

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

NEW FUNDING ROUND ANNOUNCED: AYRSHIRE LEADER

The Ayrshire LEADER Local Action Group (LAG) has a current programme under spend in excess of £100,000 they wish to invest in rural projects across mainland Ayrshire.

The Ayrshire LEADER 2007-2013 programme has committed in excess of £4.2m of funds to date, and these investments have, and will continue, to inspire local individuals and groups to take the first steps on a road that will lead to real improvements in everyday living in rural communities across Ayrshire.

The LAG wants to hear from any groups or organisations seeking funding for projects that address economic, social or environmental issues linked to the Ayrshire LEADER strategy. Projects must be new and able to start and complete by no later than 31 December 2013.

The minimum grant request is £1,000 and up to a maximum of 50% of eligible project costs may be applied for.

For further information on the Ayrshire LEADER strategy and priorities and to download an Initial Enquiry Form, visit: www.ayrshire-leader.com or contact the LEADER office on 01292 673765.

Link: www.ayrshire-leader.com

Closing for expressions of interest: 1 March 2013 at 12 noon.

DOING BUSINESS IN THE BIOSPHERE

Wednesday 6th March, The CatStrand, New Galloway, 4pm – 7.30pm.

Galloway and Southern Ayrshire have always been places of natural beauty filled with landscapes that have inspired generations and this was recognised in 2012 with the award of UNESCO Biosphere Status, a designation that promotes and demonstrates a balanced relationship between people and nature.

A strong business base is key to the future well being of the Biosphere area. This workshop is an opportunity to hear from businesses from around the Galloway & Southern Ayrshire Biosphere about the benefits of adopting sustainable practice, and get valuable advice from leading support organisations.

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

To book: <http://www.dgchamber.co.uk/chamber-events>

THE WEIR CHARITABLE TRUST

This scheme was established in February 2013 by Chris and Colin Weir, who won £161 million on EuroMillions in July 2011, with an initial endowment of £5 million.

The objective of the Trust is to support individuals, groups and charities in Scotland who are struggling to secure funding for their activities from mainstream sources.

No minimum or maximum value of grant is specified. Applicants are encouraged to ask for what they need for their project or activity.

The Trust reserves the right to award grants in full or in part depending on its assessment of the merits of the application.

All awards are for one year or less. Successful applicants must wait a calendar year before reapplying for further funding for the same activity. However, applications for further funding within that period may be made if it is not to be used for the same purpose as the original application.

Grants are available to support services/projects in the following qualifying categories:

1. Sport

Projects to encourage and increase public participation in sport (eligible activities should involve physical skill and exertion).

2. Recreational facilities

Providing or organising recreational facilities with the aim of improving the conditions of life for the people for whom the facilities are primarily intended. This is only in relation to facilities or activities which are primarily intended for people who need them due to age, ill- health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage.

3. Animal welfare

The advancement of animal welfare.

4. Health

The advancement of health, including prevention or relief of sickness, disease or human suffering.

5. Culture

Supporting the heritage – tangible or otherwise – of Scotland, through projects that encourage participation in and preservation of Scotland's distinctive culture.

The Trust will also consider any applications that may reasonably be regarded as comparable to any of the above purposes. Grants are available for any purpose that provides a benefit to the applicant's target audience.

Examples of eligible activities and costs include Capital projects (such as equipment, fixtures, fittings and refurbishments); One-off projects; Running costs; Core costs; and Salaries.

Applications are accepted from individuals, groups and charities that are:

- Based in Scotland providing services in Scotland.
- Struggling to secure funds through mainstream funders or who have unsuccessfully explored all the statutory sources of funding.

The first deadline for receipt of applications is 7 March 2013.

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

Programme Updates

TRIANGLE TRUST 1949 FUND

This scheme's new non-restricted funding scheme is expected to launch in April 2013.

The fund is a charitable trust endowed in 1949 by Sir Harry Jephcott, when he was managing director of Glaxo Laboratories Ltd. Although originally set up to provide hardship and education grants to individuals associated with the Glaxo pharmaceutical company, the Trust has evolved and its primary purpose is now to give grants to charities supporting those in need.

Registered charities working within the UK with a UK office are eligible to apply for grants of up to £20,000 for projects that include direct practical support work, research projects or policy or campaigning work relevant to unpaid carers or the rehabilitation of offenders or ex-offenders.

Grants are restricted to a maximum of two years and can only be used towards the costs of the project detailed in the application. Costs covered by the grant may include expenses, consumables or salaries directly relevant to the project.

One of the primary purposes of applicants' constitution must be to support unpaid carers or the rehabilitation of offenders or ex-offenders. Applicants must demonstrate in their application how they have expertise and a history of working with unpaid carers or offenders.

The organisation's annual income for the most recent financial year should be less than £2million, although priority will be given to smaller organisations.

Further information will be published as it becomes available.

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

Resources/Information/Publications

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.

FundingScotland.com also gives Funders an opportunity to manage information about their programmes. This helps to keep information valid and up-to-date and establishes a direct relationship between Funders and their target audience.

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

JUSTGIVING

Online fundraising platform JustGiving is expanding its services to enable any business to fundraise online for charity. This will enable businesses to showcase their employees' achievements, and match their donations with company funds if they choose.

The new tools offer:

- branded company fundraising pages to showcase all a business' employee fundraising activity in one place
- running totals of all donations raised by employees
- the facility for employees to form teams to compete against each other and link their JustGiving individual fundraising pages to their company page
- leader boards featuring the most successful fundraising staff to encourage competition and reward success
- the option for companies to match-fund the sums raised by their employees and to display this total publicly on their company profile
- measurement and reporting of fundraising data

Perhaps you know of a local company that would like to raise funds for your group in this way.

Further details are available via the web link below.

Link: <http://www.justgiving.com/companies>

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

AWARDS FOR YOUNG MUSICIANS (AYM)

This scheme supports the UK's most talented young instrumentalists aged five to 18, who, because of financial need, may be prevented from fulfilling their creative potential. AYM assists musically gifted children in families where income is limited to help develop potential.

Grants of between £200 and £2,000 are available, based on evidence of musical talent and financial need.

AYM aims to help with many of the major costs of music education however applicants may be required to provide the remainder of any costs from alternative sources. Awards can help with costs including the following:

- Buying or hiring a musical instrument
- Music lessons
- Weekend music schools
- Music courses
- Orchestra fees
- Travel

Support is available for instrumentalists making music in any genre. The key criteria are:

- Aged between five and eighteen years
- Financial need (all applications are means-tested)
- Exceptional musical talent and potential

Previous applicants (successful or otherwise) are welcome to apply again.

Award payments are made to institutions, music organisations, music teachers and other suppliers, but not made directly to students or their families.

The deadline for receipt of applications is 15 March 2013.

Link: <http://www.a-y-m.org.uk/>

COLWINSTON CHARITABLE TRUST

This scheme aims to support charitable organisations in the UK, the dominant purposes of which are to benefit opera/music theatre, classical music, and the visual arts. They will also entertain specific project proposals for the assistance of Libraries and Archives.

The majority of grants will be in the range of £5,000 to £25,000 and is available for the following:

- Opera
- Classical music
- Visual arts
- Libraries and archives

The Trust will not generally consider applications for capital projects, but consideration may be given in exceptional circumstances to modest applications for projects undertaken by established arts organisations, the main activities of which are within the fields of classical music, opera/music theatre or the visual arts.

The Trust will only accept applications from registered charities in the UK. However, grants are made mainly (although not exclusively) to organisations based in Wales.

Organisations will need to demonstrate an established track record in financial and project management, of reasonable costs, realistic budgets and plans to maximise contributed income for the project from all available sources.

Organisations and projects that provide direct benefits to the wider public, rather than special interest groups will be favoured.

An organisation may only apply for one grant in any one financial year.

The Trust will expect to see sound monitoring and evaluation plans included in any proposal.

This is a biannual programme with the next application period being between 1 and 31 March 2013.

Link: <http://www.colwinston.org.uk/index.htm>

Business/Entrepreneurs

LLOYDS BANKING GROUP SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURS PROGRAMME

The Lloyds Banking Group has launched a new round of its Social Entrepreneurs Programme which aims to support community-focused businesspeople across the UK to start or scale-up their projects.

The programme comprises the following support strands:

1. Start Up

Grants of £4,000 and a place on a Start Up SSE learning programme are awarded for those who are in the early stage development of a project or organisation.

2. Scale Up

Grants of £15,000 and a place on a Scale Up SSE learning programme are awarded for established organisations that are looking to take their operations to the next level.

Individuals who are leading or planning to set up a project or social enterprise organisation which will create social change in the UK may apply.

The deadline for receipt of applications is 3pm on Tuesday 2 April 2013.

Link: <http://www.the-sse.org/lloydsbankinggroup>

Children & Young People

RBS INSPIRING YOUTH IN ENTERPRISE

This scheme aims to encourage more people in more communities to explore enterprise, build their skills and start up in business.

This new UK-wide programme launched by The Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) Group will run over the next three years. It will support the delivery of innovative projects through non-profit organisations which inspire young people aged 13-30 years to understand and explore enterprise as a future career option.

There is an annual funding pot of £500,000 per round with three levels of funding available:

- Small (up to £10,000)
- Medium (£10,001 – £25,000)
- Large (£25,001 – £50,000)

Applications which are able to show evidence of matched funding will be awarded additional points in the scoring system. As the grants are for delivery costs primarily, then any staff costs or volunteer time will be accepted as match against the grant.

Non-profit organisation based and operating in the UK with a track record of providing enterprise support to young people may apply.

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be formally constituted
- Operate on a non-profit distributing basis
- Not currently be receiving RBS Group funding. A full list of RBS Group members can be found on the RBS Group website
- Have experience of supporting enterprise development
- Accept liability for the total costs of making an application

A full list of criteria can be found on the RBS website.

The next period for the receipt of applications is 4 to 18 March 2013.

Link: <http://www.inspiringenterprise.rbs.com/>

THE ADAMSON TRUST

This scheme is intended to support groups of children, organisations and registered charities that provide assistance with the cost of holidays or respite breaks for young people aged 17 and under who have a physical or mental disability.

Funding is available for the costs associated with holidays and/or respite breaks with no stated minimum or maximum amounts.

Applicants must submit to the Trust a completed application form and a copy of the latest audited accounts.

The next annual deadline for Trustee meetings is 31 March 2013.

Link: <http://www.mencap.org.uk/organisations/adamson-trust>

Community

SOUTH AYRSHIRE RURAL COMMUNITIES GRANT

This scheme provides assistance to constituted voluntary organisations and charities that operate within rural South Ayrshire towards the cost of projects and activities that are compatible with the Ayrshire LEADER strategic objectives of Revitalising Rural Communities and Rebuilding Rural Community Capacity. The grant should form part of a wider funding package.

For further information on the Ayrshire LEADER development strategy see www.ayrshire-leader.com/

Link: <http://www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/businessdevelopment/assistance.aspx>

SOUTH AYRSHIRE VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS GRANT

This scheme provides financial support to national, Ayrshire or local community groups that are constituted and can show how they operate for the benefit of the wider community.

Activities supported should provide and promote social, cultural, economic, environmental facilities or support projects which are in the interest of people living in South Ayrshire. They should also align with South Ayrshire Council's priorities and themes.

Link: <http://www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/grants/awards.aspx>

Disability

THE AGNES HUNTER TRUST

This scheme funds a variety of charities that:

- Help the blind and visually impaired
- Are researching into the cause, cure or alleviation of cancer or arthritis, or supporting people with these conditions
- Help disabled people, including those affected by physical disability or illness and those with mental health problems or learning disabilities
- Assist with the education and training of disadvantaged people or with youth development projects

No minimum or maximum grant levels are specified. Each application will be assessed according to its own merits.

Applicants should note that there are limited funds available. The Trustees have to be highly selective and are unable to assist all organisations that apply.

Applicants should provide details of any other funding secured for the project and must identify any funding received from statutory sources as the Trust can only assist those aspects of an organisations work that have to be funded from voluntary income.

The next deadline for receipt of applications is 1 August 2013.

Link: <http://www.agneshunter.org.uk/what-we-fund/>

SNOWDON AWARD SCHEME

The charity aims to encourage and support students with a physical or sensory disability to take their place on a more equal footing with their contemporaries.

Grants are for a period of one or two years and range from £250 to £2,000 per year. In exceptional circumstances, £2,500 may be awarded.

Within the stated limits, the award scheme accepts applications for financial assistance towards the following costs, where they cannot be met in full from statutory sources:

- Human support such as note-takers and sign language interpreters
- Computer equipment
- Adapted or additional accommodation
- Travel costs
- Mobility equipment
- Other costs which relate solely to disability

The scheme will assist with tuition fees only where applicants are not eligible for statutory funding, and were applicants provide justification that the need for assistance with these costs is related to their disability.

Students of all nationalities may apply for support, but the study course must be provided by a UK college or university and based in the UK. Candidates will have a physical or sensory disability. Mature students are supported.

Candidates are also expected to declare all relevant financial and medical information which will, if so requested, be kept confidential to the panel and administrators of the grants.

In the case of two-year grants, the continuation of the grant for the second year will be subject to a satisfactory academic or other appropriate report. Repeat applications from students who have already been supported for two years of study are unlikely to be considered for more than one additional year of support.

Conditional awards may be made, dependent on the results of examinations and other grant applications. The decision of the selection panel will be final. No further correspondence will be entered into on the panel's decision.

Repayment of the grant may be claimed if it has not been used for the purpose specified, or grants/allowances are subsequently received from statutory bodies for the specified purpose.

It is unlikely that expenses that have to be met by all students such as tuition fees or standard living and accommodation costs will be met. In addition, it is unlikely that the charity will fund childcare expenses.

The deadline for receipt of applications is 31 May each year. Applications received after this date will, funds permitting, be considered at the selection panel's second meeting in October.

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

Health

THE PINK RIBBON FOUNDATION

This scheme's mission is to fund projects and provide financial support to UK charities which relieve the needs of people who are suffering from, or who have been affected by breast cancer or who work to advance the understanding of breast cancer, its early detection and treatment.

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to support any specific initiative that can offer one or more of the following:

- Fit out's to bring Breast Cancer sufferers into a pleasant and comforting environment.
- Nurses to provide support, screening and comfort
- Complementary therapies of homeopathy, massage, meditation or reflexology
- Support to research initiatives, both scientific and complementary that are looking either for cures or support
- Help people who help others with a little bit of cash, care and communication
- Support organisations that help sufferers by developing an informed and positive state of mind

The Foundation is keen to support initiatives which promote a positive view of living with breast cancer.

The deadline for receipt of applications is 31 May 2013.

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

Environment

CLIMATE CHALLENGE FUND (CCF)

This scheme, administered by the Scottish Government, seeks to play a key role in the reduction of Scottish carbon emissions by 2050. This Fund is designed to enable communities to come forward with their own solutions to make a significant reduction in carbon emissions.

Projects funded by the CCF should:

- Offer significant carbon emission reduction
- Are community led
- Aim to improve the lives of future generations

The following categories of funding are available:

1. CCF Funding

Grants of up to £150,000 per year are available.

2. CCF development grants for disadvantaged communities

Grants of £750 over three months are available for disadvantaged communities. Development grants are designed to assist groups undertaking preparation work towards submitting a full application to the Climate Challenge Fund. Grants are available to support potential applicants where:

- The project community falls within the lowest 15% in the Scottish Indicators of Multiple Deprivation (deprivation ranking of 976 or less)
- The project community is made up of members of an ethnic minority
- The project community is suffering from other disadvantage or vulnerability

3. Junior Climate Challenge Fund (JCCF)

JCCF funding is available for projects that:

- Are led by young people (18 and under) who work with their community to take action on climate change
- Aim to achieve a measureable reduction in carbon footprint in their communities
- Demonstrate how they will help create a lasting reduction in carbon footprint

4. JCCF Development Grants

Development grants of £750 are available to help groups undertake preparation work towards submitting a full application to the Climate Challenge Fund.

Please note that applicants are not required to find funding from other sources, but joint funded projects are encouraged to apply. Applications are accepted from large variety of community groups all across Scotland including the following:

- Arts groups
- Sports clubs
- Community councils
- Faith groups
- Student unions
- Residents associations
- Local charities
- Food groups
- Community-led housing associations
- Development Trusts

Applications from other organisations are also encouraged; as long as they are:

- Scottish-based
- Led by their community
- Operate on a not-for-profit basis
- Legally constituted (or become so prior to receiving CCF funding) and
- Projects have a realistic chance of completion by 31 March 2015

Full details on the scheme, including terms and conditions, are available from the Climate Challenge Fund website.

Expressions of Interest can be submitted at any time, but groups wishing their application to be presented to a specific CCF Grant Panel should ensure they have enough time to complete the three step process.

Panel 14

- **Deadline for draft applications: 5 April 2013**
- **Deadline for final applications: 1 May 2013**
- **Grant Panel 14 will be held on 19 June 2013**

Panel 15

- **Deadline for draft applications: 5 July 2013**
- **Deadline for final applications: 31 July 2013**
- **Grant Panel 14 will be held on 18 September 2013**

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

Faith Groups

FAITHS IN SCOTLAND COMMUNITY ACTION FUND (FISCAF)

This scheme will work with local faith groups to build hope and fight against poverty by providing grants and support in Scotland's most fragile urban and rural communities.

Through supporting local faith groups, FISCAF aims to make the following differences:

- Faith groups are more effective in supporting people to make transitions in their lives
- Faith groups are more effective in helping to reduce isolation and loneliness
- Faith groups are more effective in supporting local people to become more resilient
- There is greater understanding and respect between and within faith communities

- Local people have increased self-esteem, confidence and skills, equipping them to improve community life
- Government and civic society have increased understanding about the positive contribution made by faith groups in tackling poverty

The following levels of funding are available:

- **Major Grants** – Applications of up to £15,000 will be considered. This may be spread over a maximum of three years, with no more than £7,500 being awarded in the first year. FISCAF will give priority to startup projects
- **Small Grants** – Applications of between £500 and £2,000 to be used in one year will be considered

Grant recipients must be able to spend any grant awarded by FISCAF within nine months of the date of award.

The annual deadlines for receipt of applications are:

- **Major Grants – by 30 April, for decision by the end of June**
- **Small Grants – 30 April; 31 July; 30 September; and 31 December**

Link: <http://www.fiscap.org/index.php?id=1>

WILLIAM AND JANE MORRIS FUND

This scheme gives preference to limited programmes of work concerned with the conservation of decorative features; for example, stained glass windows, sculpture, furniture, internal monuments and tombs, and wall paintings.

Grants up to £1,000 are available towards major structural repairs and fabric maintenance are considered only under exceptional circumstances. The completion of the work must be certified by an appropriate professional and carried out according to the principles of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB).

Grants are limited to churches, chapels and other places of worship in the United Kingdom. Only buildings or monuments erected before 1896 are eligible.

The Foundation operates a two stage application process. The aim of the first stage is to determine whether a project is eligible and this should be submitted online through the Wolfson Foundation website. Stage 2 applications are submitted in written format and once received, applications are considered by expert reviewers and a specialist panel who make recommendations to the full Board of Trustees.

The deadline for receipt of application is 31 March 2013.

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

Schools

CREST AWARDS (UK)

This scheme, provided by the British Science Association, is Britain's largest national award scheme for project work in the STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths).

The Awards are eligible to 11-19 year old students. They are extremely flexible; are designed to enrich the curriculum and can be completed in class time, especially at Bronze level. They can also link into work experience placements, after-school/lunchtime clubs or various linked schemes.

Student benefits for partaking in the Awards include:

- Prepares students for 'How Science Works' at GCSE
- Allows students to explore their own ideas and interests within science, engineering and technology
- Encourages team work
- Helps to bridge the gap between science and technology in the classroom and the 'real world', preparing students for the world of work
- Raises awareness of different careers in Science, Engineering and Technology
- Provides opportunities for involvement in regional and national events

There are three different levels of project work that students can complete:

- **Bronze Awards** are usually taken by 11-14 year olds; around 10 hours of project work is expected.
- **Silver Awards** are usually taken by 14-16 year olds; around 30 hours of project work is expected. A mentor who has expertise relevant to the project is preferred.
- **Gold Awards** are usually taken by 16-19 year olds; these longer-term projects require around 70 hours work. A mentor who has expertise relevant to the project is compulsory.

A wide variety of projects can fit the CREST criteria and can be:

- Created by a student (11-19 years old)
- Chosen by a teacher
- Provided by local companies or universities
- Selected from the CREST website's bank of 150 free ideas
- From a link scheme – CREST accreditation is available for a host of other schemes

Individual schools in countries outside the UK who wish to participate in CREST Awards can also get involved. Successful students will receive a personalised CREST certificate.

Projects can be submitted at any time.

Link: <http://www.britishtscienceassociation.org/crest>

Sport

LEGACY 2014 ACTIVE PLACES FUND

This scheme seeks to support the Scottish Government's legacy ambitions for the 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games to encourage more people to be active and take part in sport by providing funding for community projects which create or improve places where people can go to get active.

Grants of between £10,000 and £100,000 are available to meet up to 50% of project costs. The total value of the Fund is £10 million until 2015.

Applicants will normally be expected to meet at least 25% of project costs from their own resources. This may include bank borrowing and members' loans. Applicants who have secured funding designated for their local area may also be included within their contribution.

In kind contributions will be counted toward the 25% applicant contribution of the total project cost up to a maximum of 10%. However, in kind contributions will not be match funded by the Fund.

The minimum contribution from applicants seeking funding for projects taking place in an area of Multiple Deprivation (as defined by the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation) is 10% of project costs. Funding can be requested at up to 70% of project costs.

Grants are available for capital expenditure associated with physical activity and sports projects that benefit the community. The Fund defines capital expenditure as expenditure on the purchase, upgrade or construction of an asset. This includes any costs directly incurred in the process, such as:

- Architect, Quantity Surveyor and Engineers' fees
- Solicitor's fees in respect of asset purchases or leases
- Other fees such as planning and building warrant

Applicants must be able to demonstrate that the project:

- Offers meaningful community access
- Provides community benefit
- Is not for private gain
- Has both a clear need and demand for what is proposed

Applicants must show that with funding from the Legacy 2014 Active Places Fund, they either have the finance or will be capable of raising the balance of finance to start up to 12 months from the date of the award, and will be able to complete the project within a set timescale, normally within 12 months.

The deadline for receipt of applications to round two of the fund is 1 July 2013.

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

Awards

BUSINESSGREEN LEADERS AWARDS 2013

This scheme's third annual Business Green Awards have been launched. The programme is designed to recognise and promote individuals, teams and businesses in the UK that are engaged in 'trailblazing sustainable thinking' and are capable of establishing the template other businesses can adhere to as we all move to a low carbon economy.

Winners will gain the kudos associated with winning. They will also be identified as a leader that other businesses can and should follow. The 2013 award categories comprise:

- Consultancy of the Year
- Law Firm of the Year
- NGO of the Year
- Sustainability Team of the Year
- Young Sustainability Executive of the Year
- Sustainability Executive of the Year
- Small Business of the Year
- Leader of the Year
- Company of the Year
- WWF Green Game-Changers Innovation of the Year Award
- Green PR Company of the Year
- Green IT Project of the Year
- Green Transport Project of the Year
- Renewable Energy Project of the Year
- Waste or Recycling Project of the Year (New)
- Water Management Project of the Year (New)
- Energy Efficiency Project of the Year (New)
- Green Car of the Year (New)
- Politician of the Year
- Lifetime Achievement Award

Businesses across all sectors in the United Kingdom may enter this awards programme.

The deadline for receipt of entries is 22 March 2013.

Link: <http://events.businessgreen.com/leadersawards/static/criteria>

CIS EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2013

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

The 2013 round of Awards is open under the following categories:

- The Healthier Scotland Award
- The Innovation in Training Award
- The Pub-Restaurant Excellence Award
- The Contract Catering Chef of the Year Award
- The Sustainable Business Award
- The Independent Event-Caterer of the Year Award
- The Restaurant Newcomer of the Year Award
- The Award for Excellence in Hospitality Education
- The Group Hotel of the Year Award
- The Restaurant of the Year Award
- The Chef of the Year Award
- The Lifetime Excellence Award

The Awards will recognise an individual or company's business achievements and their contribution to their industry or profession. In addition to the prestige and publicity that comes with gaining national recognition as a major player, winners will receive a CIS Excellence trophy and will be offered valuable publicity through Catering in Scotland magazine, the Federation of Chefs Scotland and other affiliated websites.

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 2013 applications and nominations is 8 March 2013.

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

SPORT AND RECREATION ALLIANCE – COMMUNITY SPORT AND RECREATION AWARDS (UK)

These annual awards from the Sport and Recreation Alliance are designed to highlight the breadth of work that is undertaken in the community sport and recreation sector. The awards are now in their 20th year and offer the opportunity for exceptional clubs to be recognised for the excellent work they do.

The awards, formerly the Sports Club of the Year Awards, changed their name to reflect the wide variety of members' activities and include new categories to recognise the breadth of work that is carried out by the sport and recreation sector as a whole.

This year, awards and prize money will be presented for the categories of:

- Community Sport and Recreation Overall Winner – £2,000
- Volunteer Management – £1,000
- School Links – £1,000
- Professional Club Community Programme of the Year Award – £1,000
- Green Thinking – £1,000
- Innovative Project Award – £1,000

All types of sport and recreation organisations are eligible to enter; however, the entry must be endorsed by the club's national governing body, head office, or a county sports partnership.

The deadline for receipt of nominations is 3 May 2013

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

Trusts

LEVERHULME TRADE CHARITIES TRUST

This scheme makes grants to benefit charities or charitable projects connected with Commercial Travellers, Grocers or Chemists and their wives, widows, widowers, spouses and children.

It also provides bursary funding to allow eligible students from these backgrounds to pursue a full-time or postgraduate degree. No minimum or maximum value of grant for charitable purposes connected with Commercial Travellers, Grocers or Chemists.

The maximum value for bursary funding is:

- Undergraduate bursary – £3,000 per annum
- Postgraduate bursary – £5,000 per annum

Bursaries are generally awarded for the entire duration of the degree course with no specified requirement for match funding.

Funding is also available to charitable institutions that are established specifically to provide benevolence/welfare support.

There is no formal application process; applicants are advised to contact the Trust in writing to discuss the possibility of funding and to ascertain eligibility.

The Bursary scheme is available to UK universities to provide Bursary assistance for students resident in the United Kingdom connected with Commercial Travellers, Grocers or Chemists studying for a first degree or postgraduate degree course. Eligible students must apply through their university.

Bursaries are intended for those in financial hardship towards tuition, examination fees, travel costs, study materials and accommodation. Any full-time first degree or postgraduate degree course at a higher or further education institution in the United Kingdom is eligible.

Approaches concerning the award of grants can be made to the trust at any time.

The deadlines for receipt of:

- **Undergraduate bursary applications are 1 March and 1 November in each year; and**
- **Postgraduate bursary applications is 1 October each year**

Link: <http://www.leverhulme-trade.org.uk/>

PETPLAN CHARITABLE TRUST

This scheme was formed in 1994 by Patsy Bloom and David Simpson to provide much needed funds to promote the health and welfare of animals and fund the advancement of veterinary understanding and treatment. The Trust has the following categories of grant:

1. **Scientific Grant**
2. **Full scientific grant**
3. **Pump-priming grant limited to £10,000**
4. **Welfare Grant**

No upper or lower limit of funding is specified (except for pump-priming grants) and potential applicants are advised to contact the Trust for further information on the level of support available.

The Trust awards grants to improve animal welfare. Listed below are examples of activities and costs that the Trust will consider:

- Animal housing and repair
- Research
- Rescue
- Rehabilitation
- Staffing costs
- Buildings
- Vehicles
- Equipment
- Food
- Veterinary fees

Education is seen as an important role for the welfare arm of the Trust, appeals for literature print will be considered, together with other relevant requests. Neutering and proper veterinary care are seen as priorities.

Grants to human charities may be considered when it can be clearly demonstrated that the grant will enhance/give support to the animals' best interest.

Pump-priming grants are available to fund initial research which should ideally lead to further research.

The Trust awards grant to organisations with registered charity status in the United Kingdom.

While the UK will be seen as a priority area, the Trust will occasionally consider applications from similar organisations working abroad.

The deadlines for receipt of applications are as follows:

- **Full scientific grant: the closing date for the receipt of initial application forms is December each year. Successful applicants will be asked to complete a much more detailed application form**
- **Pump-priming grant: 2013 deadline: 22 March 2013**
- **Welfare grants: applications can be submitted from September to December each year. 2012 deadline: 7 December 2012. Details for 2013 will be added when the information becomes available**

Link: <http://www.petplantrust.org/index.php>

WOLFSON FOUNDATION

This scheme seeks to support capital infrastructure in the following areas:

- Science and technology.
- Arts and humanities.
- Education.
- Health and disability

The Foundation allocates approximately £30 million per annum. There are no minimum or maximum levels of grant that can be applied for and the size of the grants varies greatly across different programme areas.

Grants will only be made where matched funding has already been raised or pledged.

Grants are given to act as a catalyst to lever additional funding and to back excellence and talent.

Grants are usually only made for capital projects i.e. new buildings, renovation and equipment.

Some of the Foundation's grants are made through joint funding programmes with expert bodies. Listed below are the types of funding available within each area of interest:

1. Science and Technology

This area receives the highest proportion of the Foundation's funding. Grants are made for the capital infrastructure underpinning top quality research. Initial approaches should come from the Vice-Chancellor's office of the applicant university.

2. Arts and Humanities

Historic Buildings and Landscapes – Eligible buildings should normally be listed grade II* or above, and the project should involve conservation or refurbishment work to the historic fabric of the

building. The building should be accessible to the public for the majority of the year. Support is also given, on occasion, to landscapes and gardens where these are of exceptional historic significance.

Performing Arts – The Wolfson Foundation's funding of the performing arts aims to support and promote excellence in the sector. In this context, excellence is defined by the organisations artistic output and its critical reception within the sector and by national funding bodies. Capital projects for the performing arts, including refurbishment, new build and major equipment/instruments, may be eligible for funding where:

- The organisation has a record of producing work of national significance.
- The organisation receives significant funding (generally of above £500,000 each year) as an Arts Council national portfolio organisation (or equivalent in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales), attracts a large annual audience, and the artistic output is of a high standard.

War Memorials – The Foundation has a joint programme for the conservation of war memorials and enquiries should be directed through the War Memorials Trust.

3. Health and Disability

Special Needs – Grants are made for building refurbishments, new buildings, extensions, purchase of specialist equipment or vehicles. Grants are awarded to charities of all sizes, in the following areas: physical disabilities (including visual or hearing impairments and rehabilitation), learning disabilities and mental health and older people. Special schools and colleges are eligible to apply under this funding programme, as are charities providing education and employment opportunities to adults with learning disabilities.

Palliative Care and Hospices – Grants are made to adult and children's hospices for new buildings, major refurbishment work, equipment or vehicles.

4. Education

Secondary Schools – Grants are made for projects related to the teaching of science and technology or information or communications technology directly related to learning for projects involving libraries, languages, music or the arts.

Applications are accepted from organisations and educational establishments in the UK which are registered charities or which have charitable status, these include:

- Schools.
- Universities.
- Hospices and disability charities.
- Museums.
- Historic and religious buildings.

The following will not be considered for funding:

- Overheads, maintenance costs, VAT and professional fees.
- Non-specific appeals (including circulars) and endowment funds.
- Costs of meetings, exhibitions, concerts, expeditions, etc.
- The purchase of land or existing buildings (including a building's freehold).
- Film or promotional materials.
- Repayment of loans.
- Projects that have already been completed or will be by the time of award.

Key criteria used by Trustees to assess applications include:

- Excellence of the organisation.
- Anticipated outcome of the project.
- Financial viability.
- Adequate provision for ongoing costs and maintenance.
- Aesthetics of any building project.

The next deadline for receipt of:

- **Stage 1 applications is 20 July (for a December decision)**
- **Stage 2 applications is 1 March (for a June decision) or 1 September (for a December decision)**

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

Imminent Deadlines – February – March 2013

THE IDLEWILD TRUST

The Trust makes grants for projects concerned with: the encouragement of the performing and fine arts and crafts; the advancement of education within the arts; and the preservation for the benefit of the public of lands, buildings and other objects of beauty or historic interest.

DEADLINE: 22 February 2013

MAX GRANT: £5,000

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

REPAIR GRANTS FOR PLACES OF WORSHIP IN SCOTLAND

This scheme provides funding for the repair of listed buildings or for those considered to be of outstanding merit. Funding will only be considered for urgent repairs that are needed to keep the place of worship structurally stable and weather-tight. Most of these repairs are likely to be high-level work to roofs, towers, spires, high-level masonry and systems for getting rid of rainwater. However, HLF will also consider applications for other urgent repair work if historic fabric is at risk of being damaged or if there is an emergency affecting the structure of the building.

DEADLINE: 28 February 2013

MAX GRANT: Various

Link: <http://www.hlf.org.uk/HOWTOAPPLY/Pages/starthere.aspx>

THE BAILY THOMAS CHARITABLE FUND

This scheme is a registered charity which was established primarily to aid the research into learning disability and to aid the care and relief of those affected by learning disability.

DEADLINE: 1 March 2013

MAX GRANT: Various

Link: <http://www.bailythomas.org.uk/default.aspx>

KELLY FAMILY CHARITABLE TRUST

This scheme is open to registered charities whose activities involve all or most family members in initiatives that support and encourage the family to work as a cohesive unit in tackling problems that face one or more of its members. The Fund offers revenue and capital grants.

DEADLINE: 1 March 2013

MAX GRANT: £5,000

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

THE WEIR CHARITABLE TRUST

This scheme seeks to support individuals, groups and charities in Scotland who are struggling to secure funding for their activities from mainstream sources. The Trust reserves the right to award grants in full or in part depending on its assessment of the merits of the application. Grants are available for any purpose that provides a benefit to the applicant's target audience.

DEADLINE: 7 March 2013

MAX GRANT: None given

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

A B CHARITABLE TRUST

This scheme aims to support charities that defend human rights, such as freedom from torture and arbitrary imprisonment, and promote respect for individuals whatever their circumstances. Applications are particularly welcomed from charities working to support: Refugees and asylum seekers; Prisoners; Older people; and People with mental health problems. Funding is available for core costs.

DEADLINE: 8 March 2013

MAX GRANT: £7,500

Link: <http://abcharitabletrust.org.uk/index.htm>

COLWINSTON CHARITABLE TRUST

This scheme aims to support charitable organisations in the UK (especially Wales), the dominant purposes of which are to benefit opera/music theatre, classical music, and the visual arts. They will also entertain specific project proposals for the assistance of Libraries and Archives.

DEADLINE: 31 March 2013

MAX GRANT: £25,000

Link: <http://www.colwinston.org.uk/index.htm>

JOSEPHINE BUTLER MEMORIAL TRUST GRANT

The scheme aims to support charitable organisations undertaking social work with links to the Christian faith and to support individuals with study which links Christian faith and practical social action. In particular, the scheme wishes to support projects with the following themes: Vulnerable or disadvantaged groups; and Women.

DEADLINE: 31 March 2013

MAX GRANT: £3,000

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

TESCO CHARITY TRUST COMMUNITY AWARDS

This scheme supports local community projects whose core work supports the welfare of children, elderly people and people with disabilities, which are based in areas where Tesco has stores. Applications are considered in two rounds according to the type of project proposed: Grants to support children's welfare and children's educational projects, including special needs schools; and Grants to support elderly people and/or adults and children with disabilities.

DEADLINE: 31 March 2013

MAX GRANT: £4,000

Link: <http://www.tescopl.com/index.asp?pageid=121>

THOMAS WALL TRUST

This scheme provides grants for the assistance, support and encouragement of individuals and organisations in the fields of education and social service in its broadest sense. Grants are made to organisations for purposes that serve the social and/or educational needs of their communities. Funding for specific projects or activities are preferred, rather than general running costs

DEADLINE: 31 March 2013

MAX GRANT: £1,000

Link: <http://www.thomaswalltrust.org.uk/default.aspx>

WILLIAM AND JANE MORRIS FUND

This scheme gives preference to limited programmes of work concerned with the conservation of decorative features; for example, stained glass windows, sculpture, furniture, internal monuments and tombs, and wall paintings. Grants towards major structural repairs and fabric maintenance are considered only under exceptional circumstances. The completion of the work must be certified by an appropriate professional and carried out according to the principles of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB). Grants are limited to churches, chapels and other places of worship in the United Kingdom. Only buildings or monuments erected before 1896 are eligible.

DEADLINE: 31 March 2013

MAX GRANT: £1,000

Link: <http://www.sal.org.uk/grants/williamandjanemorris/>

Forthcoming Deadlines – April – May 2013

THE ESMÉE FAIRBAIRN COLLECTIONS FUND

This scheme is administered by the Museums Association (MA) and has been developed from the Esmée Fairbairn Museum and Heritage Collections strand and the MA's Effective Collections programme. Through this fund the MA and the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation want to develop a series of projects that demonstrate the inspiring and engaging potential of collections, to support and facilitate research, development, understanding and the use of collections.

DEADLINE: 5 April 2013

MAX GRANT: £100,000

Link: <http://www.museumsassociation.org/collections/18022011-esmee-fairbairn-collections-fund>

SCOTTISH POWER – THE ENERGY PEOPLE TRUST

The ScottishPower Energy People Trust is an independent charity established to help end fuel poverty in the UK. The Trust's objective is to help combat fuel poverty. Assistance is available for organisations to fund projects or schemes that will help fuel poor or vulnerable groups of people, with priority given to projects that are aimed at helping families with young children and young people.

DEADLINE: 16 April 2013

MAX GRANT: £50,000

Link: <http://www.energypeopletrust.com/content/default.asp?page=s4>

SCOTTISH POWER – THE GREEN ENERGY TRUST

This scheme supports the development of new renewable energy sources in the UK helping to reduce reliance on fossil fuels and combat climate change. The aims and objectives of the Green Energy Trust are to assist in the creation of new renewable electricity sources; and to promote education in the community regarding new renewable energy generation.

DEADLINE: 16 April 2013

MAX GRANT: £25,000

Link: <http://www.scottishpowergreentrust.co.uk/content/default.asp?page=s1>

FISCAF

This scheme will support local faith groups to build hope and fight against poverty by providing grants and support in Scotland's most fragile urban and rural communities. It is open to locally-based faith groups in Scotland that are registered charities with a signed and dated constitution and a bank account. Groups should be tackling a particular aspect of poverty in the community, their work should be inspired by, and rooted in, faith, and they should plan to encourage the widest possible participation through their work.

DEADLINE: 30 April 2013

MAX GRANT: £15,000

Link: <http://www.fiscaf.org/index.php?id=1>

CLIMATE CHALLENGE FUND SCOTLAND (CCF)

This scheme seeks to play a key role in delivering an 80% reduction in Scottish carbon emissions by 2050. This Fund is designed to enable communities to come forward with their own solutions to make a significant reduction in carbon emissions. Projects funded by the CCF should: Offer significant carbon emission reduction; Are community led; and Aim to improve the lives of future generations.

DEADLINE: 1 May 2013

MAX GRANT: Various

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

THE NOMINET TRUST

This scheme focuses on supporting projects and organisations that use digital technology to improve the lives of the disadvantaged and vulnerable and to strengthen communities.

DEADLINE: 1 May 2013

MAX GRANT: None

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

THE CAUSEWAY EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

This scheme has been developed as a means of helping to strengthen and improve relationships between young people on the islands of Britain and Ireland. It has been designed to contribute to the development of strategies aimed at diminishing misunderstandings, which have existed and which currently exist with and between young people.

DEADLINE: 1 May 2013

MAX GRANT: Various

Link: <http://www.causewayyouth.org/index.html>

THE WESSEX TRUST

This scheme supports projects and initiatives which provide opportunities to help, support and advance young people. Grants are generally paid in one instalment. All grant applicants are encouraged to seek funding from a wide range of sources and will be required to provide details of funds already raised in support of the applicant's appeal.

DEADLINE: 1 May 2013

MAX GRANT: Various

Link: <http://www.wessexyouthtrust.org.uk/grant-applications.php>

CANOE FOUNDATION

This scheme's principle functions are to raise money; inform and educate; and allocate funds, in line with the Charity's mission statement: 'positively changing lives through canoeing'. Through the Canoe Foundation's Small Grants Panel, applicants are able to apply for grants with a specific focus on Young People and/or Disability (Equality). Larger grants falling within these key areas may be awarded by the Charity's Trustees in exceptional cases, along with applications covering Places, Heritage, and International. Funding is only usually provided for capital costs and will not be given for revenue funding. Generally, only BCU-approved courses will be funded.

DEADLINE: 7 May 2013

MAX GRANT: Varies

Link: <http://www.canoe.foundation.org.uk/>

HILTON IN THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (HCF)

This scheme is committed to supporting those most in need to have a brighter future. The purpose of HCF is to support young people worldwide, whilst its vision is to make a real difference to those most in need – in places where Hilton International operates. There is no limit on the amount of money that a charity can request; however, the Foundation is a small charity and generally awards a maximum amount (per year). 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: 7 May 2013

MAX GRANT: £30,000

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

ROWING FOUNDATION

This scheme encourages participation in rowing by the young or disabled through the provision of equipment, such as boats, sculls, ergos, oars and essential safety equipment. Coaching, revenue or any commitments requiring long term support are rarely approved.

DEADLINE: 13 May 2013

MAX GRANT: £2,000

Link: <http://www.throwingfoundation.org.uk/forms-deadlines/>

A B CHARITABLE TRUST

This scheme aims to support charities that defend human rights, such as freedom from torture and arbitrary imprisonment, and promote respect for individuals whatever their circumstances. Applications are particularly welcomed from charities working to support: Refugees and asylum seekers; Prisoners; Older people; and People with mental health problems.

DEADLINE: 24 May 2013

MAX GRANT: £7,500

Link: <http://abcharitabletrust.org.uk/index.htm>

PEOPLE'S POSTCODE TRUST – SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME

This scheme aims to make the UK a better place for both people and nature. Eligible applicants are small organisations, registered charities and community groups based in Scotland, England or Wales. It acts within the following six fields of operation: Poverty Prevention; Advancement of Health; Community Development; Public Sports; Human Rights; and Environmental Protection.

DEADLINE: 24 May 2013

MAX GRANT: £10,000

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

HISTORIC BUILDING REPAIR GRANTS SCHEME

This scheme covers grants for the repair and conservation of historic buildings assessed as being of outstanding architectural or historic interest. Rates of grant are assessed on an individual basis, but are not normally less than 25% of eligible costs.

DEADLINE: 31 May 2013

MAX GRANT: £500,000

Link: <http://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/index/heritage/grants.htm>

THE MONEY SAVING EXPERT (MSE) CHARITY

This scheme aims to fight financial and consumer illiteracy and is dedicated to educating and informing adults and children about consumer and debt issues. The charity will consider full project cost recovery, but costs must only relate to the project itself and not the organisations core funding.

DEADLINE: 31 May 2013

MAX GRANT: £5,000

Link: <https://www.msecharity.com/home.aspx>

THE PINK RIBBON FOUNDATION

This scheme's mission is to fund projects and provide financial support to UK charities which relieve the needs of people who are suffering from, or who have been affected by breast cancer or who work to advance the understanding of breast cancer, its early detection and treatment.

DEADLINE: 31 May 2013

MAX GRANT: £5,000

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

THE WEIR CHARITABLE TRUST

This scheme seeks to support individuals, groups and charities in Scotland who are struggling to secure funding for their activities from mainstream sources. The Trust reserves the right to award grants in full or in part depending on its assessment of the merits of the application.

DEADLINE: 31 May 2013

MAX GRANT: None given

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