deprived estate, funding part-time caseworker to support vulnerable and disadvantaged young people, and supporting people with disabilities to become self-employed.

See www.linksfoundation.org for more information.

Station Community Regeneration Fund (SCRF) aims to make use of disused railway station buildings as either:

- A business meeting passenger or community needs
- A community project which contributes to the local economy

Through this improvements can be made to facilities at stations; bring redundant buildings back into use; create opportunities for jobs and community involvement.

Funding can be used to carry out structural repairs to buildings over and above normal railway works or to meet up to 50% of fit-out costs of the building for its intended use. There is no fixed upper limit but the expectation is that project will be over £5,000. For more information contact ScotRail at SCRF@firstgroup.com or phone 0845 601 5929. More information can be found at <http://www.scotrail.co.uk/content/scrf.html> .

Cruden Foundation Grants Programme supports small projects that are of general community benefit and is aimed at registered charities in Scotland. They do not have specific guidelines or application form but support a wide range of activities. For more

information contact the Secretary, Baberton House, Juniper Green, Edinburgh, EH14 3HN

The Barcapel Foundation funds three priority areas:

- **Health** – hospitals, hospices, research, complementary medicine, mental health.
- **Heritage** – the built environment, literary, architectural and artistic heritage.
- **Youth** - assisting children and young adults, particularly those from socially and financially disadvantaged backgrounds and any charity, organisation, individual or endeavour that seeks to motivate young people.

Grants can be up to £100,000, with all potential awards over £15,000 assessed by a team operating independently of the Trustees.

For more information see <http://www.barcapelfoundation.org> .

BT Community Connections Award is a scheme which enables community and charitable organisations to get online and make use of information and communications technology. Organisations, working in any field of community benefit, located throughout the UK can apply for a laptop and a year's free broadband connection.

For more information see www.btcommunityconnections . The deadline is 5 January 2010.

The Nominet Trust offers funding support to help disadvantaged and vulnerable groups use the internet. Projects should be new or an extension of an existing project, have a wide reach or demonstrable potential in the long term and have the internet at its core.

Target groups are the young, the elderly, the disabled, the sick, the disadvantaged, and those who are vulnerable.

For more information, please visit www.nominettrust.org.uk or tel 01865 334000.

The Fuserna Foundation offers grants of between £5,000 and £15,000 to charities and individual charitable projects that are failing in their objectives, due to financial constraints and/or lack of exposure and publicity. These projects should:

- Alleviate poverty and financial hardship, relieve sickness and poor health.
- Enable individuals to reach their potential despite social, physiological or environmental limitations.
- Assist, promote and encourage sustainable projects that create long-term benefits for disadvantaged local communities
- Assist in the treatment and care of individuals suffering from mental or physical illness or those in need of rehabilitation

For more information see www.fusernafoundation.org or tel: 0207 409 3900.

People's Postcode Trust

Set up by the People's Postcode Lottery, the Trust will distribute funds to small organisations, community groups and registered charities.

Projects should have one or more of the following aims:

- To prevent poverty, sickness and distress for the benefit of the public
- To promote, maintain, improve and advance health
- To advance citizenship or community development
- To advance public participation in sport
- To promote, improve and advance human rights, conflict resolution or reconciliation
- To promote and advance environmental protection or improvement

The funding is for individual 3 month projects ranging from £500 up to £10,000.

For more information see <http://www.postcodetrust.org.uk/index.php> or call 0131 555 7288/ 554 8794. Next deadline 18 January 2010.

Sylvia Waddilove Foundation supports:

- Educational projects for children and adults, particularly relating to the Arts
- Musical composition and performances
- Herbal medicine
- Medical research, especially regarding ageing diseases

- Assistance for the disabled
- Farming, organic farming and animal husbandry

The Foundation favours small charities that will carry out the project themselves, rely on volunteers and can demonstrate a successful history of projects. Grants can be up to £20,000.

For more information see www.pwwsolicitors.co.uk/charitable-applications/charitydetails/the-sylvia-waddilove-foundation-uk

Applications should be submitted before the last week in December, March, June and September each year.

Hilden Charitable Trust provides grants of up to £5,000 to support small community charities that address their key priorities:

- homelessness
- minorities and race relations
- penal affairs

The next deadline is 29 January 2010 and more information is available at www.hildencharitablefund.org.uk

Voluntary Action Fund – Community Chest is aimed at smaller community groups and voluntary organisations with an annual income under £25,000. Groups can apply for £1,000 funding for a wide range of activities or operational costs, including training for committee members and volunteers; visits to other organisations and conferences; or professional support and consultancy.

In addition, they are also keen to fund groups who meet any of the following criteria:

- Work with disability or health related issues
- Beneficiaries who are excluded due to their ethnicity, disability, gender, or sexual orientation
- Provide childcare

See www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk for application information or phone 01383 620780 or e-mail: Patricia.McKibben@voluntaryactionfund.org.uk

Scottish Community Foundation grants are available to registered charities and constituted community groups that provide support, services and activities to disadvantaged women and girls. The Women's Fund for Scotland supports a wide range of projects, initiatives and events.

Projects should support women's development, self-sufficiency, and economic and social equality.

Example could be:

- Enhancing local facilities, for the purpose of encouraging women who experience discrimination, disadvantage, or live in areas of deprivation to live or work within their local community;
- Benefiting local women who have particular needs because of their gender, age, sexuality, disability or race or religion;
- Assisting women to make use of local facilities and opportunities for education, training or employment purposes;
- Promoting a safe and crime free environment for women in their communities.

Grants of up to £5,000 are available up to the 11th December 2009. For more information contact the Scottish Community Foundation grants team on 0141 225 6670 or visit the website at <http://www.scottishcf.org/>

The Kelly Family Charitable Trust prioritises charities whose activities involve family members in initiatives that support and encourage the family to work as a cohesive unit in tackling problems that face one or more of its members. It also welcomes applications from sports and health-related charities whose activities comply with the above criteria.

The Trust will consider both capital and revenue grants, including core funding as well as project-based grants. Grants are normally between £1,000 and £5,000 and are awarded twice a year (1 March and 1 September) to charities whose aims fall within the criteria of the Trust. For more information contact Stuart Armstrong: s.armstrong@kfct.org or <http://www.kfct.org.uk/apply.html>

CRASH grants are available for refurbishing buildings for homeless people. CRASH is the construction and property industries' charity for homeless people. It helps frontline organisations that help homeless people. CRASH address issues of homelessness by helping with all aspects related to refurbishment of buildings. For example hostels, day centres, night shelters, training centres and move-on accommodation. The support programme offers professional expertise, cash grants and building materials.

For more information see <http://www.crash.org.uk/apply-for-help/> or contact the CRASH office, Tel: 020 8742 0717.

UnLtd, the charity for social entrepreneurs has teamed up with Channel 4 to launch a new funding scheme (**4iP**) to help individuals turn their digital media projects into a reality. Grants are available to help individuals develop early stage digital media ideas and prototypes and to turn these into social businesses. This can include supporting ideas for websites, games and mobile services. There are two themes:

- using the web and mobile to keep an eye on how government, organisations and elected representatives use their power; and
- exploring how digital tools, games, applications and services can help people change their lives for the better whether that's their health, wellbeing, finances, work/life balance or dealing with unemployment.

Awards are up to £5,000 and are available to individuals over the age of 16, as well as informal groups. For more information contact 08458501122, email

4ip@unltd.org.uk or visit

<http://www.unltd.org.uk/template.php?ID=179&PageName=4ip>

Adopt an Apprentice

Employers can receive money to recruit a redundant apprentice under a Scottish Government scheme, the first project to be supported through the Government's skills development programme ScotAction. The scheme offers an incentive for firms to take on apprentices made redundant as a result of the recession and is available to both public and private sector employers, as long as they agree to employ the apprentice for a minimum of 12 months.

£2,000 is available for each recruit with organisations encouraged to link up with a training provider to identify a suitable apprentice. Skills Development Scotland are managing the money. For more information see

<http://www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk/redundancy.aspx>

Third Sector Enterprise Fund offers awards of between £25,000 to £100,000 to third sector organisations who can demonstrate how they intend to make transformational step changes to their capacity, capability and sustainability. In addition, the Scottish Government have set aside £250,000 specifically for Credit Unions. The Credit Union Fund will offer established Scottish Credit Unions between £2,500 and £25,000 to build their capacity, capability and financial sustainability. Credit Unions can also apply to the Enterprise Fund where the level of funding being asked for is more than £25,000.

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/People/15300/funding/enterprisingskillsfund>

Loan Finance for Social Enterprises

BIGinvest is a specialised provider of finance to social enterprises. Social enterprises are defined as businesses with primarily social objectives whose surpluses are principally reinvested for that purpose in the business or community, rather than being driven by the need to maximise profits for shareholders and owners. Loans are available for Commercial property renovation or purchase, equipment purchase, growth or acquisition and working capital. The average size of Big Issue Invest's loans are around £200,000. The minimum loan size is £50,000. Each loan is tailored to each enterprise's stage of development and risk profile, as well as being focused on scaleup. See <http://www.biginvest.co.uk/> for more information.

MSE Charity

Grants are available for projects that help raise awareness and educate people about the problem of consumer debt. Grants of up to £5,000 can be provided to fully constituted organisations that have their own bank account. For more information visit: <http://www.msecharity.com/index.html?pid=1>

Community Chest Small Grants Programme is available to voluntary sector groups and organisations throughout West Lothian. Grants are between £1,000 and £3,000 for eligible activities. The focus is on 2 main target groups, Women and Young People, although other projects will be considered.

The 2 key themes are:

- Capacity Building & Early Stage Development Proposals: Assistance with the development of business plans and new project proposals. Feasibility studies. Development of organisation legal structures and constitutions. Support for organisational development, training for management committees and volunteers.
- Implementation of Small-scale Projects: Support for new initiatives and activities delivered through existing organisations. Support for the target groups of young people and women experiencing barriers to services and excluded from employment and other opportunities.

For further information and application material contact: David Murray, Community Regeneration, West Lothian Council on Tel: 01506 777128 or e-mail

david.murray@westlothian.gov.uk

Secret Millionaire Fund is a TV based grant available for community projects or organisations you think would benefit from Big Lottery funding that can bring real improvements to the lives of communities.

Grants will be between £300 and £10,000 with applications welcomed from voluntary and community groups, schools, community councils, local authorities and health boards with a deadline of 21 December 2009.

For more information see http://secretmillionaire.channel4.com/fund_info.shtml

West Lothian Development Trust Fund is money received from windfarm developments in West Lothian. The purpose of the fund is to assist communities within 10km of any windfarm development.

70% of all funding received will be spent in communities within 5km of any windfarm development. The remaining 30% will be spent within 10km

Projects should meet one of the following priorities:

- Relieve poverty, advance education or social purposes beneficial to an eligible community
- Promote and encourage environmental improvement or enhancement
- Secure investment, create employment, implement training, promote or secure sustainable development
- Provide or assist in the provision of renewable energy

The Trust has two strands of funding, a small grants fund of up to £2,000 and a main grants fund of up to £25,000. A maximum of 70% intervention rate applies to both grants.

Eligible areas for the Black Law Fund

- 5km - Fauldhouse
- 10km – Fauldhouse; Longridge; Stoneyburn; Breich; Addiewell; Whitburn; and Greenrigg

The West Lothian Development Trust meets bi monthly to assess applications.

Closing date for the main grants applications are:

- 27th November

For more information and application material see

<http://www.westlothian.gov.uk/windfarms/>

West Lothian Financial Inclusion Network Small Projects Fund

The Financial Inclusion Network has a Small Projects Fund of £16,000 a year available for partners' projects.

Examples of the projects that have successfully applied for funding include:

- Howden Food Co-op/Livingston Credit Union – to help set up a new credit union collection
- West Lothian Women's Aid AGM

- Throughcare/Aftercare – to provide a daily supply of fresh fruit for service users
- “Bollywood Comes to Bathgate”

If your organisation would like to apply for funding, please contact Janet Mundy for an application form on 01506 633222, e-mail janet.wlcuf@btconnect.com

The **Coalfields Regeneration Trust’s Bridging the Gap** programme offers grants of between £500 and £10,000 to community and voluntary groups within the ex-coalfield communities of West Lothian to improve the quality of people’s lives. The CRT will support projects that fit into one or more of the following funding themes:

- Access to employment;
- education and skills;
- health and wellbeing; and
- access to opportunities.

CRT offers quick access to funds and aims to make a decision within 12 weeks of receiving an application. This funding programme will run until March 2011.

Applications can be submitted at any time. For more information see

www.coalfieldsregen.org.uk/bridgingthegap/default.asp or tel. 01259 272127

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8. Useful Contacts

Lottery Funding

- Awards for All – www.awardsforall.org.uk
- Big Lottery Fund – www.biglotteryfund.org.uk
- Heritage Lottery Fund – www.hlf.org.uk
- Sportscotland – www.sportscotland.org.uk
- Scottish Arts Council – www.scottisharts.org.uk

Other useful funding sources

- The Tudor Trust - www.tudortrust.org.uk
- BBC Children in Need - www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/index.shtml
- The Robertson Trust - www.therobertsontrust.org.uk
- Esmée Fairbairn Foundation - www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk

Additional support with identifying and applying for funding is available through the **Voluntary Sector Gateway West Lothian**, (the new organisation that replaces VAWL and Volunteer Centre West Lothian). Contact: Claire McAteer, Development Worker on (Claire.McAteer@vawl.org.uk) or Leigh Walker, Resource Worker on (Leigh.Walker@vawl.org.uk) or phone 01506 634155. Also see <http://www.vawl.org.uk/> or <http://www.voluntarysectorgateway.org/> for more information.

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