

External Funding Update 58

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1. Shropshire Partnership External Funding Strategy - Consultation

<http://www.consultshropshire.org/shropshire/kms/news.aspx?LoggingIn=tempVar>

Time is running out for you to have your say on the new External Funding Strategy, with the consultation period ending on 13th April.

Follow the above link to Shropshire Partnership's consultation portal for more information.

2. Shropshire Business Enterprise Fund – NEW round

www.shropshire.gov.uk/sbef

A new round of SBEF opened on 12th March, with a deadline of the 9th April.

Following a review of the fund after two rounds, some changes have been implemented that will hopefully make the process simpler and fairer.

The main change is that a maximum grant of £1,500 is available for start-ups and business under nine months old. Business between nine and thirty-six months old can apply for grants of up to £5,000. Start up, new and growing business now complete the same application form.

The 'retail business' grant scheme remains separate, but business looking to move into shops that have stood vacant for at least 6 months can now apply for grants of up to £1,000 for shop fitting as well assistance towards the business rates for the first 12 months of occupancy.

For more information, please refer to the updated guidance through the link above.

3. Funding News

SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY FUND

[Shropshire Council's Community Fund – Shropshire Council](#)

Capital grants are available to not-for-profit organisations in Shropshire to create and improve arts, sports and community facilities, bringing benefits to the people who use these facilities on a day-to-day basis.

Grants of between £10,000 and £50,000 are available for up to 80% of the total project costs. Eligible capital expenditure includes: building and engineering works (extension, refurbishment, modernisation or conversion) required for the delivery of the project; plant and equipment necessary for running the project; purchase of equipment, or fixtures and fittings that are linked to the project; and professional and legal fees associated with capital spending on the project.

The 2010/11 deadline is 4 June 2010 (12 pm).

AWARDS FOR ALL – WORTH LOOKING AT

<http://www.awardsforall.org.uk/england/index.html>

Awards for All, Big Lottery Fund's small grants scheme that supports general community projects, has a new application form and process, to encourage groups that have not benefited previously from it.

A major change is that referees are only required to provide references after an in principle approval of a grant.

The application to approval ratio is also very high currently, so groups are encouraged to submit applications now. A good bid is likely to be a successful bid!

GRANTS FOR THE ARTS

<http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/grants-arts/>

This scheme now re-opened to applications, following a review of the application process.

There have not been any changes to the programme's eligibility or application criteria: individuals and organisations (i.e. artists, performers, promoters, arts organisations, local authorities, etc) are eligible to apply for funding for time-limited arts-related activities including:

- projects and events
- research and development
- education activities
- bursaries
- organisational development

- touring

Supported activities should generally last up to three years and should engage people in England in arts activities, or help artists and arts organisations in England to carry out their work. Grants to individuals range from £1,000 to £30,000, and grants to organisations range from £1,000 to £100,000.

NECTOR BUSINESS – SMALL BUSINESS AWARDS

<http://www.nectar.com/dynamic/business/landing/SBA2010/home/>

The Awards are open to all UK small to medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and UK Social Enterprises. The awards are completely free to enter and aim to celebrate business success.

Four winning businesses will receive a prize fund of £2,000 cash; £2,000 to spend at Viking Direct; and 50,000 Nectar points.

The award categories are as follows:

- Small Business of the Year
- Entrepreneur of the Year
- Contribution to the Community Award
- Online Business of the Year

Applications must be submitted by 31 May 2010

COMIC RELIEF'S OLDER PEOPLES PROGRAMME

http://www.comicrelief.com/apply_for_a_grant/uk/olderpeople

Expressions of Interest are invited from community groups and organisations that are targeting their work at older people aged 65 and over.

Comic Relief is looking to fund projects where older people are:

- acting as mentors to vulnerable young people
- giving support to their peers who may be isolated
- acting as advocates around the needs and rights of those with caring duties
- running social enterprises

Comic Relief particularly welcomes applications that address the needs of those in the community who experience the greatest levels of isolation and exclusion.

Grants of between £15,000 and £40,000 are available for up to three years and applicants must be able to demonstrate the active engagement of older people in the development and delivery of the work.

The deadline for Expressions of Interest is 30 April 2010.

2010 PEOPLE'S MILLIONS

http://www2.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_peoples_millions

This partnership between the Big Lottery Fund and ITV gives the public the opportunity to decide which local projects will receive Lottery good cause funding.

It provides grants of up to £50,000 for projects that transform local environments and offer opportunities or facilities for people to take part and enjoy their local area. This includes the built and natural environments.

Voluntary and community groups, social enterprises, local authorities, schools and health organisations may apply.

Head-to-head competitions will take place for the shortlisted projects in each of the 15 ITV regions later in the year, when the public will be able to cast their vote for the projects they want to win. There will be 75 winning projects this year.

The 2010 deadline for entries is 14 May 2010.

FLEXIBILITY AND INNOVATION FUND

<http://www.excellencegateway.org.uk/page.aspx?o=263452>

Learning and skills providers, such as colleges and work-based learning organisations, may bid for funding, individually or in consortia, of up to £90,000 for projects which are innovative and have the potential to drive up standards across all providers in the learning and skills sector.

The Fund is only open to organisations in England whose primary function is as a provider of further education and training.

The only eligible higher education institutions would be those with learning and skills provision funded by the Learning and Skills Council.

Applications are welcomed on a broad range of topics/themes and ideas.

The deadline for Round Three of the Fund is 18 June 2010.

NATURESAVE TRUST

http://www.naturesave.co.uk/trust_naturesave.html

The Trust is to provide start up 'seed corn' grants for community renewable energy projects.

The Trust is keen to help communities, in particular, that do not have the initial start-up capital to undertake all the preliminary work to get to the planning stage, and most importantly, for the community to retain as much control as possible over the operating income once the project has been successful.

It recognises that the costs involved can be onerous, and many lenders and investors may be reluctant to put money into a project at an early stage as it may or may not get past the planning stage.

Grants are available whatever type of renewable power generation the community is considering.

Applications can be made at any time.

JEAN SAINSBURY ANIMAL WELFARE TRUST

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

The Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust awards grant funding to organisations in the UK involved in work to:

- benefit or protect animals
- relieve animals from suffering
- conserve wildlife
- encourage the understanding of animals

Grants of between £1,000 and £10,000 are available to UK registered charities involved in animal welfare projects.

The Trust favours applications from:

- registered charities where at least one set of up-to-date published annual accounts is available for inspection
- smaller UK registered animal welfare charities
- registered charities which demonstrate an active re-homing and rehabilitation policy for animals taken into their care
- registered charities involved with conservation of wildlife, if the rescue, rehabilitation and release of animals is their main aim

Applications can be made at any time.

C CHARITABLE TRUST

<http://www.ccharitabletrust.org/>

The awards funding to charitable organisations in the UK involved in a wide range of projects, including:

- projects benefiting people with physical or mental disabilities
- buildings preservation and heritage works
- environmental protection
- Grants are usually awarded to registered charities

There is no minimum grant and the maximum award is usually £5,000, although applications are reviewed on a case-by-case basis and larger amounts may be awarded.

Applications can be made at any time.

4. Recent Grant Awards

Funder / Programme	Applicant	Project	Award
Lottery (Awards for All)			

An ongoing problem with the Lottery online database is preventing the access of information on Shropshire grants.