

ANGUS FUNDING NEWS

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This month we bring you details of three new funds, the Big Lottery's latest grants information, good news on water charges and some useful websites and publications for voluntary groups.

EXTERNAL FUNDING TEAM EVENTS

Be Better @ Funding

A reminder that the "Who, Where, What, When and Why of Funding" event in Angus will take place on 16 June at Angus College.

Remaining places are limited, so please book as soon as possible by calling Bruce Thomson on 01307 473350.

WWW.ANGUS4COMMUNITY.COM

We are delighted to invite you to a reception to re-launch the successful www.angus4community.com funding search website on 1 July in Angus College.

The event will be a chance to hear more about the site, try it out and meet the External Funding Team.

So if you can spare an hour at the end of the day – the event will be from 4pm – 5pm, do book a place. As the event takes place in a computer suite, there are limited places available, so please book early – and equally important, we need to provide sufficient refreshments for attendees.

To book, please contact externalfunding@angus.gov.uk or phone Bruce Thomson on 01307 473350.

EUROPE QUIZ

Last month you may remember we offered a prize of a meal for two at the [Carnoustie Golf Hotel](#) for correctly completing our quiz to celebrate Europe Day. And the winner is.....pause for effect.....Scott Petrie of Angus College. Congratulations Scott.

NEWS FROM THE FUNDERS

BIG LOTTERY FUND UPDATE

Firstly, a reminder that if you intend to apply to the Investing in Communities Fund, your outline proposal must be in by **1 August 2008** – that's only a few weeks away. Full applications, if you are given the go-ahead to make one, should be submitted by 1 December.

The BLF has reviewed the grants it has made so far and the results are of interest.

Life Transitions has been a popular choice, and for this reason a further £15m has been added to the £35m pot. Eight million of this will be used to top up current demand. The remaining £7m will be to encourage more applications where there have been fewer applications. These are

- Hard to reach young people

- Older people – particularly those becoming carers or entering retirement

Supporting 21st Century Life has also received lots of applications. £7m will be added to the original pot of £35, with £4m of this for demand led projects and £3m to encourage people and communities to think and plan ahead to match future needs and services. Groups will be invited to attend an event in June to inspire them to focus their ideas.

Dynamic, Inclusive Communities The deadline for this has passed, but a new deadline will be set for groups to apply for projects that support local community engagement. A further £2m will be made available for this.

Growing Community Assets. The BLF wish to encourage more applications that

- support the production, sale and consumption of local food
- come from the south and **east** of Scotland (that's us!)
- support the development of community owned green spaces

LEADER

The European funding programme LEADER, which is a grant scheme for rural communities, has been launched and the Rural Tayside and Cairngorms LEADER application forms are now available. Applications are welcome from community and voluntary groups in rural areas, as well as networks of businesses. A series of information seminars about LEADER is being planned for later in the summer and we shall be bringing you details of these shortly. In the meantime, if you have a potential funding idea you wish to discuss, contact Alison Smith on 01307 473222.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

ARTS	CHILDREN	COMMUNITY
ENVIRONMENT	FOOD	SPORT

ARTS

ARTS & BUSINESS ANNOUNCE NEW MATCHING GRANT SCHEME

Arts & Business has recently benefited from the Government's CashBack for Communities initiative. The funding comes from money and goods seized from organised crime, and will be used to encourage sponsorship of arts activities to help divert young people from becoming involved in crime and anti-social behaviour.

Funding of £600,000 has been made available to Arts & Business to deliver a matching grant scheme over two years (2008 - 2010). The aims of the Arts & Business scheme are to increase the number of businesses sponsoring arts activities that promote inclusion for young people, to promote the inspirational power of the arts to expand the horizons of young people, and to involve those who may not otherwise have arts opportunities.

For detailed information about eligibility and priority areas, download the application guidelines from www.AandB.org.uk/Scotland or tel: 0131 220 2499 or e-mail: Scotland.Grants@AandB.org.uk

ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE FUND

The scheme - The Architectural Heritage Fund (AHF) promotes the conservation and regeneration of historic buildings in the UK. Funding is available to voluntary organisations who build preservation trusts to regenerate historic buildings in order to create community and education facilities, workspace and homes.

Eligibility - to be eligible to apply organisations need to be a registered charity, and the building(s) must be listed, scheduled as an ancient monument or in a Conservation Area (if in a Conservation Area, it must be of acknowledged historic or architectural importance). The project must also involve a change of ownership and/or a change of use. Previously funded projects include turning run down historic buildings into community theatres, resource centres, community learning centres and community meeting places.

Contact - to find out more go to www.ahfund.org.uk tel: 0207 925 0199 or e-mail: ahf@ahfund.org.uk

Deadline - Thursday 14 August & Thursday 23 October 2008

CHILDREN

THE W M SWORD CHARITABLE TRUST

NEW

The scheme - a charitable trust has been set up locally for the purpose of helping children of all ages. The aim of the Trust is to help children and young adults who require assistance because of sickness, disability or hardship. The Trust is discretionary and Trustees will consider any request which will benefit and support children and encourage them to achieve their full potential. The trustees can also consider requests from other age groups. Charitable organisations, children's groups and individuals are invited to submit requests for funding. All requests will be dealt with in strict confidence.

Contact - please write in the first instance to The W.M. Sword Charitable Trust, c/o Findlay & Co. Chartered Accountants, 6 Dudhope Terrace, Dundee DD3 6TS.

Deadline – none given

GIVE IT A GO!!

NEW

The scheme – money has been made available through the Youth Initiative Fund for community based activities, facilities, projects and services which can include arts, craft, creative, music, sports etc for young people aged 8 – 18.

Amount – up to £600

Contact – Yvonne Gellatly, Community Safety Team, Angus Council can give further information and supply an application form. She can be reached on GellatlyY@angus.gov.uk or Tel: 01575 573581

Deadline – funding is limited, so you are advised to apply sooner rather than later.

COMMUNITY

TESCO CHARITY COMMUNITY AWARDS

The scheme – grants are available to community groups whose core work is supporting the welfare of the elderly and those with disabilities.

Amount - Grants of up to £5,000 are available

Contact - <http://tinyurl.com/3ugbfp> for further information and to download an application form.

Deadline - 30 June 08.

ENVIRONMENT

CLIMATE CHALLENGE FUND

NEW

The scheme - The Climate Challenge Fund aims to help Scottish communities make a real difference by significantly reducing their carbon emissions. Grants are available to empower communities to take action to reduce their carbon footprint and make a real difference to the local and national environment.

The Fund offers grants to community organisations to help with the planning, learning, communication and most importantly action to reduce carbon emissions. Projects can involve using less energy, or walking and cycling more, to local sustainable food. with carbon reduction at the heart of every proposal.

The guiding principals of the fund are:

- Makes significant carbon emissions reduction as the central focus, but also brings wider environmental, social and economic benefits;
- Be community based, and have the community at the centre of decision making;
- Seeks to improve quality of life now and for future generations.

Amount - there is no set grant; no minimum amount but there is a one million pound maximum. Larger projects may apply if they can demonstrate a particularly high potential carbon saving and clear alignment with the other fund criteria. You are not required to find funding from other sources but joint funded projects are welcome.

Who can apply - Such organisations may include, but are not restricted to:

Voluntary, not-for-profit and charitable organisations, schools; community groups working in partnership with : Universities and Colleges, national voluntary, not-for-profit and charitable organisations , Local Authorities, Housing Associations, or Community Planning Partnerships

Contact - Keep Scotland Beautiful 01786 471333 or email ccf@ksbscotland.org.uk or go to www.keepsotlandbeautiful.org/ccf

You can apply on line at http://www.itsourfuture.co.uk/climate_challenge_fund/apply.html or download an expression of interest form from http://www.itsourfuture.co.uk/climate_challenge_fund/pdf/applicationform.pdf

FOOD

COOKIT GRANTS

The scheme - financial assistance is available to help primary schools purchase cooking equipment in order to teach children about cooking and promote healthy eating. Cookit is a set of cooking equipment developed by the Focus on Food campaign, along with the Food Standards Agency (FSA), designed to enable teachers in primary schools to pass-on practical cooking skills and inspire children to learn about healthy eating and food safety. Each Cookit set contains everything required to teach basic cooking and basic skills to groups of 6-12 pupils, including:

- Mixing bowls
- Jugs
- Chopping boards
- Scales
- Baking equipment and trays
- Saucepans
- Can-openers
- Ladles
- Sets of cutlery for 12 people
- Information packs, activity sheets, and recipes

Amount - the full Cookit set costs £750 plus VAT. FSA are providing 50 grants to cover 50% of the total cost of Cookit sets (£375 per set).

Contact - For further information on how to obtain this grant locally, please contact the following:

Diane Collins, Focus on Food, Tel: 01422 383191

Email: focusonfood@designdimension.org

Deadline - 23 June 2008.

ESMEE FAIRBAIRN FOUNDATION

The scheme - The Esmée Fairbairn Foundation is launching a new food funding strand. The fund will aim to promote an understanding of the role of food in enhancing quality of life. They are interested in work that *influences* policy and practice across a range of food-related areas, enabling as many people in the UK as possible to access, prepare and eat nutritious, sustainable food.

- Improving access to appropriate, diverse and sustainable food in areas where availability is limited
- Exploring or enhancing understanding of the impact of food on wider well-being
- Demonstrating the positive role of food in a social context or how food can contribute to community cohesion
- Developing leadership in food policy and/or enabling greater connection among currently diverse food-related interests
- Scaling up effective local or regional practice that deserves a wider platform
- Strategic or exceptional work that supports the development of sustainable food systems.

Amount - the budget is £3million over the next three years.

Contact - <http://www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk/funding/food.html>

Deadline - Final decisions about second stage applications will be made in July and November 2008.

SPORT

SPORTSMATCH

The scheme – SPORTSMATCH is an award scheme supporting grass roots sport projects that encourage participation at community level, especially youth groups. Sponsored projects should aim to include either increased participation at the grass roots level, new or enhanced activities, or activities that provide links to the local community and ensure long term benefits. Priority will be given to projects which can be seen to benefit young people, disabled people, ethnic minorities, school related projects, or projects in rural or urban recreationally deprived areas.

The fund aims to match commercial business sponsorship on a £ for £ basis and has three primary objectives:

- to encourage businesses to sponsor community sports
- to foster lasting partnerships between business and community sport
- to further develop and improve community access to sport through quality business sponsorships

Amount - awards start at a minimum of £500 and go up to £10,000 per project. Sponsorship can be in cash or in kind with regards sporting equipment.

Who can apply? -Any not-for-profit group such as a sports club, local authority, governing body of sport, school etc. can apply. Although applicants are expected to be from not-for-profit groups, sponsors can come from any profit-distributing business, whether a bank, restaurant or local jeweller.

Contact - <http://www.sportscotland.org.uk/SiteNavigation/Funding/TopicNavigation/Sportsmatch/>

Deadlines - 23 July, 17 September, 12 November, 14 January 2009

FUNDING SUPPORT

PUBLICATIONS

SCVO PUBLISHES GUIDE TO RAISING FUNDS

The Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations commissioned a Guide to Raising Funds, which they are making available free online for a short period of time (after which you can purchase it through their publications section). To download the PDF go to <http://tinyurl.com/4tgu8d> (but beware - the document is 134 pages long!).

SCOTTISH ARTS COUNCIL FUNDING GUIDELINES UPDATED

The Scottish Arts Council has recently updated its funding guidelines with new information about the funds available and the deadlines for application. Two separate documents are available to download which provide summary information:

* A guide to Funds for organisations - www.scottisharts.org.uk/1/information/publications/1005314.aspx

* A guide to funds for Individuals - www.scottisharts.org.uk/1/information/publications/1005313.aspx

If you are unable to download and print these out yourself, please contact the SAC helpdesk on 0845 603 6000 and they will print a hard copy out for you and put it in the post.

PRACTICAL GUIDE TO VAT

DSC, 3rd edition ISBN 978 1 900360 91 6

This guide explains in simple, jargon-free terms how VAT works and how it affects not-for-profit organisations. Written by a chartered accountant with over 20 years' experience in the sector, the book covers:

- when VAT is chargeable and reclaimable and how to recover it
- when charities are required to register for VAT and consequences of not doing so
- special tax reliefs available to charities
- VAT and fundraising implications of VAT on work in Europe.

To order, contact DSC at <http://www.dsc.org.uk/Publications/@2561> The publication costs £18.95

IS IT WORTH REGISTERING AS A CHARITY?

The Directory of Social Change recently had a poll amongst subscribers on this topic and 82% of respondees thought it was worth becoming a charity. DSC also gave their views on the subject, and these can be read at <http://www.dsc.org.uk/NewsandInformation/News/April2008QuickSurveyAnalysis>

FREE TELEPHONE CONFERENCING

Find out the benefits of teleconferencing for FREE. Just quote 'dsc1' when booking your free one hour conference for up to 10 people before the 30th of September. Community Network, www.community-network.org

BE A TRUSTEE

The Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations has a new section on its website giving advice for charity trustees. It can be found at <http://www.scvo.org.uk/governance/BeATrustee/AboutTrusteeship.aspx?f=i&al=t>

FREE CARRIER BAGS

Do you need a large number of carrier bags for an event you are running? If you do, AngusAhead carriers are available free from Angus Council's Economic Development Department. They can be collected from County Buildings, Forfar. To enquire, contact Lynsey Ross on 01307 473271.

WATER CHARGES

Small charities, churches and voluntary organisations will continue to be exempt from paying water charges till at least 2014, it was announced recently. Full details from <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2008/05/30114338>

WEBSITES AND DOWNLOADS

www.cash-online.org.uk provides financial advice and training for small charities and voluntary groups. Many aspects of financial management are covered on the site, including audit and independent examination, budgets, financial controls, full cost recovery and NJC payscales. It's also written in jargon free language.

Apply Yourselfs and Budget Yourselfs are designed to help you apply for funds. Apply Yourselfs can be found on Angus Council's www.angus4community.com website. Once you have started a search, view the Trusts section and follow the link entitled "Do you need some help writing an application for funding?"

Both Apply Yourselfs and Budget Yourselfs can also be downloaded from <http://www.funderfinder.org.uk/>

FUNDING SUCCESS

Angus Council received a sum of £250,000 from Sportscotland for a synthetic pitch at Webster High School/Community Sports Centre in Kirriemuir.

The following groups received funding from Awards for All in May

Carmyllie Primary School - £5,000

Newbigging Primary School - £10,000

Tumbletots Playgroup - £9,500

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