

# Meet the funders

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2008

## Summary of current funding opportunities



### **Alexandra Rose Day: Small local charities without significant manpower**

It helps smaller, usually local charities that do not have the national profile or manpower to achieve significant fundraising on their own. See [www.alexandraroseday.org.uk](http://www.alexandraroseday.org.uk)

### **B&Q Better Neighbourhood Grants: equipment support for schools and community groups**

Apply to a local store for support for your community projects through [www.diy.com/grants](http://www.diy.com/grants).

### **Big Lottery Fund – Open Programmes**

#### Access to Nature

Access to Nature is run by Natural England on behalf of a consortium of major environmental organizations. It is a £25 million grant scheme to encourage people from all backgrounds to understand, access and enjoy our natural environment.

Access to Nature aims to encourage more people to enjoy the outdoors, particularly those who face social exclusion or those that currently have little or no contact with the natural environment. Award grants of between £50,000 and £500,000 are available to support projects that deliver one or more of the scheme's main outcomes.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/leisure/grants-funding/default.htm> or call the Changing Spaces Advice Line on 0845 367 1671 (opening hours 8am – 7pm Monday to Friday).

#### **Awards for All**

The Awards for All is a grants programme set up to help small groups and communities. It is supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund, the Arts Council of England, Sport England, and the Big Lottery Fund.

Awards for All offers grants of between £300 to £10,000 to fund specific projects or activity. These grants can fund projects for people to take part in art, sport, heritage and community activities, as well as projects that promote education, the environment and health in the local community. You can apply at any time and must use the grant within one year. You can apply if you are a not-for-profit group or you are a parish or town council, school or health body.

For more information, visit [www.awardsforall.org.uk](http://www.awardsforall.org.uk) or call 0845 600 2040.

## **Community Spaces**

The Community Spaces programme, run by Groundwork UK, opened on 19 March 2008. It will fund community groups who want to improve local green spaces such as play areas, community gardens, parks, wildlife areas and village greens, kick-about areas and pathway improvements. Community Spaces will not be able to fund individuals, sole traders, local authorities, parish or town councils, schools, health bodies, profit-making organizations, and other statutory bodies. There are currently two types of grants available – Small and medium grants ranging from £10,000 - £49,000.

For more information please visit [www.community-spaces.org.uk](http://www.community-spaces.org.uk) or call the Changing Spaces Advice helpline on 0845 367 1671 (opening hours 8am – 7pm Monday to Friday).

## **Community Sustainable Energy Programme**

The Community Sustainable Energy programme, run by BRE (Building Research Establishment,) opened on 7 April 2008. The scheme will help community-based organizations in England reduce their environmental impact through the installation of energy saving measures and microgeneration technologies (producing heat or electricity on a small-scale from a low carbon source). The scheme will also fund development studies that help community organizations to find out if a microgeneration and energy efficiency project will work.

Capital grants – projects can apply for up to £50,000 or 50 per cent of the project cost (whichever is the lower).

For more information, please visit [www.communitysustainable.org.uk](http://www.communitysustainable.org.uk) or call Changing Spaces Advice line helpline on 0845 367 1671 (opening hours 8am – 7pm Monday to Friday).

## **Family Learning**

The Family Learning programme aims to increase high quality family learning opportunities across England and to make them more accessible to families who face barriers to learning or who are not confident helping their children to learn.

This programme will fund projects that involve adults and children learning together and produce clear learning outcomes for both children and parents.

Grants of between £10,000 and £500,000 will be available to support projects lasting between one and five years. The programme will be open for Outline Proposal Forms until 29 August 2008. You can find out more by visiting the website [www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog\\_family\\_learning\\_guide.pdf](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_family_learning_guide.pdf) or call the helpline on 0845 410 2030 for an application pack.

## **Reaching Communities**

This programme will fund projects that help those in need including people or groups who are hard to reach. They will support those projects which best meet local community needs for 1-5 years.

Reaching Communities will give grants of more than £10,000 and up to £500,000 including a maximum of £50,000 for capital grants. They have set a maximum overall project size of £750,000 and 200,000 for the total grant element within a project.

Reaching Communities has proven to be a very popular and competitive programme – currently one in five applications are successful.

For more information call 0845 410 2030 or go to the website for the latest news on this programme at: [www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/qa\\_reach\\_comms\\_interim?dynamic=prog&id=8697&regioncode=uk&progStatus=open&progpageid=8697](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/qa_reach_comms_interim?dynamic=prog&id=8697&regioncode=uk&progStatus=open&progpageid=8697)

### **Research Programme**

The Big Lottery Fund is providing up to £25 million in the UK over 2007 - 2009 to fund high quality social and medical research grants in the UK.

Grants of between £10,000 and £500,000 will be available to support projects lasting up to five years.

This programme is being delivered by Momenta. Round 2 deadline: 12 September 2008

For more information go to: [www.bigresearchprogramme.org.uk](http://www.bigresearchprogramme.org.uk) or telephone 0845 071 1068. Alternatively you can email Momenta for information at: [researchprogramme@aeat.co.uk](mailto:researchprogramme@aeat.co.uk)

### **Young People's Fund (YPF 2)**

The Young People's Fund focuses on increasing young people's involvement in designing, running and reviewing the services they use.

You can find out more by visiting the website [www.biglotteryfund.org.uk](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk) and looking at the YPF England section. There are other grant makers working with young people whose programmes may be more appropriate for your project. For further information please visit [www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/ypf2local](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/ypf2local)

### **The City Bridge Trust**

The City Bridge Trust aims to address disadvantage by supporting charitable activity across Greater London through quality grant-making and related activities within clearly defined priorities identifying new areas of need and new solutions.

Applications may be submitted at any time and they aim to make a decision within four months of receipt.

The Trust's main grants programme is now closed to new applications but the small grants scheme concentrates on improving services for older people.

**1 The Grant:** Grants up to £20,000 for capital and running costs or a combination of both. Capital grants could be for improving your building, replacing equipment or acquiring computers for example. Running costs could cover salaries, volunteer expenses, bills, rent and insurance.

**2 Capacity Building:** As well as a grant they will provide funding to meet the costs of consultancy help, expert advice or training on any of the following:

- developing a business plan or work programme
- monitoring and evaluating your work
- improving your management committee through trustee training
- fundraising
- developing financial and managerial systems
- report writing
- using the media to get your message across
- recruiting and supporting volunteers.

Further information can be found at:

<http://www.bridgehousegrants.org.uk/CityBridgeTrust/Grants/>

### **Colyer-Fergusson Charitable Trust**

The Colyer-Fergusson Charitable Trust makes grants to charities and churches in Kent (including Bromley) with the aim of improving the quality of life for local people. Following a detailed review of the Trust's grant-making priorities the Trustees have recently launched two new funding programmes: East Kent Rural & Community Grants and Kent-wide Church Repair Grants.

They only accept on-line applications which can be found on their website. The Trustees anticipate making a number of grants between £10,000 and £25,000. For more information and forms visit: <http://www.cfct.org.uk/apply.htm>

### **Comic Relief - Red Nose Day Programmes 2005-2008**

This is their biggest grants fund. It awards some of the money raised from Red Nose Day. During 2005-08 they have been concentrating on 6 programme areas:

- Young people
- Older People
- Mental Health
- Refugees & Asylum Seekers
- Domestic Violence
- Disadvantaged Communities

For grants over £5000 the next deadline is 15th August 2008. For grants under £5000 there is no deadline.

## **Sport Relief 2006-2008**

In the UK, money raised through Sport Relief 2006 is currently being distributed in two ways:

- The Community Foundation Network is distributing Sport Relief grants to projects that use sport to build the confidence and self esteem of people who are having major problems in their lives. Other projects will give people who would otherwise miss out, the chance to take part in sport.
- UnLtd is distributing Sport Relief grants to young people who use sport to bring people together in their local area to enhance community relations and reduce conflict where they live.

See [www.comicrelief.com](http://www.comicrelief.com) for more information or call 020 7820 5555.

## **Esmée Fairbairn**

Esmee Fairbairn aim to improve the quality of life throughout the UK. They do this by funding the charitable activities of organisations that have the ideas and ability to achieve change for the better and often support work that might otherwise be considered difficult to fund with primary interests in the UK's cultural life, education, the natural environment and enabling people who are disadvantaged to participate more fully in society. The majority of the funding is channeled through the Main Fund. They also make a small number of grants through time-limited, specialist funding strands. For more information go to the website: [www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk](http://www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk) or call 020 7297 4700

## **Fidelity UK Foundation Grants Programme**

The Fidelity UK Foundation currently directs the majority of its grants to locations in which Fidelity International has an office such as: Kent, Surrey, and London. Grants from the Foundation are designed to encourage the highest standards of management and long-term self-reliance in non-profit organisations. Taking an investment approach to grant making, Fidelity UK Foundation funds organisations where they feel they can add lasting, measurable value. Their charitable investments are primarily allocated to the following sectors: Arts and culture; Community development; Education; and Health. Because their goal is to help strengthen charitable organisations, they seek to support the types of projects that such organisations undertake to achieve their goals and reach long-term self-sufficiency. Most often, this entails major projects such as: capital improvements; technology upgrades; organisational development; and planning initiatives. To find out more about eligibility criteria and how to apply visit <http://www.fidelityukfoundation.org>

## **The Football Foundation**

The Football Foundation is the UK's largest sports charity funded by the Premier League, The FA, Sport England and the Government. Their mission is to improve facilities, create opportunities and build communities throughout England.

The Foundation provides a wide range of grants including:

[www.communitylinksbromley.org.uk](http://www.communitylinksbromley.org.uk)

The [facilities scheme](#) provides money to develop new or improve facilities for community benefit. These include changing rooms or clubhouses, grass or artificial pitches and multi-use games areas.

The [community scheme](#) aims to create opportunities and build communities by funding projects that use football and sport as a force for social change. They fund projects that address social exclusion and inequalities in education and health.

They also provide money via a [small grants](#) scheme for small projects that aim to increase participation by both players and volunteers in grass roots football by supporting the costs associated with providing new activity.

For further details please visit their website at <http://www.footballfoundation.org.uk/>

### **Futurebuilders**

They offer investment packages, starting at £50,000, to third sector organisations that want to improve public services in England.

There is no such thing as a standard Futurebuilders investment. A loan will always be part of any investment but they are often combined with grants and professional support to help build the capacity of organisations preparing to contract with public sector bodies.

For more information go to: [www.futurebuilders-england.org.uk](http://www.futurebuilders-england.org.uk).

### **Hedley Foundation**

Grants for specific projects only (average £3,000), mostly one-off, but no core revenue salary or transport funding. The Foundation makes a limited number of recurring grants for up to three years.

If you are a registered charity you could apply for a grant if you meet their main objective, (which currently accounts for approximately 70% of the Foundation's budget) - Young people: their education, recreation, support, training, health and welfare or (Subsidiary objectives) Disabled people and the terminally ill: provision of specialist equipment and support for carers. See [www.hedleyfoundation.org.uk](http://www.hedleyfoundation.org.uk) for details.

### **The Henry Smith Charity**

The Trustees use the following programme areas to classify their grants:

Hospitals and Medical Care: Hospices and Palliative Care: Medical Research: Disability: Elderly: Young People: Drugs and Alcohol: Community Service: Family Services: Homeless: Holidays for children.

There are three types of grants:

## Special List

All of the grants on this list are made on a one-off basis and relate to a specific project for which applicants have requested support. This could include purchase/ refurbishment of a building, purchase of specialist equipment, other similar capital expenditure, or one year's running costs. Requests must be for £10,000 or more for one year only.

## General List

This List covers annual grants made for more than one year, and up to three years. They are usually for a specific item in the applicant's budget such as a salary, or towards the costs of a particular project. Grants can be used for core costs. Requests must be for £10,000 or more, per annum.

## Small Grants

Small grants of £10,000 or less are given to organisations with an annual income of less than £150,000.

Grants can be for one-off capital items such as equipment purchase; these grants must be used within six months of being awarded. Grants can also be towards one year's running costs. For more information go to their website: [www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk](http://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk)

## **Nationwide Foundation**

Grants are currently available for registered charities under the Small Grants Programme, which offers one off donations of up to **£5,000** to registered charities with **an income under £500,000**. The Small Grants Programme is part of Nationwide Foundation's Supporting Families programme and has the following aims:

- To promote the well-being of young men, women and children whose lives have been affected by **domestic violence** and to reduce the prevalence of domestic violence through increased service provision, education and awareness raising
- To improve the quality of life of **families with a member or members in prison**, through the provision of services responsive to their needs
- To provide **young people** who are or have been involved with the **criminal justice system with a rehabilitation programme** designed to obtain the skills, confidence and personal support networks to enable them to lead fulfilled and successful lives.

Please go to their website [www.nationwidefoundation.org.uk](http://www.nationwidefoundation.org.uk)

## **Trust for London - Guidelines 2007-11**

Trust for London is an independent charitable trust set up in 1986 to support small, new and emerging voluntary organisations which have been established to improve the lives of people and communities in London. Your project will need:

To challenge discrimination faced by disabled people; to promote the inclusion and integration of recently established communities; to strengthen mother-tongue and supplementary schools to provide creative educational opportunities; to address new and emerging needs. For further information, please visit their website [www.trustforlondon.org.uk](http://www.trustforlondon.org.uk)

## **Do you want more help with funding .... from Community Links Bromley**

Julie Hunt, Funding Information and Advice Officer is available to provide 1:1 support to voluntary and community organisations operating in the Bromley area. To make an appointment, please call 020 8315 1915 or email [julieh@communitylinksbromley.org.uk](mailto:julieh@communitylinksbromley.org.uk)

### **What does the funding information and advice service include?**

- One to one 'confidential' meetings
- Consultations via email or direct line (9.00 am – 4.00 pm)
- Access to 'grant finding' databases
- Support with developing a strategic fundraising plan
- Access to library resources with material on a wide range of funding topics
- Training opportunities
- Regular funding updates via the e-bulletin and LinkUp newsletter funding specials
- Access to the Mentoring scheme (subject to criteria)