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NEWS FROM THE LOTTERY

GOOD NEWS FOR LOTTERY DISTRIBUTORS

BRITONS have rediscovered their enthusiasm for the National Lottery, with operator Camelot Group unveiling its highest ticket sales in more than a decade.

Sales across the whole portfolio of games – including scratch cards, EuroMillions and online tickets – rose to £5.15 billion in the year to 31 March. This is an increase of £182.8 million on the previous year.

Camelot also said amounts raised for good causes had shot up to £1.38bn, an increase of £25.8m over the same period last year.

Obviously this is good news for those seeking funding, particularly given the effect that the London Olympics will be having on funding programmes up to 2012.

With a long gap between major Big Lottery Fund programmes, a number of short-term funding initiatives have been announced:

SECRET MILLIONAIRE FUND

The scheme - you can propose a community project or organisation you think would benefit from Big Lottery funding. Or, if you have an idea for a project that can bring real improvements to the lives of communities, and can pass a simple eligibility test, you can apply to Secret Millionaire Fund yourself. In both cases Lottery grants are awarded following an application and assessment process which takes up to 8 weeks.

Applications are welcomed from voluntary and community groups, schools, community councils, local authorities and health boards.

Amount - grants of between £300 and £10,000 are available and projects must be completed within one year.

Contact - to nominate a project or apply for funding go to http://secretmillionaire.channel4.com/fund_info.shtml

Deadline - 21 December 2009

BIG FAMILY IDEA

The scheme – run by organisers of the National Family Week and supported by The Big Lottery Fund this aims to promote and celebrate family life. Members of the public and professional bodies are invited to generate ideas to improve family life in their street, in their town or across the whole country. Applications can be wide ranging (e.g. a product, service, event, campaign) but should be aimed at bringing families together.

Amount – Although there isn't a direct prize, the winner will have the satisfaction of seeing their idea selected, and then piloted by a suitable organisation with funds from BIG of up to £150,000 (subject to appropriately fundable ideas being submitted).

Contact - you can enter online at <http://www.nationalfamilyweek.co.uk/view.The-Big-Family-Idea> or by post.

For more information, and terms and conditions, visit www.nationalfamilyweek.co.uk which is running the competition.

Deadline - the deadline for receipt of applications is 31 July 2009.

VILLAGE SOS

The scheme – this is a new initiative from the Big Lottery Fund and the BBC. It is searching for six UK villages with populations of under 3,000 with a great business idea and six enterprising individuals to act as Village Champions to help them achieve their ambitions. BIG and the BBC want to increase awareness about challenges and opportunities for rural communities across the UK.

All types of voluntary and community organisations such as charities, community organisations, social enterprises, village and community based co-operatives, are eligible to apply. Organisations must represent villages in the UK. The final six projects will need to set up a Trust for their village to receive a grant. Informal and new groups that do not currently have a constitution or a bank account may apply. In these cases guidance will be given on how to agree some simple governance rules. If you want to receive a development grant at stage one, you will need to put together a set of rules (a constitution for example) and set up a bank account.

The villages must be located outside the boundaries of an urban town or city. BIG will support 6 rural villages to develop a community enterprise project that will demonstrate what communities can do to improve lives of local people and bring new life and energy to the village. The journey of the six successful villages and their Village Champions will be filmed for a BBC One series in winter 2010.

Amount - The final six projects will share up to £3 million with funding of between £100,000 and £400,000 to each of them.

Contact - to find out more and for application information for villages visit www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/villagesos
For application information for Village Champions visit www.bbc.co.uk/villagesos or call 0844 888 8677.

Deadline – 14 August 2009. The six finalists will not be announced until May 2010.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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ARTS

THE MUSICIANS BENEVOLENT FUND

The scheme - awards to emerging performing groups who are generating a significant impact within their chosen field of music, have a genuine commitment to building a career as a professional group, and who can demonstrate recognised musical excellence.

The awards are open to groups with between 2 and 10 members able to meet the following criteria:

- All group members are in the final stages of study or the first 5 years of a professional career as a musician.
- A professional musician is defined as someone who is paid to perform, compose, or work in any other productive manner related to music, and whose main source of income is this activity.
- Have been together as a group for at least one year.
- Are at least 50% British/Irish or have been resident in the UK or Ireland for at least 3 years.

Awards are available for projects that clearly show how they will enhance the musical development of the group.

Examples of projects that may be considered for funding include:

- Participation in high profile competitions or auditions.
- Coaching or mentoring sessions in the UK or abroad.
- Participation in prestigious showcases in the UK or abroad.
- Recording and releasing costs for an album, EP or single (unless the group has financial backing from a label).
- A tour or a series of concerts in the UK or abroad.
- Fees for short courses.

Amount - £500 to £3,000

Contact - <http://www.mbf.org.uk/> or at 7-11 Britannia Street, London WC1X 9JS Tel: 020 7239 9100

Deadline – none given

MEDIA BOX

The scheme – to encourage young people to produce media projects. UK organisations working with young people are eligible to apply. Mediabox aims to give disadvantaged 13-19 year olds an opportunity to develop and produce creative media projects using film, television, print, radio or online platforms.

The beneficiaries should be young people who want to create a media project and get the chance to express their ideas, boost their personal development and get their voices heard.

Amount - there are three different types of grants ranging from £100 to £80,000.

Contact - <http://www.mediatrust.org/youth-media/mediabox> or phone them on 020 7217 3701 or email mediabox@mediatrust.org

Deadline – none given

See also The Baring Foundation Grants for Arts and Older People, under [OLDER PEOPLE](#)

ENERGY

ENERGY EFFICIENCY DESIGN AWARDS

The scheme –this fund will present a small number of awards in order to encourage communities, designers, the construction industry and housing providers, to develop innovative approaches to significantly raise the energy performance of existing housing.

Amount – grants of up to £250,000 are available to voluntary and charitable organisations, local authorities, housing associations, and consortia.

Contact - <http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/scotland/Scotland/Energy-Efficiency-Design-Awards>

Deadline - 26 June 2009

EUROPEAN ENERGY PROGRAMME FOR RECOVERY (EEPR)

The scheme –to develop projects in the field of energy in the EU. By providing a financial impulse it is intended to contribute to economic recovery, the security of energy supply and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.

It establishes sub-programmes to advance these objectives in the fields of:

- (a) gas and electricity infrastructure projects: EUR 2,365 million;
- (b) offshore wind energy projects: EUR 565 million;
- (c) projects for carbon capture and storage: EUR 1,050 million.

A number of projects have already been given grants, including EUR40m to the Aberdeen offshore wind farm.

Contact - http://ec.europa.eu/energy/grants/docs/eepr/eepr_call_for_proposals.pdf for full details of the fund.

Requests for information on this call can be made before 1 July 2009 midnight to the specific mail box:

- for Interconnections: TREN-EEPR-INTERCONNECTIONS@ec.europa.eu
- for Offshore Wind Energy: TREN-EEPR-WIND@ec.europa.eu
- for Carbon Capture and Storage: TREN-EEPR-CCS@ec.europa.eu

A frequently asked questions document will be published about this call. This document will be available at http://ec.europa.eu/energy/grants/2009_07_15_en.htm

Deadline – 15 July for initial applications

COMMUNITIES AND RENEWABLE ENERGY SCHEME (CARES)

The scheme – Legally constituted, non-profit distributing community organisations in Scotland can apply. CARES offers grants to community organisations to help with the installation of a variety of renewable energy technologies. Groups can apply for funding for technical assistance and capital grants for renewable energy equipment installation and associated costs.

Capital grants are available for:

- installing renewable energy generation plant;
- supporting infrastructure;
- project management costs.

Technical Assistance supports non-capital projects, such as feasibility or scoping studies and capacity building within a community. Funding is available for:

- feasibility studies or community consultation;
- support to develop a proposal;

- capacity building (awareness raising, training and skills development).

The technologies that are eligible for funding include:

- hydro-electric (including wave and tidal);
- wind;
- geothermal;
- solar water heating;
- heat pumps (ground, air and water source).

The types of organisations that are eligible to apply include: voluntary, non-profit and charitable organisations; local rural partnerships; local authorities; housing associations; universities and schools.

Applications in which private industrial or commercial organisations collaborate as part of consortium bids with non-profit distributing bodies are also be accepted, provided that the private organisation is not the lead applicant / beneficiary and the project itself is non-profit distributing.

Amount - technical assistance – up to £10,000; capital grants - 50 per cent of costs up to £150,000.

Contact - Community Energy Scotland at <http://www.communityenergyscotland.org.uk/cares.asp>

LOW CARBON BUILDINGS PROGRAMME

The scheme - The programme provides grants for the installation of microgeneration technologies in a range of buildings to include households, community organisations, public, private and the non-profit sectors. Grants are currently provided towards the cost of installing the following technologies:

solar photovoltaics; wind turbines; small hydro; solar thermal hot water; ground source heat pumps; air source heat pumps; bio-energy

Amount - householders can apply for grants of up to £2,500 per property towards the cost of installing a certified product by a certified installer. Community buildings are eligible for 50% of costs up to £1m.

Contact - for householders grants visit <http://www.lowcarbonbuildings.org.uk/about/hfaqs/>

For community building grants visit <http://www.lowcarbonbuildingsphase2.org.uk/>

Deadlines – apply by 30 June for Phase 2 community grants. Householder grants are available until June 2010.

ENVIRONMENT

SCOTTISH NATURAL HERITAGE BIODIVERSITY AWARD

The scheme – community groups, residents associations, youth groups and schools working in partnership with local groups can apply for grants for volunteers to take practical action to improve and create places for wildlife.

Amount – up to 75 grants of up to £250 available.

Contact - <http://www.actionearth.org.uk/register250.php>

Deadline - 7 July 2009.

HEALTH

GATEWAY EXCHANGE FUND

The scheme - to support those who are seeking funding assistance to promote healing, creative self expression, transformation and renewal through innovative projects which can make a difference in areas of deprivation and need throughout Scotland. Priority for grant awards will be given to projects which seek to involve or empower people to move on with their lives or fulfil their potential, where they would otherwise not have the opportunity. For example, ex-offenders, people recovering from addiction or individuals with mental health problems or recovering from abuse. In particular, creative projects involving the arts or those with therapeutic, healing and spiritual benefits will be a priority.

Amount - grant awards of up to £5,000 will be available to constituted, not for profit groups.

Contact - the fund does not receive direct applications, so please apply via the Scottish Community Foundation on 0131 524 0300 or 0141 225 6670. Or to read more about it go to www.scottishcf.org/page11264.cfm

Deadline – none given

OLDER PEOPLE

THE BARING FOUNDATION GRANTS FOR ARTS AND OLDER PEOPLE

The scheme - In September 2009, the Baring Foundation will launch a new funding programme giving core costs grants to arts organisations in the UK working with older people. It plans to spend a total of around £3 million in five 'nebula' rounds.

The first grants will be made in June 2010. The Foundation will publish a mapping report in September 2009 looking at current practice in this field. If you work for an arts organisation that works in this area it would be keen to hear from you.

Contact - For further information email David Cutler at david.cutler@uk.ing.com

THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND THE ARTS - AGE UNLIMITED SCHEME

The scheme - to fund a number of demonstration projects that will help older people lead more active and productive lives to develop innovative solutions to tackle the problem of an increasingly aged society.

NESTA is looking to support up to 20 practical projects that will test and demonstrate new models that will help the nation overcome these issues.

Businesses, local authorities, social enterprises, trade unions, and third sector organisations, such as voluntary and community groups, are asked to come up with innovative ideas under one of the following themes:

- Age Readiness – projects that will experiment with new methods that encourage people over the age of 50 to plan for and take actions to enable them to age well.
- Age Management - projects that focus on helping older people to continue working beyond the statutory retirement age.

Amount - grants ranging from £500 to £50,000 are available from a total fund of £650,000

Contact - for further information about Age Unlimited, visit <http://www.nestalab.org.uk/age-unlimited-call-for-ideas/>

Deadline - organisations have until 19 June to submit their proposals. Around 40 entries will be given advice and support to develop their ideas further, before a panel of experts chooses up to 20 successful projects that will share the funding pot.

RURAL

ANGUS RURAL ENTERPRISE GRANT SCHEME

The scheme – this is an Angus Council grant scheme to support the development of small rural businesses and community groups. The grant can provide seed corn funding to non-constituted rural groups that have difficulty accessing other established sources of funding. The eligibility and the application criteria is to be reviewed to prevent duplication with other schemes and to align it with the council's new economic development strategy which focuses on the priority areas of sustainable energy, food and drink and tourism.

Amount - £10,000 is available. The upper grant limit is £2,500.

Contact – for further details contact Prue Dowie, Development Officer, on 01307 473260.

Deadline – none, but as this is a small pot of money, it is likely that it will be allocated quickly.

SPORT

SPORTSMATCH

The scheme – Sportsmatch offer pound for pound matched funding to investments made by businesses, trusts and individuals into projects that encourage sports participation at grass roots level. Funding is primarily for running costs, although capital awards of can be made.

The scheme is open to community based sports project, in particular those that benefit young people, disability groups, BEM groups and women/girls. Projects should include increased participation, new or enhanced activities and priority is given to revenue projects, e.g. coaching, competition, facilities hire rather than capital projects. It is open to voluntary groups, schools and local authorities to apply to.

Amount – £500 to £10,000

Contact – apply online on Sportscotland's website at

<http://www.sportscotland.org.uk/ChannelNavigation/Topics/TopicNavigation/Community+sport/Funding/Sportsmatch/>

Deadline –15 July 2009, 16 September and 11 November 2009.

EU – PREPARATORY ACTIONS IN THE FIELD OF SPORT

The scheme - The European Commission has issued a call for proposals for preparatory actions in the field of sport.

Funding is available to run projects to support preparatory actions in four areas:

- Promoting health-enhancing physical activity: supporting networking and exchange of best practices between the sport sector, schools, national and local authorities and local enterprises in order to strengthen the contribution of the sport sector to healthier lifestyles. Projects must be transnational. About 5 projects will be funded, with a total budget in the order of €1.2 million.
- Promoting education and training in sport: supporting activities aimed at promoting sport and physical activity in a school environment and at encouraging sport organisations and sport clubs involved in the training of young athletes to share knowledge in this area, with particular regard to the question of combined sports training and education for young people. About 5 projects will be funded, with a total budget in the order of €900.000.
- Promoting European fundamental values by encouraging sport for disabled persons: promoting the European dimension of disability sports, such as the integration of disability sport components into mainstream sport events so as to improve the sustainability of sport competitions for people with disabilities as well as the organisation of competitions combining the participation of athletes with and without disabilities. About 3 projects will be funded, with a total budget in the order of €1 million.
- Promoting gender equality in sport: supporting networking and exchange of best practices in view of strengthening gender equality in sport organisations. About 2 projects will be funded, with a total budget in the order of €900.000.

Amount - grants can cover up to 80% of costs.

Contact- further details are available from http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/education_culture/calls/docs/sport09.pdf

The application forms are at http://ec.europa.eu/sport/preparatory_actions/doc743_en.htm

Deadline - 31 August 2009. Projects must start between 1 December 2009 and 31 March 2010 and finish before 31 March 2011.

YOUTH

BBC CHILDREN IN NEED

The scheme – grants for disadvantaged children for a variety of projects. All areas of the UK receive a share of the money raised through the annual Children in Need appeal, which last November raised over £20m.

Amount – grants from £600 to £182,000 were awarded in the past round.

Contact - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/news/news300409.shtml>

Deadline – 15 June 2009

BBC CHILDREN IN NEED – FUN AND FRIENDSHIP PROGRAMME

NEW

The scheme – the Fun and Friendship programme will help organisations that support independent socialising for disabled youngsters. Applicants should demonstrate that their programmes improve social interaction, that young people are involved in determining how they are developed, and that they are committed to sharing what they learned.

Amount - £3m is available. The programme will offer up to 12 three-year grants of up to £300,000 each.

Contact - for more information, visit <http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/grants/funandfriendship.shtml>

Deadline - the deadline for applications is 31 July 2009.

CASHBACK FOR COMMUNITIES

The scheme - youth projects throughout Scotland are to be able to bid for a share of cash seized from organised criminals.

A third round of funding for youth projects from the CashBack for Communities scheme is now open. Applications will be assessed by panels consisting of local authority representatives (Community Learning and Development and Community Safety in particular); the voluntary sector; and trained young people.

Regional surgeries will be scheduled to allow applicants to improve their bids. (AFN will bring you details of these when dates are available).

Priority will be given to projects / activities which address inequalities, and particularly to proposals for activities which will take place in areas of multiple deprivation to fill gaps in provision for young people in those areas. Other areas may be funded if they are seen as suffering from particular problems or lack of resources. The grants will fund organisations which support young people who are currently involved or at risk of becoming involved in violence, alcohol, drugs and or anti-social behaviour. The emphasis is on youth work interventions constructed with and for young people in the 10 –19 age group therefore requests for large capital items of equipment only, will not be supported.

Amount - the scheme has been allocated £1 million to distribute to local youth projects in the form of grants up to a maximum of £10,000. However, this limit is proposed on the basis of the average size of awards made in the two rounds of the previous phase. Panels will be free to make larger awards to flagship projects in their area. Local authority area allocations (which have not been announced yet) are based on the following formula: 80 per cent based on percentage of 10-19 year olds; 10 per cent on number of income support claimants (to capture deprivation); 10 per cent on population living outwith settlements of 1000+ (to capture rurality).

Contact - <http://www.youthlink.co.uk/> for guidance notes and an application form.

Deadline - applications will be accepted until 31 October 2009.

TESCO CHARITY TRUST COMMUNITY AWARDS

The scheme - The Tesco Charity Trust is now accepting applications for grants to support children's education and welfare projects. The funding is available to community and voluntary groups. They also consider grant applications between £4,000 and £25,000 to support local, national or international projects.

Amount - £500 and £4,000 and £4,000 to £25,000

Contact - for more information go to <http://tinyurl.com/r2bx7d> where there is an online application form. If you require any support whilst completing your application please contact their helpline on 0845 612 3575. If you would like to apply for a grant write to the Tesco Charity Trust, Delamare Road, Cheshunt, Herts, EN8 9SL outlining your project.

Deadline - 30 June 2009

YOUTH IN ACTION PROGRAMME

The scheme – a European funded scheme aimed at supporting projects encouraging creativity and innovation in the youth sector. Projects should target the introduction, implementation and promotion of innovative and qualitative elements in non-formal education and youth work.

Priority themes: -

- media literacy of young people
- e-youth work

Contact - for more info go to http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/youth/funding/2009/call_action_4_4_en.php

Deadline - applications must be submitted no later than 30 September 2009. Projects must start between 1 December 2009 and 31 March 2010. They will have a minimum duration of 12 months and a maximum duration of 18 months.

AWARDS

CONGRATULATIONS ...

to **Brechin Youth Project** which has received the highest honour that can be given to volunteer groups – the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. Well done, and well deserved.

FUNDING SUPPORT

TRAINING

On **Thursday 25th June** between 9.30 am and 12.30pm, Bob Gillespie, Perth and Kinross CVS, will deliver a course on **Minute Taking**. This course costs £30 per individual (Voluntary Organisations), £50 per person (Statutory Organisations).

contact Anna Fraser, CVS Administrator, on 01738 567076 to book a place or by e-mail: anna.fraser@pkavs.org.uk

WEBSITES

RURAL NETWORK WEBSITE

Have you joined up to the new National Rural Network yet at <http://www.ruralgateway.org.uk/en> ?
The site includes a section on rural funding at <http://www.ruralgateway.org.uk/en/rural-development/funding>
There's also a projects database with some great examples of successful projects and how they have been funded at <http://www.ruralgateway.org.uk/en/rural-development/projects>
It's worth checking out.

RAISE MONEY WITHOUT SPENDING A PENNY

Small charities can offer their supporters an exciting new incentive – the chance to win a new Fiat 500 donated by Zurich Insurance. Find out how you can use the small charity car draw to raise money for your cause without spending a penny. Visit www.thefsi.org/car-draw.html.

PUBLICATIONS

DSC has new and updated editions of the Youth Funding Guide and Sports Funding Guide.
For more information and to order visit <http://www.dsc.org.uk/Publications> or go directly to [Youth Funding Guide](#) and [Sports Funding Guide](#).

RESOURCES

Angus Council's Community Learning and Development Service can offer access to minibuses, photocopying and meeting spaces, loan of laptops and projectors for talks etc and other equipment of use to community groups. For more information contact your local CLD area office.

FUNDING SUCCESS

The Den of St Vigean received a further grant of £5,000 from **Breathing Spaces** for a Gala Day to celebrate the work that has been done in the area.

Angus Council Community Grant Scheme

Grants have been made to the following groups:

Auchterhouse Sports/Fun Day received £962.98 for the hire of a marquee

Kirriemuir Youth Council received £939.25 towards equipment for the youth music group

DD8 received £495 for a music event

FORTHCOMING DEADLINES

30 June – Tunnell Trust for young musicians <http://www.tunnelltrust.org.uk/>

7 July – Arts Council – various programmes www.scottisharts.org.uk/

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