

May 2012

GENERAL SPORT

Sportsmatch update

Sportsmatch has re-opened to applications for projects starting from April 2012.

It is part of **Sport England**, and makes awards to not-for-profit organisations that have secured sponsorship to deliver new community projects to grow or sustain participation in sport. It can match the sponsorship contribution pound for pound up to a maximum of £100,000. There should be no more than five sponsors, who must each be contributing a minimum of £1000. Sport England funding for the project must be spent by 31 March 2013.

You can complete the pre-application checklist to help you decide if your organisation, sponsorship and project are eligible for a Sportsmatch award. They also strongly recommend that you read the rest of the Sportsmatch information on the website or view the Sportsmatch guidance document.

Contact: Sportsmatch

Telephone: 08458 508 508

Website: <http://www.sportengland.org/funding/sportsmatch.aspx>

Hilden Charitable Fund - playschemes

The Hilden Charitable Fund has allocated its annual small budget to help community groups run **summer playschemes** for disadvantaged communities. Some priority will be given to projects which show they are inclusive of children from refugee families, and show BME involvement.

Trustees look to fund projects for children aged 5 to 18 years, lasting 2-6 weeks, with strong volunteer support.

They will not support schemes with a budget above £10,000, or where the organisation has an income above £120,000.

The application form can be downloaded from the website.

Deadline: 18 May 2012

Contact: The Hilden Charitable Fund

Telephone: 0207 603 1525

Email: hildencharity@hotmail.com

Website: www.hildencharitablefund.org.uk/summer%20playcheme%20guidelines.htm

Launch of the National Loan Guarantee Scheme (NLGS)

The Chancellor of the Exchequer has recently launched the new National Loan Guarantee Scheme (NLGS).

The £20 billion scheme is designed to lower the cost of loans to small businesses. It is anticipated to lead to reductions of one percentage point in the rate of interest on loans being charged to smaller companies in the UK.

For example, a business facing a 7% interest rate to obtain a £5 million loan could see their rate reduced to 6% and their interest costs fall by up to £50,000.

The NLGS works by providing banks with up to £20 billion of guarantees to issue unsecured debt. This will enable participating banks to borrow at a cheaper rate. These banks will pass on the entire benefit of the guarantees to smaller businesses through cheaper loans.

The following banks are participating in the NLGS:

Barclays.
Bank of Scotland.
Lloyds TSB.
NatWest.
Royal Bank of Scotland.
Santander.

In addition, Aldermore has also agreed, in principle, to join the scheme. The scheme is open to UK based small and medium-sized businesses (SMEs) with an annual turnover of less than £50 million.

Interested parties may contact participating banks to discuss finance terms and conditions at any time.

Last round for Comic Relief programmes

The last deadlines for the current round of **Comic Relief** funding are approaching:

8 June for Sport for Change and Older People's Programme 'Managing Money Better'

29 June for other UK Programmes (Young people and mental health, Sexually exploited and trafficked young people, Domestic and sexual abuse, Mental health, Young people and alcohol, Refugee and asylum-seeking women)

This will be the last funding cycle under the current programme, so if you are planning a bid to one of the above schemes, make sure you don't miss these deadlines. The new strategy is expected to launch in spring 2013 with grant making resuming in summer 2013.

Contact: Comic Relief

Telephone: 020 7820 5555

Email: info@comicrelief.com

Website: www.comicrelief.com

Sported 'how to' guides

Sported supports voluntary and community sector sports groups wanting to help disadvantaged young people aged 11-25. They have developed a range of **how to guides and templates** to help organisations become more effective and sustainable. They have been designed to be as straightforward as possible, while highlighting some of the key legislation that affects activities.

The following are currently available, with others planned:

1. Business planning
2. Financial management
3. Fundraising
4. Governance and compliance
5. Managing staff and volunteers
6. Networking and partnerships
7. Policies and procedures
8. PR and marketing

You must be a member to view them, but you can join online, and is free.

Contact: sported

Website: <http://www.sported.org.uk/join-us/members/>

MARS Refuel™ Drink Fund awards

The **MARS Refuel™ Drink Fund** is open for entries. The aim of the fund is to encourage people to play their favorite sport for longer and it is giving away one gold (£1000), four silver (£500) and eight bronze (£250) awards each month until September 2012.

Sports clubs and individuals in the UK and the Republic of Ireland can apply to the fund; previous winners have used their awards for a variety of purposes including equipment, kit, training, coach development, travel costs, taster sessions. Applicants must be over 12 years of age.

For more information see the MARS Refuel™ Drink Fund website.

Website: www.marsrefuel.com/refuel-fund

Core Funding - Esmee Fairbairn

The **Esmee Fairbairn Foundation**, a major funder who give out over £32m in 2010, has made an interesting announcement about this on their website:

“Running costs? Overheads? Core costs? Staff salaries? Revenue costs? Administration?
Whatever you call it, we fund it.

In 2011 we gave £20 million towards organisations' core running costs such as salaries and overheads, over half of our total grant-making. We know that for organisations to achieve extraordinary things, they need the ordinary things to be funded, and we are happy to do it.

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When you apply to us, follow our guidance and make a convincing case for how a grant towards your organisation's core costs will allow you to make the biggest impact."

This addresses one of the commonest concerns for groups seeking major funding - but please don't send in a bid to them for your finance or admin worker without thinking carefully about it. Your work will still need to match the fund's themes, and you will need to demonstrate how the core funding you request will allow you to improve people's quality of life. Check out their details on the Foundation website.

Contact: Esmee Fairbairn Foundation

Website: <http://esmeefairbairn.org.uk/>

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DISABILITY SPORT

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Peter Harrison Foundation – Opportunities through sport programme

The **Opportunities through sport** programme, from the **Peter Harrison Foundation**, supports **charities** across the UK using **sport** to provide opportunities for disabled and disadvantaged people.

The Foundation is interested in projects that:

- Provide a focus for skills development and confidence building through the medium of sport
- Have a strong training and/or educational theme within the sporting activity
- Provide sporting equipment or facilities for disabled or disadvantaged people
- Contain a high degree of community involvement.

No maximum or minimum grant amounts are specified, the website says each application is viewed on its own merits.

Grants are usually 'one off' and for capital costs, however the website does say that the Foundation will consider revenue funding for a new project or if funding is key to the continuing success or survival of an established project.

There are some exclusions for the fund, which include overseas projects, holidays or expeditions in the UK or abroad and outdoor activity projects, such as camping and outward-bound expeditions. You can read the full eligibility criteria at- http://www.peterharrisonfoundation.org/programme.htm?utm_source=Funding+News+email+updates&utm_campaign=ab74f5bd52-FN_MAILCHIMP_DAILY&utm_medium=email

There is a two stage application process; for more information visit the Peter Harrison Foundation website.

Deadline: Apply at any time

Contact: Peter Harrison Foundation

Telephone: 01737 228 000

Email: enquiries@peterharrisonfoundation.org

Website: www.peterharrisonfoundation.org/programme.htm

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Cable & Wireless Worldwide Foundation

The **Cable & Wireless Worldwide Foundation** is inviting organisations that work with people who have special needs to apply for grants of up to £10,000.

The foundation said charities must fulfil two sets of criteria: to be an organisation or individual that supports people with special needs, and to use the funds to help improve communications, such as websites. Last year one of the groups they funded created smartphone apps to help blind people to travel safely outside their homes.

Charities interested in applying for funds should visit the website.

Deadline: 25 June 2012

Website: <http://www.cw.com/about-us/cww-foundation/>

CLUB SUPPORT

BUPA Foundation Annual Prizes - Launch of 2012 Round

The BUPA Foundation Annual Prize programme for 2012 is offering prizes of £15,000 within the following categories:

- **Healthy lives prize**
Enabling sustained behaviour changes on physical activity and/or nutrition amongst children, families or in the workplace.
- **Patients as partners prize**
Utilising or developing shared-decision making tools for better patient decisions for use amongst disadvantaged or diverse groups.
- **Vitality for life prize**
Promoting and encouraging healthy ageing through physical activity and other behaviour-based and social solutions for the older age group (65+ years).
- **Technology for healthy outcomes prize**
Using new technologies to cheaply and effectively organise and interpret health outcomes data - for better design of community health activities and to improve patient decision making.

Individuals or teams in UK health, academic or research organisations are eligible to apply. The prize is divided into two parts: £5,000 which is paid direct to the individual or team members and £10,000 to be used to further the winner's project. Submissions should provide a clear outline showing how the prize money will be used to further the work for which a prize has been given.

The deadline for receipt of entries is 1 July 2012.

Website: <http://www.bupafoundation.co.uk/Annual+Prizes/Annual-prizes>

The Prize Dinner will take place in November.

Youth Investment Fund Pilot for Upcoming Entrepreneurs

Outline details of the proposed Youth Investment Fund were announced in the 2012 Budget. It has now been confirmed that the scheme will be piloted in partnership with the National Youth Enterprise Working Group.

Based on the current student loan system, the initiative will enable young people who choose not to go to university to access low interest loans for starting up a business.

There is an anticipated overall budget of £10 million available. Loans are expected to be worth between £5,000 and £10,000 per individual.

Young entrepreneurs aged 18-24 who are planning to start up a business enterprise in the UK will be eligible to apply for a loan.

The Government is currently looking for private and third sector organisations to help run the scheme nationwide during its pilot phase, which will commence before summer 2012 and last for one year. The Government is planning to have the scheme running fully and evaluated in time for the 2013 Budget.

The scheme is yet to open to applications. Details and deadline information (if applicable) will be reported when available.

£600 Million Big Society Capital Launched

The Government has created a new independently run financial institution to finance charities and community groups within the UK in the expectation of building a bigger, stronger society and growing the economy.

The Big Society Capital, which has been characterised as "the world's first social investment bank" will invest in charitable and social causes that can repay an investment through the income they generate.

The initial funding of £600 million comes from dormant bank accounts which will provide £400 million and the UK's four largest high-street banks (Barclays, Lloyds, HSBC and RBS) which will provide the remaining £200 million.

Social Investment Finance Intermediaries (SIFIs) based and working within the UK may apply for loans of between £500,000 and £15 million.

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be a Social Investment Finance Intermediaries (SIFIs) providing investment and other support to social sector organisations that primarily benefit people and communities in the UK.
- Be registered and working within the UK.
- Have a strong management team and good corporate governance systems.
- Have a robust business plan and financial model with realistic underlying assumptions.
- Have a clear social mission with well-developed systems for delivering it and monitoring social impact.

SIFIs should be providing investment and support to social sector organisations in the following broad areas:

- Ageing.
- Children and families.
- Community development.

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- Criminal justice.
- Disability.
- Education.
- Employment.
- Financial inclusion.
- Healthy living.
- Housing and shelter.
- Market infrastructure.
- Mental health.

Further information as well as a set of application guidance notes can be found on the Big Society Capital website
Website: <http://www.bigsocietycapital.com/is-bsc-investment-right-for-you/>
Expressions of Interest can be made at any time.

More Village SOS funding

Big Lottery Fund has announced a second round of **Village SOS** funding, which will support community enterprises in rural villages or small rural towns with fewer than 3,000 people. Grants of between £10,000 and £50,000 are available for truly enterprising ideas that have the support of the local community.

More information and full application details is available on the website. Make sure you register to receive updates when more information becomes available. Take some time to explore the Village SOS website for news and advice about setting up or developing your ideas for a community enterprise, or call the Village SOS Advice Line to discuss your ideas with experts.

Contact: Village SOS
Telephone: 0845 434 9123
Website: <http://www.villagesos.org.uk/competition>

Free consultancy for 'anchor' organisations

Community Matters and Locality (the Community Alliance) are able to offer free consultancy support over this financial year to a number of 'community anchor' organisations (organisations providing a wider range of services to all sections of the community) to help improve their sustainability.

The areas they are looking to develop are:

- well run (has good governance arrangements and practices, and is legally compliant)
- financially sound (able to earn/generate sufficient income to cover the costs of delivering the services you want to, and with a reasonable planned expectation that you will be able to continue to do so in the years ahead)
- delivering high quality outcomes (delivering quality services and support that meet the real needs of the communities you serve, and which help build active communities in which everyone is valued and can play their full role)

There's no application form - they will have an initial chat to check whether they can help, and then send someone out to do an assessment. They will discuss how your organisation would like to develop. If they are able to offer support, they will develop a plan based around your particular needs.

Your organisation will need to be able to take up the support on offer straight away and all support needs to be completed by March 2013.

Please get in contact to discuss your needs
Contacts: Richard Bridge, Community Matters
Telephone: 0207 837 7887
Email: richard.bridge@communitymatters.org.uk

Investment and Contract Readiness Fund

The **Investment and Contract Readiness Fund** is a new £10 million fund which will provide grants to social ventures with the potential for high growth. It is aimed at social ventures which are financially sustainable and wishing to grow and is will be focussing on helping them raise capital of a minimum of £500,000. Eligible social ventures can include registered charities, social enterprises, community and voluntary organisations, social businesses, charities and mutuals. The fund is from the **Office for Civil Society** and is being managed by the **Social Investment Business**.

Social ventures can only apply to the fund in partnership with an approved adviser and can apply for between £50,000 - £100,000 to buy specialised contract readiness support and to pay for some of the costs of moving their investment/contract readiness plan forward.

It will open to applications on **21 May 2012**.

The fund is currently looking for organisations to become approved providers providing support to social ventures. You can apply via the website.

For more information see the website at: www.beinvestmentready.org.uk

Government giving schemes

The Cabinet Office has announced two projects to encourage people to give time and money to local causes.

One is a re-run of a scheme done in March to match fund every pound given to local charities via the donation site localgiving.com. That time, £375,000 was allocated in just three days. This time, £500,000 will be available in September, but it is likely to go just as quickly, so be ready.

The second initiative, the Challenge Prizes, will reward two new ideas which:

- involve lots of people in giving better support to older people in their area.
- mobilise people to reduce waste in their communities.

Details of how to apply, and how much the prizes will be, have not yet been announced. The scheme will run through NESTA, which supports innovation; they will work with shortlisted groups, and select the winners.

Press Release: <http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/news/government-announces-over-1-million-encourage-people-support-good-causes>