

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

AYRSHIRE LEADER – FINAL FUNDING ROUND

The LEADER Local Action Group (LAG) is urging eligible groups to act quickly and apply for the remaining funding available within the current LEADER programme.

Following approval of six new projects by the Ayrshire Local Action Group at the meeting held in November 2011, a total of £3.6 million of LEADER funding has been successfully committed to 89 projects since the programme launched in November 2008.

LEADER funding available is nearly fully committed, so any new and original projects seeking up to 50% of eligible costs and able to start by the end July 2012, at latest, should contact the LEADER team with their project ideas.

For further information or to discuss a project idea, contact the LEADER team on 01292 673768 or visit the website.

[Link: http://www.ayrshire-leader.com/](http://www.ayrshire-leader.com/)

NEW CREDIT UNION POWERS BENEFIT UK CHARITIES AND SOCIAL ENTERPRISES

Charities, community groups and social enterprises across Scotland, England and Wales can now join a credit union and use the financial services it provides. The new powers mean credit unions can now:

- extend membership to new groups without having to prove that all eligible members have something in common;
- provide services to all staff, members and service users of a charity, community group or social enterprise even if they are spread across the country; and
- choose to pay interest on savings instead of a dividend.

The new credit union powers are the result of legal changes to the Credit Union Act 1979.

For further details about the new credit union powers, the services provided by credit unions and who can benefit, visit the Association of British Credit Unions Limited website.

[Link: http://www.abcul.coop/home](http://www.abcul.coop/home)

THE 'LOCAL LEADERS' INITIATIVE

People across Scotland are invited to take the 2012 Olympic Games into their community and create their own celebrations next year for the Olympic Torch Relay and other key moments during the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The Local Leader programme is an opportunity for people in communities to celebrate the Games in their local areas. A Local Leader is someone who makes things happen – they organise, they pull people together, they have a passion for the Games and want to celebrate.

By signing up, Local Leaders will be given tools to help plan and get ready to celebrate the Games. From 'Gardening for the Games' to planning a sports quiz or 'Opening Night In' with friends and family, they will get hints and tips to help them plan their celebrations and have access to exclusive toolkits and merchandise to help them along the way.

Sign up to be a Local Leader online.

[Link: http://www.london2012.com/localleaders](http://www.london2012.com/localleaders)

Programme Updates

FUTURE EUROPEAN FUNDS

The current programme of European funding in Scotland runs from 2007-2013 and the European Commission has begun the process of deciding its future budget and priorities for its next programme, which will run from 2014-2020. The Commission's proposals are designed to support its 2020 strategy of Smart, Sustainable and Inclusive Growth.

The shape and content of the next EU programme will be the subject of intense negotiation between the European Commission and the member states. Over the next 18 months or so, the Scottish Government will negotiate a settlement on these proposals and attempt to maximise the benefits for Scotland.

In addition, it is expected that the Scottish Government will be looking closely at improving the arrangements for managing the funds, including examining the potential for simplification of their own structures and delivery of funds.

HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND (HLF)

This scheme has recently received an increased budget for new awards in 2012-13 of £375 million as a result of an increase in the heritage share of good cause income to 20% from April 2012. A number of other changes will also be introduced.

The increased budget is expected to be allocated as follows:

- Heritage Grants (awards over £50,000) – £255 million, including at least £50 million for Major Batch projects (grants over £5 million).
- Parks for People – £24 million
- Landscape Partnerships – £22 million
- Townscape Heritage Initiative – £14 million
- Repair Grants for Places of Worship – £30 million
- Your Heritage – £26 million (grants will be available up to £100,000 from April 2012)
- Young Roots – £4 million (grants will be available up to £50,000 from April 2012).

Further information can be found on HLF's website.

Link: <http://www.hlf.org.uk/inyourarea/Scotland/Pages/Welcome.aspx>

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 audiences.

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

New Funding Opportunities

Arts & Culture

AWARDS FOR YOUNG MUSICIANS

This scheme supports the UK's most talented young instrumentalists aged 5-17 years who, because of financial need, may be prevented from fulfilling their creative potential. The charity assists musically-gifted children in families, where income is limited, to help develop potential. Eligible applicants must have settled status in the UK on 1 September 2011; need to be 17 years or under at 31 August 2012; and must have a demonstrable financial need and proven musical skills and abilities.

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

The deadline for applications is 23 March 2012.

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

COUNTESS OF MUNSTER MUSICAL TRUST

This scheme provides grants to support music students throughout advanced training. Past beneficiaries may also apply for interest-free loans for the purchase of musical instruments. A sponsorship scheme is also available to help talented beneficiaries.

The deadline for applications is 14 February 2012.

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

GOLSONCOTT FOUNDATION

This scheme supports individuals and organisations with an arts-related project in the UK that promotes, maintains, improves and advances the education of the public in the arts generally and, in particular, the fine arts and music. Grants vary according to context but are unlikely to exceed £5,000 and are normally non-recurrent.

The deadlines for applications are 31 January, 30 April, 31 July and 31 October 2012.

Link: <http://www.golsoncott.org.uk/guidelines.html>

PRINCE'S FOUNDATION FOR CHILDREN & THE ARTS – START PROGRAMME

This scheme provides funding to support not-for-profit cultural venues to enable them to build partnerships with selected primary and secondary schools to develop young people's confidence and enthusiasm to continue their engagement with their local cultural

venue beyond the life of the project. Grant assistance is available up to a period of three years.

The deadline for applications is 1 February 2012.

Link: <http://www.childrenandarts.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2011/05/Start-2012.13-Stage-1-Guidelines-FINAL.pdf>

PAUL HAMLYN FOUNDATION (PHF) – ARTS PROGRAMME

This scheme benefits organisations and groups through their Open Grants and Special Initiatives that contribute to the development and dissemination of new ideas to increase people's experience, enjoyment and involvement in the arts.

The PHF operates a two-stage application process. Firstly, applicants must submit an outline application. If the proposal is deemed suitable, a full application will be invited.

Further information on how to apply is available online.

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

Business Support

THE ENERGY SAVINGS TRUST

Make the Energy Saving Trust your first stop for independent and impartial advice about how to save energy and money. The low-carbon transport interest-free loan can help your business reduce costs and carbon emission. Loans are available from £500 to £50,000. The Trust also provides interest-free loans to businesses to help them reduce their energy costs. Interest-free loans are available from £1,000 to £100,000.

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

Disability

BETTER BREAKS DEVELOPMENT FUND

This scheme provide grants of between £10,000 and £50,000 to third sector organisations working in Scotland to develop additional, responsive and creative short break opportunities for disabled children, young people and their families.

The short breaks provided might last a few hours, a day, or involve overnight breaks. They might take the form of befriending or buddying projects, holidays, play schemes, family placements etc.

The deadline for application is 1 February 2012.

Link: <http://www.sharedcarescotland.org.uk/short-breaks-fund.html>

TAKE A BREAK

This scheme provides small grants directly to families living in Scotland with a disabled child or young person with multiple support needs. Young people aged over 16 years can apply in their own right.

Grants of between £200 and £500 can be used towards a short break, holiday, outing or sporting activity or other activity within the UK or abroad.

The deadline for applications is 31 March 2012.

Link: <http://familyfundadvisersorg.site.securepod.com/TABS/default.asp>

Environment

SCOTTISH NATURAL HERITAGE (SNH) – COMMUNITY ACTION GRANTS

This scheme provides grants from between £1000 and £20,000 to support community action projects lasting up to 12 months. SNH grants focus on projects that get more people and communities actively involved in and caring for Scotland's nature and landscapes.

An online application form will soon be available on the website.

Link: <http://www.snh.gov.uk/funding/our-grants/how-apply/our-grant-categories/>

Faith

FAITHS IN SCOTLAND COMMUNITY ACTION FUND

This scheme supports local faith groups wishing to undertake practical action in response to community need in particular in the economically poorest urban and rural communities.

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. However funding is not available for the promotion of a particular faith; building/refurbishment projects; or ongoing running costs of established organisations and projects.

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

The deadline for applications is 30 April 2012.

Link: <http://www.fiscap.org/index.php?id=3>

Financial Literacy

MSE CHARITY – GRANTS FOR INDIVIDUALS

This scheme provides grants to individuals to help fight financial and consumer illiteracy and to educate and inform adults and children about consumer and debt issues.

Grants of up to £500 are available for individuals, over the age of 18 years, to help pay towards a recognised and approved course that will help improve their ability to budget and manage their finances.

The deadline for applications is 28 February 2012.

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

Health

CHEST, HEART & STROKE SCOTLAND

This scheme provides funding for specific projects/training for health care professionals working in Scotland to advance their treatment of patients with conditions relating to chest, heart or stroke. Separate awards are available for travel and practice development (awards considered every two months) plus stroke development (awards considered every six months).

Link: http://www.chss.org.uk/education_and_training/funding_applications/index.php

Gaelic

TAIC FREUMHAN COIMHEARSNACHD FUND

This scheme provides grants for community-based initiatives up to the value of £5,000 per project that seek to strengthen the acquisition and use of Gaelic and support the delivery of the National Plan for Gaelic in the home; in the education and learning setting; in the community; and in the arts, media and heritage arena.

The Bord na Gaidhlig will consider applications for one-year funding support only in this round. The project must begin and use the financial assistance granted before 31 March 2013.

The deadline for applications is 6 February 2012.

Link: <http://www.bord-na-gaidhlig.org.uk/freumhan-en.html>

Older People

THE NOMINET TRUST

This scheme is currently inviting applications for projects that work with older people (65 years+) to use the internet to address specific social problems facing older people, design new and better ways for older people to access and use the internet, and develop and use technologies familiar to older people that may have internet functionality such as projects that use IPTV or internet radio.

The deadline for first stage applications is 1 February 2012..

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

Sports Heritage

HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND (HLF)

This scheme is keen to mark the London 2012 Olympics by supporting sports-related heritage projects. HLF is not operating a dedicated grant programme for the 2012 Games – applications should be submitted to any one of the existing grant programmes. Further information, guidance and case studies are available online.

Link: <http://www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/whatwefund/2012Olympics>

Women

BRITISH FEDERATION OF WOMEN GRADUATES CHARITABLE FOUNDATION (BFWG)

This scheme promotes women's opportunities in education and public life by offering:

- **Foundation Grants** that help women graduates with their living expenses while registered for study or research at an approved higher education institution in Great Britain not exceeding £6,000.

The 2012 deadline for applications is 4 April.

- **Emergency Grants** not likely to exceed £2,500 to graduate women who face an unforeseeable financial crisis while engaged in study or research at institutions of higher education in Great Britain.

Applications are offered three times a year – March, June and November.

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

Awards

BARCLAYS CHAIRMAN'S AWARDS

Teams and individuals within organisations that are supported by Barclays, Barclays' customers or its employees are invited to enter this worldwide competition. The awards aim to celebrate those who have demonstrated real passion and ongoing commitment, and have used new and creative ways to address local issues and community needs.

An overall winner will be chosen from the ten category winners and will have the opportunity to be involved in an international volunteering project.

The deadline for entries is 3 February 2012.

Link: <http://group.barclays.com/Citizenship/Community-Investment/Employees-in-the-community/Barclays-Chairman%2%B4s-Awards>

THE ERNST & YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2012

This scheme recognises the passion and drive behind entrepreneurial businesses whether private or listed, socially-orientated, family-owned or private equity backed, across all commercial and industrial sectors. The award recognises talent at any stage of a business's development. UK entrants must be based or have their chief operations in the UK, and must have been incorporated for at least two years as at 1 January 2012.

The deadline for entries is 2 March 2012.

Link: <http://www.ey.com/UK/en/About-us/Entrepreneur-Of-The-Year>

SCOTTISH AWARDS FOR QUALITY IN PLANNING

This scheme aims to stimulate the creativity of those engaged in planning, in the process and in the quality of development produced, and to raise the profile of good planning practice. The awards look to promote quality developments that have been achieved through effective planning processes. Anyone can enter the planning awards, including local authorities, consultants, community groups, developers, public agencies and voluntary organisations throughout Scotland.

The deadline for entries is 31 March 2012.

Link: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Built-Environment/planning/>

Trusts

PEOPLE'S POSTCODE TRUST – SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME

This scheme supports groups and registered charities to deliver projects with one or more of the following aims:

- To prevent poverty.
- To promote, maintain, improve and advance health.
- To advance citizenship or community development.
- To advance public participation in sport.
- To promote, improve and advance human rights, conflict resolution or reconciliation.
- To promote and advance environmental protection or improvement.

Grants range from £500 to £10,000. The maximum level of grant available is dependent on the status of the group. Projects for which funding by the People's Postcode Trust acts as seed money to attract more funding from other donors are given preferential treatment.

The deadline for applications is 24 February 2012.

Link: <http://www.postcodetrust.org.uk/how-to-apply/>

MACROBERT TRUST

This scheme supports registered charities to undertake activity that contributes to their priority themes of services and the sea; education and training; children and youth; science, engineering and technology; and agriculture and horticulture.

Grants vary but are normally between £5,000 and £10,000. Occasionally, the Trustees make a recurring grant for up to three years.

The deadline for applications is 31 May 2012.

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

Imminent Deadlines February-April 2012

THE FIDELIO TRUST

This scheme aims to help individuals and groups of exceptional ability who would not be able to carry out an artistic project or activity without financial support, particularly those who are at an early stage in their careers.

DEADLINE: 1 February 2012

MAX GRANT: £5,000

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

NOMINET TRUST £250K CHALLENGE

This scheme supports projects that work with older people to use the internet to address specific social problems facing older people; design new and better ways for older people to access the internet; develop and use technologies familiar to older people that may have internet functionality.

DEADLINE: 1 February 2012

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

HILTON IN THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (HCF)

This scheme supports those most in need to have a brighter future where Hilton operates and focuses on children and young people through activities in education and health.

DEADLINE: 7 February 2012

MAX GRANT: £30,000

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

THE IDLEWILD TRUST

This scheme's supports registered charities 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 in the UK.

DEADLINE: 24 February 2012

MAX GRANT: £5,000

Link: <http://www.idlewildtrust.org.uk/how-to-apply.htm>

PEOPLE'S POSTCODE TRUST – SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME

The Trust aims to make the UK a better place for both people and nature. It acts within the following fields of operation: Poverty Prevention, Advancement of Health, Community Development, Public Sports, Human Rights and Environmental Protection.

DEADLINE: 24 February 2012

MAX GRANT: Various

Link: <http://www.postcodetrust.org.uk/how-to-apply/>

THE MONEY SAVING EXPERT (MSE) CHARITY FOR INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS

This scheme aims to fight financial and consumer illiteracy and is dedicated to educating and informing adults and children about consumer and debt issues. Grants, up to £500, are available for individuals over the age of 18 years in the UK to help pay towards an approved course that will help improve their ability to budget and manage their finances.

DEADLINE: 28 February 2012

MAX GRANT: Various

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

THE GIRLS ON THE MOVE PARTICIPATION PROGRAMME

This scheme aims to increase physical activity levels among girls and young women and introduce them to the physical, social and psychological benefits of exercise. The project seeks to encourage the young women to want to remain active following the Girls on the Move project.

DEADLINE: 1 March 2012

MAX GRANT: £2,000

Link: <http://www.youthscotland.org.uk/projects/>

CASHBACK FOR COMMUNITIES FUND SMALL GRANTS SCHEME

This scheme uses the money and goods seized from serious organised criminals to make a difference to the lives of young people in Scotland. It is run in partnership with six Scottish uniformed youth organizations.

DEADLINE: 1 March 2012

MAX GRANT: Various

Link: <http://www.youthscotland.org.uk/projects/cashback-small-grants-scheme/>

THE KELLY FAMILY TRUST

This scheme's focus is on the family and the nurturing of its potential to create a supportive structure within the family unit. The Trust will consider both capital and revenue grants and is particularly interested in innovative projects and projects that work in partnership with other local agencies to provide coherent support to improve the overall quality of family life. The Trust will only consider applications from registered charities.

DEADLINE: 1 March 2012

MAX GRANT: £5,000

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

CROSS TRUST – SCOTLAND

This scheme seeks to enable young people aged 18-30 years of Scottish birth or parentage to extend the boundaries of their knowledge of human life. Applicants must be in genuine financial need and demonstrate evidence of merit – either academically or otherwise.

DEADLINE: 2 March 2012

Link: http://www.thecrosstrust.org.uk/HTML_Pages/Individuals.htm

LLOYDS TSB FOUNDATION (SCOTLAND) HENRY DUNCAN AWARDS

This scheme aims to support and work in partnership with charities operating in Scotland in order to improve the quality of life for people who are disadvantaged or at risk of becoming disadvantaged.

DEADLINE: 19 March 2011

MAX GRANT: £20,000

Link: <http://www.ltsbfoundationforscotland.org.uk/index.asp?cat=Home>

LEVERHULME TRUST – ARTS PORTFOLIO

The Trust is among the largest of all subject providers of research funding in the UK. Trustees place special weight on the originality of the projects put to them; the significance of the proposed work; the ability to judge and take appropriate risk in the project; and the removal of barriers between traditional disciplines.

DEADLINE: 21 March 2012

Link: <http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk/index.cfm>

WOODWARD CHARITABLE TRUST – SUMMER PLAYScheme GRANTS

This scheme aims to support small-scale, locally-based charitable initiatives in the UK. Applications for summer playscheme grants will only be accepted from UK registered charities with an annual turnover of less than £100,000. The Trust is particularly interested in helping smaller organisations that offer direct services.

DEADLINE: 26 March 2012

MAX GRANT: £1,000

Link: <http://www.woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk/index.html>

THE LANKELLY FOUNDATION

This scheme currently offers the following programmes: The Arts, Breaking Cycles of Abuse, Free and Quiet Minds, Local People, Local Places. From April 2012, the foundation will concentrate exclusively on bringing about change to improve the quality of life of people who face severe and multiple disadvantages.

DEADLINE: 30 March 2012

MAX GRANT: Various

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

ULVERSCROFT FOUNDATION

This scheme aims to benefit the visually impaired (blind and partially sighted) by providing grants to organisations that work to relieve, assist and improve the treatment and education of those suffering from defective eyesight. It also funds medical research and the provision of facilities for the treatment or alleviation of visually impaired people.

DEADLINE: 31 March 2012

MAX GRANT: None specified

Link: <http://www.foundation.ulverscroft.com/>

BBC CHILDREN IN NEED – MAIN GRANTS PROGRAMME

This scheme distributes the funds raised each year as grants to organisations that work with disadvantaged children and young people under the age of 18 years living in the UK. It aims to positively change the lives of those affected by disability; behavioural or psychological problems; poverty or situations of deprivation; or illness, distress, abuse or neglect.

DEADLINE: 15 April 2011

MAX GRANT: £100,000

Link: http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/grants/general_grants.shtml

BBC CHILDREN IN NEED – SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME

This scheme distributes the funds raised each year as grants to organisations that work with disadvantaged children and young people under the age of 18 years living in the UK. It aims to positively change the lives of those affected by disability; behavioural or psychological problems; poverty or situations of deprivation; or illness, distress, abuse or neglect.

DEADLINE: 15 April 2011

MAX GRANT: £10,000

Link: http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/grants/general_grants.shtml

INNOVATION VOUCHER SCHEME (SCOTLAND)

This scheme aims to build relationships between SMEs (small to medium-sized enterprises) and HEIs (Higher Education Institutes) in Scotland. Awards are paid to the academic institution to offset the costs of collaborative projects leading to new products or processes. Awards should be matched by a company contribution either through cash or in-kind contributions, such as staff time, materials and access to facilities.

DEADLINE: 27 April 2011

MAX GRANT: £5,000

Link: <http://www.interface-online.org.uk/3>