



Community Engagement Reference Group

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www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/communityplanning

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Big Lottery Fund - Realising Ambition

Realising Ambition is a UK-wide initiative that will invest £25 million in projects that have proven their effectiveness in helping young people fulfil their potential and avoid the pathways into offending.

It will do this by helping to replicate the very best evidence based practice so that more children and young people receive the highest quality of service. Charities and community groups can apply.

The programme is managed by Catch 22 on behalf of the Big Lottery Fund, and it is intended that up to 20 projects will be funded.

More info:

[Big Lottery Fund](#)

Making a Difference - Locally

Making A Difference – Locally is an initiative that helps independently run local stores contribute to local good causes. Store owners chooses the beneficiary for the money and a donation is paid to the charity or cause by the

Making A Difference – Locally Charity. Charitable and community groups can apply for support for good causes.

Over 2,000 Nisa- Today and Costcutter stores participate.

More info:

[Making a Difference - Locally](#)

Fund101 - New Small Business Grants Available (UK)

Fund101 is a new initiative for UK-based entrepreneurs looking to turn an idea into a new business and for existing small companies wishing to purchase equipment to help take their enterprise to the next level.

Administered by Enterprise Nation, the programme is designed to assist those who are looking for relatively small amounts of capital support. The initial

funding pool is £50,000 and this will be topped up each month with an additional £5,000 provided by Intuit and PayPal. Individual grants ranging from £50 to £500 can be requested.

The grants can be used to fund miscellaneous capital costs associated with starting up a new venture and for existing small businesses to purchase equipment, promotional flyers, hardware etc, in order to boost their operations.

UK-based start-ups looking to commence trading and those who are already in business and need funding to further their enterprise may be eligible for assistance through Fund101.

To apply, entrants must complete an online application, explaining how much money they require and for what purpose. They must then raise an equivalent number of votes to the grant they are seeking – if they need £100, they must engage 100 people to vote for them online.

When the target is met, the funds will be deposited into the successful candidates' PayPal accounts. Grant recipients must agree to be profiled on the Fund101 webpage to explain how the grant has benefited their business.

Speaking about the launch of the Fund, Enterprise Nation founder Emma Jones said: “Our research has shown that a lot of people only need a small amount of capital to get going – whether that be to buy a camera to take pictures of the products that they’re going to sell or to buy their first laptop. Of course there are people looking for £50,000 or more, but Fund 101 is very much for those people who need that first £500 to get going.”

Sally Revell, Head of Marketing at Intuit UK, said: “This fund will help thousands of people start and grow a business by providing them with hundreds of pounds. Not only do you receive money, applicants will also become part of a small business community from which to access help, support and advice as the business develops. Funding plus peer support is a powerful combination in the early stages of any business.”

The application process is now open and bids may be submitted at any time.

For more information and to apply for a grant, visit the Fund101 website

<http://enterprisenation.com/fund101/>

innov8

Innov8 is an open innovation competition for learners, educators, games and app developers, innovators and anyone with a vision for how technology can open up new opportunities for learning.

Individuals and group entrants can apply for funding to support new ideas to help learning. Entrants can win £1,000 to develop a pitch for their idea by working with the innov8 panel made up of young people, educationalists and innovators. The winner will win an additional £5,000 to see their idea come to fruition.

More info:
[innov8](#)

Social Entrepreneurs Fund Scotland - Level 2 Applications Invited

Applications are invited from entrepreneurial individuals across Scotland looking to set up and run a business with a social and/or environmental purpose.

There are now the following three levels of Award available through the Fund, depending on how far an idea has been developed:

- Level 0 Awards (up to £500) are primarily made through referrals.
- Level 1 Awards (£500 to £5,000) are for individuals who might need money to develop their business idea – for example, to test out a new idea.
- Level 2 Awards (up to £20,000) are for individuals who have progressed beyond this stage and are ready to go ahead with the idea and need resources to get going.

The scheme is open to any individual aged 16 and over and resident in Scotland who has a business idea and can demonstrate the need for assistance to make it reality.

Successful applicants will have the drive and passion to turn their idea into reality and must have given thought to how the money and support will help develop their idea.

Level 1 applications can be made at any time, with applications assessed on a monthly basis. Level 2 Awards are distributed four times a year. The next deadline for Level 2 applications has been confirmed as 24 October 2011.

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

New Funding Round for Public Engagement Grant

The Royal Academy of Engineering has announced a new funding round of its Ingenious Public Engagement Grant.

Innovative proposals are sought to help engineers, or science and engineering communicators, promote their expertise and explore ways to provide engaging training opportunities to a wider public.

Grants are available to projects that aim to achieve at least two of the following:

- Provide engineers with practical experience of public engagement activities, allowing them to share their expert knowledge and reflect on the social impact of their work.
- Include creative activities that challenge public engagement practitioners and engineers to communicate in new ways.
- Present opportunities for engineers to improve their communication and engagement skills through experiential learning and/or the design and delivery of bespoke training opportunities.
- Enable members of the public to discuss engineering and its impact on our daily lives.

Funding of £3,000 to £30,000 is available to develop public engagement with engineering projects.

Applications are welcome from UK based:

- Engineering organisations and institutions.
- Universities.
- Colleges.
- Schools.
- Science and engineering communicators.
- Public engagement specialists.
- Joint applications from engineers and organisations specialising in communication, education, arts or policy (e.g. think-tanks).

The **closing date** for applications to the current round of funding is **14 October 2011**.

For more information, visit The Royal Academy of Engineering website

http://www.raeng.org.uk/societygov/public_engagement/ingenious/default.htm

People's Postcode Trust - Dream Fund

The People's Postcode Lottery Dream Fund is an initiative developed by the People's Postcode Trust team to give organisations in Scotland the chance to deliver the project they have always dreamed of, but never had the opportunity to bring to life.

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To address the challenges being faced by the charitable and voluntary sector, the Dream Fund encourages organisations to collaborate to provide a more efficient service.

All applications must, therefore, come from at least two organisations that have joined forces. One of these organisations must be a registered charity, who will be considered the lead organisation for the project. The other organisations can be another charity, a voluntary group or a community interest company.

£300,000 is available in total for 2012 and interested parties can apply for up to a maximum of £100,000 to deliver a new and innovative 12-month project that will meet one of the following funding criteria:

- Helping communities lead an active life.
- Helping to involve volunteers.
- Helping to tackle climate change.

The Fund is now open to applications with a [closing date of 2 December 2011](#).

Further information is available at the following [link](#)

Wellcome Trust - International Ethics Grant Scheme

The Wellcome Trust manages a number of grant schemes to support research that explores the ethical and social aspects of biomedical research and health interventions with the ultimate aim of achieving extraordinary improvements in human and animal health.

The key strands of the programme are to fund research that:

1. Sets out to inform answers to questions about how we ought to resolve ethical dilemmas arising in biomedical research and the development and delivery of healthcare;
2. Seeks to explore and understand how the social aspects of health interventions or biomedical research impact their effectiveness;
3. Evaluates the effectiveness of public engagement and health communication interventions.

NGOs, Research and Education Institutions can apply for support for social research relating to biomedical and health interventions in developing countries

More info:

[Wellcome Trust](#)

Department for International Development (DFID) - Common Ground Initiative

The Common Ground initiative supports African development through UK based small and Diaspora organisations. This initiative is managed by Comic Relief and co-funded by the Department for International Development. UK registered charities working on development projects in Africa can apply.

The scheme aims to increase access to funding for small and Diaspora-led organisations in the UK that are working to create sustainable changes to some of the poorest and most disadvantaged communities in Africa; and to strengthen the capacity of small and Diaspora organisations in the UK.

More info:

[Department for International Development \(DFID\)](#)

Department for International Development (DFID) - Global Poverty Action Fund

The Global Poverty Action Fund (GPAF) supports international development projects focused on poverty reduction and pursuit of tangible changes to poor peoples lives through: service delivery, empowerment and accountability and work on conflict, security and justice. UK registered charities and NGOs can apply for up to £250,000 for the relief of poverty in developing countries.

Projects will be selected on the basis of impact on poverty, clarity of outputs and outcomes, and value for money. Eligible countries are located in Africa and Asia - a full list is available on the DFID website.

More info:

[Department for International Development \(DFID\)](#)

DFID - UK Aid Match

UK Aid Match will match public donations to appeals for projects focused on poverty reduction and the pursuit of the Millennium Development Goals in selected developing countries (see DFID website for details).

UK registered charities and NGOs can apply for a share of up to £5 million pounds for projects that address poverty reduction in developing countries. Organisations applying to have their appeals match funded will be selected on the basis of the reach of their appeal, a commitment to providing a transparent account of their funding and its use, a demonstrable impact on

poverty, clarity of outputs and outcomes, capacity to deliver and value for money.

More info:

[Department for International Development \(DFID\)](#)

Hercule II Programme (2007-2013)

Programme promoting activities in the field of countering fraud and any other illegal activities affecting the Community's financial interests such as corruption and smuggling.

The Community action programme to promote activities in the field of the protection of the Community's financial interests, Hercule programme II, has the following remaining deadlines for 2011:

- Technical Assistance Programme - Technical Assistance for Law Enforcement Agencies Combating Fraud, including Automated Container Code Recognition Systems – [second deadline extended to 1 October 2011](#).
- External Anti-fraud Training Programme - [19 September 2011](#).
- European Lawyers Associations - [30 September 2011](#).

Further information is available on the HERCULE [website](#)

Europe for Citizens 2007-2013

Europe for Citizens promotes European citizenship through addressing the challenge of how to bridge the gap between citizens and the European Union. It aims to make European citizens more aware of their duties as citizens and become actively involved in the process of European integration, developing a sense of belonging and a European identity.

Call for Proposals under the Europe for Citizens Programme (2007-2013) for the implementation of Action 2 - Measures 1 and 2, Structural support for EU policy research organisations (think-tanks) and for civil society organisations at EU level (operating grants).

All applicants must submit their applications using the eForm currently available on the EACEA [website](#). Applications submitted on paper by post, fax or e-mail will NOT be accepted.

The maximum eligible grant for a project is €100,000.

[The deadline for submissions is 17 October 2011 \(mid-day Brussels time\)](#)

Alpine Club Climbing Fund

The aim of the Alpine Club Climbing Fund is to support expeditions comprising UK club members (or whose application for membership has been received by the Membership Secretary) that have an exploratory element or are attempting a new or unique project.

Innovation in Giving Fund

Funding available to support and develop innovative ideas that bring about a change in levels of giving and exchange and which have a credible route to being self-sustaining in the longer term.

Winston Churchill Memorial Trust

The Trust provides funding for British citizens to travel anywhere in the world for between four and eight weeks, with the aim of gaining knowledge and experience that will enhance effectiveness at work and contribution to the community.

Jeans for Genes Day/Genetic Disorders UK Grant Programme

Grants available to UK registered charities and support groups for projects that improve the understanding of genetic disorders, fund research into the causes of, and treatments and cures, and help the people who suffer from such disorders to cope with the challenges that arise.

Year of Creative Scotland

Funding for creative ideas to help celebrate Scotland's cultural and creative vibrancy, and attract visitors to the country in 2012, 2013 and 2014.

Culture Programme 2007 - 2013

This programme will build upon the achievements of the Culture 2000 programme. Financial support is available to promote a common cultural area, characterised by both cultural diversity and a common cultural heritage, for European cultural co-operation projects in all artistic and cultural sectors. New call for proposals under the Culture Programme 2007-2013 for the following strands:

Strand 1.1: Multi-annual Cooperation Projects. Deadline: 5 October 2011. Budget: €20.6 million.
 Strand 1.2.1: Cooperation Projects. Deadline: 5 October 2011. Budget: €19 million.
 Strand 1.2.2: Literary Translation Projects. Deadline: 3 February 2012. Budget: €2,915,371.
 Strand 1.3.5: Special Cooperation Projects with Third Countries. Deadline: 3 May 2012. Budget: €1.5 million.
 Strand 1.3.6: Support for European Cultural Festivals. Deadline: 15 November 2011. Budget: €2.7 million.
 Strand 2: Supports for Organisations Active at European Level in the Field of Culture. Deadline: 15 September 2011. Budget: €6.1 million.
 Strand 3.2: Cooperation Projects between Organisations Involved in the Impact assessment of Cultural Policies. Deadline: 5 October 2011. Budget: €700,000.

For more information, visit the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency [website](#)

European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR) 2007-2013

The aim of the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR) is to strengthen the role of civil society in promoting human rights, including social rights and democratic reform.

Community Covenant Grant

Max. Value: £ 250,000

Financial assistance is available for local projects strengthening the relationships between members of the armed forces and their communities.

Central Scotland Green Network Orchard Grant Scheme 2011/2012.

Following on from last year's success, Stirling-based environmental charity Forth Environment Link has announced the launch of another year's funding of the Central Scotland Green Network Orchard Grant Scheme 2011/2012.

The scheme, supported by the Central Scotland Green Network Development Fund 2011, aims to encourage landowners, land managers, community groups, organisations and agencies to establish and manage orchards, and increase orchard biodiversity. It will cover the whole of the Central Scotland

Green Network area across nineteen local authority areas from Stirling to South Ayrshire, and from North Ayrshire to East Lothian.

FEL Executive Director, Jane Cullingworth said, "We are absolutely delighted to be hosting the grant scheme for a second year. The community take up last year was very strong. With an increased level of funding and resourcing this year the scheme can make a significant impact on our environment, making the central belt of Scotland an orchard rich area."

Forth Environment Link Project Officer, Diane Alderdice said, "Over 400 fruit trees of eight different species and over 80 varieties were planted last year over an estimated eight hectares, which considerably adds to the total orchard habitat area across the Central Scotland Green Network.

The grant scheme is about a lot more than trees. Orchards bring individuals together; they strengthen communities as well as benefiting our environment. We look forward to this grant scheme continuing to build and bring joy to our communities."

Applications can be made by landowners, land managers, community groups and organisations, schools, and local authorities who can demonstrate community involvement in designing and delivering the project.

Grants of between £100 - £500 are available for the purchase of fruit trees, stakes, ties and tree guards; training, eg. tree planting; enhancing biodiversity; pruning; educational and community events; increasing biodiversity; and using the fruit.

To apply for funding from the Central Scotland Green Network Orchard Grant Scheme 2011/2012, please:

visit http://www.fvfl.org.uk/How-You-Can-Get-Involved/grant_scheme_ripe_picking.html and download the application pack, or

contact Amparo Echenique, Forth Valley Orchards' Administrator, on 01786 449215, or

email csgnogs@forthenvironmentlink.org, or

write to us at: CSGN Orchard Grant Scheme 2011 / 2012, Forth Environment Link, Offices 5 & 6, Earls Gate House, St Ninian's Road, Stirling, FK8 2HE.

The deadline for returning applications is **Monday, 31 October 2011**, and all projects must be completed by **Friday, 23 March 2012**.

Please contact Diane Alderdice, Forth Environment Link Project Officer on 01786 449215 or email: diane@forthenvironmentlink.org if you need any advice with your application or carrying out your project.

The Prince's Countryside Fund

The Prince's Countryside Fund is currently open for applications, whilst a new fund has launched in rural Ayrshire. There's also an update on the LEADER and the Rural Priorities strands of the Scotland Rural Development Programme.

The Prince's Countryside Fund supports projects which improve the sustainability of British farming, rural communities and reconnect people with the countryside. [Grants of up to £50,000 are available but the closing date for the current round of funding is October 14th, 2011.](#) You can find further details [here](#).

The rural Ayrshire renewable energy fund has £320,000 available for Ayrshire communities who want to develop renewable energy projects. The funding has to be spent by March 2012 and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. You can get further information through [Community Energy Scotland](#).

A new guide to the Scottish LEADER programme has been produced, which you can download from the [National Rural Network website](#).

The Rural Priorities section of the Scotland Rural Development Programme website contains some slightly ominous sounding updates on future funding. As you can read for yourself [here](#), an announcement on future funding rounds will be made after the Scottish Government's spending plans are revealed - these will apparently be 'an important consideration in determining the availability of funding'.

Big lottery fund - Realising Ambition

The Big Lottery (BIG) Fund has appointed a consortia to lead the Fund's UK-wide Realising Ambition programme which will focus on support for young people at risk of offending. The programme will focus on outstanding projects that have already proven their effectiveness in diverting young people from crime with the aim of providing support to young people at risk, helping them to realise their potential for a meaningful life and avoid pathways into offending.

The consortia will work closely with BIG to identify up to 30 of the best projects across the UK that might be suitable for scaling up or replication elsewhere. Grants of up to £3 million will be available for individual projects over three to five years.

Find out more at
http://news.biglotteryfund.org.uk/pr_090811_uk_ra__25_million_youth_ambition_?regioncode=-uk&status=theProg&title=BIG

LLOYDS TSB FOUNDATION FOR SCOTLAND

There are six deadline dates for the Henry Duncan Awards in 2012. The deadline dates are:

- 7 November 2011 - these applications will go to the Board in February 2012.
- 16 January 2012 - these applications will go to the Board in April 2012.
- 19 March 2012 - these applications will go to the Board in June 2012.
- 14 May 2012 - these applications will go to the Board in August 2012.
- 16 July 2012 - these applications will go to the Board in October 2012.
- 17 September 2012 - these applications will go to the Board in December 2012.

Charities can apply for a Capacity Building Grant at any time as there are no deadline dates for this programme.

Creative Identities Dance Fund

The Dance Fund is a strand of Creative Scotland's Creative Identities programme delivered in partnership with YouthLink Scotland. It is part of the Scottish Government's Cashback for Communities programme which reinvests the proceeds of crime back into communities to benefit Scotland's young people.

The £100,000 from the Scottish Government's Cashback for Communities scheme will be invested in a series of dance programmes for young people who would not normally have access, or who are considered to be vulnerable or at risk of offending. Grant awards of up to £5,000 are available.

For further information and to download an application form please visit www.youthlinkscotland.org/Index.asp?MainID=13225

Deadline - 31 October 2011

COMIC RELIEF

The Scottish Community Foundation is now accepting applications on behalf of Comic Relief for grants to organisations to empower local people enabling them to create lasting change in their communities. Projects should be run by people directly affected by the issues they are dealing with and priority will be given to small, locally based groups or organisations in areas of disadvantage that have a clear understanding of the needs of their community. This can also include "Communities of Interest" which cover a wider geographical area. Projects must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Increase local services
- Build skills of local people
- Increase community cohesion
- Respond to local economic needs
- Increasing sport and exercise for people who face social exclusion and isolation
- Using sport as a tool to help people who are experiencing difficulties in their lives to regain their confidence and self esteem.

Amount – grants between £1,000 - £10,000. The Scottish Community Foundation will distribute in total £365,647 between 2011 and 2013

Application forms can be downloaded from

<http://www.scottishcf.org/strengthening-communities/apply-for-a-grant/scotland-wide-grants-programmes/comic-relief-grants/>

or you can contact the Foundation on 0141 341 4960 or by emailing grants@scottishcf.org

Deadline - there will be decision making meetings between **December 2011 and June 2012** allowing plenty of time to apply for funding.

Paths for All grant fund

PFA fund projects that improve Scotland's health through the delivery of local health walk projects. Grants will be awarded to projects that show the potential to increase physical activity levels within their target groups (women over 45 and men and women over 65).

Amount - £200,000 is available in 2011/12. For community based work there are small (up to £5,000) and large (up to £30,000 with 50% match funding) grants available.

Contact - <http://www.pathsforall.org.uk/pfa/support/community-health-walks.html> for an application form and more information.

For stage 1 large grant applications - 16 September 2011. Please speak to your regional Development Officer Ali Hibbert Tel 01259 222 395 ali.hibbert@pathsforall.org.uk before submitting an application.

Applications for the small grant fund can be accepted at any time whilst funds remain. Development Officers will be happy to talk through any applications before you submit them.

Children in Need

The scheme – funding is available for projects relating to disadvantaged children and young people

Small grants – up to £10,000 per year for 3 years

Main grants – no ceiling on applications but unlikely to fund over £100k-£150k over 3 years

On-line only applications to www.bbc.co.uk/Pudsey

Deadline - 15 October 2011

Live UnLtd

Live UnLtd provides young people aged between 11 and 21 with the opportunity to create positive change in their communities. Applications must come from individuals or informal groups, and not on behalf of an organisation (e.g. school, youth club, youth centre).

Amount - up to £5,000. The programme also offers non-financial support from a Live UnLtd team member, including budgeting advice, networking opportunities, governance issues and working with volunteers.

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

Deadline – none given

First Light 90 Second Comedy Shorts

This fund will support between three and six short comedy genre films each up to 90 Seconds in duration with grants of up £20,000. A track record of film making with young people will be a requirement from applicants.

More info:

[First Light](#)
