

## June e-funding news

### (New) Esmée Fairbairn Foundation launches new funding strands

The Esmée Fairbairn Foundation is launching three exciting new approaches to its funding: a new funding strand based on Food, a pilot programme of work in Northern Ireland and a Finance Fund.

**Food:** Aims to promote an understanding of the role of food in enhancing quality of life. We are interested in work that influences policy and practice across a range of food-related areas, enabling as many people in the UK as possible to access, prepare and eat nutritious, sustainable food. The budget is £3million over the next three years.

**Northern Ireland Pilot:** Aims to support the development of a strong and resilient voluntary sector in Northern Ireland and, in particular, to encourage new thinking and a new generation of leaders. Year one will be a pilot programme to road-test the design of the programme with five or so organisations selected from an invited field; if successful, a longer programme will be launched. A budget of up to £1million has been set for the pilot. The strand is being run in conjunction with The Henry Smith Charity.

**Finance Fund:** Offers financing to projects or organisations that can demonstrate the need for investment and the capacity to manage the demands of non-grant funding. Arrangements could include loans, guarantees, equity or quasi-equity finance. At this stage, the programme will not be open to unsolicited applications. Up to £15million will be available for funding of this kind. Fuller information on these and the main funding streams, guidelines and application forms are available on their website.

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### (New) Opportunities for Volunteering – News

Opportunities for Volunteering (OFV) is a Department of Health initiative which provides grants to local health and social care organisations in England. OFV grants aim to enable organisations to involve volunteers in the delivery of their services.

Approximately £6.7 million is distributed every year to over 300 local projects. Opportunities for Volunteering 2009-10: Volunteering England would like to confirm that they will be advertising an OFV grant scheme for 2009-10 shortly. Information on how to apply including the funding priorities, criteria for assessment and terms & conditions will be available later in the year. At this stage in the process they are unable to confirm the date they will be open for applications. They would advise you to keep checking their website below for further details.

Volunteering England is one of 16 national charities that distribute OFV grants on behalf of the Department of Health. These organisations are known as national agents.

If you wish to apply for an OFV grant you must apply to the most appropriate national agent. Applying to the wrong agent could affect your chances of securing funding.

National Agents have different application deadlines and priorities. You must check these before deciding which National Agent to apply to.

A full list of National Agents is available on website below.

Full information will appear on the Volunteering England Website:

[http://www.volunteering.org.uk/WhatWeDo/Funding/ofvfunding/index.htm?known\\_url=http%3a%2f%2fwww.volunteering.org.uk%2fWhatWeDo%2fFunding%2fofvfunding%2f](http://www.volunteering.org.uk/WhatWeDo/Funding/ofvfunding/index.htm?known_url=http%3a%2f%2fwww.volunteering.org.uk%2fWhatWeDo%2fFunding%2fofvfunding%2f)

### **(New) BIG – Young People’s Fund 2 Local Grants**

The Big Lottery Fund will be launching YPF 2 Local grants on 19th May 2008. You will have about four months after the launch date to send us your outline proposal form. This will give us a strong indication whether your project is one that we would consider funding.

Grants of between £10,000 and £500,000 will be available.

If I already have a grant under YPF 1 Grants to Organisations you can apply to YPF 2 for money for either a different project or, if your project is due to finish by the end of November 2009, the development or continuation of your existing project.

However, because they have limited funds available and they want to maximise their reach and impact, if you are applying to continue or develop an existing project your application will be given lower priority than if the project is completely new to the YPF. This means if your YPF 2 LG application is to continue or develop a YPF1 funded project it will be ranked as a lower priority for funding when it goes to their decision-making committee. They expect demand for this programme to be high so please think carefully before applying.

All projects that receive money from the Big Lottery Fund need to begin their project within six months of their grant offer letter. They are planning to send these out in April 2009. This means any projects funded by YPF 2 LGs must start by November 2009 at the latest. As they will not pay for work that you have already committed to doing, there can be no overlap with one grant ending and the other one beginning.

Only one application from each organisation, or an independent branch of a larger organisation, is allowed under this programme.

You may be a partner in more than one application. They will consider the capacity of organisations involved in multiple applications as part of our assessment process, so you should be sure that you can manage all the work that you have agreed to be involved in before you or your partners apply.

Applications from branches will be considered separately to those made by other branches. Projects should work to meet individual needs and achieve distinct

outcomes. They do not wish to support replica projects across a number of branches. They define a new project as one that has at least two of the following: different outcomes; a different approach; a different group of beneficiaries; a different location.

BIG plan to fund about 100 high quality exemplar projects.

The overall aims of YPF 2 LGs will be the same as they are for National Grants. That is: to ensure that all organisations that provide services to young people involve them in developing, running and reviewing policies and services, and; to help achieve at least two of the five Every Child Matters outcomes.

These are: Being healthy: enjoying good physical and mental health; living a healthy lifestyle; Staying safe: being protected from harm and neglect; growing up able to look after yourself; Enjoying and achieving: getting the most out of life; developing skills for adulthood; Making a positive contribution: giving back to the local community and society; not offending or behaving anti-socially; Economic well-being: overcoming socio-economic disadvantages to achieve full potential in life.

Full details will appear on the BIG Website: <http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk>

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### **(New) The Foundation for Sport and the Arts – closing**

The Foundation for Sport and the Arts was established in 1991. They channel money originally donated by Littlewoods and other football pools companies to a wide range of sporting and artistic causes. Since 1991 they have awarded grants worth over £350 million.

Following a review of the current level of reserves and in light of the fact that their only source of income is now the interest generated by those reserves, the Trustees have decided to cease the activities of the Foundation at the end of March 2012. This will enable them to continue to make awards at the current annual levels, and to bring matters to a close in the same year as the London Olympics - a fitting climax. To assist a smooth closure program, no new applications for funding will be considered after the end of March 2009.

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### **Funding for Local Sustainable Energy Projects**

Local community groups and not for profit organisations located in England, Scotland and Wales that wish to implement sustainable energy projects in their buildings have the opportunity to apply for grants of up to £30,000 through the E.ON Source Fund. Examples of organisations that have been funded in the past include schools, local-based and national charities, special education colleges and wildlife parks. Projects that can be considered for funding include the

purchase and installation of one or more renewable energy technologies (e.g. wind, solar thermal, PV, wood etc); the renovation of existing facilities to incorporate micro-generation technology; an energy efficiency makeover for building that could demonstrate significant energy savings and also behavioural change amongst users; the use of new or innovative technology to deliver either energy savings or micro-generation capacity; projects which can demonstrate the intelligent use of waste energy (e.g. a district heating system that uses waste heat from one building to heat or power another). The deadline for applications is the 3rd October 2008.

<http://www.eon-uk.com/about/2654.aspx>