

August 2010 Funding Update

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COMIC RELIEF - INTERNATIONAL GRANTS PROGRAMME

Comic Relief helps some of the poorest and most disadvantaged people in the world to turn their lives around. The International Grants programme currently has seven open categories:

- * Trade.
- * People Affected by HIV and AIDS.
- * People Affected by Conflict.
- * Street and Working Children and Young People.
- * People Living in Urban Slums.
- * Women and Girls.
- * Sport for Change.
- * Common Ground Initiative.

Grants are awarded to UK-registered charities (including charities registered in the Channel Islands and Isle of Man) whose main aim is development and who work closely with local organisations. Applications to Comic Relief's trade programme, and to the Enterprise and Employment programme under the Common Ground Initiative may be made from any UK registered organisation where they can show that all profits generated from the project will be reinvested in the project.

Project grants of up to £1 million and research and development grants of up to £25,000 are available.

The Cycle 4 deadline for applications is 1st September 2010.

Further details for this programme are available from
http://www.comicrelief.com/apply_for_a_grant/international.

Big Lottery Fund

The current programmes available through Big, which the East of England is, or may become, eligible for are:

- *Awards for All* – a simple small grants scheme making awards of between £300 and £10,000. This is a rolling programme and you can find out if you are successful within 6 weeks of applying.
- *Big Local Trust* – our region is not within the first 50 of the eventual 150 areas for which this funding will be made available. However, do keep checking for this as the local funding schemes will enable people to make their communities better places to live in, now and in the future, by helping them develop the skills and confidence they need to identify priorities that matter to them and to take action to change things for the better.
- *Changing Spaces: Community Spaces* – this programme runs until January 2011 and funds community groups who want to improve local green spaces such as play areas, community gardens, parks wild life areas and village greens, kick-about areas and pathway improvements. The small and medium grant categories are still open which covers funding requirements of £10,000 to £25,000 and £25,001 to £49,999.
- *Changing Spaces: Community Sustainable Energy Programme* – this programme is scheduled to close on 29th October 2010. The programme helps community-based organisations in England reduce their environmental impact through the installation of energy saving measures and microgeneration technologies (producing heat or electricity on a small-scale from a low carbon source).
- *Community Wildlife* – this was a programme which opened in June 2010 which will fund projects that bring local people together to discover, enjoy or protect the wildlife in their local area. Funding of between £300 and £10,000 is available at each of the last two funding deadlines of 22nd September 2010 and 24th November 2010.
- *Heroes Return* – this programme continues until 31st January 2011 and is intended to enable WW2 veterans from the UK, Channel Islands and Republic of Ireland to apply for travel and accommodation costs to visit the places where they saw active service. Funding of between £150 and £5,500 is available, depending on the number of people taking part and the destination.

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- *Parks for People* – this is a very large funding stream which has two funding rounds left 31st August 2010 and 28th February 2011. Though they expect most applications for this programme to be led by local authorities, they do welcome applications from other not-for-profit organisations that own public parks.

For this grant programme, a “public park” means an existing designed urban or rural green space, the main purpose for which is for informal recreation and enjoyment. It includes parks, gardens, squares, walks and promenades.

- *Reaching Communities* – this has been the main core programme for some years now and continues to be the biggest funding opportunity for voluntary and community sector organisations. Reaching Communities funds projects that help people and communities who are most in need, and can really make a difference. Projects can be new or existing activities, or be the core work of your organisation.
- *Youth in Focus* – the newest of their programmes opens on 1st September 2010.

The groups they are targeting through this funding are:

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

The following link will take you to the Big Lottery Website page from which you may access the detail of each of the above funding opportunities <http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/index/funding-uk/funding-finder-uk>.

Southend Crime & Reduction Partnership (CDRP)

The Southend CDRP has a small funding opportunity available with a closing date of 3rd September 2010 as the bids will be considered by the CDRP Executive on 10th September. ***You may be a group based within Rochford but if you deliver your services within Southend, you may be eligible for this fund.***

The funding is wholly for Capital expenditure and the total size of the available funding is £28,000 which must be spent before 31st March 2011. However, no limit has been placed on the amount which can be applied for. Clearly, as this is a small pot of money and competition will be high, the larger the application the stronger it must be and the closer it must be to the Tier 1 criteria of the SIA/CDRP Priorities (that is Strategic Intelligence Assessment and Crime & Reduction Partnership). The relevant details of each of the three tiers are on page 2 of the application form which can be found on the SAVS Website.

If anyone needs more information or would like to talk through their proposal please contact Simon Ford, Partnership Manager, Community Safety at Southend Police Station 0300 333 4444 ext 470411 or via email on SimonFord@southend.gov.uk.

LINKS FOUNDATION

The Links Foundation provides funding to a wide range of community-based organisations across Britain to help provide facilities and services to improve the conditions of life.

Applications are accepted from community organisations in Great Britain involved in projects which:

- improve education;
- tackle significant disadvantages;
- assist those in poverty, need or distress; and
- provide for their leisure activities

The Foundation's average spend per project is currently £20,000.

The deadline for applications is 1st October 2010.

Following this funding round the Foundation will be considering new criteria for the next round of funding. A little further information can be found at their Website <http://www.linksfoundation.org>.

Regional Growth Fund

The Coalition Agreement committed the Government to “create a fairer and more balanced economy, where we are not so dependent on a narrow range of economic sectors, and where new businesses and economic opportunities are more evenly shared between regions and industries.”

On 29 June, the Government launched a £1 billion Regional Growth Fund to provide support for projects that offer significant potential for sustainable economic growth and can create new private sector employment. The fund will particularly help areas and communities currently dependent on the public sector make the transition to private sector led growth and prosperity.

This is an informal consultation that sets out the Government’s objectives for the fund and asks questions to support its detailed design.

The timing of the consultation has been aligned with the request already made for proposals on local enterprise partnerships and therefore ***closes on 6 September 2010.***

Respond to this consultation - Email: growth.fund@bis.gsi.gov.uk or Write: Growth Fund Consultation, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, St Mary's House, 9-11 London Road, Sheffield S2 4LA

Website: <http://www.bis.gov.uk/Consultations/regional-growth-fund-consultation?cat=open>

VOLANT CHARITABLE TRUST

The Volant Charitable Trust was set up by the author JK Rowling to support charitable causes in the UK. The Trust has two broad areas of funding:

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

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. Applications are accepted from registered charities in the UK. Applications may be submitted at any time and the Trustees meet in March and September each year to assess applications.

The deadline for consideration at the March 2011 meeting is 28th January 2011.

For any further information please visit: <http://www.volanttrust.com/guides.html>.

NATIONWIDE FOUNDATION

This foundation has expanded its Small Grants Programme criteria for charities working with older people. Applications can now be made by small charities working to support older people by improving their housing needs or addressing financial exclusion. Funding can be used to tackle a wide range of issues, including helping older people manage their energy bills and stay warm in their homes.

The application process is simple and grants of up to £5,000 are made every two months. Grants are available to registered charities with incomes under £500,000.

This programme is also open to charities which work with survivors of domestic abuse, focusing on finance and housing issues.

For more information tel. 01783 655113 or visit www.nationwidefoundation.org.uk.

GANNETT GRANTS

Local charities could receive a boost from our parent company, by applying for a grant of up to £50,000. The fund, from the Gannett Foundation, is available to any registered charity that can show a creative approach to helping the community. Charities can apply for the funding before the closing date of Wednesday, September 1, using the internet application online. Groups can apply for any amount between £1,000 and £50,000, although larger donations can be made for exceptional projects.

The Gannett Foundation gives priority to projects of lasting benefit, projects that benefit people with special needs and sport, environment, conservation and local history projects. Grants will not be made to individuals, organisations that are not registered charities, or national or regional organisations – unless their proposal addresses specific community needs. Medical or research organisations, animal charities and school groups are also ineligible, with the exception of special needs schools. Donations from the foundation cannot be used to pay salaries or to put towards general running costs, endowment funds, general appeals, or campaigns run over a year or more. If you are unsure whether your organisation, or request would be eligible, please call Michele Newman on the number below. Please use only the application form available on this website www.echo-news.co.uk/news/gannettgrants. Forms from any other site will be rejected, including the one on the Gannett Foundation website.

All application forms and supporting documentation should be sent to: Michele Newman, Echo Newspapers, Newspaper House, Chester Hall Lane, Basildon, Essex, SS14 3BL.

Open 4 Funding

Open 4 Funding is a suite of online funding search portals. Users are given free access to an easy to navigate online tool they can search all the funding opportunities available to them, including European Union, national Government programmes, regional schemes and local initiatives. It is kept up to date by an in house research team. There are also a number of proactive features whereby users can set up automatic alerts to receive new or updated fund information, and sign up to weekly newsletters.

Go to www.open4funding.info/page.aspx?SP=6558 for further information.

COMMUNITY MONEY MARKETPLACE (please see enclosed leaflet)

Wednesday 6th October 2010

10am – 4pm

Pontlands Park Hotel, West Hanningfield, Chelmsford, Essex CM2 8HR

- Access to a range of seminars by professional fundraisers, grant making bodies and legal experts
- Browse through our exhibitors hall of funders and charitable trusts
- Find out more about support available in your local area
- Light lunch and refreshment provided

Admission £10 per person. Price includes a place on up to 4 seminars, entry to exhibitions, light lunch and refreshments. Seminars throughout the day are -:

- Essex Community Foundation
- Funding for beginners
- Outcomes
- Legal Update (2 hours session)
- Fundraising and budgets
- Event planning
- Affordable marketing
- Big Lottery Fund
- Heritage Lottery Fund
- Income generation – NCVO
- Sustainability – NCVO

Places are limited so book early to avoid disappointment at www.cmm.btck.co.uk

If you require any further help or assistance with any of the detailed funding programmes then please contact your local Funding Officer listed below -:

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