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<http://www.ctbf.co.uk/johnbrabourneawards/aboutawards.html>

Call for Proposals - Life Plus

The European Commission has announced that the third call for proposals under the Life + Programme is now open for applications. The Life + programme is the EU's main fund for supporting environmental projects. Under this call for proposals, the Commission will be supporting projects under the following headings; nature and biodiversity; environment policy and governance; and information and communication. A total of €250 Million is available for this call and the total available to the UK is in excess of €19 million. Project proposals should be sent to the relevant national authority no later than 15 September 2009. Thereafter, national authorities will send project proposals on to the European Commission by 22 October 2009. The European Commission has also scheduled workshops for potential LIFE+ applicants in each EU member state. Within the UK the workshop will be held on the 26th June at the Park Crescent Conference Centre, London. Interested organisations should contact Joanna Pachucka at lifeplus-uk@stellaconsulting.com.

Artistic Project Grants

Cultural organisations and individual artists are invited to submit applications to the European Cultural Foundation's Artistic Project Grants scheme. The foundation is seeking to support outstanding artistic projects which show vision in illuminating the issues of diversity in Europe. Projects need to:

- reflect on European developments in an innovative way
- reveal an innovative creation process and a visible end product
- have a legacy for the future.

Grants available are of between €30,000 and €60,000.

Previous projects supported include:

- A female acrobatic trio from the UK and Spain who will create a performance that uses only the physical languages of theatre, dance and acrobatics. It will be inspired by the personal experiences of the creative team and will revolve around themes of immigration, travelling and the dreams and hopes that are connected to leaving one place and heading into the unknown. In this show, the immigrant is depicted as an adventurer, a force for development, a bringer of new energy and a catalyst for change. The performance will first tour as an outdoor show, namely to raise interest, then it will be developed into an expanded indoor show, which will also tour European countries.

The deadline for applications is the 31st July 2009.

<http://www.eurocult.org/we-support-cultural-cooperation/grants/>

Infrastructure

'...through internal and external transport connections and the development of employment space, ICT infrastructure, utilities and key strategic investment'.

Funding to Develop ICT Services that Promote Greater Participation in EU Decisions Making

The European Commission has announced a new call for proposals under its ICT Policy Support Programme (ICT PSP). ICT PSP aims at stimulating innovation and competitiveness through the wider uptake and best use of ICT by citizens, governments and businesses. The aim of this call is to stimulate the uptake of innovative ICT based services and products that promote e-Participation that will empower and involve citizens in transparent decision making in the EU. This call is open to partnerships of public and private sector organisations and must involve at least four organisations from four different Member States or ICT PSP Associated countries. A total of €7 Million is available to support this call for proposals and each partner's total eligible cost is funded at a rate of up to 50%. The closing date for applications is the 23rd September 2009.

http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/activities/ict_psp/participating/calls/call_proposals_09_bis/index_en.htm

Call for Proposals to Support Video on Demand and Digital Cinema Distribution

The European Commission has issued a new call for proposals under its Media

Programme. The new MEDIA 2007 programme (2007-2013) is the fourth multi-annual programme since 1991 and aims to support the European audiovisual industry. This call for proposals aims to support pilot projects to ensure that the MEDIA Programme adapts to market developments, with a particular emphasis on the introduction and utilisation of information and communication technologies (ICT). The types of action supported can include:

- New ways of creating, distributing and promoting European audiovisual content via non-linear services
- The use of web techniques to develop local cinema communities and the development of Previously funded Pilot Projects.

Eligible applicants include:

- Existing companies and organisations registered in one of the countries participating in the MEDIA Programme, whose activities contribute to the realisation of the objectives of the scheme.

There is no maximum grant that can be applied for and the closing date is the 15th July 2009.

[http://www.mediadeskuk.eu/funding/ 5,14,125/](http://www.mediadeskuk.eu/funding/5,14,125/)

Safer Internet Programme 2009 - 2013

The European Commission has announced the 2009 call for proposals under the Safer Internet Programme. Safer Internet 2009-2013 builds upon the Safer Internet plus programme started in 2005 and will have a budget of €55 million. Encompassing recent communications services from the web 2.0, such as social networking, the new programme will fight not only illegal content but also harmful conduct such as online grooming and bullying. This call for proposals aims to support the following actions:

- establishing Safer Internet Centres all across Europe to co-ordinate activities and bring together a variety of stakeholders to ensure action and facilitate transfer of knowledge
- to appoint an organisation / partnership of organisations to co-ordinate and support the Safer Internet Centres
- to set up a thematic network of European non-government organisations representing children's rights and welfare to develop a concerted approach by sharing experience and best practices, and by developing joint strategies, in order to ensure that the needs of children are taken into account in discussions about the Internet and new media in Europe, as well as in the relevant international fora.

Proposals are also invited for a knowledge enhancement project that aims to enhance the

knowledge of online-related sexual abuse of children, in particular online grooming.

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http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/activities/sip/funding/projects/index_en.htm

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Learning and Skills

'...by improving the knowledge, skills and potential of the people of Cornwall and providing equal access for all to prosperity'

The Free Childcare for Training and Learning for Work Scheme

The Learning and Skills Council (LSC) has announced the launch of a new £75 million initiative to help lift low-income families out of poverty. The Free Childcare for Training and Learning for Work scheme will offer 50,000 eligible parents help through childcare support, while they train or learn and to support them into employment. The scheme is open to half a million families in England with one partner in work; an annual household income of £20,000 or less per year; a child or children aged 14 or under; and a child or

children aged 18 or under with disabilities. Eligible parents can choose which course is going to give them the right skills to get back into work. Courses could range from a short refresher in maths or a more formal qualification in a range of subjects from social care to teaching. An advisor will help parents to enrol for their chosen course and will advise parents on the childcare options available to them. Parents have the choice from a range of Ofsted childcare, with the LSC paying up to £175 per child per week, or £215 in London. To apply for Free Childcare for Training and Learning for Work, or to find out more about the scheme, you can call the Learner Support helpline on 0800 121 8989, and select option four.

http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/EducationAndLearning/AdultLearning/FinancialHelpForAdultLearners/DG_172003

New Education Charity to Make After School Activities Accessible to All

A new independent education charity set up by Partnerships for Schools which will give young people access to opportunities and experiences aimed at transforming their futures and helping them fulfil their potential was launched at the London Eye on Tuesday 19 May. Designed to complement the Building Schools for the Future (BSF) programme, the Transformation Trust - which has already raised in excess of £1 million ahead of the launch - will enable every young person to have access to a rich range of opportunities that currently may only be available to some. Projects funded will support extra-curricular activities for students in new BSF learning environments across England to help them develop new skills, new interests and to increase self-esteem and confidence. Funding from the Trust will also help smaller charitable organisations to work with a larger number of schools and young people, and across a wider geographical area, than they are currently able to do. The Trust aims to raise £20 million in its first 5 years with a view to becoming England's largest and most far-reaching education charity.

http://www.partnershipsforschools.org.uk/media/press/pr_2009-05-19-Transformation%20Trust.jsp

Anglo-French School Curriculum Projects

Primary, secondary and special schools, as well as colleges of further education, can apply for funding to undertake a joint curriculum project with their French partner School. Joint Curriculum Projects is managed by the British Council on behalf of the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF), and enables schools to work collaboratively on a joint project of common interest. Grants of up to £4,000 are available to contribute towards pupil mobility, including local travel in France; accommodation and subsistence costs; materials; administration costs; evaluation and dissemination costs; and staff time cover. Projects must support and be integrated into the curriculum of both partner institutions; promote cultural understanding between participants and generate interest in language learning; include a visit to France undertaking activities strictly linked to the project, with a minimum stay of three nights for primary schools and five nights for secondary schools. The British Council are only able to accept applications from primary / secondary state schools and sixth form colleges in England which have an established partnership with a school in France. The application deadline is the 1st October 2009.

<http://www.britishcouncil.org/schoolpartnerships-france-joint-projects.htm>

Funding for Training in the Audiovisual Sector

The European Commission has announced a new call for proposals for projects that improve the continuous vocational training of professionals in the audiovisual sector, so as to give them the know-how and skills needed to create competitive products on the

European and other markets. The funding which is being made available through the EU's Media Programme will provide a total of €2.4 Million for training in economic, financial and commercial management; training in new audiovisual technologies; and training in script project development. Eligible applicants can include Film and television schools; Universities; Specialist vocational training establishments; Private companies in the audiovisual sector; and Organisations/professional associations specialising in the audiovisual sector. The closing date for applications is the 7th August 2009.

[http://eur-](http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:C:2009:125:0031:0032:EN:PDF)

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The application deadline is the 23rd October 2009.

<http://www.britishcouncil.org/schoolpartnerships-joint-curriculum-projects-china.htm>

School Partnerships with Russia

Primary, secondary and special schools, as well as colleges of further education, can apply for funding to undertake partnership activities with a School in Russia (Moscow area only). Schools may apply for one or more of the following activities:

- School Linking Visits
- Joint Curriculum Projects
- Teacher Fellowships
- Language Assistants.

The British Council can provide grants to support schools undertaking Joint Curriculum Projects, Electronic Linking or Special Interest Projects (in subject areas such as arts, drama, geography, history, ICT, music or sport). These projects can take different forms, for example, some may require the mobility of teaching staff, involve large numbers of students over an extended period, adopt a cross curricular approach or support the participation of a cluster of schools. The maximum grant available is unlikely to exceed £5000.

The application deadline is the 31st October 2009.

<http://www.britishcouncil.org/schoolpartnerships-russia.htm>

The Forest Education Initiative Partnership Fund

The Forest Education Initiative Partnership Fund is specifically to support the work of local groups known as Forest Education Initiative (FEI) clusters. The aim of the Fund is to help develop among young people a greater understanding of trees, woodlands, forest management, forest products and wood as a sustainable resource. Clusters can include woodland owners, related industries, schools and colleges, local authorities, community groups and environmental bodies. The Partnership Fund can provide grants of between

£500 and £5,000 for specific activities, which enhance the overall objectives of the FEI. The type of activities that can be funded include; training for teachers (e.g. teachers' workshops); educational visits (e.g. to the wide range of forest, timber and woodworking trades and industry) and creating facilities in woodlands for education; educational projects in schools; practical projects (in and out of school) involving children; case studies about woodland management or wood use; and development and production of materials for educational use by teachers or children (especially material that can be published more widely, for example by being placed on the FEI website); etc. If you are interested in starting a Cluster Group, the FEI national co-ordinators are available to give support and guidance with setting up and running a cluster. The next closing date for applications is the 1st October 2009.

http://www.foresteducation.org/local_groups.php?page=4

The e-Learning Foundation Expected to Launch a New Grants Round

The e-Learning Foundation has announced that they are preparing to launch a new grants programme round. All affiliated schools will be contacted as soon as the funds have been confirmed. The e-Learning Foundation's grants are not intended to help schools provide a general subsidy to all parents, they are intended to help schools support their poorest families who are not eligible for other grants and would find it hard to purchase their own computer and Internet or donate the recommended level. To take advantage of the support available, Schools need to be affiliated to the e-Learning Foundation.

<http://www.e-learningfoundation.com/cmsfilelist.aspx?link=008ad471-aae0-4619-a0e4-cd87bdb22b8c>

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<http://www.ctbf.co.uk/johnbrabourneawards/aboutawards.html>

Government Invites Bids for a Share of £20million to Fund Adult Learning

The Government has announced that organisations can now bid for a share of £20 million in Government grants to open up and promote informal learning for adults and young people. The funding which is being made available through the Government's Transformation Fund is open to a wide range of groups and partnerships to promote informal learning. Funding is available to public, private and third sector organisations, including organisations from all backgrounds including culture, heritage, nature, sport, health, community regeneration, broadcasting and technology. The aim of the Fund is to:

- encourage more and different people into learning, particularly people from disadvantaged groups
- open up access to learning in new places, in new ways and at more flexible times
- support people to drive their own learning through self organised groups and learning clubs
- to make better use of broadcasting and technology to stimulate and support learning.

The £20m Transformation Fund money is in addition to the £210m which the Government has ring-fenced to support adult learning. The deadline for applications is the 12th July 2009. In addition the Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills are inviting bids for the contract to manage the £20 million Transformation Fund.

http://www.dius.gov.uk/skills/engaging_learners/informal_adult_learning/transformation_fund

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http://www.capacitybuilders.org.uk/detail/Further_details_announced_about_new_3_mill

Landscape Partnerships

The Landscape Partnerships grant programme aims to support schemes of between £250,000 and £2million led by partnerships of local, regional and national interests which aim to conserve areas of distinctive landscape character throughout the United Kingdom. Each scheme is based round a portfolio of smaller projects, which together provide a varied package of benefits to an area, its communities and visitors. The aims of the programme are:

- to conserve or restore the built and natural features that create the historic landscape character; increase community participation in local heritage
- increase access to and learning about the landscape area and its heritage
- increase training opportunities in local heritage skills.

There is a two stage application process. First stage applications are only considered by HLF's Board of Trustees in a single annual meeting to be held in April of each year. You should therefore make sure that your first round application reaches your regional or country office by the 30 November in any one year.

<http://www.hlf.org.uk/English/HowToApply/OurGrantGivingProgrammes/LandscapePartnerships/>

Funding to Support Joint Projects Between Young People in the UK and France

The Lefevre Trust provides funding of up to £10,000 to support innovative projects between young people in France and the UK. It aims to improve understanding between the UK and France by enabling young people to visit a partner group and further develop a joint venture. Funding is available for groups of young people from across the UK and France. All groups are eligible to apply; youth groups, extra-curricular clubs, sports teams, school groups, theatre troupes, arts organisations and so on. Applications for funding are accepted from the formal and non-formal education sector across the UK for young people aged 11-19. Grants will be awarded to cover mobility costs of both one-way and reciprocal visits to France and its overseas departments that form part of a bilateral project. Projects must have specific aims and activities and work have a central theme, such as for example:

- language learning
- culture and the arts
- energy and the environment
- science and technology
- citizenship, etc.

The Applications deadline is October 2009 (date TBC).

<http://www.britishcouncil.org/schoolpartnerships-france-lefevre-trust.htm>

Support for Schools to Become Eco Friendly

Schools, together with their pupils that wish to make a positive contribution to the environment can register to become an Eco School. Once registered as an Eco School, schools will be part of an international group of schools working towards education for sustainable development and a better quality of life for local and global communities and will be eligible to apply for funding of to help them progress through the programme. The Eco Schools programme operates throughout the UK. However the funding and other support available to schools to implement eco-friendly activities varies. Funding for Eco-Schools is currently available through the 'Switched on Communities' grant scheme. Grants of up to £5,000 can be awarded to schools, including a range of energy-saving white goods. Priority will be given to projects that clearly demonstrate an energy efficiency element or identify technology solutions to environmental improvements. Applications can be made at any time.

<http://www.eco-schools.org.uk/>

New Call for Proposals for International Educational Cooperation

The European Commission has announced a new call for proposals through its EU-ICI ECP Education Cooperation Programme for Australia, Japan, New Zealand and Republic of Korea. The aim of the programme is to foster EU cooperation with Australia, New Zealand, Japan, and the Republic of Korea in the field of higher education and vocational education and training. Through this call for proposals funding is available to partnerships of Higher Education and Vocational Training Institutions for structured exchanges of students and faculty members; and on the joint development of joint, or shared curricula and joint study programmes. The EU seeks to support three to four projects with Australia, one to two projects with Japan and three to four projects with the Republic of

Korea. Projects must have a duration of 3 years. The closing date for applications is the 15th September 2009.

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/extcoop/ici-ecp/index_en.htm

New £16.5m Hardship Fund

The Cabinet Office has announced that it will launch the new £16.7 million Hardship Fund in the near future. Forming part of the £42.5m Real Help for Communities action plan the Hardship Fund will provide grant support to third sector organisations in England delivering front-line services to the most vulnerable and disadvantaged people in society that have been affected by the recession. Grants of between £50,000 and £250,000 will be available to support organisations in England with a turnover of at least £200,000 that are in financial hardship which is impacting on their ability to deliver services in the following areas; health and social care; housing support; education and training; and information, advice and guidance. More information about the delivery partner, when the Hardship Fund will open for applications and how to apply will be available on the Cabinet Office's website shortly.

http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/third_sector/news/news_stories/090611_hardship.aspx

Call for Proposals for Preparatory Actions in Sport

The European Commission has issued a call for proposals to implement the 2009 Preparatory Action in the field of sport. A total of €4 million is available to support transnational projects put forward by public bodies or civil society organisations in order to identify and test suitable networks and good practices in the field of sport in the following areas:

- promoting health-enhancing physical activity
- promoting education and training in sport
- promoting European fundamental values by encouraging sport for persons with disabilities
- promoting gender equality in sport.

EU grants will be provided to a maximum of 80% of the total costs. The matched funding can be partly made up of contributions in kind. Projects must start between 1st December.2009 and 31st March.2010 and end no later than 31st March.2011.

The closing date for applications is the 31st August 2009.

http://ec.europa.eu/sport/preparatory_actions/doc745_en.htm

Funding for the Regeneration of Public Parks

The Heritage Lottery Fund has announced that eight communities across the UK will be sharing grants totaling £14million from the Heritage Lottery Fund's Parks for People programme. The grants will be used to regenerate and restore parks in:

- Cornwall

In addition to transforming these public spaces, the grants will fund increased

volunteering and training opportunities for over a thousand people as part of the projects, with activities as wide-ranging as:

- Planting
- Habitat creation
- Tour guiding
- Garden design
- Woodland
- Event management.

A further £1.6million of development funding has also been awarded to 13 other parks to help them work up detailed proposals for applications of more than £20million. The Parks for People programme is open to Local Authorities as well as not for profit organisations that own public parks and gardens. Eligible organisations can apply for grants of between £250,000 and £5 million. There are two funding rounds each year and the next closing date for applications is the 31st August 2009.

<http://www.hlf.org.uk/English/MediaCentre/Archive/Spring+spruce+up+for+UK+parks.htm>

GreenPrints

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National Tree Week (25 November 2009 to 6 December 2009) with a closing date of 31 May 2010.

<http://www.treecouncil.org.uk/?q=grants>

Funding to Change Young People's Lives

Organisations that work with young people, whatever their background, to help them achieve their potential have the opportunity to apply for funding through The Learning Launchpad. The Learning Launchpad is a grant making fund delivered by the Young Foundation working in partnership with Edge that provides investment to organisations in their early stages of development. The Learning Launchpad offer investment at two stages. Stage one investments of up to £30,000 are suitable for people or fledgling organisations that are starting out with a new idea. Stage two investments of up to £100,000 are typically suitable for organisations or initiatives that are already up and running and want to grow. In particular, the Learning Launchpad is looking to support ideas that have a profound social impact both on individuals and on society as a whole; are innovative; are sustainable; can be replicated and are run by passionate and competent people. The next closing date for applications is the 15th July 2009.

<http://www.learninglaunchpad.org/>

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<http://cash-4-clubs.com/>

Communities

'...by encouraging and supporting the regeneration of communities'.

The e-Learning Foundation Expected to Launch a New Grants Round

The e-Learning Foundation has announced that they are preparing to launch a new grants programme round. All affiliated schools will be contacted as soon as the funds have been confirmed. The e-Learning Foundation's grants are not intended to help schools provide a general subsidy to all parents, they are intended to help schools support their poorest families who are not eligible for other grants and would find it hard to purchase their own computer and Internet or donate the recommended level. To take advantage of the support available, Schools need to be affiliated to the e-Learning Foundation.

<http://www.e-learningfoundation.com/cmsfilelist.aspx?link=008ad471-aae0-4619-a0e4-cd87bdb22b8c>

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<http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/grants/funandfriendship.shtml>

The Guardian Charity Awards 2009

The Guardian Charity Awards 2009, sponsored by Media and the National Council of voluntary Organisations, are open to UK social welfare charities that can demonstrate excellence and achievement in what they do. Eligible charities must also have been registered in the UK for more than two years and have an annual income of between £5,000 and £1 million. The awards offer a leg-up to organisations that are delivering practical solutions to present-day problems, especially in today's challenging economic circumstances. Each winner will receive £1,000 cash, a PC and a range of consultancy and media advice. Previous winners include:

- Action for Sustainable Living - a Manchester-based community charity that encourages people to change their lifestyles and live more sustainable
- Envision - a group set up by young people to engage other young people in social and environmental volunteering
- Straight Talking Peer Education - a group that works both to tackle Britain's high rates of teenage pregnancy and to empower and support teenage parents.

The deadline for entries is the 31st July 2009 and winners will be announced in December.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/charity-awards-2009>

Barclays to Provide £9.5m Matched Funding for Futurebuilders Modernisation Fund

Futurebuilders England has announced a new partnership with Barclays Commercial Bank, whereby the bank has agreed to allocate £9.5 million to match the funding of The

Government's Modernisation Fund. The Modernisation Fund aims to assist third sector organisations become stronger and more resilient to the impact of the economic downturn by promoting collaboration and mergers within the third sector. Through the Fund, Futurebuilders will provide third sector organisations with Investments ranging in size from £30,000 to £500,000. The largest part of every investment will be a loan, but there is also some grant money available. Loans are provided interest-free for five years. Where organisations require funding in excess of the Modernisation Fund's £500,000 loan limit Barclays will look to provide the additional funding required. The bank has also agreed to provide professional support to charities on how best to structure their finances as well as help organise and jointly run seminars designed to give Charity Finance teams' guidance, support and the right financial know-how to support borrowing.

<http://www.futurebuilders-england.org.uk/news-and-events/futurebuilders-news/barclays-will-provide-gbp9.5m-matched-funding-for-futurebuilders-modernisation-fund/>

Funding to Support Joint Projects Between Young People in the UK and France

The Lefevre Trust provides funding of up to £10,000 to support innovative projects between young people in France and the UK. It aims to improve understanding between the UK and France by enabling young people to visit a partner group and further develop a joint venture. Funding is available for groups of young people from across the UK and France. All groups are eligible to apply; youth groups, extra-curricular clubs, sports teams, school groups, theatre troupes, arts organisations and so on. Applications for funding are accepted from the formal and non-formal education sector across the UK for young people aged 11-19. Grants will be awarded to cover mobility costs of both one-way and reciprocal visits to France and its overseas departments that form part of a bilateral project. Projects must have specific aims and activities and work have a central theme, such as for example:

- language learning
- culture and the arts
- energy and the environment
- science and technology
- citizenship, etc.

The Applications deadline is October 2009 (date TBC).

New £16.5m Hardship Fund

The Cabinet Office has announced that it will launch the new £16.7 million Hardship Fund in the near future. Forming part of the £42.5m Real Help for Communities action plan the Hardship Fund will provide grant support to third sector organisations in England delivering front-line services to the most vulnerable and disadvantaged people in society that have been affected by the recession. Grants of between £50,000 and £250,000 will be available to support organisations in England with a turnover of at least £200,000 that are in financial hardship which is impacting on their ability to deliver services in the following areas; health and social care; housing support; education and training; and information, advice and guidance. More information about the delivery partner, when the Hardship Fund will open for applications and how to apply will be available on the Cabinet Office's website shortly.

http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/third_sector/news/news_stories/090611_hardship.aspx

Call for Proposals for Preparatory Actions in Sport

The European Commission has issued a call for proposals to implement the 2009 Preparatory Action in the field of sport. A total of €4 million is available to support transnational projects put forward by public bodies or civil society organisations in order to identify and test suitable networks and good practices in the field of sport in the following areas:

- promoting health-enhancing physical activity
- promoting education and training in sport
- promoting European fundamental values by encouraging sport for persons with disabilities
- promoting gender equality in sport.

EU grants will be provided to a maximum of 80% of the total costs. The matched funding can be partly made up of contributions in kind. Projects must start between 1st December.2009 and 31st March.2010 and end no later than 31st March.2011.

The closing date for applications is the 31st August 2009.

http://ec.europa.eu/sport/preparatory_actions/doc745_en.htm

Funding for the Regeneration of Public Parks

The Heritage Lottery Fund has announced that eight communities across the UK will be sharing grants totaling £14million from the Heritage Lottery Fund's Parks for People programme. The grants will be used to regenerate and restore parks in:

- Cornwall

In addition to transforming these public spaces, the grants will fund increased volunteering and training opportunities for over a thousand people as part of the projects, with activities as wide-ranging as:

- Planting
- Habitat creation

- Tour guiding
- Garden design
- Woodland
- Event management.

A further £1.6million of development funding has also been awarded to 13 other parks to help them work up detailed proposals for applications of more than £20million. The Parks for People programme is open to Local Authorities as well as not for profit organisations that own public parks and gardens. Eligible organisations can apply for grants of between £250,000 and £5 million. There are two funding rounds each year and the next closing date for applications is the 31st August 2009.

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Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust Grants Making Programme

The Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust awards grants to charitable organisations in the United Kingdom and overseas. The trustees welcome applications for projects within the following areas for the next three years. These categories are then repeated in a three-year rotation. 2009 Community & Disability (Deadline for applications: 1st Nov 2009); 2010 Children; Youth; The Elderly; Medical (Deadline for applications: 1st June & 1st Nov 2010); 2011 Music and the Arts; Overseas (Deadline for applications: 1st June & 1st Nov 2011); Please note that, for 2010, only Medical Research projects dealing with the ageing population will be considered. The other priorities - Children, Youth and the Elderly - as well as other non-research based medical work are still welcome. If your charity's work

falls within one of these categories and would like to be considered for a grant, please submit an application by 1st June or 1st November only in the appropriate year. Grants are usually between £1,000 and £10,000, with the majority being £5,000 or less. Exceptionally, grants of up to £20,000 are made, but these are usually for medical research projects. Previous grants awarded include a grant of £5,000 towards a resource centre providing advice and training for workers dealing with mental health in rural areas and £5,000 towards a project aimed at behavioural programme for persistent young offenders.

<http://www.austin-hope-pilkington.org.uk/>

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<http://www.treecouncil.org.uk/?q=grants>

E.ON Sustainable Energy Fund

E.ON the power and gas generating and distributing company has announced the launch of a new Sustainable Energy Fund. The E.ON Sustainable Energy Fund offers grants of up to £20,000 to community groups and not for profit organisations who wish to consider and implement sustainable energy projects in their buildings. Projects that can be considered include; the purchase and installation of one or more renewable energy technologies (e.g. wind, solar thermal, PV, wood etc); the renovation of existing facilities to incorporate micro-generation technology (e.g. the reinstatement of a watermill and the purchase of a turbine to produce hydro-electricity); an energy efficiency makeover for your building that could demonstrate significant energy savings and also behavioural change amongst users; and the use of new or innovative technology to deliver either energy savings or micro-generation capacity. To be eligible organisations must benefit specific community groups namely: Young people; Elderly people; and People in fuel poverty. The next closing date for applications is the 16th October 2009.

<http://www.eon-uk.com/about/sustainableenergyfund.aspx>

Launch of New £6 Million Safer Homes Fund

The Home Office has announced that community and voluntary sector organisations can now apply to a new £6 million fund for community-led initiatives and programmes which will reduce burglary and improve neighbourhood security. The Safer Homes Fund is available for one year and will offer around 300 grants of between £10,000 and £100,000 to key frontline community organisations. Successful organisations will develop safety programmes and support new, locally-run social enterprises, which together will build

connections within communities, particularly in areas of high crime. The fund will provide grants covering four main areas of activity:

- Funding for individual workers and small collectives to offer vulnerable people and residents free/low cost handy work, including strengthening security arrangements, windows, locks etc. It will also include the training of local handy people
- Initiatives that bring communities together through leisure, arts, social activities
- Projects that aim to bring individuals together, encourage befriending and mentoring as a means of increasing confidence, particularly for the vulnerable, isolated and/or house-bound
- Supporting new, locally run social businesses around community safety, crime prevention and home security.

The closing date for receipt of applications is 12pm Friday 31 July 2009.

<http://www.grantsadmin.co.uk/saferhomes/index.html>

The BIG Family Idea

The Big Lottery Fund in partnership with National Family Week is inviting people of all ages in the UK to enter the BIG Family Idea competition, with an idea that could improve family life, either in their street or revolutionises life for families throughout the UK. The idea could aim to:

- change government legislation
- help disadvantaged families
- encourage a healthier family lifestyle
- enhance communication between family members.

There are no restrictions on the size of the idea, and this could be a product; service; event; campaign; or a great social idea. BIG will provide £150,000 of Big Lottery Fund to an organisation who can develop the winning idea. An example of a great idea includes:

- The Walking Bus. There's a driver at the front and a conductor at the back (specially trained parents), it takes the same route to school every day picking the

kids up along the way.

The closing date for entries is the 31st July 2009.

<http://www.nationalfamilyweek.co.uk/view.The-Big-Family-Idea>

The Joanies Trust

Registered charities working with young people aged 11 to 25 are eligible to apply for grants through the Joanies Trust. Each year, the Trust makes approximately 30 grants with an average value of £1,000 to support projects that offer intensive support to young people as well as those that promote preventative work, and especially those that are designed to lead to individual development through integration, work opportunities or accreditation. In particular the Trust is looking to support projects that show innovation and imagination as well as evidence of close consultation with young people in developing their project. Grants awarded by the Trust include:

- The Trinity Sailing Trust
- Derby Playhouse
- Dream Arts

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<http://www.joaniestrust.org.uk/index.htm>

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<http://cash-4-clubs.com/>

SITA Trust Announces Changes to Its Enhancing Communities Programme

The SITA Trust has announced changes to its Enhancing Communities Programme which will enable projects situated in more urban areas and some of the UK's most disadvantaged communities to be funded. Under the Enhancing Communities Programme grants of up to £50,000 are available to not for profit organisations, community groups, parish councils, local authorities and charities for projects that make physical improvements to community facilities and historic buildings / structures. There are now 70 new qualifying SITA UK waste treatment sites included in the programme and new funding opportunities for communities in Avon, East Anglia, Kent, London, and Yorkshire. SITA will accept applications from projects in England which are within 3 miles of qualifying SITA UK waste processing sites. The next closing dates for applications is the 12th August for the small grants scheme and 31st July for the large grants scheme...

<http://www.sitatrust.org.uk/news/30>

Comic Relief Grants Available Through Local Community Foundations

Community Foundations across the UK are inviting applications for grants up to £10,000 from a fund of over £5 million that they are distributing on behalf of Comic Relief, up to 31 March 2011. Community groups, residents associations, community centres, social enterprises, Community Interest Companies and credit unions working in a disadvantaged or deprived area are eligible to apply for a grant for a range of activities that will; increase access to sport and exercise for people who face social exclusion and isolation; help people who are experiencing difficulties in their lives to regain their confidence and self-esteem; build the skills of local people; increase community cohesion; and respond to local economic needs. To apply, applicants must contact their local Community Foundation. Details of local Community Foundations can be accessed using the following link.

http://www.communityfoundations.org.uk/finding_uk_community_foundations/

Time Running Out to Apply for Local Food Grant

The Local Food Programme, a part of the Big Lottery Fund's Changing Spaces programme and managed by the Royal Society of Wildlife Trust (RSWT) will be suspended to new

applicants from the 21st August 2009. The programme supports not for profit community groups and organisation such as schools and funds a range of activities from local food schemes and farmers markets, to education projects teaching people about the local environment. In just 14 months the Local Food programme has received enough applications to potentially fully utilise the £50 million grant funding available and they are currently in the process of assessing these applications. A number of schools have successfully applied to the programme. These include:

- West Hill Primary School, Devon, which received a grant of £3,500 to develop a Mediterranean Fruit, Herb & Vegetable Garden
- Wirksworth Regeneration and Development Board Ltd, East Midlands, which received a grant of £9,878 to develop a Farmers Market.
- Somerset Food Links received a grant of £5,440 to undertake a feasibility study for community allotments.

<http://www.localfoodgrants.org/news?aid=1558>

£3Million to Boost the Support for People Managing Volunteers

Capacitybuilders is launching in June a new £3 million programme to boost the support available to people managing volunteers, the programme is part of a £6.6 million boost for volunteering announced by the Office of the Third Sector at the beginning of May. The programme will include three key strands:

- Grant funded local projects to further increase the reach and quality of support for local people managing volunteers, especially through outreach
- Work to raise the profile of volunteer management at a national level
- Bursaries to increase access to training relevant to the management and co-ordination of volunteers (from 2010).

In addition, grant recipients across the programme will be connected through peer networking and evaluation components, this will enable the identification and rapid dissemination of learning. Further information on this new programme will be available from June.

http://www.capacitybuilders.org.uk/detail/Capacitybuilders_is_developing_new_3m_programme_to_boost_the_support_available_to_people_managing_volunteers/99/391.aspx

EU Launches European Energy Programme for Recovery

The European Commission has announced the launch of a new call for proposals under its European Energy Programme for Recovery. This is a major new programme that aims to respond to the key energy challenges facing Europe today by supporting large scale projects in the field of energy. It will also help the EU to strengthen its energy market in terms of security of supply, competitiveness, innovation and the development of renewable energy. At the same time, it is an important stimulus for the European economy during the current recession. The programme will make funding available under three strands. These are; gas and electricity infrastructures; offshore wind energy; and carbon capture and storage. The total value of the programme for 2009 and 2010 is €3,980 million. Although the eligibility criteria vary slightly between the three strands organisations that can apply for funding include partnerships involving one or several Member States; public or private undertakings; and international organisations. In addition, a dedicated INFO DAY will be held in Brussels on 3 June 2009 in order to present the Call for proposals and answer beneficiaries' questions on the selection process. The closing date for applications is the 15th July 2009.

http://ec.europa.eu/energy/grants/2009_07_15_en.htm

Church Urban Fund Seeks Applications to Its Mustard Seed Fund

The Church Urban Fund (CUF) has announced that it is seeking applications from churches and faith-based groups under its Mustard Seed Fund. The aim of the fund is to provide grants to enable churches and faith-based organisations to engage in social action through supporting them to initiate, develop and formulate ideas and opportunities in preparation for undertaking larger pieces of work. Mustard Seed Grants can pay for specific activities but not for on-going revenue expenditure, deficit funding, or retrospective spending. The Church Urban Fund particularly assists churches in deprived areas in their outreach to their local community and aims to support the mission of the Church. Eligible projects need to be directly tackling the effects of profound poverty and should be working in the 10% most deprived areas in England. The 'Mustard Seed' programme makes grants of up to £5,000. The programme operates on a rolling basis and applications can be made at any time.

<http://www.cuf.org.uk/mustardseed.aspx>

Modernisation Fund Opens for Applications

Capacitybuilders, which is a non-departmental public body responsible for developing the capacity of the third sector within England, has announced that the stage 1 of the Modernisation Fund is now open for applications. The Capacitybuilders Modernisation Fund aims to assist third sector organisations become stronger and more resilient to the impact of the economic downturn by promoting collaboration and mergers within the third sector. The Modernisation Fund is a two stage programme. Stage 1 will provide £1,000 bursaries to approximately 1,000 organisations. These bursaries can be used to pay for initial advice to explore how mergers and collaboration may help their organisation adapt and become more resilient to the impact of the economic downturn. Further grants of around £10,000 will be available from October 2009 onwards for organisations who want to make further progress towards collaboration and/or merger. Applications for stage 2 grants will be dependant on having accessed stage 1 funding. Capacitybuilders has appointed 48 Local Delivery agents who will work closely with applicant organisations. During June Local Delivery Agents are running a series of workshops to explore the impact of the economic downturn and signpost organisations to useful resources and introduce potential applicants to the Modernisation Fund Grants Programme.

<http://www.modernisationfund.org.uk/grants/index.html>

Arts Council Launches Grant Scheme to Help Arts Organisations through Recession

The Arts Council England has announced that its new £40 million grant scheme Sustain is now open for applications. Sustain is the Arts Council England's response to the impact of the recession on arts organisations whose sustainability is important in delivering their mission of great art for everyone. Sustain provides grants to arts organisations to help them maintain their artistic, financial and organisational viability during the recession and implement essential changes to ensure their long-term sustainability. Sustain will make one-off awards between £75,000 to £3 million (unless there are exceptional circumstances) to cover the period 2009-2011 and spending must commence within 12 months of the award being granted. Potential uses for Sustain funding include; resolving cash flow problems; maintaining the quality of artistic output; purchasing essential capital assets; continuing education, community and audience development work; completing building repairs and renewals; and developing necessary organisational capability.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

<http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/sustain.php>

Match Funding Scheme for Volunteering

V, the national charity that inspires volunteering amongst young people has announced the next application deadlines for its match funding programme. Through this programme v provides grants to charities that match up to 100% of any new private sector investment for youth volunteering projects in England. The aim of the fund is to inspire greater levels of investment in youth volunteering from private companies, charitable trusts and foundations and individuals. To date, v has pledged of £35m from the private sector - making a total of £72m that has and will be invested into diverse and high impact projects across England. The programme themes are; health and well being; the environment; supporting children and young people; community cohesion; poverty; and human rights.

The next closing date for applications is the 17th July 2009.

http://www.wearev.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=211

Funding to Encourage Innovation in Non Formal Education and Youth Work

The European Commission has announced that it is inviting applications from non-profit organisations such as non-governmental organisations (NGOs), networks and public bodies under Action 4.4 of its Youth in Action Programme (2007 - 13). This action seeks to support projects that encourage creativity and innovation in non-formal education and youth work. In 2009, priority under this call will be assigned to projects focussing on the themes of media literacy of young people and e-youth work. Projects must involve partners from at least four different Programme Countries (including the applicant organisation), of which at least one is a Member State of the European Union. The total budget allocated to the co financing of projects under this call for proposals is estimated at €1. 2 million and the maximum grant available is €100,000.

The closing date for applications is the 30th September 2009.

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:C:2009:123:0014:0016:EN:PDF>

Village SOS

The Big Lottery Fund (BIG) together with the BBC have announced the launch of Village SOS, a new initiative that is searching for up to six villages with a great business idea and six enterprising individuals to act as Village Champions and help them achieve their ambitions. All types of voluntary and community organisations such as charities, community organisations, social enterprises, village and community based co-operatives are invited to apply. They must represent rural villages across the UK with fewer than 3,000 people that have an idea for a new business that could bring energy and life back into the community. The final six projects will share up to £3 million and will take part in a major prime time BBC One series, launched as a Learning Campaign to support more villages to develop their idea. The deadline for applications is the 14th August 2009.

http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_village_sos.htm?regioncode=-uk&status=theProg

Social Enterprise Investment Fund

Futurebuilders England has announced that the next round of funding under the Social Enterprise Investment Fund (SEIF) is likely to open on the 11th June 2009. The SEIF provides investment to help both new and existing social enterprises grow and improve their services in the delivery of innovative health and social care services. The Fund was set up in 2007 as part of the Government's plans for stimulating expansion in the role of

social enterprise in the provision of health and social care. Social enterprises that can apply to SEIF include; multi-agency partnerships, particularly voluntary and community groups wishing to use their expertise to provide services across health and social care; existing social enterprises looking to expand into health and social care; and groups of professionals. Organisations interested in bidding under the SEIF can register their interest before the 11th of June by phoning 0191 269 2276 or emailing socialenterprisefund@futurebuilders-england.org.uk
<http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Managingyourorganisation/Commissioning/SocialEnterprise/SocialEnterpriseInvestmentFund>

Youth Music to Launch New Grant Making Programme

Youth Music, the UK's largest children's music charity has announced that it will be launching their new funding programme on the 30th June 2009. Grants of between £5,000 and £30,000 will be available to support projects that provide structured, regular and progressive music-making activities for children and young people in support of Youth Music's 3 goals of working with Early Years, Children and Young People in Challenging Circumstances and Encouraging Talent. To be eligible, projects will need to work with children and young people aged 0-18 years (or up to 25 if they have special educational needs, disabilities or are in detention) and children and young people will be at the heart of the decision making for all projects.

<http://www.youthmusic.org.uk/news/new-youth-music-fund-launches-30-june.html>

Digital Mentors

Media Trust, the UK's pre-eminent communications charity has announced the launch of Digital Mentors, a two year nationwide programme in England funded by the Department for Communities and Local Government and the Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills. Running until March 2011, Digital Mentors aims to inspire, engage and support disadvantage and isolated communities across England to get their voices heard through digital media. Grants of between £1,500 and £14,000 will be offered to 26 grassroots projects, one grant of up to £61,000 to fund one major new initiative, and 40 £500 grants will be offered to individual or communities attached to the 27 groups to develop a specific media project. Projects funded will be those already using media to develop their work with a specific community; more formal community organisations looking to develop digital media to engender community voice and cohesion; more informal communities looking to embrace digital media. For further information click on the 'more' link.

<http://www.mediatrust.org/digitalmentors/digital-mentors>

Neighbourhood and Home Watch Fund

The Neighbourhood and Home Watch Fund is a £500,000 fund available for new and existing Neighbourhood and Home Watch groups in high crime areas to receive grants of between £1,000 and £50,000. The aim of this fund is to support Neighbourhood and Home Watch schemes to reach more people in helping them to secure their homes, warn them about crime in their area and take action to prevent it, and know how to prevent distraction burglary. They will work closely with Neighbourhood Policing teams to distribute the government's crime prevention advice and use local meetings and engagement opportunities to provide crime prevention information to the public. This fund is being managed on behalf of the Home Office by Tribal's Community Development Team. The final closing date for receipt of applications is 12pm Friday 31st July 2009.

<http://grantsadmin.co.uk/neighbourhoodwatch/>

Funding Through Local YouthBanks

YouthBank is an innovative UK-wide grant making initiative run by young people for young people. Local Youth Banks provide small grants to young people for activities of benefit to the community and that also benefit the young people taking part. YouthBank is unique in that it is young people themselves who make decisions about how local YouthBanks are managed and run and, through a Board of young people, also direct the UK-wide programme. Grant making criteria and processes are decided by each individual YouthBank. Local areas can also receive funding, advice and support from YouthBank UK, the national umbrella body, to set up local Youth Banks. For example a grant of £75,000 was recently awarded to set up a Youth Bank in Cambridge.

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

£50K Ideas Fund for Young People

CHANGEit, which is an organisation that recognises, supports and rewards young people who want to, or have already spoken up and taken constructive action about something they want to be improved, changed or created in their community has announced that it is seeking applications to its new £50,000 IdeasFund. The aim of the Ideas Fund is to support creative enterprise and seeks to promote new and exciting ways of working between young people and organisations that are driven by and for young people. Individuals or groups can apply to the IdeasFund between 1st June to 30th June and the funding available ranges from £500 to £5,000 per project. The type of activities supported include; Projects and Project Development; Commissions & Productions; Marketing and Communications; Education Activities; Multimedia Development; and New networks, partnerships and collaborations.

<http://www.changeit.org.uk/index.php/changeit-blog/>

Comic Relief - International Programmes

UK-registered charities who are active in the developing world who work closely with local organisations, especially in Africa can apply for International funding through Comic Relief. UK-registered charities can apply for grants through six open grant programmes these are; Trade; People Affected by HIV and AIDS; People Affected by Conflict; Street and Working Children and Young People; People Living in Urban Slums; and Women and Girls. Project grants will be of up to £1 million, and there is no upper limit for investment grants, which are only available to UK-registered charities that already hold a Comic Relief grant. Most of the grants are for between three and five years. Small grants for project research and development are usually for between 3 months and a year. Comic Relief encourage applications for projects that include women, disabled people, people with HIV and AIDS, children and other disadvantaged groups such as older people or minority groups.

The deadline for applications is the 24th July 2009.

http://www.comicrelief.com/apply_for_a_grant/international

Red Nose Days Funding Programme

Following the review of its grant making programme, Comic Relief has announced that it is now accepting applications for grants through its Red Nose Day Programmes (2009 - 12). Grants are available through a number of programme areas such as Mental Health; Domestic and Sexual abuse; Refugee and Asylum Seeking Women; Sport for Change; Young people aged between 11 and 25 in areas such as Sexually Exploited and Trafficked Young people, Young People and Alcohol, Young people with Mental Health Problems, and Local Communities; and Local Communities. Comic Relief has also announced two new

programmes coming soon in the areas of; Young Carers (managed by the Princess Royal Trust for Carers); and Older People. There are no minimum or maximum grants in most of these programmes, but on average grants are of between £25,000 and £40,000 per year. Funding can be used to cover running costs and capital costs. However building costs are given a very low priority, and they will only fund these in exceptional circumstances. The funding is available to a wide range of community and voluntary organisations including; constituted voluntary and community groups, charities, social enterprises, co-operatives, faith organisations, and community interest companies. Comic Relief are keen to make sure that the funding reaches all parts of the UK, especially areas which often miss out, such as rural communities.

The next deadline for applications is the 24th July 2009.

http://www.comicrelief.com/apply_for_a_grant/uk

Social Enterprise Investment Fund Opens for Business

Futurebuilders England has announced that the next round of funding under the Social Enterprise Investment Fund (SEIF) is now open for applications. The SEIF provides investment to help both new and existing social enterprises grow and improve their services in the delivery of innovative health and social care services. The Fund was set up in 2007 as part of the Government's plans for stimulating expansion in the role of social enterprise in the provision of health and social care. The Fund is managed by Futurebuilders in partnership with Partnerships UK, on behalf of the Department for Health. The Fund has helped more than 150 social enterprises by investing over £20 million since it was first launched in 2007. There is more than £70 million still available. The Social Enterprise Investment Fund provides loans and grants as well as business support. Social enterprises that can apply to SEIF include; multi-agency partnerships, particularly voluntary and community groups wishing to use their expertise to provide services across health and social care; existing social enterprises looking to expand into health and social care; and groups of professionals. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

<http://www.futurebuilders-england.org.uk/news-and-events/futurebuilders-news/social-enterprise-investment-fund-now-open/>

vcashpoint Re-opens for Applications from Young Volunteers

vcashpoint, the independent charity set up to encourage young people to volunteer, has announced that the 5th funding round of its vcashpoint scheme is now open for applications. Working in partnership with the HSBC bank, vcashpoint is a £1 million initiative that will provide grants of up to £2,500 to young people to set up their own volunteering projects within their community. The type of activities that could be supported could include:

- running activities for children
- transforming a community space
- supporting victims of bullying
- running workshops for young people
- setting up a local campaign
- clearing up a beach
- running music art or sports events for disadvantaged people
- organising a festival to bring different cultures or communities together, etc.

Examples of young people receiving support through vcashpoint includes:

- Valentina Wong, 24 from North West London, who was awarded a vcashpoint grant of £2,500 for her project, "CY on Air". Aimed at 16–25 year olds, CY on Air

provides young British Chinese people with role models and training in the skills they need to pursue careers in broadcasting.

- Michelle Brodie, 21, and Laura Stanley, 22, received a grant from vashpoint for their "Food, Farming & Fairtrade" project which enables children from two primary schools in Oldham to find out more about the countryside and where food comes from.

The next application deadline is 12 noon on the 17th August 2009.

<http://www.vgrantfunding.com/cashpoint/init.pl>

Beacon Radio Youth Volunteering Fund

Beacon Radio has teamed up with the v Charity to fund young volunteering opportunities in the community. £50,000 is available to fund activities / projects that can put forward proposals to engage young people, aged 16-25 to volunteer in new and creative projects that will benefit the community. Not for profit and non state funded organisation can apply for up to £10,000. The aim is to inspire a new generation of young volunteers to get involved in volunteering and community action. Projects can be taster or short-term sessions that enable young people to get a flavour of volunteering and a sense of its potential value to themselves and their local community. Applications can be submitted at any time.

<http://www.beaconradiowestmids.co.uk/article.asp?id=668629>

Distinctive Cornwall

'...through sustaining and enhancing Cornwall's distinctive environment, heritage, culture and image'.

Call for Proposals to Support Video on Demand and Digital Cinema Distribution

The European Commission has issued a new call for proposals under its Media Programme. The new MEDIA 2007 programme (2007-2013) is the fourth multi-annual programme since 1991 and aims to support the European audiovisual industry. This call for proposals aims to support pilot projects to ensure that the MEDIA Programme adapts to market developments, with a particular emphasis on the introduction and utilisation of information and communication technologies (ICT). The types of action supported can include; new ways of creating, distributing and promoting European audiovisual content via non-linear services; the use of web techniques to develop local cinema communities and the development of previously funded Pilot Projects. Eligible applicants include existing companies and organisations registered in one of the countries participating in the MEDIA Programme, whose activities contribute to the realisation of the objectives of the scheme. There is no maximum grant that can be applied for and the closing date is the 15th July 2009.

http://www.mediadeskuk.eu/funding/_5,14,125/

MLA Announces Two New Grant Schemes

The Museums, Libraries, Archives Council (MLA) has announced that it has two new grants programmes that are now open to applications from museums, libraries and archives across England. The two programmes are; The Literature & Storytelling Phase 2 scheme and the Young Cultural Creator scheme. The Literature & Storytelling Phase 2 scheme has 27 grants of £750 available to enable families to learn together using museum, library and archive collections. Funding will pay for the delivery of family storytelling events across England, which will support audiences to engage with collections in new ways. The Young Cultural Creator scheme has 27 grants of £750 to

£1,000 available for museums, libraries and archives working in partnership with students to create poetry inspired by collections. Funding will pay for projects that will build the capacity of cultural services to deliver social and learning outcomes to vulnerable young people. Schemes will take place between October 2009 and February 2010. They will work with groups of young people outside mainstream education or at risk of exclusion - from Pupil Referral Units and other Children's' Services. The closing date for applications is the 19th July 2009.

http://www.mla.gov.uk/what/programmes/setting_pace/festival%20of%20storytelling

PRS Foundation - Awards for New Works

The PRS Foundation has announced that it is currently accepting applications through its Awards for New Works scheme. The grant promotes and encourages new music, especially the commissioning of new works from UK based music creators such as composers, songwriters and producers. These can range from R&B to an orchestral composition or a jazz quintet piece. The maximum grant is £15,000, although awards usually average between £4,000 - £5,000. Priority is given for those applications which are adventurous and innovative, both through the proposed new music and its presentation. The deadline for proposals is Friday 9th October 2009. Interested individuals are strongly advised to discuss their project with a member of the PRS Foundation team before applying.

<http://www.prsfoundation.co.uk/funding/newworks.html>

Artistic Project Grants

Cultural organisations and individual artist are invited to submit applications to the European Cultural Foundation's Artistic Project Grants scheme. The foundation is seeking to support outstanding artistic projects which show vision in illuminating the issues of diversity Europe. Projects need to reflect on European developments in an innovative way; reveal an innovative creation process and a visible end product; have a legacy for the future. Grants available are of between €30,000 and €60,000. Previous projects supported include; a female acrobatic trio from the UK and Spain who will create a performance that uses only the physical languages of theatre, dance and acrobatics. It will be inspired by the personal experiences of the creative team and will revolve around themes of immigration, travelling and the dreams and hopes that are connected to leaving one place and heading into the unknown. In this show, the immigrant is depicted as an adventurer, a force for development, a bringer of new energy and a catalyst for change. The performance will first tour as an outdoor show, namely to raise interest, then it will be developed into an expanded indoor show, which will also tour European countries. The deadline for applications is the 31st July 2009.

<http://www.eurocult.org/we-support-cultural-cooperation/grants/>

Call for Proposals - Life Plus

The European Commission has announced that that the third call for proposals under the Life + Programme is now open for applications. The Life + programme is the EU's main fund for supporting environmental projects. Under this call for proposals, the Commission will be supporting projects under the following headings; nature and biodiversity; environment policy and governance; and information and communication. A total of €250 Million is available for this call and the total available to the UK is in excess of €19 million. Project proposals should be sent to the relevant national authority no later than

15 September 2009. Thereafter, national authorities will send project proposals on to the European Commission by 22 October 2009. The European Commission has also scheduled workshops for potential LIFE+ applicants in each EU member state. Within the UK the workshop will be held on the 26th June at the Park Crescent Conference Centre, London. Interested organisations should contact Joanna Pachucka at lifepus-uk@stellaconsulting.com.

Call for Proposals - The Thematic Networking of Twinned Towns

The European Commission has issued a call for proposals for the thematic networking of Twinned Towns. This call for proposals which is part of the European Commission's Town Twinning Initiative provides grants for towns with existing town twinning links to come together in thematic networks that address issues of common concern. This Programme provides financial support for conferences and workshops that address specific themes, involving at least three towns, developed within the framework of existing town twinning agreements. These events should be the starting point for future joint initiatives between the twinned towns. Only the following types of organisations are eligible to submit an application; municipalities and twinning committees; local and regional governments; and associations representing local authorities. The closing date for applications is the 1st September 2009.

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/citizenship/funding/2009/call_action1_12_2009_en.php

Landscape Partnerships

The Landscape Partnerships grant programme aims to support schemes of between £250,000 and £2million led by partnerships of local, regional and national interests which aim to conserve areas of distinctive landscape character throughout the United Kingdom. Each scheme is based round a portfolio of smaller projects, which together provide a varied package of benefits to an area, its communities and visitors. The aims of the programme are:

- to conserve or restore the built and natural features that create the historic landscape character; increase community participation in local heritage
- increase access to and learning about the landscape area and its heritage
- increase training opportunities in local heritage skills.

There is a two stage application process. First stage applications are only considered by HLF's Board of Trustees in a single annual meeting to be held in April of each year. You should therefore make sure that your first round application reaches your regional or

country office by the 30 November in any one year.

<http://www.hlf.org.uk/English/HowToApply/OurGrantGivingProgrammes/LandscapePartnerships/>

Funding to Support Joint Projects Between Young People in the UK and France

The Lefevre Trust provides funding of up to £10,000 to support innovative projects between young people in France and the UK. It aims to improve understanding between the UK and France by enabling young people to visit a partner group and further develop a joint venture. Funding is available for groups of young people from across the UK and France. All groups are eligible to apply; youth groups, extra-curricular clubs, sports teams, school groups, theatre troupes, arts organisations and so on. Applications for funding are accepted from the formal and non-formal education sector across the UK for young people aged 11-19. Grants will be awarded to cover mobility costs of both one-way and reciprocal visits to France and its overseas departments that form part of a bilateral project. Projects must have specific aims and activities and work have a central theme, such as for example:

- language learning
- culture and the arts
- energy and the environment
- science and technology
- citizenship, etc.

The Applications deadline is October 2009 (date TBC).

<http://www.britishcouncil.org/schoolpartnerships-france-lefevre-trust.htm>

Funding for the Regeneration of Public Parks

The Heritage Lottery Fund has announced that eight communities across the UK will be sharing grants totaling £14million from the Heritage Lottery Fund's Parks for People programme. The grants will be used to regenerate and restore parks in:

- Cornwall

In addition to transforming these public spaces, the grants will fund increased volunteering and training opportunities for over a thousand people as part of the projects, with activities as wide-ranging as:

- Planting

- Habitat creation
- Tour guiding
- Garden design
- Woodland
- Event management.

A further £1.6million of development funding has also been awarded to 13 other parks to help them work up detailed proposals for applications of more than £20million. The Parks for People programme is open to Local Authorities as well as not for profit organisations that own public parks and gardens. Eligible organisations can apply for grants of between £250,000 and £5 million. There are two funding rounds each year and the next closing date for applications is the 31st August 2009.

<http://www.hlf.org.uk/English/MediaCentre/Archive/Spring+spruce+up+for+UK+parks.htm>

Grants for Planting Trees

The Tree Council, the lead tree campaigning charity working to promote the importance of trees within the changing environment has announced that its Trees for Communities and Trees for Schools grant making programmes are now open for applications. Funds are available for schools and community groups within the UK who are able to show that children under the age of 16 will be actively engaged in the planting projects. The Tree Council are able to fund projects between £100 and £700 and successful applicants will receive up to 75% towards their planting costs. For example, if your project totals £700, The Tree Council would offer up to £525. The remaining 25% will need to be secured by your school or organisation. If you are interested in applying for next year, the 2010 application forms for schools and community groups will be available to download after National Tree Week (25 November 2009 to 6 December 2009) with a closing date of 31 May 2010.

<http://www.treecouncil.org.uk/?q=grants>