

External Funding Alert

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○ The external funding alert from South Ayrshire Council provides details on new funding opportunities available and approaching deadlines of various programmes. More detail on these opportunities can be obtained by clicking on the links provided or by contacting the External Funding Team. If you wish to be added to our mailing list, email: externalfunding2@south-ayrshire.gov.uk. You can also conduct your own external funding search at: www.open4community.info/southayrshire/Default.aspx

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News

RURAL DIRECT ROADSHOW VISITS MAYBOLE

Wednesday 8 March, Carrick Community Centre, Maybole

Rural Direct is on the road this winter, helping rural communities to develop local projects and get the funding they need to make them work. Rural Direct doesn't provide funding, but it does offer information and support from an expert team of advisors who can help navigate the rural development funding maze.

Topics covered will include:

- Introduction to Rural Development Funding and Rural Direct;
- Getting ready for 2012: Rural Priorities and other funding opportunities;
- Project Planning – getting your application in order and your project ready to go;
- Getting it right: equalities and your funding application
- Building quality in rural Scotland;
- What next for Rural Development funding – 2014 and beyond.

This two hour event runs in two sessions, starting with presentations at 3pm and 6pm

Link: <http://www.ruraldirect.org.uk/>

FREE HALF DAY CONFERENCE – CENTRAL EDINBURGH

Tuesday 20 March 2012 (9.30am-2pm)

- Making a difference: Can equality funding help provide positive models for the future?
- What lessons can be learned from the Equality and Human Rights Commission's Strategic Funding Programme?

The Commission's strategic funding programme is coming to an end after supporting a range of projects across Britain. This event will give Scottish funding recipients, other funding providers and equality and community development professionals an opportunity to share and learn from the experiences of equality funding.

Attendees will hear presentations from some of the current Scottish funded project leads, illustrating their projects and explaining what equality lessons can be learned. This will be followed by roundtable discussions to further facilitate exchange of learning. The event will close with a networking buffet lunch.

For further information or assistance with booking please contact them by e-mail or by calling 0141 228 5974/5920.

Please book by emailing your name, organisation and any requirements you may have including communication support, access or dietary requirements to:

email: scotlandcommunication@equalityhumanrights.com

Please RSVP by 6th March to ensure your requirements can be met.

SEASIDE TOWN REJUVENATION: £24MILLION FUND OPENED

A new fund to help support much loved seaside towns create new jobs and prosperity has been launched by Communities Secretary Eric Pickles and Chief Secretary Danny Alexander.

The £23.7million Coastal Communities Fund has been created to provide struggling coastal communities all across the country with money to support new opportunities that can make their town prosper.

A variety of organisations are being invited to apply for the funding to diversify and transform seaside economies by allowing them to rejuvenate traditional assets or exploit new emerging industries.

Seaside groups could use the money to start programmes that can deliver skills training, offer apprenticeships to school leavers, create new workspaces or support small-scale transport improvements.

Successful applicants can expect to get a grant of between £50,000 and £2million. Mr Pickles said he would especially like to see quality bids come in from social enterprises, charities, local businesses or local enterprise partnerships.

The Fund will be financed by the Government from revenues from the Crown Estate's marine assets. The Fund will be UK wide, with funding allocated to England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland on the basis of revenue generated by these marine assets. It will be delivered by the Big Lottery Fund's 'BIG Fund'.

Further details on the operation of the Coastal Communities fund in Scotland are anticipated next month.

Link: <http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/regeneration/coastalfundprospectus>

Programme Updates

THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND

This scheme, managed by the Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry, follows on from the success of the Enterprise Development Fund which created more than 130 jobs in Ayrshire between 2009 and 2011. GlaxoSmithKline have contributed a further £400,000 to support small and medium sized organisations in the Ayrshire area operating within the life sciences and engineering industries through two initiatives:

1. **Apprenticeships:** part funding towards the salary costs of a newly created apprenticeship role for a period of 3 or 4 years, calculated as a percentage of base salary.
2. **Job creation:** 50% (to a maximum of £5,000) of total salary cost for new, sustainable jobs based in Ayrshire within STEM disciplines.

Link: <http://www.ayrshire-chamber.org/newsitem.asp?nid=%7B1E7CA9C5-EA71-46F2-80F7-97A1ACB6E600%7D>

BOILER SCRAPPAGE SCHEME

The Scottish Government has announced that a further £500,000 is available through the Boiler Scrappage Scheme to help households switching from poor performing boilers to a more energy efficient model.

This scheme provides households in Scotland currently using a working boiler with an SAP2005 efficiency rating of less than 70%, with a voucher worth £400 off the price of a new, modern Energy Saving Trust recommended boiler.

Vouchers will be offered on a first come

Link: <http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/scotland/In-your-home/Heating-and-hot-water/Boiler-Scrappage-Scheme>

THE VOLANT CHARITABLE TRUST

The VOLANT Charitable Trust, through the Scottish Community Foundation, provides awards of up to £10,000 per year to support women, children and young people who are at risk and facing social deprivation. Projects which tackle serious issues and help people to turn their lives around are given priority.

Link: <http://www.scottishcf.org/resources/funds/view/66/volant-charitable-trust/?from=V/1>

Resources/Information/Publications

CREATING SAFETY – CHILD PROTECTION GUIDE

A new child protection guide for the creative community in Scotland has been launched to reflect important developments in legislation and policy.

Creating Safety provides information on new national child protection guidance, the introduction of the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (PVG) Scheme, and changing attitudes towards risk assessment.

Link: http://www.childrenscotland.org.uk/html/pub_tshow.php?ref=PUB0380

NEW OSCR REPORT – PROTECTING CHARITABLE STATUS

A new report published by Scotland's charity regulator provides a ready reference to help charities understand and address potential issues in meeting the requirements of charitable status.

Link: <http://www.oscr.org.uk/publications-and-guidance/protecting-charitable-status/>

FUNDING WEBSITE

This funding website records information about grants and funding programmes accessible to organisations operating in Scotland. Funding programmes include those managed by Lottery Distributors, Corporate and Charitable Trusts, Statutory Organisations, European Commission, and others.

Link: <http://www.fundingscotland.com/search.asp>

SOUTH AYRSHIRE OPEN 4 COMMUNITY

This funding website provides charities, community groups, social enterprises and voluntary organisations with the opportunity to search through hundreds of government, lottery, charitable and other funds available on a European, national, regional and local basis.

Link: <http://www.open4community.info/southayrshire/Default.aspx>

New Funding Opportunities

Arts, Culture & Heritage

THE CREATIVE ENTERPRISE FUND

This scheme supports young people in Scotland, aged 15-22, with activities which allow them to flourish within the creative industries. It aims to encourage enterprising and innovative ideas and assist these young people to become creative leaders. Awards of up to £200 for individuals or £750 for groups of three or more young people are available.

The next deadline for applications is Monday, 12 March 2012.

Link: <http://www.youngscotextra.org/articles/creative-scotlandyoung-scot-creative-enterprise-fund>

IDEAS FUND INNOVATORS

This scheme, offers ten awards of £1,000, in each application round, to young people within the UK between the ages of 16 and 25, who have a creative project in any artistic discipline that they want to get off the ground. In the past, dance and film projects, music videos and photography collectives have been supported.

Applicants must also be able to show that the project has not been done before.

The next deadline for applications is 22 March 2012.

Link: <http://www.ideastap.com/Funding>

THE SKY ARTS IGNITION SERIES

This scheme is offering six arts organisations based in the UK and Ireland the opportunity to develop new groundbreaking art works, projects, events and performances. Funding of up to £200,000 is available as well as exposure across the Sky network.

The deadline for Round Two applications is 30 March 2012.

Link: <http://www.skyartsignition.co.uk/>

Business Support

ADDITIONAL SMALL BUSINESS LOANS FOR ENERGY PROJECTS (SCOTLAND)

This scheme supports small and medium sized businesses, private sector landlords, not-for-profit organisations and charities looking to replace old and inefficient technology through measures that contribute to reducing energy consumption and the provision of renewable energy technologies by offering loans from £1,000 to £100,000 at 0% fixed interest.

A range of measures that reduce energy consumption and/or renewable energy technology installations would be considered eligible.

Link: <http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/scotland/Business-services/In-depth-energy-advice/Small-business-loans>

FUND101

This scheme targets UK-based entrepreneurs looking to turn an idea into a new business and existing small companies wishing to help take their enterprise to the next level. Grants from £50 to £500 are available towards the miscellaneous capital costs associated with starting up a new venture and for existing small businesses to purchase equipment, promotional flyers, hardware etc, in order to boost their operations.

To apply, entrants must complete an online application, explaining how much money they require and for what purpose. They must then raise an equivalent number of votes to the grant they are seeking – if they need £100, they must engage 100 people to vote for them online. When the target is met, the funds will be deposited into the successful candidates' PayPal accounts. Grant recipients must agree to be profiled on the Fund101 webpage to explain how the grant has benefited their business.

The application process has re-opened for 2012 and bids may be submitted at any time

Link: <http://www.enterprisenation.com/fund101/>

Communities

BARCLAYS COMMUNITY FINANCE FUND

This scheme will provide grants, of up to £50,000, to Credit Unions and personal finance-focused Community Development Finance Institutions (CDFIs) in the United Kingdom to deliver services that meet fund objectives over the course of a 12-month period.

Grants may be used for a variety of purposes including (but not limited to) marketing, infrastructure, product development, mergers between businesses and the delivery of financial capability or money advice services.

Beneficiaries must be members of Transact (membership is free) and nominated by a recognised body.

The deadline for applications is 1 April 2012.

Link: <http://transact.org.uk/>

IMPACT INVESTMENT FUND

This scheme is a new £10m social investment fund launched by the Deutsche Bank.

The Bank's Impact Investment Fund will operate as a fund of funds, working with portfolio managers, to channel investment into sustainable social businesses over the next three years, aiming to generate a return that more than covers its costs over the next 10 years.

The fund will be managed to external market standards by investment managers in Deutsche Bank's Private Equity group.

Link: <http://www.db.com/unitedkingdom/content/en/1842.html>

TESCO CHARITY TRUST

This scheme provides one-off donations of between £500 and £4,000 to projects that support children and their education and welfare, elderly people and adults and children with disabilities living in the local communities around Tesco stores.

Deadline for grants for elderly people and adults and children with disabilities is 31 March 2012

Link: <http://www.tescopl.com/corporate-responsibility/our-community-promises/actively-supporting-local-communities/tesco-charity-trust/>

Environment

CLIMATE CHALLENGE FUND

This scheme aims to support community projects that focus on significant carbon emission reduction, are community led, and take a long term view towards improving the quality of life for present and future generations.

The CCF now includes a Junior Climate Challenge Fund element which funds activities which support under 18s become engaged and involved in a low carbon future. Further information in relation to the Junior CCF is available by contacting them on 01786 468 779.

The next deadline for submission of Expressions of Interest is 21 March 2012

Link: <http://ccf.keepsotlandbeautiful.org/howToApply.aspx>

CSGN DEVELOPMENT FUND 2012-13

This scheme supports projects that promote healthier lifestyles, regeneration & enterprise, and help to join up the network, especially in areas suffering from deprivation and dereliction.

Organisations can now bid for three years of financial support, enabling projects to plan for the longer-term and increase their impact on local environments.

The deadline for the submissions of applications to FCS is 12:00 noon on Friday 2 March 2012.

Link: <http://www.forestry.gov.uk/csgndevelopmentfund>

Town Twinning

EUROPE FOR CITIZENS

This scheme calls for proposals under the Europe for Citizens Programme. The Call covers the following actions:

Action 1 – Active Citizens for Europe

1. Town twinning citizens' meetings – indicative budget of €6.1 million
2. Networks of twinned towns – indicative budget of €4.5 million

The next available deadline for proposals is 1 September 2012.

3. Citizens' projects – indicative budget of €1.3 million
4. Support measures – indicative budget of €805,000

The next available deadline for proposals is 1 June 2012.

Action 2 – Active Civil Society in Europe

Support for projects initiated by civil society organisations – indicative budget of €2.8 million.

The next available deadline for proposals is 15 February 2012.

Action 4 – Active European Remembrance

Active European Remembrance – indicative budget of €2.4 million.

The next available deadline for proposals is 1 June 2012.

Link: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/citizenship/funding/2012/index_en.php

War Memorials

SMALL GRANTS SCHEME (SCOTLAND)

This scheme supports free standing war memorials in Scotland that have no other function than to act as memorials.

The money can be spent on urgent and necessary repairs, including structural stabilisation, improving the legibility of eroded inscriptions, certain types of cleaning, and the reinstatement of lost and integral parts of the memorial. Fees for accredited professional conservation advice are also covered. Grants can be for up to £7,500 and can cover up to 75% of eligible project costs. Grants are not available for new memorials, work on graves, design alterations or the addition of names.

Link: <http://www.warmemorials.org/small-grants-scheme-in-scotland/>

MEMORIALS TRUST – SMALL GRANTS (UK)

This scheme covers all war memorials in the UK over 15 years old. However, work to memorials less than 15 years old is eligible where the damage being repaired is due to vandalism. The money comes entirely from the War Memorials Trust.

The money can be spent on like-for-like repairs, improving the legibility of eroded inscriptions, certain types of cleaning, and the reinstatement of lost and integral parts of the memorial. In contrast to the other funding schemes, grants can be used to add new names where they can be sympathetically added to the original structure. Grants can cover up to 50% of eligible costs to a maximum of £2500. Grants are not available for new memorials or work on graves.

Link: <http://www.warmemorials.org/uploads/publications/193.pdf>

Young People

BRITISH COUNCIL – YOUTH IN ACTION PROGRAMME

This scheme provides funding for young people to organise community projects, carry out exchanges with other European countries or to raise young people's awareness of the democratic process.

The next deadlines for applications are 1 May and 1 October 2012

Link: <http://www.britishcouncil.org/youthinaction>

O2 – THINK BIG

This scheme is for people aged 13 to 25 years old help make things better in their local community. Projects should be up and running within three months of being accepted

Initially £300 is available. Successful applicants may be invited to apply for a larger grant of £2,500

Link: <http://www.o2thinkbig.co.uk/Start-a-project/>

PEARSON'S HOLIDAY FUND

This scheme awards grants to financially assist disadvantaged children and young people to have holidays or take part in respite activities in the UK away from their normal environment which would otherwise not be possible without some external financial support.

Applications must be submitted by an appropriate third party referring agency. The children must be in the care of a family on low level income. In addition, those whose families are on benefit-level income may have disabilities or health problems, experience abuse or violence in the home, be carers or be in other difficult situations

The maximum grant available per individual qualifying child/young person is £75. The maximum grant for the children/young people in any one family is £500.

The referring agency should apply in writing giving details of the child and their circumstances, how much is required and details of the proposed holiday.

Contact the General Secretary, Pearson's Holiday Fund, PO Box 3017, South Croydon, Surrey, CR2 9PN.

Awards

BEN & JERRY'S JOIN OUR CORE COMPETITION

Ice-cream company Ben & Jerry's is searching for young, socially responsible entrepreneurs aged between 18-34 who are creating new models for sustainable business which will help make a difference in communities.

Winners will be assessed in London in spring 2012 and then travel to Uganda in the summer to take part in ten days of social business knowledge sharing and local development projects where they will live and work with local farmers.

Winners will also receive six months' mentoring from Ashoka, the company that coined the term 'social entrepreneur'.

The prize money can be used to help with the start-up costs associated with launching a new socially aware business operation anywhere in the world.

The early bird deadline for the first 100 applicants is 15 March 2012. The final deadline for submitting competition entries is 15 April 2012

Link: <http://www.joinourcore.com/>

CIS EXCELLENCE AWARDS

This scheme created in 2004, aims to recognise, celebrate and reward the high degrees of creativity, innovation and excellence in Scotland's catering, hospitality and tourism industries, and is positioned as the industry's ultimate accolade. From chefs, hotels and caterers, to restaurants, colleges, pubs and local authorities, the 12 categories of Awards are aimed to suit a host of businesses and talents.

An individual, organisation or company of any size who is involved in the catering, hospitality and tourism industries in Scotland may enter themselves or nominate another party.

Applicants do not need to be originally from Scotland, but must live and work in the country at the time of application.

The deadline for 2012 applications and nominations is 9 March 2012.

Link: <http://www.cis-excellenceawards.com/#>

MAKE IT IN GREAT BRITAIN CHALLENGE LAUNCHED

This scheme, organised by the Department for Business, Innovation & Skills (BIS), aims to change the image of modern manufacturing by finding the most innovative pre-market products, processes and concepts the UK has to offer.

Entries across five categories are invited, representing the breadth and depth of the manufacturing industry. Winning entries from each category will showcase their creations on a weekly basis at the Make it in Great Britain exhibition, Science Museum, London, which will coincide with the Olympic and Paralympic Games in summer 2012

This Challenge is open to inventors, manufacturers, engineers, designers, businesses of all sizes, young people and the general public.

The deadline for receipt of entries is 5 April 2012.

Link: <http://makeitgreatbritain.bis.gov.uk/>

NATIONAL LOTTERY AWARDS – 2012 ROUND OPEN

This scheme is open to authorised representatives of projects that have received Lottery funding at any time since 1994. The main beneficiaries of the project must be based in the UK.

Entries can be made in eight Award categories.

The winner in each category will receive a cash prize of £2,000, which can be put towards their project. Winners will be determined by a public vote featuring on a special BBC1 television show in the autumn.

The deadline for entries is 12 March 2012 (noon).

Link: <http://www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk/>

PRIVATE BUSINESS AWARDS – 2012 ROUND OPEN

This scheme celebrates the most successful companies and individuals operating in the private sector in the UK. Nominees will receive exposure in regional and national PR campaigns, while the winners will be profiled on the Private Business Awards website, as well as on the key sponsors' websites – PricewaterhouseCoopers and HSBC Private Bank.

2012 Awards include seven categories.

Deadline for receipt of entries is 13 April 2012.

Link: <http://www.privatebusinessawards.com/home/>

Trusts

THE SYM CHARITABLE TRUST

This scheme supports charities and community groups working in Scotland to deliver a range of charitable activities including the relief of poverty; advancement of the arts, heritage and culture; advancement of education; advancement of health; and to provide assistance with living expenses and fees to overseas students who have already begun a course of study at a Scottish Educational Institution but are facing financial problems beyond their control.

The Trust is managed by Murray Beith Murray, 3 Glenfinlas St, Edinburgh, EH3 6AQ

The annual deadline for applications is 31 March.

THE JAMES TUDOR FOUNDATION

This scheme makes grants, gifts or loans of up to £1 million per annum, principally to smaller charitable organisations registered in the UK across the following five programme areas:

1. Palliative care;
2. Medical research;
3. Health education;
4. The direct relief of sickness; and
5. The fulfilment of its charitable objects by other means

Link: <http://www.jamestudor.org.uk/>

Imminent Deadlines – March 2012

THE GIRLS ON THE MOVE PARTICIPATION PROGRAMME

This scheme aims to increase physical activity levels among girls and young women and introduce them to the physical, social and psychological benefits of exercise. The project seeks to encourage the young women to want to remain active following the Girls on the Move project.

DEADLINE: 1 March 2012

MAX GRANT: £2,000

Link: <http://www.youthscotland.org.uk/projects/>

CASHBACK FOR COMMUNITIES FUND – SMALL GRANTS SCHEME

This scheme is a Scottish Government initiative that uses the money and goods seized from serious organised criminals to make a difference to the lives of young people in Scotland. This scheme is being run in partnership with six Scottish uniformed youth organisations:

DEADLINE: 1 March 2012

MAX GRANT: Various

Link: <http://www.youthscotland.org.uk/projects/cashback-small-grants-scheme/>

THE KELLY FAMILY TRUST

This scheme focuses on the family and nurturing the potential to create a supportive structure within the family unit. The Trust will consider both capital and revenue grants and is particularly interested in innovative projects and in projects that work in partnership with other local agencies to provide coherent support to improve the overall quality of family life. The Trust will only consider applications from registered charities.

DEADLINE: 1 March 2012

MAX GRANT: £5,000

Link: <http://www.kfct.org.uk/apply.html>

CROSS TRUST – SCOTLAND

This scheme seeks to enable young people of Scottish birth or parentage to extend the boundaries of their knowledge of human life. Applicants must be in genuine financial need and demonstrate evidence of merit – either academically or otherwise.

DEADLINE: 2 March 2012

MAX GRANT: None given

Link: http://www.thecrosstrust.org.uk/HTML_Pages/Individuals.htm

LLOYDS TSB FOUNDATION (SCOTLAND) HENRY DUNCAN AWARDS

This scheme aims to support and work in partnership with charities operating in Scotland in order to improve the quality of life for people who are disadvantaged or at risk of becoming disadvantaged.

DEADLINE: 19 March 2012

MAX GRANT: £20,000

Link: <http://www.ltsbfoundationforscotland.org.uk/index.asp?cat=Home>

LEVERHULME TRUST – ARTS PORTFOLIO

This scheme emphasises individuals and encompasses all subject areas. With annual funding of some £50 million, the Trust is amongst the largest of all subject providers of research funding in the UK. Trustees place special weight on: the originality of the projects put to them; the significance of the proposed work; the ability to judge and take appropriate risk in the project; and the removal of barriers between traditional disciplines.

DEADLINE: 21 March 2012

MAX GRANT: Various

Link: <http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/index.cfm>

WOODWARD CHARITABLE TRUST – SUMMER PLAYScheme GRANTS

This scheme aims to support small-scale, locally-based charitable initiatives in the UK. Applications for summer playscheme grants will only be accepted from UK registered charities with an annual turnover of less than £100,000. The Trust is particularly interested in helping smaller organisations that offer direct services.

DEADLINE: 26 March 2012

MAX GRANT: £1,000

Link: <http://www.woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk/index.html>

THE LANKELLY FOUNDATION

This scheme offers the following programmes: The Arts; Breaking Cycles of Abuse; Free and Quiet Minds; Local People; Local Places. From April 2012, the Foundation will concentrate exclusively on bringing about change to improve the quality of life of people who face severe and multiple disadvantages.

DEADLINE: 30 March 2012

MAX GRANT: Various

Link: <http://www.lankellychase.org.uk/>

THE TESCO CHARITY TRUST COMMUNITY AWARD SCHEME

This scheme supports local community projects whose core work supports elderly people and people with disabilities, which are based in areas where Tesco has stores. Applicants are expected to show what other sources of funding have been sought and secured.

DEADLINE: 31 March 2012

MAX GRANT: £4,000

Link: <http://www.tescopl.com/corporate-responsibility/our-community-promises/actively-supporting-local-communities/tesco-charity-trust/>

ULVERSCROFT FOUNDATION

This scheme aims to benefit the visually impaired (blind and partially sighted) by providing grants to organisations that work to relieve, assist and improve the treatment and education of those suffering from defective eyesight. It also funds medical research and the provision of facilities for the treatment or alleviation of visually impaired people.

DEADLINE: 31 March 2012

MAX GRANT: None specified

Link: <http://www.foundation.ulverscroft.com/>

Forthcoming Deadlines

April – May 2012

ELEPHANT TRUST

This scheme aims is to make it possible for artists and those presenting their work to undertake and complete projects when frustrated by lack of funds. It is committed to helping artists and institutions that depart from the routine and signal new, distinct and imaginative sets of possibilities.

DEADLINE: 2 April 2012

MAX GRANT: £2,000

Link: <http://elephanttrust.org.uk/>

BFWG CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

The Federation promotes women's opportunities in education and public life. The following funding is offered: Foundation Grants, Emergency Grants and Theodora Bosanquet Bursaries.

DEADLINE: 4 April 2012

MAX GRANT: £6,000

Link: <http://www.ffwg.org.uk/>

BBC CHILDREN IN NEED – MAIN GRANTS PROGRAMME

This scheme distributes the funds raised each year as grants to organisations that work with disadvantaged children and young people, under the age of 18, living in the UK. It aims to positively change the lives of those affected by: disability; behavioural or psychological problems; poverty or situations of deprivation; illness, distress, abuse or neglect.

DEADLINE: 15 April 2012

MAX GRANT: £100,000

Link: http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/grants/general_grants.shtml

BBC CHILDREN IN NEED – SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME

This scheme distributes the funds raised each year as grants to organisations that work with disadvantaged children and young people, under the age of 18, living in the UK. It aims to positively change the lives of those affected by: disability; behavioural or psychological problems; poverty or situations of deprivation; illness, distress, abuse or neglect.

DEADLINE: 15 April 2012

MAX GRANT: £10,000

Link: http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/grants/general_grants.shtml

INNOVATION VOUCHER SCHEME (SCOTLAND)

This scheme supports collaborative projects between SMEs (small to medium-sized enterprises) and HEIs (Higher Education Institutes) in Scotland that lead to new products and processes that will benefit the business, the institution and the Scottish economy.

DEADLINE: 27 April 2012

MAX GRANT: £5,000

Link: <http://www.interface-online.org.uk/3>

THE WELLCOME TRUST ARTS AWARDS – SMALL AND MEDIUM GRANTS

This scheme supports projects that: stimulate interest, excitement and debate about biomedical sciences through the arts; examine the social, cultural and ethical impact of biomedical science; support formal and informal learning; encourage new ways of thinking; and encourage high quality interdisciplinary practice and collaborative partnerships in arts, science and education

DEADLINE: 27 April 2012

MAX GRANT: £30,000

Link: <http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Public-engagement/Funding-schemes/Arts-Awards/index.htm>

HILTON IN THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (HCF)

This scheme assists charities and organisations that support disadvantaged young people with a focus on disabled children, children in hospital, homelessness, and life-limited children in hospices. Funding can be requested for up to two years for any particular project. Grants can be awarded for medium to long-term projects (i.e. over one year) or for one-off causes.

DEADLINE: 1 May 2012

MAX GRANT: £30,000

Link: <http://www.hilton-foundation.org.uk/application.htm>

NOMINET TRUST

The Trust provides funding to innovative projects that help disadvantaged and vulnerable groups use of the Internet i.e. young people, the elderly, the disabled and sick, and people in deprived areas. Applicants are required to complete an online eligibility questionnaire.

DEADLINE: 1 May 2012

MAX GRANT: flexible

Link: <http://www.nominettrust.org.uk/>

**LLOYDS TSB FOUNDATION (SCOTLAND)
HENRY DUNCAN AWARDS**

This scheme supports and works in partnership with charities operating in Scotland to improve the quality of life for people who are disadvantaged or at risk of becoming disadvantaged.

DEADLINE: 14 May 2012

MAX GRANT: £20,000

Link: <http://www.ltsbfoundationforscotland.org.uk/index.asp?cat=Home>

THE ROWING FOUNDATION

This scheme aims to aid and support young people and the disabled of all ages through their participation in rowing. Preference is given to encouraging participation in rowing by the young or disabled through the provision of equipment, such as boats, sculls, ergos, oars and essential safety equipment.

DEADLINE: 14 May 2012

MAX GRANT: £2,000

Link: <http://www.therowingfoundation.org.uk/index.php>

PEOPLE'S POSTCODE TRUST – SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME

This scheme assists small organisations, registered charities and community groups in the following six fields of operation: Poverty Prevention; Advancement of Health; Community Development; Public Sports; Human Rights; and Environmental Protection.

DEADLINE: 25 May 2012

MAX GRANT: £10,000

Link: <http://www.postcodetrust.org.uk/>