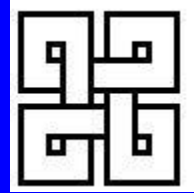


HOT FUNDING UPDATE



From EPNAVCO's Funding Officer

Sept 2009/1

For further information please contact gemma@epnavco.org.uk

New Funding Opportunities

>Health

Ecominds Announces Closing Dates (England)

Mind, is the leading mental health charity, has announced that due to the large number of applications received by its Ecomind programme, it is now introducing closing dates for its remaining unallocated funds. Through the Ecominds programme, Mind will fund a range of community and voluntary groups who want to encourage people with experience of mental distress to get involved in environmental projects, such as:

- improving open spaces and wildlife habitats
- designing public art
- recycling.

Funding is also open to commercial organisations for projects that operate on a non commercial basis and statutory bodies working in partnership with the third sector. Launched in 2008, Ecominds had a total of £7.5 million to distribute to around 125 projects.

The closing dates announced are:

- 12:00 noon on Friday the 30th October 2009 for large bids (£60,001 to £150,000)
- 12:00 noon on Friday the 8th January 2010 for Medium bids (20,001 to £60,000)
- 12:00 noon on Wednesday the 30th June 2010 for Small bids (up to £20,000).

Ecominds is particularly keen to encourage application for small grants which are currently not oversubscribed. To be eligible for funding projects must have:

- both a mental health and environmental perspective
- involve people with direct experience of mental distress

- encourage community access, collaboration, and improve the environment and environmental sustainability
- have a budget of under £250,000.

<http://www.mind.org.uk/ecominds/>

Funding to Prevent the Misuse of Alcohol (UK)

Organisations working to tackle alcohol misuse and raise awareness about the impact of alcohol misuse in the community have the opportunity to apply for funding through the Drinkaware Trust Awareness Project Grant scheme. The main objectives of the trust are to help reduce alcohol misuse, reduce alcohol related injuries and change the drinking culture in the UK. The Awareness Project Grant scheme is intended to help organisations develop existing and successful alcohol-awareness projects for people aged under 18 or between 25 and 44. Grants fall into 3 categories:

- Community based work
- Alcohol education work
- Projects focusing on generating new approaches to alcohol misuse that have the potential to be rolled out to a wider audience.

The Awareness Project Grants are made up to the value of £25,000 for the development of existing alcohol awareness schemes.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

<http://www.drinkaware.co.uk/grants>

Health Foundation Shine Innovation Awards 2009 (UK)

The Health Foundation has announced that its new Innovation Awards will open for applications on the 1st September 2009. Each year the Health Foundation will be looking for ideas that tackle a key challenge to high quality health care. The Foundation is looking to invest £75,000 in each of 18 teams from across the health services to put test and develop new ideas. This year, the challenge that the Awards are trying to address is: what new approaches to delivering healthcare can maintain or ideally improve quality while also saving money? To qualify for the award applicants will need a great innovative idea and the ability to pull together a team from across health various health services with experience in innovation, change management, measurement and self-evaluation.

The deadline for completed applications is 12 noon on the 27th October 2009.

http://www.health.org.uk/current_work/open_for_applications/shine_new_award.html

Jeans for Genes Calls for Grant Applications (UK)

UK charity Jeans for Genes has announced it is now accepting applications from other charities for grants up to £25,000. Jeans for Genes raises funds for research into serious genetic disorders affecting thousands of children such as cystic fibrosis, haemophilia and sickle cell. Funds also provide laboratory equipment and facilities, as well as valuable advice and support for families. The Charity is seeking applications for projects to "extend the reach of Jeans for Genes into the genetic disorder community". The charity is offering grants of between £500 and £25,000 to improve the understanding of genetic disorders and helping those people who suffer from such disorders to cope with the challenges that they bring.

The closing date for applications is the 30th September 2009.

<http://www.jeansforgenes.com/money/grants/apply>

Health & Well-Being Grant Ellesmere Port & Neston

The Health & Well-Being Small Grants Scheme offers grants from £50 to £1000 to small voluntary, community & faith sector groups in Ellesmere Port & Neston and aims to fund projects that

- Contribute towards the health & well-being of participants
- Help to tackle levels of disadvantage in the locality
- Respond to local needs & priorities
- Help people to improve the local community or community of interest
- Tackle barriers to social inclusion

There will be two funding rounds.

Round 1, closing date is 30th June 2009

Round 2 will close on 31st October 2009

To apply please contact Gemma @ EPNAVCO on 0151 356 7358 or email gemma@epnavco.org.uk

> Community Development

Applications Invited through the Townscape Heritage Initiative (UK)

The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) has published the application form and guidance notes for the next application round of the Townscape Heritage Initiative. The Townscape Heritage Initiative is HLF's grant giving programme under which it supports schemes led by partnerships of local, regional and national interests that aim to regenerate the historic environment in towns and cities across the United Kingdom. The programme is designed to address problems in areas of particular social and economic need. The scheme is open to single organisations (such as Local Authorities) or partnerships of not for profit organisations and provides grants of between £500,000 and £2 million. In addition, applicants can also apply for a development grant of up to

£50,000 at stage 1 and if successful can use this to meet the cost of planning and developing their scheme up to your second-round submission. There is a two stage application process and the deadline for stage 1 applications is the 30th November 2009. If applicants receive a first-round pass, they will need to develop the scheme further within a 12-month development phase and then send a detailed second-round submission. The second round is not competitive; a grant will be offered to the applicant if it meets the HLF's criteria and priorities.

<http://www.hlf.org.uk/English/HowToApply/OurGrantGivingProgrammes/TownscapeHeritageInitiative/>

New Green Loan Scheme Launched (UK)

The Department for Energy and Climate change has launched a new loan fund to help public bodies in England such as schools, hospitals and councils cut their carbon emissions and reduce their energy consumption. A total of £51.5 million is available in interest free loan funding to install a wide range of energy efficient technologies, such as solar panels, wind turbines and insulation, etc. There is no maximum level of loan funding available but the minimum loan is £5,000. The funding is being administered by Salix Finance an independent company funded by the Carbon Trust which is already working with 128 bodies, including local authorities, NHS Foundation Trusts, and further and higher education institutions to reduce their carbon footprint. The first call for the loans scheme closed on 17 July 2009 with in excess of 250 projects being accepted for funding. The next call is now open and has a closing date of 9 October 2009. Applications can be submitted at any time and will be processed within 2 weeks of receipt of all the necessary documentation.

<http://www.salixfinance.co.uk/loans.html>

B&Q - One Planet Living Grants

B&Q is working in partnership with environmental impact experts BioRegional, who have developed with WWF a global initiative based on ten guiding principles to become a One Planet business; B&Q aims to help its customers do the same in their homes and communities.

Through the scheme, schools, community groups and charitable organisations can apply to their local B&Q store for funding to support a local community project. Projects must support at least one of the following themes:

- * Save energy.
- * Conserve nature.
- * Support local culture & heritage.
- * Grow your own.

The scheme provides £50 to £500 (at retail cost) of B&Q materials e.g. pond liners, plants, peat-free compost for projects such as a pond/wildlife garden, or paints labelled low or minimal VOC for redecoration projects.

Applications must be made by 30 September 2009.

Community Builders

The Adventure Capital Fund has confirmed that the Community Builders Fund will be open for applications from 7 September 2009.

The fund will provide loans, grants and mentoring support to help empower citizens and communities by strengthening community-led organisations across England through a mixture of financial and advisory support.

The fund is organised into the following three investment packages:

- * A development package providing bespoke business support based on an initial needs assessment and leadership grants of £2,000 for staff development and training.
- * A feasibility package offering further business support of up to five days and grants of up to £20,000 to use towards project development of a growth plan. Grants of up to £75,000 and 30 days of support will be available for larger projects.
- * An investment package for organisations ready to develop, grow and expand their role within the community. Investment will consist primarily of loans between £50,000 and £2 million offered at 5% for an initial three-year period of a ten-year loan term.

Applications are welcomed from non-profit, multi-purpose, inclusive community-led organisations (sometimes known as Community Anchors), which are operating at a neighbourhood level.

Organisations can register their interest at the Communitybuilders website.

Porticus UK

Porticus UK's mission is to have solidarity with the poor and the marginalised, reflecting Christian responsibility and support for the social teaching of the Roman Catholic Church.

It aims to provide high quality charity advice, grant assessment and administration, and services to donors and partners that promote organisational effectiveness.

Grants of between £10,000 and £25,000 are generally awarded, although smaller grants of less than £10,000 are occasionally funded, as are larger projects.

Grants are only likely to be awarded if they fall under the following categories:

- * Strengthening Family Relationships.
- * Enriching Education.
- * Transformation through Faith.
- * Ethics in Practice.

Applications are only accepted from organisations that are a registered charity in England, Wales or Scotland, or a registered community interest company.

Porticus UK welcomes applications from all eligible organisations, whether or not they have a faith basis.

Applications may be submitted at any time.

Volant Charitable Trust

VOLANT Charitable Trust aims to support charitable causes and provide benefit for such purposes, objects or institutions regarded as charitable in law.

The Trust has two broad areas of funding:

- * Research into the causes, treatment and possible cures of Multiple Sclerosis.
- * Support for charitable organisations whose purpose is to alleviate poverty and social deprivation, with a particular emphasis on children's and women's issues.

However, due to current commitments, the Trust is not considering further applications for funding regarding the causes, treatment and possible cures of Multiple Sclerosis or applications for projects outside the UK at the present time.

Although no minimum or maximum amount is specified in the guidelines, the Trustees are prepared to support a charity by way of regular annual payments. Such payments are expected to cover project associated costs and will only, in exceptional circumstances, exceed three years.

Eligible applicants are registered charities in the UK.

Applications may be submitted at any time. Trustees meet in March and September to assess applications, with the deadline for assessment at the March 2010 meeting being 29 January 2010.

Church and Community Fund (England)

Under the Church and Community Fund grants of up to £15,000 are available to community projects run by parish churches, deaneries, dioceses and other bodies connected to or working in partnership with the Church of England. Projects supported must promote, aid and further the work of the Church of England. This does not exclude Anglican projects in partnership with ecumenical or other-faith partners, which are warmly welcomed, but it does exclude projects run by secular bodies which have little or no connection to the Church of England, overseas projects and projects in which an Anglican body is not a key player at a local level. Typical projects supported by the CCF might include employing a youth worker, renovating an old church hall for use as a community centre or providing hot meals for the homeless in a church room.

The next application deadline is the 30th October 2009.

http://www.churchandcommunityfund.org.uk/about_us.html

Art in Empty Spaces (England)

Arts Council England is now accepting applications for Art in empty spaces. The £500,000 scheme aims to help artists turn vacant high street shops into artistic and vibrant places, which the whole community can enjoy. This programme is running in partnership with the Department for Communities and Local Government's (DCLG) scheme "Looking After Our Town Centres", which will invest £3 million to reinvigorate ailing town centres during the recession. The fund aims to help artists and arts organisations to carry out artistic activities in vacant premises made available to them through the DCLG scheme. Generally grants of £1,000 - £10,000 are available, however applications for grants above this amount can will considered. Grants are available for all eligible artistic activity, exclusions include:

- fit-out, rent and other property costs
- purchase of materials to clean and decorate premises
- running costs, including insurance and utility bills
- buying assets such as equipment, instruments and vehicles.

There is no deadline for applications but this is a limited fund so it is advised to get applications in ASAP.

http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/aboutus/project_detail.php?rid=0&sid=&browse=recent&id=1149

Customer Donation Fund (UK)

Organisations that bank with the Co-operative Bank using their Community Directplus Bank Account, have the opportunity to apply for funding through the Bank's Customer Donation Fund. The Customer Donation Fund grows directly in relation to customers' deposits. For every £100 increase in collective balance held in Community Directplus accounts, the Co-operative Bank will add 20p to the fund. Then, twice a year, in April and October, the Bank will judge customers' applications for project funding and distribute a minimum of £5,000 amongst those customers that are successful. Every Community Directplus customer is entitled to make an application for funding. Previously successful projects include Whiston Parish Council, which received a grant of £1,000 to purchase specialist equipment to make the village recreation ground more accessible to children with disabilities. Bradford's Buttershaw Millennium Green Trust, which is a not-for-profit organisation made up of people from the local community received a grant of £500 to launch a new community website, with the aim of promoting local events and encouraging a deeper sense of community. Applications are judged twice a year, in April and October.

<http://www.co-operativebank.co.uk/servlet/Satellite?pagename=CoopBankv2/Page/tpICBv2PageStandard&cid=1121152810861&c=Page>

Bingo Lotto

BingoLotto is a live TV game which will donate 20 per cent of all Gamecard sales to voluntary and community organisations across the UK.

To support the launch of this exciting new game BingoLotto is also running a prize draw, offering the chance to win £1,000 for an NCVO member of your choice.

To enter all you need to do is nominate the community project you want to benefit from the £1,000 **by 21 September 2009**.

The more people that nominate the project of your choice, the better its chances of winning the £1,000.

To nominate go to <http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/index.asp?id=7826#Nominateamember>

> Children & Young People

The Joanies Trust (UK)

Registered charities working with young people aged 11 to 25 are eligible to apply for grants through the Joanies Trust. Each year, the Trust makes approximately 30 grants 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. In particular the Trust is looking to support projects that show innovation and imagination as well as evidence of close consultation with young people in developing their project. Grants awarded by the Trust include the Trinity Sailing Trust to use offshore sail training on traditional vessels as a way of engaging disadvantaged and disaffected young people; and the Derby Playhouse to fund a scheme, which distributes tickets to members of the community who may never have a chance to see a live performance due to financial circumstances or to social exclusion.

The next deadline for applications is the 31st December 2009.

<http://www.joaniestrust.org.uk/index.htm>

Big Challenge

Your Chance, Everybody's Change

Young people across the UK are invited to submit their ideas of how they want to bring their community together to be in with a chance of winning a share of £65,000. This week saw the launch of Big Challenge, a ground-breaking youth project that is being led by a group of 16-25 year olds from across the UK, with the support of UnLtd and Changemakers. Big Challenge asks young people to think about and act on the biggest challenges that we face in society today with a different issue as the focus each year.



The Big Challenge for 2009 is called Your Chance, Everybody's Change – how can you create unity in your community? The Youth Leadership Team of the programme decided on this challenge as they thought it represented issues that young people struggle with day to day and they believe that other young people will have great ideas in how to address this. Any 16-25 year old in the UK can now apply to win part of the Big Challenge prize fund for the year if they come up with an original and effective idea. Projects will be shortlisted by the young leaders of the programme who hold the £60,000 prize fund budget before a final online public vote to decide the winners. Winners of the prize fund will have their project costs paid for along with support and mentoring to carry out their ideas.

See the Big Challenge website for further information and to apply - Website:

www.bigchallenge.org.uk

The competition is open until September 28th 2009.

HLF - Young Roots

Providing grants of between £3,000 and £25,000, the Young Roots Programme aims to involve 13-25 year olds in finding out about their heritage, developing skills, building confidence and promoting community involvement. Young Roots projects stem directly from young peoples' interests and ideas, harnessing their creativity and energy and helping them work with others in their local community.

Young Roots is a rolling programme and there are no deadlines for applications. You will receive a decision on your application within 10 weeks from HLF receiving your fully filled-in application.

To receive a Young Roots grant, your project must relate to the varied heritage of the UK and: provide new opportunities for a wider range of young people aged 13 to 25 to learn about their own and others' heritage; allow young people to lead and take part in creative and engaging activities; develop partnerships between youth organisations and heritage organisations; and create opportunities to celebrate young people's achievements in the project and share their learning with the wider community.

Your project must also create either: opportunities for young people to volunteer in heritage; or new opportunities for young people to gain skills in identifying, recording, interpreting or caring for heritage.

To apply for this grant, please follow the steps set out in the HLF's Website:

<http://www.hlf.org.uk/English/HowToApply/OurGrantGivingProgrammes/YoungRoots>

Please contact their helpline if you need any further guidance: Tel: 020 7591 6042 Fax: 020 7591 6271

Email: enquire@hlf.org.uk

Philip Lawrence Awards

The annual Philip Lawrence awards are provided by a grant from the Home Office and administered by 4Children. The Awards aim to recognise individuals involved in projects that are good examples of responsible citizenship amongst young people aged 11 to 20. The Awards are keen to promote and support projects which allow young people to make a difference to their own lives and the lives of others, with a focus on building confidence, promoting safety and reducing crime. The Awards will recognise young people who are actively initiating, developing



and delivering their own schemes or programmes of work for the benefit of their local community.

The scheme, which has been running since 1997, has supported over 1,000 young people and their projects throughout the UK. The outstanding results have proved the Awards have been a huge success in promoting youth involvement in local communities and responsible social behaviour.

Key Criteria

To be eligible to enter the Philip Lawrence Awards candidates must be:

- Between the ages of 11 and 20.
- Involved in a project running for at least six months and initiated by young people that aims to:
 - Promote citizenship.
 - Reduce crime.
 - Challenge negative stereotypes of young people.
- Willing and able to take part in any publicity connected with the Philip Lawrence Awards.
- For further information on how to obtain this funding opportunity locally, please contact the following:

Philip Lawrence Awards

4Children
City Reach
5 Greenwich View Place
London
E14 9NN

Telephone: 020 7512 2100

> Education / Schools

Development Awareness Fund – Mini Grants Scheme (UK)

The Department for International Development (DFID) has announced that it is accepting applications for funding through its Development Awareness Fund - Mini Grants Scheme. Organisations within the UK and with an interest in international development issues can apply for funding under the Mini Grants Scheme. The programme provides grants of up to £10,000 per year for up to three years for projects that raise awareness and understanding of:

- international development issues within the UK

- of global interdependence
- of the need for international development
- of the progress that has been made.

DFID's contribution to a project will be a minimum grant of £1,000 and a maximum grant of £10,000 per year for up to three years. Previous projects supported include The World Centre Dundee, which works with primary school teachers and pupils in Dundee to learn about development issues through a focus on Bangladesh and the international clothing trade and the Workers Educational College, which works with trade union members and local communities in North Wales to increase understanding of global issues including the poverty reduction agenda, climate change, and global interdependence.

Project proposals must be submitted by 31 October 2009.

<http://www.dfid.gov.uk/Working-with-DFID/Funding-Schemes/Funding-for-not-for-profit-organisations/DAFMG/>

Funding to Support Ways of Learning with Technology (UK)

NESTA Futurelab has announced that the next "Call for Idea" will open on the 1st September 2009. Under the Call for Ideas Nesta will provide support and funding of up to £25,000 to turn new ideas about ways of learning with technology into working prototypes. This year NESTA wants to support ideas that push the current boundaries of how technology is used for learning; and challenge assumptions about how teaching and learning happen. This call is open to anyone within the UK. This could include teachers or learners, IT developers, schools and universities as well as commercial companies, etc. Previously ideas supported include "ShoutBox" a cross-platform tool which allows young people to recognise, capture and showcase their informal out-of-school learning experiences. Young people generate and collate different forms of content using their mobile phone and then share this online, tagging their learning with different categories such as sports, work, art, music etc.

Applications for this call for ideas need to be submitted by the 8th October 2009.

<http://www.futurelab.org.uk/get-involved/submit-an-idea>

> Funding Reminders

Just to remind you all that a lot of the grants that featured in the Dec 08 funding bulletin are still open for applications these include **Jeans for Genes, Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust, The Archer Trust & Secret Millionaire Fund** among others.

For further information contact Gemma @ EPNAVCO on 0151 356 7358 or gemma@epnavco.org.uk.

Faith in Action Funding Round Postponed (England)

The Community Development Foundation has announced that a second funding round for its Faith In Action Programme which was due to re-open in July 2009, has had to be postponed until later this year. Faiths in Action is a £4 million grants programme sponsored by Communities and Local Government and administered by the Community Development Foundation that is open to faith, inter faith, voluntary and community sector organisations at national, regional and local levels in England. The aim of the fund is to support the government's aspiration to help faith communities and others to promote understanding, dialogue and develop strong and sustainable partnerships. The Fund is particularly keen to support projects that focus on the inclusion and participation of women and young people and those which involve partnerships between one or more organisations. Faiths in Action supports delivery of the Government document, Face to Face and Side by Side. All applications must therefore directly relate to one or more of the fund's four priorities which are derived from this framework. These are:

- developing the confidence and skills to "bridge" and "link"
- supporting shared spaces for interaction and social action
- developing structures and processes which support dialogue and social action
- improving opportunities for learning which build understanding.

<http://www.cdf.org.uk/web/guest/faiths-in-action>

How can NCVO members benefit from BingoLotto funds?

BingoLotto has the potential to raise a significant amount of money. Twenty per cent of all Gamecard sales will be distributed to voluntary and community organisations across the UK, including NCVO members.

To start with, NCVO will invite smaller member organisations to apply for BingoLotto funding. If, as they hope, BingoLotto proves successful, they will expand the scheme to include our larger members.

HRNet Service

HRNet is a pilot scheme offering a unique free online resource. Registered charities can obtain answers to personnel questions from HR professionals in the commercial sector. The Cranfield Trust, Court Room Chambers, 1 Bell Street Romsey, Hampshire SO51 8GY
Tel: 0844 8003390 Email: admin@cranfieldtrust.org

Website: <http://www.cranfieldtrust.org/index.php?plDref=114-services>

Potential Volunteer

Stephen has good finance experience and recently passed the intermediate AAT qualification in Accounting. He is looking to complete his final accounting qualification as soon as possible. He is also looking for volunteering opportunities to gain experience within an accounts department.

PLEASE CONTACT STEPHEN WALKER DIRECT ON 07950 413695
or stevensmoo@hotmail.co.uk.

Previous Exp

work - 15 months in financial services as an administrator with McEwan Wallace in Hamilton Square - basic junior work , products include investments, endowments, pensions etc

Relevant Training and Qualifications

NVQ3 Business Administration may 2009

AAT Foundation and Intermediate june/july 2009 (accounting qualification).

Training

Governance

6th October 2009 10 00 am—2.30 pm

Key objectives covered will be:-

- Committee recruitment selection and appraisal.
- Voluntary Organisation structures and legal responsibilities.
- Trustee roles and responsibilities legal and otherwise.
- Trustee liability and how to reduce it.
- Effective communication between committee and paid staff.
- Risk assessment
- Question and answer session.

Public Speaking

Date to be confirmed

Key objectives covered will be:-

- Communication
- Dealing with nerves
- Confidence Building
- Body Language
- Barriers to listening
- Types of presentation
- Key stages in Planning, Preparing



and Delivering .

- Top tips.
- How information is taken in.
- Questions and Answers

These Courses are FREE to EPNAVCO member's places secured by £35 deposit Cheque per person which is refundable on attendance. Non Members Cost £35.00 per person payable in advance.

For further information or to book a place please contact joan@epnavco.org.uk