

Funding Bulletin for Parishes



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This funding bulletin is produced by the Stewardship Team for parishes within the Diocese. Sources are broken down by heading. Further details on the funding body are to be found by clicking the blue hyperlink, which should take you to various websites. Assistance with applications can be available from the stewardship office. Please let us know how you get on.

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Community Development

People's Health Trust: Active Communities (Somerset, Dorset, North Somerset, Bath and North East Somerset, Bournemouth and Poole)

The People's Health Trust has announced that its Active Communities programme in Somerset, Dorset, North Somerset, Bath and North East Somerset, Bournemouth and Poole (HealthFull) is open for applications. Through the Active Communities programme, grants of between £5,000 and £25,000 per year are available for projects in target areas most affected by health inequalities. For example this could be a project covering a few streets, a housing estate or a small village. Projects can run for between 9 months and 2 years. The type of activities funded in the past include:-

- A mediation service run by tenants on a housing estate
- A women's volunteering group run by and for Bengali women
- Support for local people to become community organisers
- Setting up a green space in urban areas; etc.

To be eligible for funding, applicant organisations need to have an income of £350,000 per year or less.

Application deadline: **13 January 2016, 1.00 pm**

<http://www.peopleshealthtrust.org.uk/apply-for-funding>

Frome Town Council: Project Grants

Small and large project grants are available to not-for-profit groups and organisations in Frome for projects that benefit local people or the environment. Frome Town Council will support groups and projects which:

- Provide education beyond the school curriculum and enable lifelong learning and/or focus on improving and maintaining health and wellbeing.
- Do everything possible to support the environment and not add to potential damage.

There are two grant streams:

- Small grants up to £300.
- Large grants up to £3,000. This might be increased in exceptional circumstances.

Not for profit groups and organisations in the Frome area can apply. Organisations must: Have clearly defined aims and objectives; Have their own bank account with at least two authorised signatories; Supply recent accounts (or a bank statement if these are not held) and constitution if the group has one. New groups that do not have a bank may be considered for small grants if the Town Council can order part or all of the resources. The group must provide a simple Business Plan stating aims and objectives together with a financial projection for the forthcoming year.

The Council is looking to fund activities which:-

- Bring different groups together to share ideas and resources and which bring people in the community together.
- Show that a wide range of people have been thoroughly involved in putting the project together and involve significant numbers in the decision making and ownership of the project.
- Find ways to build the group's own capacity and self sufficiency.

The following are ineligible for funding: Retrospective costs; Party political/religious activities/organisations; Individuals.

Match funding is not required. Applications can be submitted by email or by post. Applicants requesting a grant towards their core costs should supply their most recent strategic or business plan to support their application.

Contact details: Enquiries, Frome Town Council, 5 Palmer Street, Frome, BA11 1DS Tel: 01373 475574 Email: hellardk@frometowncouncil.gov.uk

Application deadline: 22 January 2016

<http://www.frometowncouncil.gov.uk/community-projects/fundraising-support-and-community-grants/>

Fund for Church Growth

The Fund for Church Growth supports a wide variety of projects which help to develop and grow Christian witness within churches and the wider community. The Fund is a specific response by the Diocese of Bath and Wells to help church groups reach out and share God's love with those around them in very practical ways. It encourages churches to take on new challenges and help build caring and mutually supporting communities.

Often the Fund can only provide part of the money for a particular project; however an FCG grant can help 'unlock' other grants making the key difference to whether a project is able to move forward or not. Support from the Fund also provides much needed affirmation to those who give their time and energy to churches across the diocese.

All applications will be considered on merit and weighed against other current applications. Applicants will need to clearly show how the project will add to the mission and witness of the church. The application form and guidance notes are downloadable from the website.

Next application deadline: 27 January 2016

<http://www.bathandwells.org.uk/supporting-parishes/finances/fund-church-growth/>

Postcode Community Trust: Community Grants (GB)

The Postcode Community Trust's Community Grant Scheme is open to registered charities and community groups in England, Scotland and Wales which are seeking funding for projects that advance community development. Unlike previous years, groups from across England can apply.

The funding will be available for projects that help to regenerate communities by improving social cohesion, economic infrastructure and provide or improve community-based facilities. This includes projects which:-

- Promote community development projects, including: Support for older people relieving isolation; Support for young carers and their families and/or support for families caring for disabled children or relatives, enabling them to engage more fully in their local area; Projects which enhance or enable volunteering opportunities which help to regenerate communities.
- Support community cohesion by: Enhancing facilities which benefit a wide segment of a community; Increasing public participation in sports especially for those at a disadvantage due to disability, age, financial hardship or gender; Utilising sports to enhance the skills & life chances of disadvantaged groups; Providing recreational facilities, or the organising of recreational activities, with the object of improving the conditions of life for those utilising the facilities/activities; Promoting inter-generational cohesion; Promoting a community's social history.

Grassroots organisations, local charities and non-profit community businesses that are seeking to effect positive change within their local area in England, Scotland and Wales are eligible to apply. Grants range from £500 to £20,000 for those in Scotland and England and up to £10,000 for those in Wales.

Application deadline: 28 January 2016
(further round: 1 May to 31 May 2016)

<http://www.postcodecommunitytrust.org.uk/applying-for-a-grant.htm>

Postcode Local Trust (GB)

Funding is available for charities and good causes in England, Scotland and Wales which help communities enhance their natural environment in a way that benefits the wider community. Short-term, designated funding will be available for good causes which benefit wildlife, enhance biodiversity, or renovate/create new green habitats. Consideration will also be given to sustainable energy projects benefitting local areas. Funding will be available for activities, eg:-

- Creation of community gardens which benefit local areas.
- Habitat restoration projects which benefit biodiversity and which provide lasting benefits to a community such as on-going recreation activities, flood prevention schemes, natural hedgerow boundaries.
- Tree planting or creation of community orchard projects.
- Wildflower meadow creation.
- Projects which create bird, bug and beastie homes.
- Outdoor education projects delivered with local communities by environmental charities.
- Green-energy projects which create more sustainable solutions to lowering, eg, energy costs for a community.
- Micro-hydro schemes benefiting a local community.

Grassroots organisations, local charities and non-profit community businesses that are seeking to effect positive change within their local area in England, Scotland and Wales are eligible to apply. Grants range from £500 to £20,000 for those in Scotland and England and up to £10,000 for those in Wales.

Application deadline: 29 January 2016
(A further round will take place between 1 September - 30 September 2016)

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

Royal Society of Chemistry: Outreach Fund

Financial support is available through the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC) for individuals and organisations throughout the UK in order to enable them to run chemistry-based events and activities for public audiences. Through the Outreach Fund, RSC can support its members, and other advocates, to engage with different audiences, and provide people with an entry point into the chemical sciences. Through the Fund, RSC aims to encourage and support the development of projects which:-

- Raise awareness of the place of chemistry in people's everyday lives, especially those not already interested in chemistry, and/or
- Develop the science communication skills of people who are already highly trained in chemistry.

The Outreach Fund is split into three categories:-

- Small grants - up to £2,000
- Medium grants - between £2,000 and £10,000
- Large grants - between £10,000 and £50,000

The scheme is primarily aimed at RSC members and member groups to support public activities. However, other applications will be considered and supported, if appropriate. The public may include one or more of the following: Rotary Clubs; Women's Institutes; Literary & Philosophical societies; Scouts/Guides; Other community organisations; The general public in public venues, eg shopping malls, stations, libraries etc. RSC can accept applications to the Outreach Fund from both individuals and organisations.

Grants will be awarded for activities which promote the awareness of chemistry and the chemical sciences among public audiences eg: open days; public lectures; performance of plays; activities in major science festivals; and local or regional.

Match Funding Restrictions: although not required, applicants should state on the application form details of other sources of funding.

Restrictions: grants will not be awarded if: The event is related to school/college educational activities; The activity is accessible only to the chemically trained or chemically literate, eg scientific posters; A grant was awarded for the same activity in the previous year.

Application forms are available to download from the website. Completed forms should be returned to the postal address below. (In urgent cases, e-mail applications will be accepted, provided that this is confirmed by a signed copy of the form.) Any appropriate documents that may assist the application should also be supplied.

Contact details: Enquiries, Royal Society of Chemistry, Thomas Graham House (290), Science Park, Milton Road, Cambridge, CB4 0WF Tel: 01223 432694

Application deadline: 29 January 2016

<http://www.rsc.org/awards-funding/funding/outreach-fund/>

Veolia Environmental Trust

Constituted not-for-profit organisations in the UK which are within five miles of an operating Veolia site are encouraged to apply for funding in 2016. Not-for-profit organisations with environmental or community-based projects in the UK are eligible to apply for grants of up to £75,000. To be eligible, applicants must: Be constituted; Have a bank account; Hold annual elections.

Applicants must also be based within five miles of a Veolia site – a [postcode location checker](#) is available on the website, which is constantly updated to reflect Veolia’s operating plans.

Funding is available for capital improvement projects at a single site with discrete start and end dates. Projects should fall under one of the following categories:-

- **Community buildings and rooms**, including community centres, village halls, community spaces within religious buildings, and Scout or Girlguiding buildings.
- **Outdoor Spaces**, including public parks, nature reserves, community gardens, footpaths, bridleways and cycle-paths.
- **Play and recreation**, including play areas, skateparks, Multi Use Games Areas (MUGAs), sports grounds, pavilions and changing rooms.
- **Supporting Biodiversity**, including the species related element of a BAP (national or local), the habitat related element of a BAP or HAP (national or local), and reintroduction programmes to a specific habitat.

Applicants will be required to secure match funding of at least 20% before submitting a full application. Projects requiring over £40,000 will also need an independent Third Party Contributor to reimburse the landfill operator with 10% shortfall to release the grant. This contribution can be made by another funder, a local council or an individual.

Initial enquiries: at any time. Next full application deadline: 26 February 2016, 12.00 noon (then 27 May 2016, 26 August 2016)

<http://www.veoliatrust.org/funding/>

Lloyds Bank Foundation (England & Wales)

The Lloyds Bank Foundation for England & Wales provides funding to charities for projects to help people break their cycle of disadvantage. The Foundations operates two funding programmes:-

- ‘Invest’ which is a flexible, long term core funding programme for charities helping disadvantaged people. Grants are up to £25,000 per year for between 2 and 6 years, with the opportunity for continuation funding for up to six years in total
- ‘Enable’ which is a smaller and shorter grants programme for charities that have identified clear development needs. This funding aims to help the organisations deliver their mission more effectively.

These grants are up to a total £15,000 for up to two years. The funding is available to registered charities and charitable incorporated organisations (CIOs) with an income of between £25,000 and £1 million. To be eligible, organisations are expected to be working with people 17 years or older, experiencing multiple disadvantage at one of the critical points in their life. The only exceptions are young people who are under 17 years of age and young parents or looked after children and disabled young people moving into independent living.

Next deadline for applications: 18 March 2016

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

The Tree Council: Community Trees Fund (UK)

The Tree Council’s Community Trees Fund is open to projects where the total tree planting costs are between £100 and £700. Any applications where the £700 limit is exceeded will automatically be discounted, even if funds are available from another source to cover the excess. The Tree Council will fund up to 4 fruit trees (but no more than that) on semi-vigorous, vigorous and very vigorous rootstocks. Community Groups wishing to plant more than 4 fruit trees, please apply to the [Orchard Windfalls Fund](#).

Eligible costs include:-

- The cost of the trees and any reasonable cost of necessary supports
- Aids to establishment (stakes, ties and guards, plus fertiliser, mulch and soil amelioration but only where conditions make this appropriate).

The project costs should total at least £100 in order for the application to be eligible for consideration. The Tree Council needs to be certain that the project organisers have consent to plant on the area of land proposed and a guarantee that the trees will be secure for at least 5 years. Only community groups may apply and children under the age of 16 must be actively involved in the planting process.

Closing date for applications: 31 March 2016

<http://www.treecouncil.org.uk/grants/community-trees>

UnLtd: Do It Awards for Social Impact Projects (UK)

The Do It Awards from UnLtd provide support and funding packages for individuals to run projects that have a positive social impact and have the scope to become financially sustainable. The fourth round of the application process is now open and anyone aged 16 or above living in the UK can apply for projects which:-

- Have a real social impact
- Fulfil a clear need and demand
- Have clear outputs and goals
- Provide a learning experience or opportunity.

Applicants, who's Expression of Interest passes the initial assessment will be sent further application documents to complete along with a detailed breakdown of the application process.

Deadline for submitting an Expression of Interest: 6 April 2016

<https://unltd.org.uk/doi/>

Big Lottery Fund: Big Potential Fund (England)

The Big Lottery Fund's new £20 million programme to help Voluntary & Community groups and Social Enterprises (VCSEs) access social investment is open for applications. The Big Potential Fund, which will be managed by the Social Investment Bureau, will provide grants of £25,000 - £75,000 to help VCSEs carry out investment readiness work with a small group of approved providers.

Big Potential will be targeting not for profit organisations which are both at an early stage of their investment readiness journey and those that are further along that journey, who are seeking to raise up to £500,000 in external investment. Eligible organisations can include: Registered charities; Social enterprises; Companies limited by guarantee with charitable aims; Community Interest Companies; Mutual etc.

Before charities apply to the fund, they will be able to access support from Charity Bank, Social Enterprise UK or Locality before submitting an application. They will then be expected to approach an approved provider, and the charity and provider will make a joint bid to the fund. The fund has not appointed any approved providers yet, but organisations can now apply to become one.

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

<http://www.sibgroup.org.uk/bigpotential/>

Persimmon Community Champions Fund (UK)

Persimmon Homes Community Champions fund has up to £750,000 funding over the next 12 months to fund local community initiatives. The charity match programme will give donations of up to £1,000 to local UK groups and charities, which have already raised vital funds themselves. Up to £52,000 a month is available from Persimmon's 24 businesses. To apply complete the online form with information on why your group or charity deserves the donation, along with details of much you've already raised and how donation you want.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

<http://www.persimmonhomes.com/charity>

People's Postcode Trust: Small Grants Programme (South of England, Scotland and Wales)

The People's Postcode Trust's Small Grants Programme will re-open for applications in the South of England, Scotland and Wales in spring 2016.

Since 2009, People's Postcode Trust has awarded over £11 million to more than 1600 projects across Great Britain, with over £7 million of this going to the Small Grants Programme. Through its Small Grants Programme, the Trust offers grants of between £500 and £20,000 (£10,000 in Wales) to small organisations and community groups for projects lasting up to 1 year (for organisations in Wales 6 months. Projects must be for the advancement of community development. Applicants which are not formally registered as a charity with OSCR/Charity Commission can apply for up to £2,000 in funding.

From 2016, the Trust will be changing the remit of its Small Grants Programme, with two rounds opening to all constituted voluntary and community organisations, registered charities, social enterprises and community interest companies in England, Scotland and Wales. As the People's Postcode Trust's mission is to try to make the world a better place, applications will now only be invited for projects that focus on the following themes:-

- Prevention of poverty.
- Healthy living initiatives.
- Upholding human rights.
- Facilitating reconciliation projects which help disadvantaged or at-risk groups.
- Examples of projects which may fit within the Trust's new criteria include:
- Training programmes to boost skills and opportunities for disadvantaged people, including volunteer training programmes aimed at providing skills to the long-term unemployed.
- Projects that tackle the root causes of anti-social behaviour and homelessness, including projects aimed at at-risk young people or young people leaving care.
- Projects that support at-risk families, providing and early intervention to help tackle family breakdown.
- Programmes that improve the physical and mental health of disadvantaged groups, enabling them to live more fulfilling lives.
- Programmes that promote human rights and empower disadvantaged groups enabling them to create a better life for themselves.
- Provision of services around domestic violence centres or refugee advice centres.

- Projects that bring different groups of people together in a way that promotes understanding of differences and promotes justice, including programmes that promote migrant rights and help groups integrate into new environments.

Grants range from £500 to £20,000 for those in Scotland and England (up to £10,000 for Wales), and can be used for: Purchase of capital items and equipment; Staffing/training costs of up to 50% of total amount requested; Running costs of up to 20% of total amount requested; Volunteer expenses up to 25% of total amount requested; Marketing costs of up to 10% of total amount requested; Building renovations that have an ecological or wider impact on the services an organisation can provide.

The first round is due to open on 1 May 2016 with a deadline of 31 May 2016.
(The second round will open on 1 September 2016 with a deadline of 30 September 2016)

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

Tesco: Local Community Scheme (England, Scotland & Wales)

The Tesco Local Community Grant Scheme is due to re-open for applications in April 2016. During the last funding round, grants of up to £12,000 were available to communities in England, Scotland and Wales. The scheme, which is being funded through the 5p carrier bag charge, will provide funding to local communities to improve local green spaces. This can include creating pocket parks, sports facilities, woodland walks and community gardens; etc. Organisations eligible to apply include not-for profit organisations such as voluntary and community organisations, registered charities, health bodies, community councils, development trusts, local authorities and housing organisations.

The scheme will award six grants per year in each of the 428 Tesco regions. Tesco customers will vote over two weekends in their store for their favourite shortlisted local project. Grants will then be awarded as follows:-

- 1st place in Tesco customer vote: £12,000 grant
- 2nd place in Tesco customer vote: £10,000 grant
- 3rd place in Tesco customer vote: £8,000 grant.

The closing date for the second funding round of funding will be in May 2016.

<http://www.groundwork.org.uk/Sites/tescocommunityscheme>

Coastal Revival Fund (England)

The Department for Communities and Local Government has announced that £3 million has been awarded in grants of up to £50,000 to 77 restoration projects, ranging from theatres to piers and lidos to lighthouses, through the Coastal Revival Fund. The fund was launched in 2015 to support or restore local heritage and facilities on the English Coast which benefit the wider community and the surrounding economy, as part of a wider effort to regenerate seaside communities – these include the Coastal Communities Fund, which has since 2012 has awarded £120 million in grants to help regenerate seaside areas.

Due to the exceptional quality of the bids received, another £1 million Coastal Revival funding will be available in 2016 to 2017 for projects that narrowly missed out being selected.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/iconic-coastal-heritage-sites-set-for-3-million-makeover>

The Coastal Communities Fund has been extended by two years (2017 to 2018), giving communities another chance to bid for a share of £90 million of funding.

<https://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/ccf>

Working with young people

Frome Town Council: Youth Bank

Grants are available to groups of young people in Frome for community projects designed and led by young people themselves. Frome Town Council ran a trial of the Frome Youth Bank in 2014 and, due to its success, will continue to offer the scheme for 2015/16. The Council aims to support young people to deliver their goals so that everyone in the town will benefit. The scheme encourages young people to become involved with schools, health, and local government.

Grant applications will only be considered from individuals whose home postcode falls within the area administered by Frome Town Council (ie within the parish boundaries); however, the individual must have the support of an organisation or group including a supporting adult in order to receive payment of funds. Grants up to £1,000 are available. A total of £10,000 is available each year.

The Youth Bank exists to support young people's projects only. The Council want to fund applications which meet one or more of the following:-

- Support young people to organise 'positive activities' for other young people to get involved in. 'Positive activities' are educational (but out of school) or fun activities in young people's free time that help them to be physically, mentally, or emotionally more healthy and engaged in their community.
- Allow young people to meet, and get to know each other and older people within the community.
- Allow young people to have a say in services that affect them, like schools, health, and local government.
- Assist Frome Town Council in reaching a wide range of young people aged 11-19 in Frome.

The following are examples of eligible activities: Drama or dance performance; Art project; Music event; Trips or residential; Photography exhibition; Volunteering project; Community garden. The proposed activity must directly benefit residents of Frome and have clearly defined aims and objectives.

The following are ineligible for funding: Retrospective costs; Party political/religious activities; Adult run groups or projects – these should apply to Frome Town Council's community grants scheme.

Match funding is not required. Applications will be accepted by email or hard copy.

Contact details: Kate Hellard, Frome Town Council, 5 Palmer Street, Frome, BA11 1DS Tel: 01373475574 Email: hellardk@frometowncouncil.gov.uk

Application deadline: 22 January 2016

<http://www.frometowncouncil.gov.uk/community-projects/fundraising-support-and-community-grants/>

Schools, etc (please pass on to your local Church school)

[Please note that some of the items below can also be of use to Churches]

BBC Children in Need: Small Grants Programme (UK)

Not for profit organisations such as such schools; registered charities; voluntary organisations; churches; and community interest groups; etc. can apply for grants of up to £10,000 through the BBC Children in Need Small Grants programme. The grants are available for projects which:-

- Help children and young people experiencing illness, distress, abuse or neglect
- Any kind of disability
- Behavioural or psychological difficulties and/or living in situations of deprivation.

Projects supported in the past include: The Midlothian Association of Play received £9,996 to run holiday playschemes with trips and activities for young people living in low income areas; and Trewirgie Junior School received £9,760 to provide after school sailing sessions to disadvantage children aged 7-11.

Closing date for applications: 1 March 2016

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/4fJVTzz5QmOx5rx0S4NVg00/small-grants>

The Field Studies Council: Kids Fund (UK)

The Field Studies Council is an independent educational charity committed to raising awareness about the natural world. The Council works through a network of 17 residential and day centres in the UK providing courses, outreach education, training and consultancy. The Kids Fund aims to bring environmental understanding to disadvantaged young people. It helps disadvantaged young people to attend a course who may otherwise be excluded due to some form of disadvantage - health, mobility, deprivation or financial.

The Kids Fund will pay for up to 80% of the course fee. This includes: All equipment; Tuition; Waterproof hire costs. Food and accommodation are included for residential courses.

The Fund is available to: Disadvantaged young people aged 8-18 years (or up to 25 years for those with special needs); Voluntary youth groups and school groups; who may apply if they are aiming to provide benefits which are additional to the statutory school curriculum or clearly show added value, depth and breadth to the taught curriculum.

FSC Kids Fund will not pay for young people to attend standard curriculum-focused FSC courses.

Next closing date for applications: 1 March 2016

<http://www.field-studies-council.org/supporting-you/applying-to-fsc-kids-fund.aspx>

The Classical Association Grants (UK)

The Classical Association awards grants in the region of £60,000 each year to classical projects and conferences, mainly in the UK. The Association will consider applications for:-

- Subventions to summer schools and to institutions offering extra-mural courses in Greek, Latin and classical civilisation
- Bursaries for teachers attending courses abroad, notably the British School at Athens Easter Course

- Support of Greek and Latin reading competitions arranged by CA branches
- Support of regional Greek or Roman days or of school conferences
- Subventions to academic conferences, particularly when of broad appeal and held in major centres, with a view especially to assisting students, teachers and East European scholars to attend

Next closing date for applications: 1 March 2016

<http://www.classicalassociation.org/grants.html>

Nuffield Foundation: Research and Innovation Grants (UK)

The Nuffield Foundation is inviting applications through its Research and Innovation Grants programme. The Foundation supports charitable and non-profit organisations with creative ideas to identify change or interventions which will have a practical impact for researchers, policy makers, and practitioners. There are currently a number of grants programmes that support research and innovation for beneficial social change:-

- Law in Society
- Children and Families
- Early Years Education and Childcare
- Finances of Ageing
- Economic advantage and Disadvantage
- Education and Open Door which is for projects that advance social wellbeing, but lie outside the Foundation's main programme areas.

Grants are mainly for research (usually carried out in universities or independent research institutes) but are also made for practical developments or innovation (often in voluntary sector organisations). Grants normally range between £10,000 and £350,000.

Next deadline for submitting an outline application: 3 March 2016, 5.30 pm

<http://www.nuffieldfoundation.org/grants-research-and-innovation-projects>

Society for General Microbiology: Microbiology in Schools Fund (UK)

Through the Microbiology in Schools Fund, grants of up to £1,000 are available to schools or individuals that are members of the Society to support microbiology teaching initiatives and events. Grants can be used to support a range of microbiology-related projects. These might include, but are not limited to:-

- Organising a visit to or from a working microbiologist (no more than £200 in expenses may be claimed per visiting microbiologist)
- Running a school- or college-based science week activity (eg hands-on or programme of talks)
- Supporting microbiology activities in an out-of-school science club
- Buying materials and equipment outside of normal department resources to support a microbiology activity
- A class visit to a microbiology laboratory to carry out activities; etc.

Applicants can submit more than one application during the year, but no more than a total of £1,000 will be awarded to a single individual/school during a single calendar year.

Next closing date: 15 March 2015 (for events taking place on or after 1 May 2016)

<http://www.sgm.ac.uk/grants-prizes/education-outreach-funds.cfm/microbiology-in-schools-fund>

Henry Smith's Charity: Holiday Grants for Children (UK)

Through the Henry Smith's Charity, schools and youth groups can apply to the Holiday Grant for Children Programme for activities taking place between 1 February - 30 April 2016. Schools, youth groups and not for profit organisations can apply for grants towards holidays or outings within the UK for children aged 13 and under who are from deprived areas or have a disability. Applications can be considered for holidays or outings which have the objective of providing children with a break they would not otherwise have the opportunity to experience. The maximum grant is usually £2,500 for any one trip. Grants are normally limited to a maximum of two-thirds of the total cost of a trip as the charity would expect some local partnership funding to be in place.

Recently funded projects include: Berridge Junior School received £1,000 towards a day trip to the seaside for 160 school children from a disadvantaged area of Nottingham; Thrybergh Primary School received £2,500 towards a residential trip to an activity centre in Lancashire for a group of disadvantaged children from South Yorkshire; a primary school in inner London received £3,000 towards a trip to Hayling Island for 48 pupils.

Application deadline: 18 March 2016

<http://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/holiday-grants-for-children.html>

The Tree Council: Trees for Schools Fund (UK)

The Tree Council's Trees for Schools Fund is open to projects where the total tree planting costs are between £100 and £700. Any applications where the £700 limit is exceeded will automatically be discounted, even if funds are available from another source to cover the excess. The Tree Council will fund up to 4 fruit trees (but no more than that) on semi-vigorous, vigorous and very vigorous rootstocks. Schools wishing to plant more than 4 fruit trees, please apply to the Orchard Windfalls Fund.

Eligible costs include:

- The cost of the trees and any reasonable cost of necessary supports
- Aids to establishment (stakes, ties and guards, plus fertiliser, mulch and soil amelioration but only where conditions make this appropriate).

The project costs should total at least £100 in order for the application to be eligible for consideration. The school must be able to raise 25% of the planting costs. This grant is open to all schools within the UK with pupils aged 16 or under. Schools must be local authority run or registered as a 'not for profit' organisation and children under the age of 16 must be actively involved in the planting process.

Closing date for applications: 31 March 2016

<http://www.treecouncil.org.uk/Grants/Trees-for-Schools>

Primary Academy Chain Development Grant (PACDG)

Grants are available to primary schools in England to realise the benefits of being part of strong academy chains. The Primary Academy Chain Development Grant provides financial support to enable new clusters of primary schools to build and formalise their partnership, enabling them to achieve their shared vision of improved results, better outcomes and significantly improved standards more quickly. A one-off grant of £75,000 is available, with up to £5,000 awarded per additional primary school (the maximum total claim for a chain is £100,000).

Applicants must consist of:-

- Three schools creating a new MAT. The group of schools applying to convert can include a secondary school but must include a majority of primary schools (or special schools with primary age pupils) and the grant can only be used for the benefit of the primary schools in the chain.
- Stand-alone open academies and schools converting into academies; provided they are setting up a minimum three school MAT with at least two primaries applying to convert (not including a sponsor led school).

All schools eligible to receive the grant will be required to have received their Academy Order before their grant is processed. Existing MATs are not eligible for funding. However, groups of two or more primary schools joining an existing MAT can apply for a one-off grant of £20,000 per primary school (up to a maximum of £80,000). The group must join the existing MAT at the same time; later applications to join the MAT will not be eligible for the grant.

A Small School Supplement is also available for small primary schools (with under 210 pupils) joining a MAT. Primaries with 100 pupils or less are eligible to apply for £5,000 and those with between 100 and 210 pupils are eligible to apply for £2,000. The supplement is intended to provide additional support to the schools in meeting expenses associated with conversion.

Examples of what the grant can be used for include:-

- Covering expenses incurred during the formation and agreement of the chain's new governance arrangements (ie setting up the Multi-Academy Trust).
- Recruitment of a school business manager.
- Putting in place a new executive leadership model.
- Funding and planning work to implement flexible deployment of staff across the partner schools.
- Helping cover some of the costs of consolidating administrative functions across the new chain.
- Restructuring and increasing the internal cross chain school improvement and CPD capacity expertise and best practice to bring about improvements in standards across the board.
- Engaging lawyers or education specialists to assist the implementation of new governance structures.

Application Procedure: to register a request for funding, sign the PACDG finance claim form (Annex B) and send the completed form to: PACDG.Mailbox@education.gsi.gov.uk stating the name of the MAT, LA region and the project lead name in the covering email. Contact details: PACDG Enquiries, Department for Education (DFE), Sanctuary Buildings, Great Smith Street, London, SW1P 3BT Email: PACDG.Mailbox@education.gsi.gov.uk

Application deadline: 31 March 2016

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/academy-conversion-primary-academy-chain-development-grant>

Great Britain Sasakawa Foundation: Cultural and Educational Exchanges with Japan (UK)

Through the Great Britain Sasakawa Foundation, cultural organisations, universities and schools, etc that wish to develop links with Japan and Japanese schools are able to apply for funding. The Foundation's grants average £1,500 - £2,000 and do not normally exceed £5,000 - £6,000 for larger-scale projects. Grants are available to support the study of the Japanese language and culture, School, Education and Youth exchanges. In the past, the Foundation has made grants towards visits the between the UK and Japan between by teachers and young people and the teaching and development of Japanese language and cultural studies in schools.

Organisations that have successfully applied to the Foundation include: Hessle High School and Sixth Form College received £3,000 to visit to Japan to create curriculum on Japan in Key Stage 3 Geography lessons; and Truro College received £2,000 for a football exchange programme with Tokai Daigo High School in Japan.

Next applications deadline: 31 March 2016

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

Royal Institution: STEM E&E (Enrichment and Enhancement) Grant Scheme (UK)

The Royal Institution's STEM E&E (Enrichment and Enhancement) Grant Scheme re-opens for applications in January 2016. Through the scheme, the Royal Institution is offering grants of up to £500 to UK state schools to experience an activity taken from the STEM Directories. STEM is an acronym for science, technology, engineering and mathematics. The scheme is designed to help integrate STEM E&E activities into school practice and to support teachers' professional development. The STEM Directories are an online catalogue of STEM E&E activities offered by organisations across the UK. The activities are described as 'enrichment and enhancement' because they enrich or enhance (go beyond) the school curriculum. The activities are usually events or experiences that cannot be delivered with standard school resources. The grant can be used towards any activity listed on the STEM Directories to cover fees and expenses of the activity provider as well as travel expenses incurred by the school. Any other expenses incurred by the school are not covered. All activities funded by this grant would need to be completed by the end of the 2016 summer term.

Applicants need to be from a state-funded school, academy or sixth-form college in the UK and be a member of the school staff who is involved in teaching maths in that school.

<http://www.stemdirectories.org.uk/maths-grant-scheme/>

Institute of Mathematics: Education Grant Scheme (UK)

Through the Institute of Mathematics, individuals working in secondary schools, Colleges of Further Education (FE) and Higher Education Institutes (HEIs) can apply for a grant to help with the costs of running or attending an educational activity relating to mathematics. A budget of £6,000 for this scheme will be split equally between Schools/Further Education and Higher Education. Grants will be made up to a value of £600. Types of activities supported can include:-

- Hosting a mathematics event, e.g. Maths Trails, Maths Competitions
- Attendance at appropriate conferences, e.g. Mathematics Works
- Travel expenses to attend appropriate events
- Supply cover required for the teacher to attend the appropriate event; etc.

Applications from primary schools are also welcome, but due to the aims of the Institute, primary schools should work in partnership with a secondary school, FE or HEI. Members and non-members of the Institute working in schools FE and HEIs may apply for a grant; however, weight will be given to submissions that clearly benefit the educational establishments of members of the Institute. If the applicant is not a member of the Institute the name of a co-applicant who is a member must be given.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

http://ima.org.uk/about_us/support_and_grants/education_grant_scheme.cfm.html#earn

The Naturesave Trust: Community Renewable Energy Grants (UK)

Naturesave Limited, an ethical insurance company provides funding to support environmental and conservationist projects. The funding is provided by investing 10% of personal insurance premiums into the Naturesave Trust. The Naturesave Trust aims to provide financial assistance to projects which deal with the root of a specific environmental and/or conservationist problem and those that encourage the greater commercial adoption of sustainable development. Financial assistance is available in the form of start-up finance to new organisations which seeks to promote greater awareness of sustainable development or for existing companies and charities which are seeking funding for a specific project.

Recently funded projects: Pilling St John's Primary School which received funding towards the installation of a wind turbine at the school, providing energy and income to the school; and Trees for Health which received funding to set up green woodworking area to utilise local coppice wood in Devon.

Applications can be made at any time.

<http://www.naturesave.co.uk/the-naturesave-trust/>

The Jerusalem Trust: RE Resource Grant Scheme (UK)

The Jerusalem Trust makes available to schools a number of grants to support the purchase of resources for teaching Christianity in Religious Education. These can include: Textbooks; Teacher resources; Artefacts; Videos; Tapes & CD-roms for use in RE lessons.

The fund is open to all primary and secondary schools in the UK, although priority will be given to non-church state secondary schools. Occasionally grants will be awarded to primary schools which have experienced the loss of resources through critical incidents such as fire or flood. The maximum size of any grant is £500.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

<http://www.stapleford-centre.org/resources/re-grants-for-schools>

Hellenic Society: grants to promote the Teaching of Greek (UK)

The Hellenic Society Schools Sub-Committee makes grants to schools to assist projects concerned with the teaching of Greek or Greek civilization. Grants are also made to other bodies with programmes directed at, or of interest to, school pupils. Typically, grants are made for: Books; Teaching materials, classics days or conferences; Greek plays by schools; Summer schools.

Applications from schools planning to start courses in Greek are especially welcome. Applications on behalf of individual pupils or teachers are not normally considered, but a grant may be made to an institution for use as bursaries to individuals at the discretion of that institution. Most grants are in the range £100 - £500, but larger awards are occasionally made.

Next closing date for applications: 1 May 2016

<http://www.hellenicsociety.org.uk/grants/>

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