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1. Community & Third Sector – funding opportunities

Name	Awards for All
Funder	National Lottery
Max Grant	Between £300 and £10,000
Who can apply?	Not-for-profit groups, social enterprises, parish and town councils, schools and health bodies.
Deadline	Applications can be made at any time
Information	This Lottery scheme provides grants for small community-based projects throughout England. The scheme has recently re-launched and is inviting new applications from eligible organisations.
URL	<p>Funding is being provided to bring real improvements to communities and to the lives of people most in need. Projects that involve people in their communities, bringing them together to enjoy a wide range of charitable, community, educational, environmental and health-related activities will be supported.</p> <p>http://www.awardsforall.org.uk/</p>
Name	Capacitybuilders: Capital Investment Programme
Funder	Government
Max Grant	Up to £500,000
Who can apply?	Local third sector resource centres
Deadline	Deadline for Strand A 2010 Premises/Facilities Improvement: 24 December 2009 (12 noon). Deadline for Significant Refurbishment was 31 January 2009.
Information	The aim of the programme is to support the creation and development of shared premises and facilities for third sector organisations in England, through support for refurbishment and the enhanced use of buildings being used as resource centres. Grants are awarded under three strands: Premises/Facilities Improvement; Significant Refurbishment; and Flagship Projects.
URL	http://www.capacitybuilders.org.uk
Name:	Faiths in Action Fund
Funder:	Government
Max Grant	£6,000
Who can apply?	Faith, inter-faith, voluntary and community sector organisations at national, regional and local level in England.
Deadline:	This funding round will operate as a rolling programme. Applications will be accepted in the date and time order that they are received by the Community Development Foundation, until the total value of the eligible, relevant applications received equals the overall value of the fund.

Information: £2 million is being made available in this round, with the aim of supporting local projects that have a clear focus on faith and inter faith issues – and a direct link to one or more of the following four priorities:

1. Developing the confidence and skills to 'bridge' and 'link'.
2. Supporting shared spaces for interaction and social action.
3. Developing structures and processes which support dialogue and social action.
4. Improving opportunities for learning which build understanding.

URL: <http://www.cfdnetwork.co.uk/node/277>

Name Hardship Fund
Funder Cabinet Office
Max Grant £50,000 and £250,000
Who can apply? Third sector organisations that are suffering financial hardship that is impacting on their ability to deliver front line services in health and social care, housing support, education and training and advice, information and guidance.
Deadline There is no specific deadline, applications will be assessed in the date and time order received until there are sufficient relevant applications up to the value of the Fund.
Information To apply, organisations must have a turnover of £200,000 a year or more. The total amount awarded is subject to applicants demonstrating the need, and providing a detailed description of costs and activities, but it is highly unlikely to exceed 25% of your projected turnover for this financial year.

URL <http://www.cdf.org.uk/web/guest/hardship-fund>

Name Big Lottery Fund – Secret Millionaire Fund
Funder National Lottery
Max Grant Between £300 and £10,000
Who can apply? Not specified
Deadline 21st December 2009
Information The Big Lottery Fund has teamed up with Channel 4 programme Secret Millionaire, giving viewers an opportunity to nominate worthy organisations for grant funding.

Projects will need to give people better chances in life, build stronger communities, improve rural and urban environments or promote healthier and more active people and communities.

Successful applicants may be selected for filming by Channel 4 and appear on the website or television programme.

URL http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_secret_millionaire_fund.htm?regioncode=-uk&status=theProg

Name	CommunityBuilders
Funder	Communities and Local Government and Office of the Third Sector
Max Grant	Depends on the investment package (see information below)
Who can apply?	Applications are welcomed from non-profit, multi-purpose, inclusive community-led organisations (sometimes known as Community Anchors), which are operating at a neighbourhood level.
Deadline	Not specified. Applications can be made at any time.
Information	The Adventure Capital Fund has announced that the Communitybuilders fund is now open for applications.
	<p>The fund will provide loans, grants and mentoring support to help empower citizens and communities by strengthening community-led organisations across England through a mixture of financial and advisory support.</p> <p>The fund is organised into the following three investment packages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A development package providing bespoke business support based on an initial needs assessment, and leadership grants of £2,000 for staff development and training. - A feasibility package offering further business support of up to five days and grants of up to £20,000 to use towards project development of a growth plan. Grants of up to £75,000 and 30 days of support will be available for larger projects. - An investment package for organisations ready to develop, grow and expand their role within the community. Investment will consist primarily of loans between £50,000 and £2 million offered at 5% for an initial three-year period of a 10-year loan term.
URL	http://www.communitybuildersfund.org.uk/

2. Environment – funding opportunities

Name	Access to Nature – Programme closing early
Funder	Big Lottery Fund
Max Grant	Between £50,000 and up to £500,000
Who can apply?	Charitable or not-for-profit
Deadline	Stage 1 applications by 1 February 2010 Stage 2 applications to be received by 4 May 2010
Information	Following on from the early closure of the Local Food Programme, another lottery funded environmental scheme the Access to Nature Programme, will also be closing its doors to bidders earlier than scheduled due to the large number of high quality applications.
URL	http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/enjoying/outdoorsforall/accsstonature/default.aspx

Name: Ecominds – Programme closing early
Funder: Big Lottery Fund
Max Grant: **Medium bids (20,001 to £60,000)**
12:00 noon, Friday 8 January 2010
Small bids (£0 to £20,000)
12:00 noon, Wednesday 30 June 2010

Who can apply? Constituted groups seeking to develop environmental projects that involves people with direct experience of mental distress at all levels.

Deadline: **Medium bids (20,001 to £60,000)**
12:00 noon, Friday 8 January 2010
Small bids (£0 to £20,000)
12:00 noon, Wednesday 30 June 2010

Information: Due to the overwhelming success of Ecominds in its first year, closing dates have been implemented on the remaining application sizes. The closing dates are:

Applicants should note that due to exceptionally high levels of demand, a state of oversubscription now exists for Large and Medium grants. Funding prospects for all except Small grants are significantly diminished.

Ecominds continues to encourage small applications up to £20,000 at this time, but please check the website regularly for updates.

URL: <http://www.mind.org.uk/ecominds>

Name: Carbon Reduction Commitment Energy Efficiency Scheme
Funder: Government
Max Grant: -
Who can apply? Please see below
Deadline: Please see below
Information: The scheme is a new regulatory incentive to improve energy efficiency in large public and private sector organisations and is designed to tackle CO2 emissions not already covered by Climate Change Agreements or the EU Emissions Trading Scheme. The scheme will cover large public and private sector organisations.

Organisations are eligible for CRC if they (and their subsidiaries) have at least one half-hourly electricity meter (HHM) settled on the half-hourly market. They also qualify if their total half-hourly electricity consumption exceeded 6,000 megawatt-hours (MWh) during 2008.

Initially, it is estimated that around 5,000 organisations will qualify, including supermarkets, water companies, banks, local authorities and all central Government Departments. Qualifying organisations will have to comply legally with the scheme or face financial and other penalties.

Following extensive consultation with businesses and trade bodies, DECC has made some improvements to the scheme, as follows:

- To smooth the introduction of the scheme and to help ease the

upfront costs, organisations will only have to report emissions in the first year (2010/11). In subsequent years, organisations will have to buy allowances corresponding to their emissions from energy use, and then surrender them by the end of the year.

- In the second year (2011/12), extra weighting will be given to organisations that take action early to improve energy efficiency.
- Recognition will be given to organisations that use onsite renewable energy like wind turbines or solar panels by publishing the increased carbon savings from such measures.
- Organisations will be given greater flexibility in how they participate. Subsidiaries large enough to qualify in their own right (at least 6000MWh) may opt to do so separately from their organisational group.

Given that the primary focus of the scheme is energy efficiency, the name of the scheme has been changed to the CRC Energy Efficiency Scheme.

Large energy users in business and the public sector will be required to take part in the scheme from 1 April 2010.

URL: http://www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/what_we_do/lc_uk/crc/crc.a_spx

Name: POWER
Funder: European Union
Max Grant: -
Who can apply?: -
Deadline: The second Call opens on 15th October 2009 and closes on 15th January 2010
Information: POWER is a €5.8m (£5.2 million) interregional programme, led by SEEDA and part-funded through INTERREG IVC. South East England is leading this high profile programme involving six other EC regions, Stockholm (Sweden), Noord-Brabant (Netherlands), Malopolska (Poland), Emilia-Romagna (Italy), Tallinn (Estonia) and Andalucía (Spain).

In the context of ambitious EU targets for climate protection, the POWER Regional Initiative explores ways to move towards a low carbon economy at regional level, in particular by reformulating regional development strategies and policy instruments which also contribute to regional competitiveness.

They are seeking proposals for joint co-operation delivering the following sub-themes:

- Energy Efficiency
- Renewable Energies
- Sustainable Transport
- Eco-innovation and Environmental Technologies
- Behaviour Change

Results from the projects funded under POWER will inform future policy development and be used to ensure a more integrated policy framework with a greater awareness and ownership at ground level.

URL: <http://www.powerprogramme.eu/index.php>

3. Recreation & Heritage – funding opportunities

Name	Elephant Trust
Funder	Trust
Max Grant	£2,000
Who can apply?	Artists and institutions presenting their work
Deadline	11 th January 2010
Information	<p>The Elephant Trust was created in 1975 to develop and improve the knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the fine arts in the United Kingdom.</p> <p>Grants of up to £2,000 are available for artists and institutions presenting their work. The Trust is committed to helping artists and institutions that depart from the routine and signal new, distinct and imaginative sets of possibilities.</p> <p>The Trust gives priority to artists working in the visual arts or small supporting institutions and galleries working with them.</p>
URL	http://www.elephanttrust.org.uk/

Name:	Culture 2007 PROGRAMME (2007-2013)
Funder:	European Union
Max Grant	Not specified
Who can apply?	Organisations within the field of culture
Deadline:	Please see information box
Information:	<p>Culture 2007 provides funding to sectoral or cross-sectoral projects that meet at least two of the objectives of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- promoting the transnational mobility of cultural players;- encouraging the transnational circulation of works and cultural and artistic products; and- encouraging intercultural dialogue. <p>Funding is provided through the following strands with the following annual application deadlines (Call for Proposals announced 3 July re-advertising the annual deadlines):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Strand 1.1 - Multiannual cooperation projects (1 October 2009).- Strand 1.2.1 - Cooperation projects (1 October 2009).- Strand 1.2.2 - Literary translation projects (1 February 2010).- Strand 1.3 - Cultural cooperation projects with third countries (1 May 2010).- Strand 2 - Annual operating grant for organisations active at European level in the field of culture (1 November and 1 December 2009).- Strand 3 - Collection and dissemination of information (1 November 2010).
URL:	http://ec.europa.eu/culture/our-programmes-and-actions/doc411_en.htm

Name: Mediabox
 Funder: Department for Children, Schools and Families
 Max Grant: Depends on strand; see below
 Who can apply? Youth and/or media-focused, i.e. limited companies, local authorities, educational institutions, and unincorporated associations (e.g. charities)

Deadline: - Mid Mediabox: 26 February 2010 (applications invited from 8 April 2010).
 - Big Mediabox: 20 January 2010 (applications invited from 25 November 2009).
 - My Mediabox: announced throughout the year.

Information: Mediabox offers disadvantaged 13 to 19 year olds the opportunity to develop and produce creative media projects using film, television, print, radio, games, interactive or online platforms.

A key aim of Mediabox is to improve the portrayal of young people in the media, and to enable young people to express their own opinions and gain new skills.

Mediabox is delivered through five strands:

My Mediabox

Grants of £500 are available to individual young people through competitions and partnerships.

Mid Mediabox

Grants from £5,000 to £20,000 for established youth organisations that may or may not have delivered media projects in the past.

Big Mediabox

Big Mediabox is the largest grant (from £20,000 to £40,000), designed for organisations with a strong track record of developing media projects with young people.

URL: <http://www.media-box.co.uk/funding/who-can-apply>

Name: Sport England – Small Grants Programme
 Funder: National Lottery
 Max Grant: From £300 to £10,000. The total project should not exceed £50,000.
 Who can apply? Not for profit club or association; statutory body or educational establishment.
 Deadline: Applications can be made at any time.
 Information: The scheme has been set up to support local community sport projects which seek to increase participation, sustain participation or develop opportunities for people to excel at their chosen sport.
 URL: http://www.sportengland.org/funding/small_grants.aspx

Name Grants for the Arts
 Funder Arts Council England
 Max Grant -
 Who can apply? -
 Deadline -
 Information Changes to the Grants for the Arts programme will come into effect from 1 March 2010. The changes will save on administration costs - savings which will then be reinvested into the arts. A central arts team, to be based at the new Grants for the Arts centre in Manchester will assess and monitor all applications (final decisions will continue to be made by the regional offices).

Also as part of the changes to be introduced, applicants will be able to submit applications online. The application process for proposals of £10,000 or less will also be simplified; applicants will be asked for a shorter proposal which will allow a quicker decision, within six weeks.

To ensure that the transition from one way of working to the other is as efficient and seamless as possible, Grants for the Arts will be suspending new applications between 18 January and 26 February 2010. Decisions will continue to be made throughout the transition period, however, applicants who might be planning to submit an application during this time are encouraged to submit earlier or later than they were planning to ensure their applications can be assessed in good time. Applicants for £10,000 or less are encouraged to submit their applications later and get a quicker decision using the online process.

The first applications can be submitted online from 1 March 2010.

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

Name Baring Arts Foundation Arts Foundation
 Funder -
 Max Grant Annual grants of up to £25,000 for three years, although the size of grant will depend on the annual expenditure of the applicant organisation in 2008/9.
 Who can apply? Constituted, not-for-profit arts organisations in the United Kingdom that are already producing and presenting arts made by older people.
 Deadline 11th December 2009
 Information The Programme has a new theme of supporting arts organisations in the United Kingdom that are enabling older people to benefit from participating in arts practice.
 URL <http://www.baringfoundation.org.uk/>

Name Sport England Active Women
 Funder National Lottery
 Max Grant Applications under £10,001 will not be awarded, no maximum set. A total of £10million is available under this strand.
 Who can apply? Legitimate organisations with a written constitution (such as a Memorandum and Articles of Association) or statutory powers can

apply. These include sports clubs, voluntary or community organizations, local authorities, education establishments (such as schools, colleges and universities) and national governing bodies of sport.

Deadline 3rd February 2010
Information Sport England's Active Women Themed Fund aims to get more women from disadvantaged communities, and more women who care for children, playing sport. Sport England is seeking bids for projects that directly address the challenges women have to overcome if they want to play more sport. These include the following:

- Time constraints.
- Childcare.
- Transport.
- Cost.
- Friends to go with.
- Self-confidence.

URL http://www.sportengland.org/funding/active_women.aspx

4. Education – funding opportunities

Name: ERASMUS
Funder: European Union
Max Grant: Depends on the individual funding stream
Who can apply? Higher education and vocational training and training at Tertiary level institutions.
Deadline: See below
Information: The ERASMUS programme aims to address the teaching and learning needs of all those in formal higher education and vocational education and training at Tertiary level, as well as the institutions and organisations providing such education and training.

The 2010 Call has now been launched, with the following deadlines for applications:

- Intensive Language Courses - 5 February 2010.
- Multilateral Projects - 26 February 2010.
- Networks - 26 February 2010.
- Accompanying Measures - 26 February 2010.
- Intensive Programmes - 12 March 2010.
- Student Mobility - 12 March 2010.
- Staff Mobility - 12 March 2010.

URL: <http://www.britishcouncil.org/erasmus>

Name COMENIUS
Funder European Union
Max Grant Depends on the individual funding stream
Who can apply? Pre-school and school education institutions and organizations up

to the level of the end of upper secondary.

Deadline	Please see below
Information	<p>The COMENIUS programme aims to address the teaching and learning needs of all those in pre-school and school education up to the level of the end of upper secondary education, and the institutions and organisations providing such education.</p> <p>The 2010 Call for Proposals has been announced, with application deadlines as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- In-Service Training: 15 January 2010; 30 April 2010; and 15 September 2010.- Partnerships and Regio Partnerships: 19 February 2010.- Preparatory visits for decentralised actions: A rolling deadline.- Multilateral projects: 26 February 2010.- Networks: 26 February 2010.- Assistantships: 29 January 2010.- Accompanying measures: 26 February 2010.
URL	http://www.britishcouncil.org/comenius-how-to-apply.htm

Name	GRUNDTVIG
Funder	European Union
Max Grant	Depends on the individual funding stream.
Who can apply?	Institutions and organisations providing adult education.
Deadline	Depends on the individual funding stream.
Information	<p>The ERASMUS programme aims to address the teaching and learning needs of all those in formal higher education and vocational education and training at Tertiary level, as well as the institutions and organisations providing such education and training.</p> <p>The 2010 Call has now been launched, with the following deadlines for applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Intensive Language Courses - 5 February 2010.- Multilateral Projects - 26 February 2010.- Networks - 26 February 2010.- Accompanying Measures - 26 February 2010.- Intensive Programmes - 12 March 2010.- Student Mobility - 12 March 2010.- Staff Mobility - 12 March 2010.
URL	http://www.grundtvig.org.uk/

Name:	LEONARDO
Funder:	European Union
Max Grant:	Depends on individual funding streams.
Who can apply?	Institutions and organisations involved in vocational education.
Deadline:	Please see below
Information:	The LEONARDO programme aims to address the teaching and learning needs of all those in vocational education and training, including initial and continued vocational training, other than

advanced vocational education and training at tertiary level, as well as the institutions and organisations providing or facilitating such education and training.

The 2010 Call has now been launched, with the following deadlines for applications:

- Mobility: 5 February 2010.
- Partnerships: 19 February 2010.
- Multilateral Projects: 26 February 2010.
- Networks: 26 February 2010.
- Accompanying Measures: 26 February 2010.
- *Transfer of Innovation* Multilateral Projects: 26 February 2010.

URL: <http://www.leonardo.org.uk/>

Name: Transversal Programme
Funder: European Union
Max Grant: Not specified
Who can apply? Not specified
Deadline: 31st March 2010 and 15th October 2010
Information: This programme aims to support activities that focus on language learning and innovation in ICT (previously covered by Minerva and Lingua); and study visits (previously covered by Arion).

URL: <http://www.transversal.org.uk/>

Name: Ulverscroft / IFLA Best Practice Awards
Funder: Trust
Max Grant: Awards of up to £5,000 are available for individuals to visit and work with another library for between two weeks and two months.
Awards of up to £15,000 are available for organisations to adapt a development from another library or implement a new development that could be transferable to other libraries.

Who can apply? Individuals and organisations worldwide involved in library service delivery for visually impaired people.

Deadline: 31st December 2009
Information: The Ulverscroft Foundation and the International Federation of Library Associations: Libraries Serving Persons with Print Disabilities Section Best Practice Awards provide funding for individuals and organisations involved in library service delivery for visually impaired people to visit and work with other libraries.

URL: <http://www.foundation.ulverscroft.com/award809.htm>

5. Other – funding opportunities

Name: Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust
Funder: Trust
Max Grant: Between £1,000 and £10,000
Who can apply? Applications are welcomed from charitable organisations in the UK and overseas, although overseas projects will only be considered in the stated years.

Deadline: 1st June and 1st November each year
Information: The Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust awards grants to charitable organisations in the United Kingdom and overseas.

Grants of between £1,000 and £10,000 are available for projects in the following areas for the next three years:

- 2009: Community and Disability.
- 2010: Children, Youth, The Elderly and Medical research projects dealing with the ageing population.
- 2011: Music and the Arts and Overseas.

URL: <http://www.austin-hope-pilkington.org.uk/>

Name: Interreg IVA – Channel Programme
Funder: European Union
Max Grant: -
Who can apply? Please see below
Deadline: The deadlines for submission of pre-project sheets in 2010 are:

- 8th February 2010
- 12th April 2010
- 13th September 2010

Information: This Cohesion Policy Territorial Cooperation Objective cross-border programme (called "INTERREG" IVA) has been developed for France and England. It has the objective of promoting an integrated approach to territorial development, both horizontally (among different policy sectors), vertically (among different levels of government) and geographically (across administrative boundaries).

It covers the coastal areas of South East England from Norfolk to Cornwall (including the adjacent areas of Somerset, Wiltshire, Surrey and Cambridgeshire) and parts of western France (Somme, Seine-Maritime, Cavados, Manche, Cotes D'Armor, Finistere, Ille-et-Vilaine and the adjacent areas of Oise, Eure, Orne, Morbihan and Pas-de-Calais).

EU support for INTERREG is made available via the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and will accordingly be limited to not normally more than 50% of the eligible costs of a project.

URL: <http://www.interreg3.com/EN/homepage.asp>

Name: Skills for the Future
Funder: Heritage Lottery Fund
Max Grant: Between £100,000 and £1 million
Who can apply? Organisations which can deliver training opportunities in heritage that are additional to current or recent provision. Partnerships – for example of community and voluntary organisations, professional bodies and learning and training providers – can also apply.

Priority is given to not-for-profit organisations. If private sector organisations are involved, it is expected the public benefit to be greater than any private gain.

Deadline: 19th March 2010
Information: Skills for the Future will fund projects which provide paid training placements to meet a skills gap in the heritage sector, and fully support trainees to learn practical skills.

It will fund traditional conservation training and also the skills needed to engage people with heritage. This could include the skills to deliver education, community participation or volunteering programmes, or to use new media and technology to open up heritage.

The programme aims to:

- fund high-quality, work-based training opportunities to equip people with the skills to pursue a career in heritage;
- enhance the capacity of the heritage sector to deliver sustainable training and share good practice; and;
- demonstrate the value of heritage skills to modern life.

URL: <http://www.hlf.org.uk/English/HowToApply/OurGrantGivingProgrammes/skills.htm>