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This month we are bringing you information about two brand new multi-million pound funds for youth projects.

NEWS FROM THE FUNDERS

EXTERNAL FUNDING SERVICE ANNUAL CUSTOMER SURVEY

It's time again for our annual survey of how you view our services. The online form will only take a few minutes to complete and we would REALLY appreciate it if you could take the time to do so. It helps us to plan our services for the coming year, is your opportunity to let us know what you think, and what we could be doing better. You can find it at www.angus.gov.uk/efs

NEWS FROM THE FUNDERS

INVESTING IN COMMUNITIES

Deadlines have been announced for the Big Lottery's Investing in Communities programme with the final decisions being made during 2009. To make sure that all applications have been fully assessed in time for the final Committee, deadlines have been set based on the current turnaround time and the average time that applicants need to complete their form.

The deadline for Outline Proposals for the investment areas – **Growing Community Assets, Supporting 21st Century Life and Life Transitions** – has been brought forward to **Friday 1 August 2008**, so that all applicants can have sufficient time to complete their full application.

You are strongly advised to get your Outline Proposal in well before the closing date. It is important to plan your project carefully; gathering relevant information for your full application can take months. Also, early submission gives the Big Lottery Fund time to contact you if they need more information about your project.

The deadline for full application forms to **Supporting 21st Century Life and Life Transitions** is **1 December 2008**. This gives them time to make a full assessment of your application before the final Committee. Again, you are encouraged to get your application in before the deadline. The deadline for full applications to the **Growing Community Assets** strand is GCA 27 February 2009.

If you are thinking of applying, please make a note of these dates, as **no submissions will be accepted after the published dates**.

INVESTING IN IDEAS

The final deadline for applications to the Big Lottery's Investing in Ideas is **Friday 30 January 2009**. That might seem like a long way off but not for projects looking to develop their idea so they can apply to Investing in Communities. If you think you might use Investing in Ideas to strengthen a future application to Investing in

Communities, it's crucial you plan ahead. You can't wait until January 2009 as you need to take into account the **final deadlines set for Investing in Communities** (see above)

The advice is don't delay but send in your Investing in Ideas application over the next few months. This is because:

- On average, it takes about one month to receive a decision and funding from when your complete Investing in Ideas application form is received
- Investing in Ideas projects take about three to four months to complete
- If you apply to Investing in Communities but have an Investing in Ideas grant, it is important you complete the development work and include this when you send in your Investing in Communities form.

Using this guide and taking into account the Investing in Communities application form deadline it's clear that to develop your project in time, you need to send in your Investing in Ideas application form in the next few months.

The final application deadline for Investing in Ideas is later than Investing in Communities because BLF are keen to continue funding the development of ideas. Since its launch in 2006, Investing in Ideas has been very popular awarding almost £3 million to 328 projects across Scotland.

For more information please contact the external funding team or visit the Big Lottery Fund website.

SCOTTISH ARTS COUNCIL

The Scottish Arts Council has published new or revised application details and closing dates for schemes covering support for artists and arts organisations across Scotland. The schemes cover Crafts, Dance, Drama, Literature, Music, Visual Arts, Capital purchases including public arts, Cross-artform funding and the Flexible funding scheme.

Details are at www.scottisharts.org.uk/1/funding/apply/organisations.aspx or www.scottisharts.org.uk/1/funding/apply/individuals.aspx as appropriate.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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ARCHAEOLOGY

CHALLENGE FUNDING SCHEME

The scheme - funding is available to voluntary sector groups or societies developing projects that say something new about the history of local surroundings, contribute to archaeological innovation or help non-government bodies to establish long-term resources or facilities to enable others to carry out their own original research. Most expenses will fall into one of two categories:

- Equipment purchase or hire, drawing and photographic materials, travel expenses.
- Cost of obtaining external specialist services.

Challenge Funding can be used in conjunction with other funding sources and also to provide seed-corn funding to help attract other support.

Amount – up to £750

To apply – applicants should provide the names of two independent referees and submit project outlines containing:

- The project's aims.
- The project's context with earlier or current work.
- An explanation of how the project would benefit knowledge.
- Details of the sum needed, and the purpose(s) for which it would be used.

- An explanation of access to expertise further resources required for the project.
- A timetable.
- Details of how the results will be made public.

Contact The Council for British Archaeology, St Mary's House, 66 Bootham, York, YO30 7BZ Tel: 01904 671417
<http://www.britarch.ac.uk/cba/awards/challengefunding.html>

Deadline - applications can be made at anytime. The application process generally takes between 6-12 weeks.

ARTS

CLORE DUFFIELD FOUNDATION - PERFORMING ARTS AWARDS

The scheme - applications are being invited to the Clore Performing Arts Awards which supports performing arts education initiatives aimed at children and young people (aged 0-18) across the UK, Grants are for creative projects with under-18s, covering every aspect of the performing arts including opera, dance, music, musical theatre, the spoken word and theatre. Application is open to:

- Registered charities or limited companies across the UK;
- Early years settings, primary, middle and secondary schools, sixth-form colleges, SEN schools and voluntary youth organisations;
- Professional and amateur arts organisations.

Applicants must be able to demonstrate both artistic excellence and fully participatory experiences for young people.

Amount - grants cover project costs ranging from £1,000 to £10,000. The Foundation prefers to be the major funding body, and the total project budget should not exceed £30,000.

Key ingredients of funded projects are that:

- They should be a new project rather than a repeat or extension of an existing project;
- They can be run by single organisations or organisations working in partnership;
- There is no requirement to seek match funding;
- Beneficiaries are clearly identified;
- Projects that serve as models of good practice are very welcome.

Contact - application forms and full details are available at http://www.cloreduffield.org.uk/small_who.htm You can also contact The Clore Duffield Foundation Studio 3, Chelsea Manor Studios, Flood Street, London, SW3 5SR, Tel: 0207 351 6061.

Deadline - 12 March 2008.

COMMUNITIES

B&Q ONE PLANET LIVING AWARDS

The scheme - B&Q's One Planet Living Awards are set to replace their previous You Can Do It Awards and are now open for applications. The awards are to help transform local communities. Awards in 2007 included the refurbishment of local sporting facilities; social enterprise workshops and community facilities; as well as equipment for improving community gardens.

Amount - community groups and charitable organisations can apply for awards ranging from £1,000 to £10,000 worth of B&Q products. . In addition, each local B&Q store also has a "limited" budget to provide grants of between £50 and £500 to community groups under its Better Neighbour Grant Scheme

Contact www.diy.com/awards

Deadline - the closing date for applications will be 28 March 2008.

CHANGE SCOTTISH LIVES

The scheme - for the second year running McIntosh has joined forces with The Daily Record to launch the 'Changing Lives' campaign which aims to support life enhancing, worthwhile projects across Scotland. Each week the Changing Lives campaign will award bursaries to community projects which have a real impact on the quality of

life in their community, such as purchasing toys for a local nursery, funding facilities for an OAP's club or grants for a youth arts project.

Amount - amounts awarded will vary – and even a small sum can be enough to enhance enjoyment of life for certain groups.

Contact - potential beneficiaries are urged to apply soon by visiting www.strathmore-foods.com where they can download the application form and post to Katie Hamilton, Changing Lives Campaign, Denvir, Scotia House, Castle Business Park, Stirling FK9 4TZ or phone her on 01786 448160.

Deadline – 6 April 2008. Bursaries will be awarded on a fortnightly basis and decisions are made according to each individual application.

COMMUNITY KITTY

The scheme - UK Villages Community Kitty provides grants to a range of community- based projects. In the past, the fund has awarded grants for projects ranging from a knitting circle, to a playgroup needing toys, sports equipment for cubs, and support for several village halls and playing field committees, as well as a number of Heritage projects.

Amount - between £50 and £500

Contact - for more information, visit www.communitykitty.co.uk/ukvillages.nsf/b?open&s=kitty

Deadline – 10 April 2008

CONNECTING GENERATIONS SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME

The scheme - to support intergenerational projects that are generated and led by people within the community – whether a geographic community or a community of interest – and that involve joint working between age groups rather than directed by one age group to another. Local authorities, schools and other statutory organisations are also eligible to apply, however priority will be given to community-based projects that address specific community issues.

Amount - grants of £1,000 to £5,000 are available to charities and not-for-profit community groups, to be spent within 12 months.

Contact - applications should be made to the Scottish Community Foundation using a short application form, which can be downloaded from its website at www.scottishcf.org

Deadline - There is a single deadline of 31st March 2008 for applications and successful applicants will be notified by 23 May.

UK GRANTS PROGRAMME

The scheme - financial assistance is available to community and voluntary organisations in the United Kingdom to undertake projects which have community-wide benefit for disadvantaged people. Grants are available for revenue and capital costs including running costs, project costs, equipment and building costs.

Amount -small grants of up to £5,000 are available to organisations with an annual turnover of up to £150,000. Main grants of over £5,000 are made available to voluntary organisations of any size working within the grant making priorities. Main Grants will tend to be for amounts between £15,000 and £40,000 per year. There are no maximum limits, but organisations wishing for funding of more than £100,000 are advised to discuss their project prior to submitting a full application.

There are six programmes:

Young people: Addressing mental health, alcohol problems and young people abused through prostitution and trafficking.

Older people: Promoting advocacy and campaigning and making small grants available to tackle isolation and loneliness.

Mental health: Advocacy and campaigning and providing small grants for user-led mental health groups.

Refugees and asylum seekers: Supporting vulnerable women and building community links.

Domestic violence: Promoting and developing support services, raising awareness and lobbying policy makers.

Disadvantaged communities: Funding local community groups and enterprises operating in areas affected by poverty.

Contact - Comic Relief for further information at www.comicrelief.com Tel: 0207 8205555

Deadlines - for Main Grants of over £5,000 are: 29 February 2008. 15 August 2008. There is no deadline for Small Grants under £5000.

DISABILITY

WALKING ON WHEELS

The scheme - grants are available to community and voluntary groups to assist people who have mobility disabilities to gain access to the countryside and other outdoor recreational facilities and to improve the opportunities for them to enjoy and appreciate the outdoors generally. Projects that help disseminate information, which will help achieve this broad purpose, will be particularly welcome. This could be of interest to community woodland groups.

Amount – up to £1,000

Contact - <http://www.walkingonwheels.org/>

Deadline – none given

ENVIRONMENT

THE GUARDIAN UNLTD GREEN LIVING AWARDS

The scheme - the seven themes for the Green Living Awards are: improving urban green spaces; recycling; green transport; local food initiatives; campaigning; alternative energy; and the "lightbulb" category, for exceptional ideas that don't fit any of the other categories.

Amount - awards totalling around £100,000 will be given to individuals who want to run innovative environmental projects in their local communities or on a larger scale . Apart from the cash awards - ranging from up to £5,000 to help start projects, to a £20,000 award to expand an existing project - UnLtd will provide individually tailored support to award winners.

Contact - <http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/greenlivingawards>

Deadline - 29 February 2008.

SCHOOLS

B & Q ONE PLANET LIVING AWARDS

The scheme – in addition to the award described under our “Community” section there are an additional two awards of £5,000 combined cash/products to schools that submit innovative science-based proposals, showing a real understanding about the environment and the importance of tackling climate change.

Contact – www.diy.com/awards or phone 0845 300 1001

Deadline - The closing date for applications will be 28 March 2008.

VOLUNTEERING

VOLUNTARY ACTION FUND

The scheme - The Voluntary Action Fund (VAF) is preparing to launch the next round of the Volunteering Scotland Grant Scheme (VSGS), which provides up to 3 year funding for volunteering projects involving harder-to-reach volunteers. VSGS also offers one-off small grants.

Contact - please call Alison Stevenson on 01383 620780. or e-mail:

Alison.Stevenson@voluntaryactionfund.org.uk

YOUTH

LANKELLYCHASE SUMMER PLAYSCHMES

The scheme - the LankellyChase Foundation is again inviting applications for small grants to support summer playschemes throughout the UK. Playschemes must benefit children between 5-13 years old and should preferably be local and last 4-6 weeks or take the form of special activities for young people who are particularly disadvantaged. Projects with strong volunteer support are encouraged, as well as applications from black and minority ethnic-led organisations. Support is also given for activities with children in refuges and with young carers. Preference is given to playschemes run by organisations with an annual income of less than £300,000. Grants will not be given for schemes with a budget of over £12,000. Around 150 grants will be made.

Amount - £200 to £500.

Contact - There is a simple application form, available at www.lankellychase.org.uk or by contacting:

The LankellyChase Foundation 1 The Court, High Street, Harwell, Didcot, Oxfordshire, OX11 0EY, Tel: 01235 820044.

Deadline - 2 May 2008. Decisions will be announced in June.

POSITIVE DESTINATIONS

NEW

The scheme - BBC Children in Need has launched a new £2 million programme called Positive Destinations in a link with the Hunter Foundation. Projects must target activities at what are regarded as key points in the determination of a young person's future: that is pre-school; the transition from primary to secondary school; or the 14-16 year olds who are looking at work or further education. Applications will also be accepted for holistic projects working across these periods. Projects will need to ensure that children and young people up to and including age 18 achieve a "positive and sustained future in terms of education, employment and training"

Amount - three grants of £500,000 over three years will be made to support "innovative and effective" projects that will deal with the needs of young people who are at risk from leaving school with poor or no qualifications. In addition to the big three grants, a further £500,000 will be spent in three smaller grants.

Contact - applications should be made online at www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey

Deadline - 30 March 2008. Once the full assessment process has been followed it is anticipated that grants will be made by the end of July 2008.

INSPIRING SCOTLAND

NEW

The scheme - a new initiative on the venture philanthropy model has been set up by Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland and will concentrate on giving funding to organisations delivering work aimed at improving the lives of 14 to 19 year olds in Scotland. There is a two stage process.

Amount - they have an ambitious aim of delivering up to £10 million a year to charities over a 7-10 year period.

Contact - eligible groups are invited to phone to discuss how their work might fit with the aims of Inspiring Scotland. Call 0870 428 1982 or visit www.inspiringscotland.org.uk

Deadline - 28 March for outline proposals.

FUNDING SUPPORT

INSTITUTE STARTS WEBSITE TO HELP VOLUNTEER FUNDRAISERS

The Institute of Fundraising is to unveil a free service that will provide fundraising advice, case studies, practical tips and events listings to volunteer fundraisers.

The website, funded by a one-off grant of £100,000 from the Vodafone UK Foundation, will be launched in February.

The resource will complement the existing support the institute provides for volunteer fundraisers, including its code of fundraising practice *Volunteer Fundraising*.

The institute intends to make the service self-funding once it has launched.

"Volunteer fundraising is vital to the sustainability of our sector, but many volunteers struggle to get started in their efforts to raise funds," said Lindsay Boswell, chief executive of the institute. "This website will be a central resource, particularly for smaller charities that do not have the capacity to support their volunteer fundraisers in-house."

“The institute will be able to provide support to the 16 million-plus volunteers who are involved in fundraising for a host of different charities. The advice, drawn from the experiences of others, will help them raise even more for their chosen causes.”

OSCR CONSULTS ON CHARITY TEST

Scotland’s charity regulator has invited comment on its guidance for meeting the charity test.

The consultation will last until 7th April 2008 and will see the Regulator’s current guidance updated in light of its experience over the past two years since taking up its powers under the Charities and Trustee Investment Scotland Act 2005.

Please click to read more about OSCR's consultation, focus group events, and how you can have your say. The consultation can be found at <http://www.oscr.org.uk/OpenConsultations.stm>

A summary and analysis of responses will be published on OSCR's website by 30th April with final guidance being produced in the summer.

COMMUNITY OF INTEREST COMPANIES CIC

Community of Interest Companies were introduced in July 2005, as a new type of limited company specifically designed for social enterprises. In addition to obligations of an ordinary company they must show their activities are carried out for the benefit of the community, deliver an annual community interest company report detailing benefits to the community, and their constitution must have a clause that locks in any assets to the benefit of the community. Potential applicants must provide a statement describing what their aims are and who they will help. If acceptable, the Regulator will register them as a CIC. By July 2007, over 1,000 companies had chosen to register.

If you think that your organisation would benefit from this type of structure, contact the Office of the Regulator of Community Interest Companies, Tel 029 2034 6228 or find out more on www.cicregulator.gov.uk

WEBSITES

MAIL

With Royal Mail postage prices rising on 7 April from 34 to 36p for first class and 24p to 27p for second class mail, you may wish to check out <http://www.post-switch.com/> to find out if you can find a cheaper mail supplier.

AUCTION FOR CHARITY

From March 2008, eBay will streamline the process by which sellers can choose to donate part of the cost of any item to charity. Sellers will be able to make donations directly from their eBay accounts. eBay wants to make this an opportunity to increase donation levels: in the past two years, the 21 million UK users have given £5 million, and 2400 charities are registered. See www.ebay.co.uk or <http://pages.ebay.co.uk/community/charity/>

FUNDING WEBSITE

A new website has been set up to provide fundraisers everywhere with a comprehensive, easily accessible archive of the best fundraising creativity from around the world. All the information on www.sofii.org has been compiled to inform, guide and help fundraisers when preparing their own fundraising strategies, campaigns and promotions. It is run by The Showcase of Fundraising Innovation and Inspiration.

In this way SOFII aims to improve fundraising practice everywhere for the benefit of fundraisers, donors and the organisations and causes they all serve. It's also free to join, providing you are currently working in a non-profit organisation/charity.

EVENTS

Angus Child Protection Committee Seminars, 21 February in Forfar, 19 March in Arbroath

Community groups working with children are invited to the above seminars which will provide information on giving support to young people and meeting current legislation requirements.

They are free and can be booked up to two weeks in advance by contacting Isobelle Stratton
Strattonij@angus.gov.uk

Village Halls Summit 2008, 23 February, Aviemore

Have your say on the way forward for rural Scotland's Village Halls. The event is for hall committee members and a keynote address will be given by Richard Lochhead MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and the Environment. The event is free but places are limited.

Contact <http://www.scvo.org.uk/VillageHalls/NewsAndEvents/ViewNews.aspx?NewsID=877&al=t&from=Home> for details.

Don't Panic - a Youth Worker's Guide to The Arts, Sunday 16th and Monday 17th March 2008, Damacre Community Learning & Development Centre, Brechin

This is a pilot training programme for youth workers designed to explore ways in which the arts can help youth workers to achieve their aims and outcomes with young people and how creative methodology can enhance youth work practice.

The course is designed for all youth workers – paid and unpaid - who are interested in exploring more creative methods of delivering their own sessions and/or developing arts based projects. The practical skills included will be at a basic level and there is no need for people to come with any previous background or skill in arts media.

The course is made up of 4 stand-alone sessions. It is possible for participants to attend all four sessions or only to take part in those which are of particular interest to them. Each session will last for approximately three hours.

For an application form contact Isobelle Stratton, Clerical Assistant, CLD Service, Education Department, Angus House, Orchardbank Business Park, Forfar, DD8 1AE Email Strattonij@angus.gov.uk

Achieving Community Change, 27 February, Dundee

Strengthening Scotland's Communities - a practice development programme offered by the Scottish Community Development Centre This practitioner / community organisation workshop will get to grips with the ways communities can best prepare their case for change, build alliances and support, develop strategies for change and sustain change. It is primarily for community organisations and practitioners working with them. Preference will be given to 'pairs' of activist and worker. The ground to be covered will include:

- Assessing needs and issues
- Assessing community strengths and weaknesses
- Building alliances
- Researching, preparing and presenting a case
- Advocating and negotiating

Effective Community Organisations, 20 February, Falkirk; 5 March, Edinburgh; 19 March, Aberdeen

These practitioner / community organisation workshop will look at issues of leadership, learning, representation, influence, sustainability and impact. Ground to be covered will include the above, and will be substantially informed by the national standards for community engagement:

- Maximising community involvement and accountability
- Engaging excluded groups
- Working together and working with others
- Planning and purpose
- Learning lessons and feeding in

For details and to book, contact, James Anderson, Scottish Community Development Centre, Tel: 0141 248 1924 Email: James@scdc.org.uk

FUNDING TRAINING

Foundation Course in Fundraising Practice, 18-21 February, Glasgow

For fundraisers requiring a structured introduction to fundraising and their role within a fundraising organisation
Cost - £695/£955

Contact Directory for Social Change Tel 020 7391 4805 email thefundraisingprogramme@dsc.org.uk

Managing Fundraising 19-23 May, Glasgow

For those wishing to complete the Managing Fundraising element of the Certificate in Fundraising Management. Also suitable for anyone who manages or aspires to manage the fundraising function.

Cost £1165/£1295

Contact Directory for Social Change Tel 020 7391 4805 email thefundraisingprogramme@dsc.org.uk

“How to” raise money from Trusts, 9 June 2008, Edinburgh

Aim – to enable participants to identify an initial list of target trust, appreciate what trusts are looking for from applications, and write appropriate applications. Target audience - those inexperienced at fundraising.

Cost - £140/£270 including publication

Contact Directory for Social Change Tel 020 7391 4805 email thefundraisingprogramme@dsc.org.uk

The External Funding Team, in partnership with the Tayside Funding Group also run free funding training courses throughout the year, which are highlighted in the Angus Funding News.

FUNDING SUCCESS

The Big Lottery Fund has given £235,000 to Enable Scotland's Angus project through its Investing in Communities programme. This brings to **£1,438,139**, the total attracted by Angus groups from this particular fund.

FORTHCOMING DEADLINES

Feb 26	Visitscotland Homecoming www.homecomingscotland.com	tourism
Feb 28	National Assoc of Decorative & Fine Arts Societies Grant www.nadfas.org.uk/	heritage
Feb 29	NESTA Big Green Challenge www.biggreenchallenge.org.uk/	environment
March 1	Global Curriculum Project Grants	schools
March 17	LTSB Standard Grants	general

TRUSTS TO APPLY TO IN FEBRUARY

MacLennan Trust

Royal Bank of Scotland plc, Trust & Estate Services, 2 Festival Square, Edinburgh EH3 9SU

Tel 0131 523 2658

Supports homelessness, children, education

Monamy Trust

The Courtyard, 130 Constitution St, Leith, Edinburgh EH6 6AJ Tel 0131 553 6848 email ndlk.ltd@ukgateway.net

Supports alleviation of poverty, conservation and protection of the environment, alleviation and care for disabled

Arbroath Improvement Trust

7 Tarry Dykes, Arbroath Angus DD1 1NF Tel 01241 878305

Supports arts, education, youth

Ellis Campbell Foundation

Shalden Park Steading, Shalden, Alton, Hampshire GU34 4DS Tel 01256 381821 email mdcccc@elliscampbell.co.uk

Supports education of disadvantaged under 25, rural community based projects, preservation of historic buildings in Tayside

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