

FUNDING

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Welcome to the autumn 2006 edition of SkillsActive's funding newsletter. The next few months promise to be a busy period for The National Lottery and other funding bodies. A whole range of new programmes have already been launched, and there are many other new programmes to come which will assist our community groups.

The headlines for this edition:

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- **Heritage Lottery Fund**
- **Arts Council**
- **UK Sport**
- **Sport England**
- **Awards For All**
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EXISTING FUNDING SCHEMES UPDATE

1. REACHING COMMUNITIES

Reaching Communities: England

Area: England

Closing date: No date set

Minimum grant: £10,000 Maximum grant: £500,000

Description: Reaching Communities, is a demand led England wide programme that will provide funding to help improve local communities and the lives of people most in need.

Reaching Communities: Northern Ireland

Area: Northern Ireland

Closing date: No date set

Minimum grant: £100,000 Maximum grant: £500,000

Description: Reaching Communities Northern Ireland makes grants to voluntary and community-led organisations.

Where can you find out more?

Further advice regarding this programme is available from the Big Advice line on 0845 4 10 20 30

2. BASIS (BUILDING AND SUSTAINING INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES)

Budget: Up to 155 million

Launch date:

- Second bidding window: Spring 2007
- Third bidding window: Spring 2008

The programme will fund projects from infrastructure organisations that:

- (a) Increase resources available to voluntary and community organisations
- (b) Increase voluntary and community organisations skills in:
 - Planning and management
 - Financial management and funding
 - Influencing national and local policy practice
 - Learning and sharing learning
 - governance

- (c) Improve sustainability of infrastructure, including capital for voluntary sector resource centres.

Where can you find out more?

Please visit the Big Lottery Fund website for further information about BASIS. You can also discuss the programme by contacting their information team on:

enquiries@biglotteryfund.org.uk or 0845 410 2030

3. CHILDREN'S PLAY:

Children's play

Area: England

Closing date: 7 September 2007

Minimum grant: £10,000 **Maximum grant:** £250,000

Description: The Big Lottery Fund's Children's Play initiative is based on the recommendations of the 2004 play review "Getting Serious About Play".

Playful Ideas programme

Area: England

Closing date: 31 December 2007

Minimum grant: £10,000 **Maximum grant:** £250,000

Description: The Playful Ideas programme will support projects that focus on innovation and new ways of providing for children's play.

If you have any queries about this programme, please contact the BIG Advice Line on **0845 4 10 20 30** where you can also obtain a Playful Ideas pack and guidance notes.

Children's Play programme

This £124 million programme is open for applications. Each local authority area has been allocated an amount of money based on the child population of the area and weighted by the level of deprivation.

They are other three rounds of applications with closing dates on 13 November 2006, 12 March 2007 and 10 September 2007.

As part of the application process local authorities have been asked to develop a local play strategy to address identified needs. If you require an electronic version of the application form, please email childrens.play@biglotteryfund.org.uk to request one.

The Children Play Council is leading the five-year development of the England Play programme. This is to help local agencies in planning for play across their area through the setting up of a national support and development infrastructure across the regions. There is a £15 million partnership between the Big Lottery Fund and the Children's Play Council.

The Play England Council is available to provide advice and support to both local authorities and the voluntary and community sector. Advice line **020 7843 6300** or visit www.playengland.org.uk.

4. RESEARCH PROGRAMME

Area: UK

Closing date: No date set

Minimum grant: No set

Maximum grant: No set

Description:

The Big Lottery Fund will provide up to £25 million in the UK over 2007-2009 to fund social and medical research grants in the UK. The aim of the Research Programme will be to influence local and national policy and practice by funding the Third Sector to produce and disseminate evidence based knowledge. In the longer term the programme, through producing sound evidence, will aim to help develop better services and interventions for beneficiaries.

Integral to meeting the aim of the programme will be the following five outcomes:

1. Improved understanding of issues relating to the Big Lottery Fund's UK themes and country outcomes
2. Improved Third Sector participation and knowledge in developing, doing and using research
3. Improved dissemination of Third Sector led research

4. Increased participation of beneficiaries and users in a range of research roles
5. Improved partnerships between the Third Sector and the research community.

ORGANISATION	KEY CONTACT	EMAIL ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER
		DELIVERING THE PROGRAMME	
TRIBAL	Barry Coleman, Managing Director	Barry.coleman@tribalgroup.co.uk	0845 094 0525
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A4E	David Bailey, Strategic Sales Director	d Bailey@a4e.co.uk	07810 183949
ECOTEC	Rachel Brackwell, Associate Director	Rachel.brackwell@ecotec.com	0121 616 3664
CHARIS	Doug Garforth, Director	dougarforth@charisgrants.com	01733 421021

The programme will be demand-led. It will fund medical and social research on issues identified, and considered important, by the charitable and voluntary and community sector; and support the use and dissemination of this research activity. Key will be that beneficiaries and users are involved, in setting the agenda, conducting, managing and disseminating the research.

Only organisations from the voluntary and community sector will be eligible to apply for funding. The voluntary and community sector will be encouraged to link up with universities and the wider research community, but universities themselves will be ineligible to apply for funding.

The delivery of the programme is to be outsourced. The following organisations have been short listed to submit full tenders for this contract: The successful bidders will be announced before the end of the year

with the programme opening for applications in spring 2007.

This programme is not open for applications and the following organisations should not be contacted for general advice about the research programme.

DEVELOPMENT & SUPPORT CONTACTS

ORGANISATION	KEY CONTACT	EMAIL ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER
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NATIONAL CENTRE FOR SOCIAL RESEARCH	Kandy Woodfield, Director	k.woodfield@natcen.ac.uk	020 7549 9553
NCVO	Karl Wilding, Head of Research	karl.wilding@ncvo-vol.org.uk	020 7520 2478
MATRIX	Mariell Juhlin, Head of Research and Evaluation	mariell.juhlin@matrixcl.co.uk	020 7614 0555
THIRD SECTOR FIRST	Michael Nugent, Director	mnugent@3sf.co.uk	0845 330 4027
UNIVERSITY OF LINCOLN, LINCOLN BUSINESS SCHOOL.	Jim Shutt, Business Development Manager	jshutt@lincoln.ac.uk	01522 886275 / 07870 322787

5. YOUNG PEOPLE FUND

Young People's Fund: Grants to individuals

Area: England

Closing date: 6 December 2006

Minimum grant: £250

Maximum grant: £5,000

Description:

The 'Grants to Individuals' strand of the Young People's Fund will fund young people's ideas for projects that will make a difference in their community.

Young People's Fund: Make it happen

Area: Wales

Closing date: No date set

Minimum grant: £500

Maximum grant: £5000

Description:

Make it Happen will give out £1 million in Wales over the next 3 years for projects, activities and equipment that will make a difference to young people aged 10 - 19.

Young People's Fund: Reaching out

Area: Wales

Closing date: 31 January 2007

Minimum grant: Not set

Maximum grant: £300,000

Description:

Programme to focus on young people between 10 and 19 years olds who are at risk of becoming disaffected and disengaged, particularly in disadvantaged communities.

Young People's Fund: Scotland

Area: Scotland

Closing date: 31 August 2007

Minimum grant: £5,000

Maximum grant: £1 million

Description:

The Young People's Fund in Scotland is a grant programme to help young people aged 11-25 learn new things and take part in healthy and positive activities.

6. ENGLAND GRANTS FOR THE ARTS:

Name of Distributor: Arts Council England

About this funding programme

“Grants for the arts” is used to help Arts Council England to achieve their five ambitions for the arts. These are:

- (a) Supporting the artist
- (b) Enabling organisations to thrive, not just survive
- (c) Championing cultural diversity
- (d) Offering opportunities for young people
- (e) Encouraging growth.

Enquiries can provide general information about the programme but applicants are strongly recommended to get advice from the office for the region in which they are based before they apply.

Turnaround time:

- 6 weeks for applications for £5,000 or less.
- 12 weeks for applications for over £5,000.

Closure Dates: This is a continuous programme.

Applying to this programme:

You can download an application form from the Arts Council website. You can also request a hardcopy of the application form by calling 0845 300 6200.

Distributor Contacts:

Arts Council England
14 Great Peter Street
London SW1P 3NQ
Phone: 0845 300 6200
Fax: 020 7973 6590
Textphone: 020 7973 6564
Email: enquiries@artscouncil.org.uk

7. CAPITAL BUILDING:

Area: Northern Ireland

Name of Distributor:

Arts Council of Northern Ireland

About this funding programme

Providing funding for the three stages of a building project: feasibility study, project development, building and fit-out costs.

Who can apply?

Priority is given to minor works, refurbishment and equipment applications.

Exclusions:

Applications for building costs must demonstrate their fulfilment of project feasibility and development

Geographical areas funded: Northern Ireland

Grant size:

- Minimum £10,001
- Maximum-this does not apply
- Average-this information is not available

Programme average success rate:

Information not provided

Turnaround time: 12 weeks.

Closure Dates: this is a rolling programme

Applying to this programme:

Please visit the Arts Council of Northern Ireland website.

Distributor Contacts:

Arts Council of Northern Ireland
77 Malone Road
Belfast, BT9 6AQ
Telephone: 028 9038 5200
Fax: 028 9066 1715
Email: info@artscouncil-ni.org

8. HERITAGE GRANTS:

Name of Distributor: Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF)

About this funding programme

Projects should also make sure that everyone can learn about, have access to and enjoy their heritage. Projects can include nature conservation, historic buildings, museum collections, archive collections, spoken history records, cultural traditions, and objects and sites relating to the UK's industrial, transport and maritime history.

Who can apply?

Constituted not-for-profit groups

Exclusions:

Projects must be UK-based and heritage focused

Geographical areas funded:

UK-wide.

Grant size:

- Minimum £50,000

- Maximum None
- Average £672,950

Programme average success rate:

- 69.17% first time applicants
- 76.57% non-first-time applicants to this scheme.

Turnaround time:

- 6 months to Stage 1 pass or single stage decision (under £1 million).
- 4 months to Stage 2 decision following Stage 1 pass and development funding.

Closure Dates

Open grant programme, applicants can apply at anytime. Grants of £5 million or more are assessed in competitive batches twice a year using our two stage progress.

Applying to this programme

By application form and supporting material.

Distributor Contacts:

Enquiries line: 020 7591 6042

Email: enquire@hlf.org.uk

9. PEOPLE AND PLACES

Area: Wales

Name of Distributor: Big Lottery Fund

About this funding programme

Projects that benefit communities and the environment in Wales

Who can apply?

Voluntary, community, public sector organisations, individual organisations or partnership of organisations

Exclusions:

Projects benefiting individuals or people outside Wales, projects that don't meet at least one of our programme outcomes

Grant size:

- Minimum £5,001
- Maximum £1 million
- Average Not available

Programme average success rate:

£66 million

Turnaround time:

- 1 month for the Outline proposal stage.
- 5 further months for full application received before to reach the decision stage.

Closure Dates:

Funding to be committed by December 2009.

Applying to this programme:

Contact BIG offices in Wales, telephone: 029 2067 8200. Complete an outline proposal form and if approved a full application form.

Distributor Contacts

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

10. COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND

Geographical areas funded: England

Name of Distributor: Sport England

About this funding programme

The Community Investment Fund focuses investment into projects and programmes that can help people to start, stay and succeed in sport and physical activity. Sport England is looking for projects that seek to involve the whole community, particularly hard-to-reach groups, that match regional priorities laid out in the Sport England plans for sport; and that recognise the wider benefits of sport and activity in terms of health, education and community.

Who can apply?

Most organisations that have a written constitution, memorandum and articles of association, or were established by statute or statutory powers

Exclusions:

Sport England does not fund sole traders/proprietors, business partnerships or private individuals under this programme.

Grant size:

- Minimum £10,001
- maximum None
- Average- this information is not available.

Programme average success rate:

Unavailable information as it varies from region to region.

Turnaround time: 10 working days for an enquiry and 8 weeks for a full application.

Closure Dates:

There is no closure date for this programme.

Applying to this programme:

There are two application stages for this programme: initial enquiry and full application.

Distributor Contacts:

Enquiry line 08458 508 508 and for more information visit the website: www.sportengland.org

11. BUILDING FOR SPORT:

Name of Distributor: Sportscotland

About this funding programme

This programme replaced the Sports facilities programme from March 2004. The new programme is divided into:

- (a) Community facilities covering the provision or upgrading of all facilities for the general community. Proposals will be led mainly by local authorities, clubs, trusts and similar organisations.
- (b) Training and competition facilities, which considers applications relating to the provision or upgrading of facilities at centres designated as national / regional facilities by the relevant national governing body for sport.

Who can apply?

- Public bodies, voluntary sports clubs, area sports associations.
- National sport governing bodies, charitable trusts, playing field associations, youth and uniformed organisations, community associations, educational establishments, user groups and companies

Exclusions:

Projects with a value of less than £10,000

Geographical areas funded: Scotland

Grant size:

- Minimum £10,000
- Maximum £500,000
- Average This information is not available

Turnaround time: Not set

Closure Dates: Not set

Applying to this programme

Contact: Sportscotland

Website: <http://www.sportscotland.org.uk>

12. AWARDS FOR ALL

Type of work funded

Awards for All fund projects that bring people together to take part in and enjoy a wide range of community activities. If your project helps to improve people's lives, encourages more people to get involved in their local community or boosts skills and creativity then it is the sort of thing they want to fund.

Range of grant size

Minimum: £300

Maximum: £10,000 depending on the country

Awards for All Wales

Area: Wales

Closing date: No date set

Minimum grant: £500

Maximum grant: £5000

Description:

Awards for All Wales is a grants programme set up to help small groups. It is supported by the Big Lottery Fund and the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Awards for All Scotland

Area: Scotland

Closing date: No date set

Minimum grant: £500

Maximum grant: £10000

Description

Funds are available for activities which bring people together, improve quality of life, increase involvement and help groups to become well organised.

Awards for All Northern Ireland

Area: Northern Ireland

Closing date: No date set
Minimum grant: £500
Maximum grant: £10,000

Description

The main aim of this programme is to fund projects which involve bringing people together to enjoy a range of arts, sport and heritage related activities.

[Awards for All England](#)

Area: England
Closing date: No date set
Minimum grant: £300
Maximum grant: £10,000

Description

We can fund projects that enable people to take part in art, sport, heritage and community activities, as well as projects that promote education, the environment and health.

Application process (formal deadlines)

You can apply to "Awards for All" at any time. Once a complete application is received you will be notified of their decision within eight to twelve weeks. As well as the application form, which is very short, applicants must send them their constitution, latest set of annual accounts and original bank statements.

Central contact details

To obtain an application pack, call 0845 600 20 40, or for more information about Awards for All visit Awards for All website.

For more information visit the website:

www.awardsforall.org.uk

NEW FUNDING PROGRAMMES LOTTERY UK-WIDE

I. **BREATHING PLACES:**

Is a small grants programme that the Big Lottery Fund is running in partnership with the BBC, which complements the BBC's Autumnwatch campaign. Since Breathing Places was launched in June 2006, £1 million

has been awarded to voluntary and community groups to help them develop their breathing place and to make it accessible to people in their community. Now a further £4 million is up for grabs to create, maintain or improve woodlands and wildlife havens across the UK. Community groups, voluntary organisations, town parishes or community councils, local health bodies and schools can all apply for grants of between £300 and £10,000. Money can be used to cover costs including plants and trees, equipment and volunteer expenses. The closing date for applications is 13 December 2006.

More information and an application form can be found at www.biglotteryfund.org.uk or www.bbc.co.uk/breathingplaces

2. **FAIR SHARE:**

For areas: UK

Open for applications: 1 January 2003

Closed for applications: 31 December 2013

Minimum grant: £5,000 (with some flexibility)

Maximum grant: £250,000 (with some flexibility)

Total available: £50 million

Some parts of the UK missed out on Lottery funding in the past. The Fair Share programme has been helping to change that.

Targeted at 77 areas, Fair Share was the first joint programme from the New Opportunities Fund and the Community Fund - now merged as the Big Lottery Fund. The programme had three strands, of which one remains open:

The Fair Share Trust is a £50 million trust providing sustained funding in Fair Share Areas until 2013 (2009 in Scotland). The Community Foundation Network (CFN) is the sole UK trustee and has appointed delivery agents in each of the Fair Share areas.

Selected neighbourhoods in each area are receiving targeted support from these agents, and local people are getting the opportunity to make decisions on where the funding goes.

The Fair Share Trust programme aims to:

- **Build Capacity and Sustainability** – by involving local communities in decision-making about lottery funding.

- **Build Social Capital** - by building links within and between communities to promote trust and participation.
- **Improve liveability** - by improving the living environment for communities.

If you are interested in finding out more about the Fair Share Trust, please go to the [Community Foundation Network](#) website.

The remaining two strands of the Fair Share programme are now closed:

- The Community Fund delivered £92 million through its existing grants schemes to 37 Fair Share areas up until the end of March 2005. This programme is now closed.
- The New Opportunities Fund delivered the Fair Share: Transforming Your Space (England) programme. It allocated £37 million of funding to the 51 fair share areas in England to support projects which improved local environments and the quality of life of communities. This programme is now closed.

3. INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMES

3.1 INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITIES:

Area: UK

Closing date: 30 April 2008

Minimum grant: £50,000

Maximum grant: £500,000

Description

The Big Lottery Fund aims is to fund effective projects that tackle the causes of poverty and deprivation and bring about a long term difference to the lives of disadvantaged people.

The programme will fund projects that:

- Improve access to better and more relevant primary education for the most disadvantaged boys and girls
- Improve health for the most disadvantaged people, specifically through improved mother and child health, improved reproductive health, improved measures to prevent HIV/AIDS and mitigate its impact, improved measures to prevent and control locally significant diseases and improved mental health

- Improve allocation of natural resources to benefit the most disadvantaged people, specifically through improved access to safe water and sanitation, improved access to land and reduced vulnerability to environmental shocks and stresses
- Improve human rights for the most disadvantaged people, specifically through an improved environment in which to exercise their civil and political rights and the enabling of human rights defenders to campaign peacefully for civil and political rights
- Improve access to sustainable financial resources for the most disadvantaged people.

International Communities will fund projects in Africa, Asia, (including the Pacific and Central Asian republics) the Middle East, Central and South America, the Caribbean, Central and Eastern Europe (including the Russian Federation and the Caucasus, excluding members of the European Union).

Funding for the sustainable development and reconstruction of areas affected by the Tsunami will be delivered through International Communities.

In particular, we want to fund projects that:

- Restore livelihoods and empower communities
- Serve the needs of particularly vulnerable groups
- Rebuild local organisations and communities

3.2 INTERNATIONAL SMALL GRANTS:

Area: UK

Closing date: 31 January 2008

Minimum grant: £500

Maximum grant: £10,000

Description

£500,000 is available for small and medium-sized UK non-governmental organisations working with partners overseas. International Small Grants is for small and medium-sized UK non-governmental organisations working with partners overseas. Grants are for feasibility studies, research and analysis for future projects.

Projects should be based in one or more of the following countries or regions:

- Africa

- Asia
- The Middle East
- Central and South America
- The Caribbean
- Eastern Europe, including the Russian Federation and Caucasus, excluding members of the European Union

3.3 INTERNATIONAL STRATEGIC

Closing date: 26 January 2007

Minimum grant: £1 million

Maximum grant: £5 million

Description:

£30 million available to fund projects that aim to deliver improved mother and child health and improved primary education.

The strategic stream of the International Programme will fund portfolios of projects that together form a cohesive strategy to tackle the causes of poverty and deprivation and bring about a long-term difference to the lives of the most disadvantaged people.

Big Lottery Fund will make £30 million available to fund projects that aim to deliver one or more of the following outcomes:

- Improved mother and child health
- Improved primary education, with a specific focus on girls
- Improved measures to prevent HIV/AIDS and mitigate its impact

International Strategic will fund projects in sub-Saharan Africa, Bangladesh, Nepal, Pakistan and the following states in India: Assam, Rajasthan, Bihar, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, West Bengal and Jharkand.

Big Lottery Fund will award grants of between £1 million and £5 million to lead organisations, working with a range of partners within the UK and overseas.

5. NESTA

Area: UK-wide

Type of work funded

NESTA offers tailored support to enable individuals, groups and organisations to explore new ideas, develop new products and services, or experiment with new ways of nurturing creativity in science, technology and the arts for commercial and social benefit.

Range of funding

NESTA's funding can range from £500 to £85,000 upwards, depending on the funding programme.

Types of scheme (open / closed / targeted)

Some of NESTA funding programmes are open for application all year round, others are open for selected periods only, others use a process of nomination.

Any priority areas / key messages (for example, partnership funding)

Early stage investment, innovation and creativity

Application process (formal deadlines)

All applications for funding are externally assessed, but for details of specific programme-related processes go to NESTA website.

Central contact details:

Enquiry line 020 7645 9538

Reception 020 7645 9500

Email nesta@nesta.org.uk

NESTA

Fishmongers' Chambers

110 Upper Thames Street

London EC4R 3TW

6. UK SPORT:

Area: UK-wide

Distributor: UK Sport is the Government agency responsible for maximising British success in the Olympic and Paralympic Games through investing in the most talented athletes. This involves working together with other sports bodies to deliver excellent results.

To achieve this UK Sport targets Lottery funding at athletes capable of delivering medal-winning performances.

On 1 April 2006, UK Sport took on responsibility in the UK and England for the performance pathway – the period of an athlete's career that takes them from the

time when their talent is identified through to the Podium.

Through its Lottery funded Major Events programme, UK Sport coordinates and supports plans to stage major sporting events in the UK over the next 20 years.

This long term approach to planning ensures that each sport bids for events that fit in with their Performance Pathway programmes and that funding is in place to support the cost of staging the events.

Type of work funded

UK Sport supports the UK's top sportsmen and women, and those on the performance pathway, to train and compete against the best athletes in the world, by funding sports national governing bodies and direct to athletes through personal awards. UK Sport also distributes funds to sporting and other organisations to bid for and stage world class events in the UK.

Range of grant size: minimum- maximum

Grants range from around £1,000 to support an individual athlete on a programme, to a four year award of over £8 million to a key Olympic sport.

Types of scheme

From 1 April 2006 there are two high level schemes.

- (a) World Class Performance Pathway. This is a scheme in which individual athletes are invited to apply. It operates at three levels.
 - World Class Podium - this programme will support athletes with realistic medal capabilities at the next Olympic and Paralympic Games.
 - World Class Development – this programme is designed to support the stage of the pathway immediately beneath the Podium. It is aimed at athletes who have shown that they have realistic medal winning capabilities for 2012, and also some athletes with the potential to be competitive in 2012.
 - World Class Talent – this programme will invest in athletes who have the potential to progress through the World Class pathway. Athletes in this category will have the potential to be winning world class medals by 2014 at the latest.
- (a) World Class Events programme – a scheme that sports bodies can apply to. It has set criteria and links to the Performance Pathway programme.

Any priority areas/key messages (for example partnership funding)

World Class Performance Pathway will fund athletes from between between 4 and 8 years, and the money invested will pay for preparation and development, including coaching, coaching development and training, sports science and medicine support, athlete development and performance programmes, and athlete education. Funding is reviewed every year. Partnership funding is not necessary.

World Class Events will fund the staging of sports events in the UK where teams and individuals representing a number of nations compete at World, European or Commonwealth level. Partnership funding is necessary but there is no fixed percentage required.

UK Sport will fund “mega” events such as the Olympic and Commonwealth Games.

Applications

Application process (formal deadlines):

Please visit www.uk sport.gov.uk

Central contact details

UK Sport

40 Bernard Street, London

WC1N 1ST

Tel: 0 20 7211 5100

General Enquiries: info@uk sport.gov.uk

For more information visit the website:

www.uk sport.gov.uk

6. COMIC RELIEF YOUNG CARERS GRANTS

Area: UK

The Princess Royal Trust for Carers has been contracted by Comic Relief to distribute grants to voluntary sector services for young carers during 2006 and 2007. Young carers are children and young people who have a caring responsibility for a sick or disabled family member.

They take on caring responsibilities that are inappropriate to their age, such as personal care for a disabled adult or emotional care for a parent with a mental health problem. In addition, they are often responsible for younger siblings and all the household chores. For some young carers this means missing school, physical ill health and stress or sleepless nights.

To find out more about young carers, visit their young carers' website.

Who can apply?

The Grants Programme will be open to all voluntary sector organisations who wish to work with young carers. Grants of up to £25k per annum will be made available to 12-15 organisations from across the UK to develop high quality support projects over three years, with a 50% taper in the third year. The good practice and learning from these projects will contribute to a tool kit of knowledge for all Young Carers Services to utilise.

In addition there will also be a small grants programme, funding about 50 Young Carers Services to give one-to-one support to around 200 of the most vulnerable young carers, helping them to stay in school, to cope with the stress of caring or to develop their skills and confidence.

They believe that no child should have to take on caring roles that are more appropriate for an adult. Sadly, this situation is the reality for many children and we hope that this partnership will help many young people to be children as well as carers.

Applications:

Application forms and guidelines are now available to download on the Small Grants and Large Grants pages of their website.

Large grants - closes **6 October 2006**

Small Grants - Round (2 of 3) closes **6 October 2006**. **Round 3** opens **8 January 2007** and closes **9 March 2007**.

The decision-making process would take just over a month, with grants awarded **mid April 2007**.

Contact details:

The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, 142 Minories,
London EC3N 1LB

Tel: 020 7480 7788

Fax: 020 7481 4729

Email: help@carers.org

Website: www.carers.org/articles/comic-relief-young-carers-grantsprogramme,663,CA.html

7. EUROPEAN FUNDING - CULTURE 2007

Culture 2007 is a funding programme from the European Union. It replaces Culture 2000 which has now closed. Culture 2007 will begin in 2007 and it is hoped that the first call for Culture 2007 will be launched in the autumn of 2006 (though there is the possibility that it may be delayed until early in 2007). The Culture 2007 programme has now been finalised

and they have set out the key features of the programme. On this basis, you can start now to begin planning your project and finding your partners. You are strongly urged to do this as there is the possibility that the call may be announced with a very short timescale before the deadline, in order to try and "catch up" with the fact that the timetable is now running behind (e.g. there may be a call in September/October 2006 with a deadline in November/December).

Eligibility:

In summary, to be eligible for support from Culture 2007, projects will need to meet the following criteria:

- They can be focused on any cultural area - there are now no separate strands for different cultural areas - proposals can cover any cultural area, or can link together different cultural areas to generate unique and innovative projects
- They must have something uniquely European about them (i.e. not just a tour of a UK performance or exhibition)
- They must be developed and implemented by at least 3 partner organisations from 3 different eligible countries (currently the 25 Member States, plus Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Bulgaria and Romania – and also new "candidate countries" including Croatia and Turkey)
- They can last either for 1-2 years or, in exceptional cases, for 3-5 years
- They are likely to have a total budget of between €100-400,000 (1 year projects) or up to €1m per year (3-5 year projects)
- They can receive, from Culture 2007, a maximum of 50% of the total budget for the project
- They cannot spend project funds on buildings or buying new equipment - Culture 2007 can only fund projects

Broad Aim:

The Culture 2007 programme is intended as "a coherent, global and complete tool for multicultural cooperation in Europe and should contribute actively to the development of a European identity from the grassroots".

The general objective of the programme shall be "to enhance the cultural area shared by Europeans and based on a common cultural heritage through the development of cultural cooperation between the creators, cultural players and cultural institutions, of the countries taking part in the Programme with a view to encouraging the emergence of European citizenship".

The specific objectives of the Programme are: to promote the transnational mobility of people working in the cultural sector; to encourage the transnational circulation of works and cultural and artistic products; to encourage intercultural dialogue

There are actually three funding strands, though most UK cultural operators will be interested in the first. These are: support for cultural actions; support for bodies active at European level in the field of culture (e.g. European cultural networks); support for analyses and the collection and dissemination of information and for activities maximising the impact of projects in the field of European cultural cooperation and European cultural policy developments

Full details:

Full details are on Website: www.culture2007.info

8. DFID DEVELOPMENT AWARENESS FUND (DAF)

Area:

DFID principally supports activity outside the UK. However, as part of the process of building awareness and understanding of development issues within the UK.

The Development Awareness Fund has been established to support activities that promote the following: Knowledge and understanding of the major challenges and prospects for development in particular the poverty reduction agenda, but also of developing countries themselves.

The programme focuses on:

- Understanding of global interdependence and in particular that failure to reduce global poverty levels will have serious consequences for us all.
- Understanding of and support for international efforts to reduce poverty and promote development including the International Development Targets or Millennium Development Goals.
- Recognition of progress made, and that further progress is both affordable and achievable.
- Understanding of the role that individuals can play, enabling them to make informed choices.

Scope:

The DAF is open to any UK-based organisation or network, which shares DFID's commitment to raising awareness and understanding of development issues.

The criteria are currently under review. Please refer to their website for news and deadline dates from 1 July 2006.

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ENGLAND:

I. ADVICE PLUS

Area: England

Closing date: 30 October 2006

Minimum grant: £10,000

Maximum grant: £500,000 for projects within one region

Description: Advice services give information, guidance and support to individuals and groups so that they can consider, understand and resolve problems that affect them.

There will be three rounds of awards with closing dates in October 2006, October 2007 and October 2008.

What will Advice Plus funding achieve?

Through Advice Plus the Big Lottery Fund wants to see expert, consistent and sustainable advice services that are provided for a wider range of people. The Fund is therefore looking to fund projects that meet one or more of the following outcomes:

- People have better access to advice services so that they can get the information, guidance and support they need.
- People who need advice get better services that help them overcome or avoid disadvantage and improve their lives.
- Organisations that give advice and organisations that support them have more influence on relevant policy and practice.
- Organisations that give advice get better support that helps them to work more effectively.

Who can apply to Advice Plus?

This grant programme will only make grants to voluntary and community sector organisations. By voluntary and community sector organisations the Big Lottery Fund means groups such as charities, credit unions, self-help groups, social and community enterprises and community based co-operatives.

When can projects apply to Advice Plus?

There will be three rounds of Advice Plus. The deadline for the first round is noon on **30 October 2006**. The deadline for the following two rounds will be **October 2007** and then **October 2008**.

2. COMMUNITY BUILDINGS

For areas: England

Open for applications: 11 July 2006

Closed for applications: 30 April 2007

Minimum grant: £50,001

Maximum grant: £500,000

Total available: £50 million to be committed before 30th June 2008

Description

The Community Buildings programme will give communities the chance to improve their quality of life by funding buildings that are economically, socially and environmentally sustainable. The programme will pay

for creating and improving facilities that offer a wide range of services and activities to a broad range of local people.

The Fund wants to fund buildings that will promote community interaction and self-help. We hope that these buildings will continue to serve communities in years to come while minimising their negative effects on the environment. Community Buildings is mainly a capital-funding programme for to cover the cost of building your project, not running it.

Successful applicants will show that their building will be accessible to as many people as possible and that the local community will be strongly involved in using and managing the building.

Programme aim

The programme aims to achieve these outcomes:

- Broadening access to, and more use of, existing services
- Creating a greater number and wider range of new services
- Improving opportunities for the community to access a wide range of learning
- Improving the skills, knowledge and capacity to respond to community needs
- Increasing participation by the community in decision-making processes that affect the community
- Improving community relationships and networks
- Improving financial viability of community premises
- Premises that use less energy, pollute less, create less waste and have a reduced contribution to climate change.

Who can apply?

If you are a voluntary or community organisation, a parish council or a church-based faith organisation. (Voluntary and community organisations include charities, unincorporated associations, not-for-profit companies, credit unions, self-help groups or co-operatives and faith based community organisations).

The Big Lottery Fund has created a separate category for church-based faith organisations but all faith organisations are eligible to apply. We have included

the Church of England, the Methodist Church, the United Reformed Church, the Baptist Church in the Baptist Union of Great Britain, and the Roman Catholic Church in this category. This category is because of the way these churches are established in law, which affects the way they own land. Church-based faith organisations, like parish and town councils, need

to satisfy a slightly different set of legal requirements so that we have the same security with them as we can with other voluntary and community organisations. (The guidance notes have more detail on this) If you are a part of another faith organisation (Christian or any other) not on the list, please check if there are legal relationships between you and other parts of your faith organisation which would affect our relationship with you if we award you a grant.

Grant size

You can apply for grants of over £50,000 and up to £500,000. If your project costs more than £250,000, you will need to find match funding. Development grants of up to £25,000 are available.

Application process

There will be a two-stage application process. At stage One they will consider the need and outcomes for your project and how you will run your building. The final deadline for receiving stage one applications is **5 pm on 30 April 2007**. Only projects successful at stage one will be invited to apply to stage two.

3. COMMUNITY LIBRARIES

For area: England

Community Libraries will help communities create, improve and develop spaces in public libraries to meet community needs, and inspire libraries to become centres of community activities, learning and development. The programme hopes to widen the traditional role of local libraries to enable them to become more of a community resource, to include activities such as reading groups, creative writing, storytelling and local history.

Only Local Authorities can apply, and only one application per local authority can be submitted.

However, Local Authorities **must** work with their local voluntary and community sector to make sure that the activities and services provided reflect local needs. We will be contacting all Local Authorities in England, giving them details about this programme. If voluntary and community sector groups are interested in being involved, they should contact their Local Authority.

4. FAMILY LEARNING

For areas: England

Open for applications: 19 September 2006

Closed for applications: 29 August 2008

Minimum grant: £10,000

Maximum grant: £500,000

Total available: £40 million over three years

Big Lottery Fund has launched Family Learning, a programme that helps parents to understand more about how their children learn and encourages adults and children to learn as a family.

By “family” the Big Lottery Fund means at least one parent or adult carer and at least one child under the age of 16. The Fund will only fund projects that involve adults and children learning together and deliver all three of the following changes:

- Family members participate in and enjoy educational activity more
- Family members have more skills and knowledge (these may include confidence and effective communication);
- Parents and carers are better able to interact positively with their children and support them in learning.

The Big Lottery Fund wants to support families who face barriers to learning or who are not confident helping their children to learn. We are particularly interested in hearing from projects where learning is not based on getting a qualification and those that will help families who have not been involved in learning together before. They are looking for imaginative projects that meet local needs and remove the practical barriers to learning, for example, by providing travel

costs, additional support for disabled participants, or childcare.

You can apply for grants of over £10,000 and up to £500,000, though we would expect the average grant to be between £100,000 and £150,000. The Big Lottery Fund will fund projects for up to five years. You can apply on a local or national basis.

You can apply to Family Learning if you are a:

- Registered charity
- Voluntary or community group
- Statutory body, including schools and children's centres
- Charitable or not-for-profit company
- Social enterprise
- Private sector organisations

Statutory bodies and private sector organisations applying must involve a voluntary or community sector partner in planning and running the project.

If you have any questions about this programme, or you want an application pack and guidance notes, please call the Big Lottery Fund Advice Line on **0845 4 10 20 30**.

You can also download the pack and guidance notes by clicking on the link on the right. The PDF version of the Outline Proposal Form is for printing out and filling in by hand. The RTF version of the form can be completed on a computer.

5. [ADVENTURE CAPITAL FUND:](#)

Area: England

Status: Open for applications

Start date: 01/12/2002.

Programme aim

The aim of ACF is to fill the investment gap that faces community enterprise organisations, and to increase investment-readiness of community organisations wishing to move to greater sustainability through enterprise.

Total fund value: £ 10,000,000

Prospective applicants should be aware that this fund primarily provides loans rather than grants.

Extended description:

The ACF's general investment principles are:

- To provide loans, funding and some gift capital to fill the gap between traditional grant aid and commercial loans (such as those from Banks or other lenders).
- To encourage organisations to use different types of finance, and to begin to move away from relying on grant support in the long term.
- To be flexible enough to respond to the needs of each organisation.
- To focus on the financial and social returns from the investment rather than on monitoring activities.
- To share risk. Some projects which are relatively high risk will receive investment, providing this is balanced by the potential for high financial and social return. All organisations which receive
- Investment will be worked closely with to maximise the chances of success, manage risk and protect the investment
- To work with organisations to develop impact evaluation, of value to both ACF and the organisation.

ACF are looking for applications from organisations that feel they are ready to use the investment as part of a finance package that will enable them to grow and become truly sustainable. ACF would not normally cover the total cost but supply funding as part of a mixture of finance (which can be raised from other sources, e.g. grants, funding from Banks or Community Development Finance Institutions). ACF will assess each investment individually, but intend mentoring, business advice and support to play an equal part with funding in their investment.

Further information:

Investment readiness can take a number of forms but in general ACF would expect the following:

- A credible and tested business plan
- In-house systems and structures to successfully manage the enterprise
- Highly competent people to deliver the enterprise
- Any other required finance in place

- Resolved any legal and other issues (for example planning)
- Where appropriate, a realistic timetable for starting and completing a project, for example a building construction or refurbishment.

If these conditions are met ACF will work with the organisation to reach a point where an investment can be made and the organisation is in the best position to use the investment.

Key Criteria:

ACF will only accept applications from organisations who meet all the criteria listed below:

- You must be an organisation: individuals cannot apply. An organisation might take the form of a Company Limited by Guarantee (CLG), with or without charitable status, or any other recognised structure.
- You must be working within a local community, which can be defined as a place (e.g. inner city, small town, rural district etc) and people (e.g. you work with local refugees, groups of disadvantaged young people etc).
- You need to be independent and community-led, not controlled by the private or public sector.
- You have to be working in England.
- You need to be involved in enterprise. This can be trade or any other income-generating activity, where you are intending to make surpluses that will be re-invested for the benefit of your community.
- You must have a track record of delivering to your community.
- You must be able to plan and deliver successful community based enterprise activity.
- ACF will not normally invest in organisations that have been running for less than a year.

Your enterprise, however, might be a new activity for you that will contribute to the longer term growth and/or stability of your organisation.

Priority Areas

ACF are particularly interested in hearing from:

- Organisations that are or could become community anchors
- Organisations led by members of Black and or Minority Ethnic communities (BME)
- Rural organisations

- Organisations that are pioneering new ways of working
- Organisations that can demonstrate excellence in what they do and inspire best practise in others, for example, some of our investors act as mentors.

Eligible Expenditure:

Potential applicants should be aware that the Adventure Capital Fund is not a grant fund. ACF can make a variety of investments, depending on your needs, such as:

- Seed capital: for pre-launch costs and start up expenses, product development, or investment in systems/equipment needed to improve business operations.
- Working capital: to strengthen cashflow during gaps in grant/revenue funding or to finance stock, debtors etc.
- Major investments: for asset development, including purchase of buildings or land, refurbishment costs etc.

You can apply for more than one type of investment but ACF funding has to be tied to a specific enterprise activity - general running costs cannot be funded.

Application Procedure:

For more information and to access the quiz and application form, go to the ACF website at <http://www.adventurecapitalfund.org.uk>.

There is no closing date for applications, and organisations can apply at any time. All main investment decisions are made by an investment panel (comprised of a mix of independents and partners) which normally meets quarterly.

Contact Information:

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NORTHERN IRELAND

I. IMPROVING COMMUNITY BUILDINGS

For areas: Northern Ireland

Open for applications: 26 September 2006

Closed for applications: 24 May 2007

Minimum grant: £25,000

Maximum grant: £50,000

Total available: £5 million, approximately 100 grants
In September 2006 BIG launched its Improving Community Buildings programme. This is one of several new programmes valued at £90 million being launched by the Big Lottery Fund in Northern Ireland in 2006. This one-off capital refurbishment and modernisation programme has a single application stage. This programme, valued at approximately £5 million, will be very competitive as we have had a lot of interest in this funding since consultation. They anticipate funding approximately 100 projects, with awards being made in December 2007.

Programme aim

BIG wants to fund projects that aim to achieve both of the following programme outcomes:

- People can actively participate in their communities to bring about positive change
- Community ownership of better and safer rural and urban environments.

Projects must also meet either one, or both, of our underlying principles:

- Addressing disadvantage and promoting tolerance and social inclusion
- Contributing to the reduction of poverty.

In addition, all projects must meet all of the following four priorities in the Big Lottery Fund Northern Ireland Framework:

- Build community capacity
- Increase opportunity for volunteering and engagement within and between communities
- Improve community facilities, access and services
- Increase community involvement in protecting, restoring and sustaining the urban and rural environment.

Who will the programme benefit?

Projects wishing to refurbish or modernise their community venues in order to increase the level of

community use and enhance the quality of services provided.

Who can apply?

Under this programme we will only make grants to voluntary or community organisations, charitable not-for-profit companies, organisations recognised by HM Revenue and Customs (formerly Inland Revenue) as exempt for tax purposes and social enterprises.

How much money is available?

BIG has £5 million available for the Improving Community Buildings programme and we anticipate funding approximately 100 projects. Under the programme, we can make grants of between £25,000 and £50,000 (including VAT and contingency) for projects whose total costs must not exceed £75,000 (including VAT and contingency).

Technical guidance

The Big Lottery Fund has appointed Community Technical Aid as the support organisation to provide information and technical guidance to potential applicants. They can be contacted on **028 9064 2227** or info@communitytechnicalaid.org.

The application process

You can download guidance notes and an application form by clicking on the links opposite.

Where possible, groups are strongly encouraged to send applications as soon as they are ready.

However, your application **must be** received at our Belfast Office by **5pm on Thursday 24 May 2007**.

Key dates

26 September 2006 – programme launch

24 May 2007 – closing date applications

Late 2007 – first awards will be made

More information on launch events can be found in the upcoming events box on the right hand side.

2. LIVE AND LEARN

For areas: Northern Ireland

Open for applications: 26 October 2006

Closed for applications: 29 March 2007

Minimum grant: £600,000

Maximum grant: £1 million

Total available: £18 million between now and 2009

This is one of several new programmes valued at £90 million being launched by the Big Lottery Fund in Northern Ireland in 2006.

Programme aim

The aim of the programme is to increase learning opportunities and promote well-being among Northern Ireland's most disadvantaged communities.

The Fund wants its funding to make a difference to people and communities in need. Through Live and Learn the Big Lottery Fund will fund projects which will achieve both of the following outcomes:

- People have the opportunity to achieve their full potential, and
- Improved physical and mental health for all people.

Projects must also meet one or both of our underlying principles:

- Addressing disadvantage and promoting tolerance and social inclusion
- Contributing to the reduction of poverty.

In addition projects must meet all of the six priorities of the Live and Learn programme:

- Improve essential skills to meet social and economic needs
- Increase opportunity for community based learning
- Increase opportunity for volunteering and engagement with and between communities
- Improve community facilities, access and services
- Helping individuals and communities to develop skills to make healthier lifestyle choices
- Promote mental health and emotional well-being at individual and community level.

Who will the programme benefit?

The programme will benefit families and communities across Northern Ireland giving people a chance to develop a variety of skills. The Big Lottery Fund will make sure that its funding has a good geographical spread across Northern Ireland and also support a number of communities of interest. By communities of interest they mean groups of people who share common interests, concerns, or shared identities.

Who can apply?

The Live and Learn programme will fund partnerships within the voluntary and community sector or between the statutory, voluntary and community sectors in Northern Ireland over a five-year period.

How much money is available?

The Big Lottery Fund has £18 million available for the Live and Learn Programme in Northern Ireland between now and 2009. At stage one development grants of between £20,000 and £50,000 are available to develop stage two applications. Funding of between £600,000 and £1 million is available at stage two for five year grants.

About 20 to 25 development grants are expected to be distributed at stage one and about 12 to 15 grants at stage two. The Live and Learn programme is mainly a revenue programme.

Applicants can apply for capital costs that are no more than 10 per cent of the amount they are applying for from the Big Lottery Fund up to £100,000. Capital costs must be related to the project.

The application process

The Live and Learn programme has a two stage application process. You can download guidance notes and a stage one application form from the more information box opposite.

Stage one

At stage one we want to identify 20 - 25 projects which meet the aims of the Live and Learn programme and offer development grants to help successful stage one applicants to develop their projects to meet the criteria for the stage two application.

Not all projects that are successful at stage one will be successful at stage two.

Stage two

At stage two you must write a full business plan. We will give more advice on doing this to successful stage two applicants.

Key dates

Stage one application	5pm, Thursday 29 March

deadline	2007
Stage one decisions announced	October 2007
Stage two application deadline	5pm, Wednesday 30 April 2008
Stage two decisions announced	October 2008

Dates may change. If the changes affect your application, we will let you know the revised dates.

If you have any questions about this programme, please call the Information team in Northern Ireland on **028 9055 1455**. They will also be able to send you the guidance notes for the programme. You can also download this information from the more information box opposite.

SCOTLAND

1. INVESTING IN COMMUNITIES

For areas: Scotland

Open for applications: 2 May 2006

Closed for applications: No date set

Minimum grant: £10,000

Maximum grant: £1 million

Total available: £257 million

Programme aim

The Big Lottery Fund in Scotland has £257 million to spend between 2006 and 2009. The Fund wants to invest this money to bring real improvements to communities and to the lives of people most in need. The Big Lottery Fund will invest in social change in Scotland in four different ways.

- Growing Community Assets through which we will help communities become stronger by acquiring or developing assets for their own use.
- Dynamic Inclusive Communities through which we will help build stronger more vibrant communities
- Life Transitions through which we will support projects that help people deal with change in their lives and encourage them to move on.

- Supporting 21st Century Life through which we will invest in projects that enable people to cope with new patterns of life and the pace of change communities are experiencing.

A wide range of groups can apply including charities, voluntary and community groups, local authorities, social enterprises or health boards. They expect most of the grants they make to be between £10,000 and £1,000,000. If you think your project needs more, contact them to discuss your idea.

They can also help you develop or test your idea through their Investing in Ideas scheme.

If you are interested in applying complete the simple outline proposal form telling them about your idea and your group. If they think you should apply they will provide you with feedback, application materials and advise which area of investment your project best fits. You can download an outline proposal form on their website or call **0845 606 1199** for a hardcopy.

At anytime during the process you can contact their funding advisors on 0870 240 2391 to discuss your idea or any queries you may have.

2. INVESTING IN IDEAS

For areas: Scotland

Open for applications: 31 January 2006

Closed for applications: No date set

Minimum grant: £500

Maximum grant: £10,000

Total available: £4.6 Million

What's the big idea?

The Big Lottery Fund wants to invest in Scotland's communities – but we want communities to come to us with ideas we can invest in.

There is £4.6 million to test and develop ideas that could eventually become fully-fledged projects. We may be able to fund your project too, but first we want to help you develop your idea and make sure your project will work.

Maybe you'd like to start up a new activity for groups in your area or turn a local building into a meeting place for the community?

With grants ranging between £500 and £10,000 available, Investing in Ideas could pay for the things that

can turn your basic idea into a well-planned project including:

- Market research
- Feasibility studies
- Business planning
- Training for your committee
- Exchange visits in the UK to see how other projects work
- Community consultation
- Professional advice
- Technical reports and scheme design studies

Got the idea?

If you'd like to discuss your idea to see if we're likely to help you develop it, phone us on **0870 240 2391**.

If you'd like to apply to Investing in Ideas and need a hardcopy of the application materials call **0845 606 1199**.

WALES

Through the Healthy Families initiative, BIG wants to promote healthy and active lifestyles among children and families by creating a joined up approach to children's play, healthy eating and physical activity.

The Child's Play programme is one of two programmes under the Healthy Families initiative in Wales. The other programme is called Way of Life. Child's Play will fund the development of the infrastructure for children's play and strategically important Play projects across Wales. It will also fund projects that give children opportunities to play and will support projects that make the link between play nutrition and activity. It is aimed at children up to 12 year's old living in Wales, particularly for the 8-12 year old age group.

I. HEALTHY FAMILIES: CHILD'S PLAY

For areas: Wales

Open for applications: 30 October 2006

Closed for applications: No date set

Minimum grant: £250,000

Maximum grant: £1 million

Total available: £13 million

Closing Date for applications

Round 1 – 4 May 2007

Round 2 – 6 March 2009

Child's Play is a strategic programme that aims to:

- Develop new play spaces for children in their communities
- Develop play opportunities that allow children to choose how they play
- Develop staffed open access play opportunities
- Help create sustainable support networks to promote the development of play opportunities across Wales
- Develop links with nutrition and physical activity
- Inform families and children about play opportunities.

To make sure that these aims are achieved, BIG has contracted Play Wales, an organisation with expertise in the field of children's play, to help deliver this programme. They will help applicants to make sure that their projects are strategic and fit the programme's priorities as well as local and national priorities. Infrastructure project grants of up to £250,000 for revenue funding only are available and play project grants of between £250,000 and £1 million for revenue and capital funding.

Applications

This is a one-stage application process consisting of two rounds. Infrastructure project grants are available in round one and play project grants in rounds one and two.

You can download the application form and guidance notes by clicking on the link to the right. The PDF version of the form is for printing out and filling in by hand or you can fill in the RTF version of the form on screen and email it back to childsplay@biglotteryfund.org.uk.

Further information

If you have any queries about this programme, please contact **029 2067 8200** or enquiries.wales@biglotteryfund.org.uk where you can

also get a hardcopy of the application form and guidance notes.

2. HEALTHY FAMILIES: WAY OF LIFE

For areas: Wales

Open for applications: No date set

Closed for applications: No date set

Minimum grant: No specified

Maximum grant: No specified

Total available: £20 Million

Programme aim

Through the Healthy Families Initiative, BIG wants to promote healthy and active lifestyles amongst children and families by creating a joined up approach to children's play, healthy eating and physical activity.

Way of Life is a strategic programme that aims to:

- Promote a joined up approach to healthy eating and exercise through community-based projects working with families
- Contribute to the evidence of what works in promoting healthy eating and exercise in children and families
- Foster joined up working on healthy eating and physical activity at local and national levels
- Develop links with children's play

In order to make sure that these aims are achieved, BIG will contract with two expert organisations, or partnerships of organisations, to help deliver each programme. They will provide support to applicants to make sure that projects are strategic and fit programme priorities as well as local and national priorities.

3. PEOPLE AND PLACES

For areas: Wales

Open for applications: 30 November 2005

Closed for applications: No date set

Minimum grant: £5001

Maximum grant: £1 million

Total available: £66 million

People and Places aims to bring people together to make their communities stronger and to improve their rural and urban environments. This programme will support people working together to make their communities better places to live.

It will support local and regional projects and projects that work throughout Wales. People and Places can fund projects that achieve one or more of the following programme outcomes:

- Revitalised communities
- Improved community relations
- Enhanced local environments and community amenities.

This programme will be open to the community, voluntary and public sector. Money will be available for capital and revenue projects and can be used for the development of communities or communities of interest.

OTHER FUNDING PROGRAMMES

I. FOOTBALL FOUNDATION GRANTS

Programme aim

Capital Projects Scheme funds applications with a 50% target level of grant support. The appropriate level for each individual project will be decided on the merits of the case but normally the applicant is required to provide matching contributions; in exceptional cases higher levels of support, up to a ceiling of 90% will be available. Funding is available to refurbish or construct changing rooms, grass and artificial pitches and clubhouses for community benefit across the country. The Foundation has a fast track system for schemes of under £20,000. Additional funding is available for maintenance equipment, specialist ground staff, coaching schemes or project co-ordinators. This funding is only available when linked to capital applications.

- **Goalpost Safety Scheme** provides funding for the replacement of unsafe goalposts that have been responsible for causing the death and injury of dozens of children.

The Foundation will assist in the funding of 50% towards the cost of a pair of goals up to a ceiling of £1,500. Research conducted found that 42 per cent of mini-soccer goals, 50 per cent of five-a-side goals and 22 per cent of junior goals failed stability tests. The Goalpost Safety Scheme aims to replace goals, which fail to meet the British Standards safety requirements. Tel: 0845 345 4555 ext 4268

- **Community and Education Scheme** funds a maximum of £250,000 over five years, to increase participation and volunteering in sport and to encourage the adoption of healthy lifestyles by creating opportunities for all. Priority areas for community and education funding are disability projects, ethnic minority communities, young people, social inclusion and education. The maximum level of funding is 90% of project costs, but applicants are encouraged to secure as much partnership funding as possible. Tel: 0845 345 4555 ext 4285

- **Community and Education Small Grants Scheme** provides funding of up to £9,000 for projects with a cost of £10,000 or less. Funding is available for the introduction of new activity, which aims to increase participation and provide training for volunteers to support grassroots football. Tel: 0845 345 4555 ext 4271/4291

- **Junior Kit Scheme funds applications** up to £400 in the form of a voucher. This is awarded to Under 18 teams and adults with disabilities to be used for the purchase of football kit and/or equipment. The voucher can be exchanged with our nominated kit and equipment supplier - Nike. Schools may only receive one grant every three years. Clubs may apply for two vouchers every three years, as long as one application is for a girls' team, and the other is for a boys' team. Tel: 0845 345 4555 ext 4284

- **Barclays Spaces for Sports Scheme** is an exciting partnership between Barclays, Groundwork and the Football Foundation, providing £30m over three years to create or improve sports facilities in communities across the UK. Tel: 0845 345 4555 ext 4284

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CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES GRANT PROGRAMME

For area: England

Status: Open for applications

Next Application Deadlines: 15/11/2006

Start date: 19/09/2005

Outline:

This national grant programme will fund voluntary organisations to do work of national significance that supports the outcomes of the *Every Child Matters: Change for Children* programme. The grant programme was created to help the DfES make its funding to voluntary organisations more strategic and to make it easier for organisations to apply for funding for work that improves outcomes for children, young people and families. It aims to contribute to increasing stability in the voluntary and community sector by offering longer term funding. The programme is open to charities, or non-profit-making organisations set up and run on similar lines to a charity. A limited number of strategic and project grants will be awarded in the programme's second round.

Total Fund Value: £ 3,300,000

Grant Value - notes:

Applicants should be aware that the amount of funding available in 2007-08 (£3.3m) is substantially less than in 2006-07 (£17m). The amount of funding available depends upon the number of grants expiring under the five previous grant schemes that were incorporated into the CYPF programme in 2005.

Extended Description:

The Children, Young People and Families Grant Programme will support work of national significance that contributes to ensuring children and young people stay safe, are healthy, enjoy and achieve, make a positive contribution and achieve economic wellbeing.

These are the outcomes that children and young people have said are most important to them. That is why they are embedded in the Children Act 2004 and are the outcomes of the *Every Child Matters: Change for Children* programme. The grant programme will assist with the achievement of key Every Child Matters policy objectives. These include joining up, expanding and developing accessible, affordable and high quality early learning and childcare options, and providing opportunity, support and challenge for teenagers and for parents.

The programme brings together five existing grant programmes managed by the DfES. These are:

- Children and Young People's Consultation Fund
- National Voluntary Youth Organisations Grant Scheme
- Safeguarding Children and Supporting Families grants
- Strengthening Families Grant
- Sure Start VCS grants.

Since April 2006, funding that would have been available through these programmes has been distributed through the new single programme. Organisations will not be expected to reapply for funding already allocated under these grant programmes. As grants under each programme expire the funding is made available to the Children, Young People and Families Grant Programme. This accounts for the variation in funding available for each round. The second round which is now open to Expressions of Interest has £3.3m available and is likely to fund a very small number of organisations.

Two types of funding are available:

Strategic grants

Will support organisations that make a significant contribution to achieving the grant programme's aims.

The activity for which strategic funding is sought must have national significance in improving outcomes for children, young people or families. Strategic grants are available for:

- Capacity building activities
- Infrastructure provision
- Specialist services.

Project grants

Support innovative approaches to service delivery that have national significance, because they cover two or more Government Regions and can be replicated or scaled up for delivery in a greater number of locations. Project grants will be awarded for up to one year. More detailed descriptions of Strategic and Project grants can be found in the CYPF Grant Guide, which can be downloaded by clicking underneath the Guidance heading at the bottom of this page.

Further Information:

The Children, Young People and Families programme only funds activities of national significance. Activities whose impact is limited to a local area are more appropriately funded through children's trusts. Children's trusts will be looking to develop a market of local providers who can add value to the delivery of public services in improving outcomes for children and young people. Strong and diverse voluntary and community sectors will be a key aspect of this. DfES is committed both to removing ringfences and to devolving funding for local service delivery to local authorities to be deployed through children's trusts.

Restrictions:

- Applications from individuals or from schools or colleges cannot be accepted
- For organisations which are a branch of a federated structure, applications must be submitted by the headquarters or central office of the federation.

Key Criteria:

Applicants need to be able to demonstrate that their organisation:

- Is non-profit-making. If it is not a registered charity, the organisation must be set up and run on similar lines to a charity.

- Has a clear management structure, a constitution, clear and efficient financial controls, and is financially viable
- Is committed to and practises: quality assurance, equal opportunities for service users and paid/volunteer staff, safeguarding children and young people. DfES will also need to see how the involvement of children, young people and/or adults who use services is maximised within the organisation and/or project
- Has the capacity to monitor the implementation of the proposed activity effectively, to evaluate it and to report on its outcomes and impact in relation to the aims of the grant programme.

Application Procedure:

Completed Expressions of Interest must be received by Wednesday 15 November 2006. Applicants should send one electronic version by email to cypfgrant.programme@dfes.gsi.gov.uk (opens new window) and one hard copy to the postal address below. If you have any queries, there is a limited helpline service open between the hours of 10:00am to 12:00 (noon) and 2:00 – 4:00pm on 020 7925 3882.

DfES aims to notify applicants by the end of November whether they have been invited to submit a full application. Full applications must be completed by 3 January 2007 and applicants will be notified whether they have been successful or unsuccessful in February 2007.

An extensive list of Frequently Asked Questions can be found in the CYPF 2007-08 Grants Guide, which can be downloaded by clicking underneath the Guidance heading at the bottom of this page.

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2. YOUTH OPPORTUNITY FUND (YOF) AND THE YOUTH CAPITAL FUND (YCF)

Background:

Local Authorities are responsible for delivering the Youth Opportunity Fund (YOF) and the Youth Capital Fund (YCF). These funds are part of the proposals from the Youth Green Paper “Youth Matters” published in July 2005.

One of the key challenges in Youth Matters was to improve the provision of positive activities for young people, particularly those who are disadvantaged, in terms of more places to go and things to do. Young people should be able to benefit from a range of safe and enjoyable places to go including a wide range of sporting, cultural and recreational activities and experiences and opportunities for volunteering. Youth Matters proposed a discrete amount of resources for young people to control and to decide how this should be spent in their area – the Youth Opportunity Fund (YOF). Youth Matters also proposed a Youth Capital Fund (YCF) aimed at enabling local authorities to develop new approaches to strategic investment in youth facilities, particularly in deprived neighbourhoods. The involvement of young people, especially disadvantaged young people, is central to this initiative as well.

Funding:

Extra resources were made available for the YOF and YCF in the Chancellor’s Pre-budget Report in December 2005. There is a total of £115 million available for both funds over 2006-2008. The YOF and YCF are used in tandem to allow young people to develop projects and initiatives which can contain both a capital and revenue element. This is additional funding which must not be seen as a replacement for the core funding of youth work. It is extra resource to help empower young people to do more locally. Young people need support to develop the skills and experience necessary to both administer the funds and develop ideas. This is critical in relation to disadvantaged young people, many of whom may struggle to participate in the funds without tailored support. A small part of the funds, 5% or £15,000, whichever is the larger, can be used for this.

Local authorities build on the progress made through the 'Transforming Youth Work Agenda' in developing their provision for young people. They act as local leaders for the development and delivery of youth policy, working with the voluntary, community and private sectors, as well as with young people and their parents.

Programme aims:

The main purpose of the funds is to: give a voice and influence to young people, particularly disadvantaged young people, in relation to things to do and places to go and to convey a powerful message to young people that their needs and aspirations are important; change the way local authorities and their partners provide activities and facilities for young people, especially in deprived neighbourhoods, and to increase the responsiveness of providers to what young people want; improve things to do and places to go in line with what young people want in their neighbourhood; provide opportunities for young people to develop their confidence, knowledge, skills and abilities and gain recognition and/or accreditation for them; increase the well-being of young people by contributing to the achievement of the Every Child Matters (ECM) outcomes; increase young people's engagement with services and with the democratic process at local level. Local authorities and their partners will want to build on the arrangements they may already have in place for involving and listening to young people as well as taking this opportunity to involve a wider constituency of young people.

The aim of the YOF is to involve young people, especially hard to reach young people, in identifying positive activities and things to do; and to support their role as decision makers, grant givers and project leaders. The YOF provides £31m over each year for a two year period. There are no restrictions on the range of initiatives and activities that the YOF can support provided that they are supporting the outcomes from Every Child Matters. Young people should be supported as they grow into the role of decision makers, grant givers and project leaders. They should also be encouraged to consider local needs and circumstances as a part of their role in shaping provision for young people beyond their immediate group.

Partnerships and joint-funding with other statutory, voluntary, community and private partner organisations

are all to be encouraged as is collaboration with other young people from different cultural and social backgrounds.

The aim of the YCF is to provide a discrete capital budget for a two year period to be spent on what young people want and it is designed to work in tandem with the Youth Opportunity Fund. It is not a substitute for mainstream capital funding. The YCF provides £26.5M in each year for a two year period and can be matched by the local authority with other capital funding. Arrangements for implementing YCF should allow for the active involvement of young people, with particular emphasis on those who are disadvantaged, in all aspects of planning, delivery, monitoring and evaluation of the YCF. This involvement should be developed with a view to mainstreaming it into capital and asset management more generally in the authority.

Further information:

In addition there are opportunities to enhance provision by using the Youth Capital Fund alongside other projects to enable larger projects to be included within the LA portfolio of provision for young people. It is important that, where this is the case, the principles and priorities of the other funding programmes are in line with those of the Youth Capital Fund.

Contact details:

Those in the Voluntary and Community sector who have an interest in this funding for youth should contact their Local Authority to find out how then might become involved.

Website:

www.everychildmatters.gov.uk/_files/6619BB0981484D39AC878329AB10B7F5.pdf

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Thousands of people across the UK took part in events celebrating [National Lottery Day](#) on Saturday 23 September. In London, a Pirate Treasure Trail took place around The Cutty Sark, National Maritime Museum and the Ahoy Centre in Greenwich, all funded through the National Lottery. This was a fun day for all the family and goody bags filled with pirate hats,

moustaches and eye patches helped visitors get into the spirit of the day. Story telling, model making and theatre performances by Lottery funded projects proved very popular and provided the perfect day out for the young and young at heart.

Congratulations to The Food Chain who won the Inspiration award at the National Lottery Awards. Their project provides specialist meals and nutritional advice to men, women and children across London living with HIV/AIDs. They deliver over 1000 meals a week and groceries for those in extreme need, providing a lifeline for many people living with the virus. Details can be found at www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk.

Parks For People, a funding programme run in partnership by Big Lottery fund and Heritage Lottery Fund, seeks to improve the local environment and encourage communities to get actively involved in their local park. So far, three development grants totalling over £400,000 have been awarded to London projects. Awards go to Jersey Gardens (Hounslow); South Park Gardens (Wimbledon) and; Brockwell Park (Lambeth). For full details go to the newsroom page of the website – www.biglotteryfund.org.uk. The next round of applications will open in March 2007.

The 2006 People's Millions Competition, in partnership with ITV, is well underway with the eight short-listed projects being announced on 18 October. Two projects will go head to head for the public vote each night from 13 November. In the London region, five projects will win grants of around £50,000. More information will be available in November.

Making Choice In Working With Children, Young People and Families.

SkillsActive (The Sector Skills Council for Active Leisure and Learning) and Children Workforce Development Council (CWDC) have launched the new Making Choice Working With Children, Young People and Families course on 30 October 2006 in Leeds and on 02 November 2006 in London.

The aim of the review of Making Choices 2005 was to:

- Bring the programme up to date
- Ensure it meet the needs of the sector
- Bring it in line with current and future trends in the development of children's services-67 organisations

and 23 past participants contributed to the review and consultation events were held in Newcastle, London and Derbyshire.

Following findings from the review were identified:

- Still a demand for the programme in most areas
- Programme should be shorter in duration (was 4-6 weeks)
- Activities should be broader to reflect changes in the workforce
- New agendas such as every child matters should be included
- Support materials such as the video need updating
- Should stay focused on orientation not try to be training.

The new Making Choices will be:

- Name Making Choices In Working With Children, Young People and Families
- Designed to be delivered over 3 days (12 hours, still flexible)
- Refers to the children's workforce with a focus on every years education, playwork, child care and foster care
- Trainers pack includes CD containing all materials including power point presentations
- New video and DVD showing scenes from nursery, childminders, family centre, school, play centre, out fom school club, special school, adventure playground, foster care and young people.

The programme aims to help people make an informal choice about choosing a career in working with children young people and families in order to enable the ongoing expansion of the children's workforce.

Objective of the programme

By the end of the programme, participants will have an awareness of:

- The diverse service available to children young people and families
- The specific roles and responsibilities involved in working in early years education, child care, playwork and foster care
- The importance and relevance of training to work within the children's workforce
- The training and career opportunities available to them within the children's workforce

- Possible sources of information for supporting career choices.

[Government - Financial Relationships with Third Sector Organisations](#)

The Government Treasury has published “Improving financial relationships with the third sector: Guidance to funders and purchasers”. This Guidance is intended to provide an important element of their programme, helping to ensure that the principles of value for money, efficiency, sustainability of services and reducing bureaucracy are embedded in funding practices throughout the public sector.

The aim of this Guidance is to set out best practice and provide advice on effective and efficient use of public funds in a way that is consistent with the principles of public accountability. The Guidance is not meant to be a comprehensive guide and it is intended to supplement, not override, Government Accounting. But it is their desire that all public bodies should seek to follow it, embed it in procurement policies and finance manuals, and ensure that best practice is mainstreamed. There is a chapter included on Full Cost Recovery.

The guidance is available from Website: www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/media/485/B9/guidncefunders1505061v1.pdf

[Decision Support Tool For Public Bodies In England](#)

The National Audit Office has developed a Decision Support Tool (DST). The DST is designed for people working in the public sector who are responsible for financial relationships with third sector (often referred to as 'voluntary and community sector') organisations (TSOs). The DST is a web-based tool which provides practical support for real-life decisions about the design of appropriate funding models. They hope that the DST will help you to design or modify your funding programmes and will help to ensure that you both achieve your objectives and comply with the government's principles of better TSO funding.

The DST has four stages, beginning with the policy intent (the objective you want to achieve), followed by strategic decisions about the design of the programme, tactical decisions and concluding with implementation.

The National Audit Office would welcome any comments you may have about the DST. Please send comments by Email: better_funding@nao.gsi.gov.uk
Website: www.nao.org.uk/better%5Ffunding/

SOURCES OF HELP

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[OneNorthEast](http://www.onestrategy-northeast.co.uk) (www.onestrategy-northeast.co.uk)
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