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Funding News

Welcome to Walsall Voluntary Action's Funding News Bulletin – it will be dropping into your inbox every fortnight. If you are aware of anyone who may not be on our email list please forward this on to them.

Walsall Voluntary Action holds fortnightly **Funding and Development Surgeries** to assist groups identify possible sources of funding and offering advice and support completing funding applications.

Each group will be allocated a 45 minute slot to look at issues and queries and agree a plan of action.

Dates for the next Funding and Development Surgeries are:

- **Wed 30 November**
- **Wed 14 December**

To book an appointment please contact Amina on 01922 619840 or email reception@walsallva.org.uk

Big Lottery Announces £50 Million Investment for VCS Sector (England)

A funding lifeline of at least £50 million to support hundreds of vital Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) projects and services in England is being announced today by the Big Lottery Fund (BIG).

The full impact on the VCS of cutbacks is still to come according to the National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO) which estimates that voluntary and community groups will face a reduction in public funding of over £900 million by 2016, losing a total of £2.8 billion in that period.

Demand for services is expected to increase and BIG is planning its £50million cash injection in response to be awarded before the end of the financial year, bolstering the sector as it deals with the developing impact of funding cuts.

As part of the funding package, BIG has made £17million available to fund an additional 650 charitable and community projects through its two main open grants programmes, Reaching Communities and Awards for All. The grants, which have been made to a range of projects from family support schemes to employment and debt advice services, are designed to help the sector meet increased demand for support from communities and individuals most in need.

Over the next few months, BIG will also be offering grants of up to £10,000 to close to 1,000 existing BIG grant holders in the last 18 months of their projects to review the way they work and explore ways of becoming more sustainable. Activities could include developing a more effective operating model, partnership working, or finding new ways to deliver activities in future.

Projects that are having a particularly significant impact will also receive an additional year's worth of funding to continue their project and carry out plans to make their projects more sustainable in the long term.

http://news.biglotteryfund.org.uk/pr_261011_eng_vcs_from_funding_cuts_?regioncode=-uk

Grimple's Green Grants

Through the Grimple's Green Grants Scheme, the Green Insurance Company wishes to encourage 'green behaviour' and is looking for individuals and organisations to get involved in their community and surrounding natural environment. The company is looking for environmentally-friendly green projects across the United Kingdom that it can fund and support.

This year there is an overall budget of £40,000 available for distribution. Individual grants of up to £2,000, plus a special one off grant of up to £10,000, will be allocated to fund a variety of initiatives. Ideas include anything from creating a community garden to reducing food miles by growing vegetables or establishing a wildlife garden to encourage biodiversity back into gardens.

Those in urban areas might wish to develop a project to increase awareness of environmental issues and educate the younger generation so that they develop good habits early. The scheme could also be used to fund energy efficiency improvements in energy inefficient buildings where community meetings take place.

Individuals and non-profit organisations in the UK, undertaking projects with a clear green element are eligible to apply to this scheme.

The deadline for receipt of applications is 30 November 2011.

<http://www.greeninsurancegiving.co.uk/grants.php>

UnLtd Millennium Awards - News of Autumn 2011 Round

Social entrepreneurs in England who have ambition, drive, determination and a vision to bring about social change are invited to apply for practical and financial support through the UnLtd Millennium Awards.

Awards are offered on two levels:

- Level 1 - awards of between £500 and £5,000 for individuals who need help getting their project off the ground. Support is available for project running costs.
- Level 2 - awards of up to £15,000 are available for individuals whose project can be scaled-up to create a sustained impact within their community.

Funding is intended to take projects to the next level and may be used, for example, for the living expenses of award winners so that their time may be devoted to the project.

The Level 2 competition has closed in Northern Ireland and Wales. In England, the autumn 2011 round opens to application on 1 November 2011. **The deadline for receipt of applications is 21 November 2011.**

Applications for Level 1 Awards may be made at any time.

<http://www.unltd.org.uk/template.php?ID=1&PageName=whatareunltdawards>

People's Health Trust Small Grants Programme Opens for Business

People's Health Trust which is funded through the new Health Lottery has announced that its Healthy Communities Small Grants Programme is due to open in October 2011.

Through its Funding programmes, the Peoples Health Trusts aims to award around £50 million per year to support health-related projects in England, Scotland and Wales. The Trust aims to do this by supporting projects that tackle the early causes of ill health. For example, projects that:

- improve the health and wellbeing of people
- increase physical activity
- improve the look and feel of local communities
- improve transport within communities

The Trust will award grants through two funding streams. The Healthy Places Healthy People Programme and the Healthy Communities Small Grants Programme. Through the Healthy Communities Small Grants Programme the Trust will be funding projects that:

- Are requesting between £5,000 and £10,000
- Last up to 12 months; are based and operate within one of the local lottery areas
- Are run by local charities and community groups with an annual income of less than £75,000 a year.

Information on the Healthy Places Healthy People Programme will be made available in due course. People's Health Trust operates via 51 local society lotteries throughout England, Scotland and Wales. The small grants programme opens in different society areas at different times. Before applying check that the Trust are accepting applications from your area.

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

Black Country BeActive Partnership Funding

The Black Country BeActive Partnership provides funding opportunities for clubs interested in upskilling their coaches or for clubs looking to become accredited.

Coaching Bursary Scheme

The aim of the Coaching Bursary Scheme is to assist with increasing capacity within clubs and provide an increase in the number of coaches, and therefore the coached hours available, for those aged 16+. Priority is given to National Governing Body clubs that have achieved Clubmark or clubs that will be able to achieve Clubmark, or equivalent, by receiving this funding. The funding is only available to support coaches wishing to gain Level 1, Level 2 or Level 3 qualifications and coaches in receipt of funding will be required to complete voluntary coaching hours (1 hour for every £10 received) to impact within the Black Country BeActive Partnership.

<http://the-blackcountry.com/default.asp?PageID=183>

Sportivate

Could your organisation help kick start a generation to be active?

Sportivate is part of the 'Places People Play' initiative, which has been made possible by the Government's National Lottery reforms and will bring additional funding into grassroots sport. The 1st round of Black Country Sportivate applications in 2011 saw 132 applications submitted with 88 Sportivate projects approved for funding between July 2011 and March 2012.

Year 1 of the programme will see more than 1,800 young people across the Black Country being retained in a variety of activities ranging from adventure sports and dance to rugby, football, hockey and basketball.

25% of the projects delivered during 2011/12 will be targeting young people with disabilities.

The applications for Round 2 Sportivate Funding opened on the 10th of October 2011 for projects that will be delivered from April September 2012.

Round 3 applications will open on the 14th of May 2012 for projects that will be delivered from October 2012 March 2013.

Round 2 Applications Close 21st November 2011
Round 3 Applications Close 25th June 2012

What is Sportivate?

Sportivate is a 6 week programme, managed by Black Country Consortium Ltd, on behalf of Sport England. It aims to capture the excitement of sport by providing attractive and sustainable sporting opportunities for participants in the sport of their choice within their community.

During the 6 weeks participants may work towards an event or personal challenge.

At the end of the 6-week sessions you will support participants into your local club or alternative sports provision to continue their participation.

Activity must take place in the Black Country areas of Dudley, Sandwell, Walsall or Wolverhampton.

<http://the-blackcountry.com/default.asp?PageID=321&n=Sportivate>

Sport England - Community Sport Asset Transfer Toolkit

Asset transfer involves the transfer of the ownership of land or buildings from government organisations such as local authorities to community groups such as local sports clubs and trusts, often at a discounted price provided there is a benefit to the local community.

The Community Sport Asset Transfer Toolkit is a bespoke, interactive web based tool that provides a step by step guide through each stage of the asset transfer process.

Asset transfer is a complex area and can often be a daunting task for a sports club to undertake, especially those run mainly by volunteers.

To access the toolkit please visit:

http://www.sportengland.org/support__advice/asset_transfer.aspx

Sported

Sported. is a national charity that provides support to community sport organisations that work with young people in disadvantaged areas.

They do this by providing business resources and financial assistance, so that these organisations can concentrate on doing what they do best - improving the lives of disadvantaged young people through sport.

In addition to helping individual organisations, they also try to provide a voice for the sector as a whole. They have embarked on a 2-year research programme to look at the financial benefits of sport for development.

They offer Members two types of grants, as well as help to get you external funding:

- A small grant of up to £2,000. This one-off grant is available to all Members, with applications being reviewed every 3 months. The Regional Manager will provide you with an application form and guide you through the process.
- A large grant. Most of the grants that they award are for between £2,000 and £10,000. They do occasionally award larger amounts, but this will involve a longer process, which the Regional Manager will explain to you if relevant.
- External funding. They also work with Members to help find external funding opportunities in your area.

Spoted. will consider funding salaries, running costs/overheads and programme delivery costs. They will also consider supporting projects for more than one year, but funding will always be offered as part of a wider support package to ensure the ongoing development of your project or organisation. They want to make sure that their funding is well used and isn't just a short-term solution. Generally they will not help fund large capital expenses such as building facilities.

<http://www.spoted.org.uk/join-us>

Age UK

Age UK grants are for organisations working with people in later life. Grants help organisations that make life better for older people, by addressing people's immediate needs or tackling the root causes of problems they are experiencing.

Organisations receiving grants must be independently constituted, not-for-profit and accessible to all people in later life.

For further information on grant programmes currently open to applications, please contact them via the website, or call Age UK free on 0800 169 8787.

<http://www.ageuk.org.uk/professional-resources/grants/#AgeUKgrants>

Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust

The Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust awards grants to charitable organisations in the United Kingdom and overseas.

The trustees welcome applications for projects within the following areas for the next three years. These categories are then repeated in a three-year rotation.

- 2011 - Music and the Arts; Overseas
Deadline for applications: 1st Nov 2011
- **2012 Community**
Deadline for applications: 1st June & 1st Nov 2012
- 2013 - Children; Youth; The Elderly; Medical
Deadline for applications: 1st June & 1st Nov 2013

All applicants, whether successful or not, are contacted. Grants are usually between £1,000 and £10,000, with the majority being £5,000 or less. Exceptionally, grants of up to £20,000 are made, but these are usually for medical research projects. Grants are usually awarded for one year only. See website for guidance on applying. <http://www.austin-hope-pilkington.org.uk/>

Crisis Changing Lives Programme

Provides grants of up to £2,500 to enable homeless people to take more control of their lives and help them achieve their career goals.

The specific aims are: improve the work skills of grant recipients; help recipients move towards financial independence; and give recipients the opportunity to engage fully with society.

The next deadlines for applications are 13 October and 13 December 2011.

www.crisis.org.uk/

EDF Energy's Green Fund

Offers support to community, non-profit, charitable and educational organisations developing renewable energy projects. Grants of up to £30,000 are available to help cover the cost of renewable energy technology that can be used to produce green energy from the sun, wind, water, wood and other renewable sources.

The next deadline for bids is the 28 February 2012.

<http://www.edfenergy.com/products-services/for-your-home/our-services/greenenergy-fund.shtml>

Jephcott Charitable Trust

The Trust supports education, health and environment projects and prefers to support projects which are pump priming (helping an organisation to start-up or make a significant step forward). It also prefers capital rather than running costs.

Grants are between £2,000 and £10,000. Registered charities and fully constituted charitable organisations are eligible to apply.

www.jephcottcharitabletrust.org.uk/



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