



**the chase and kings forest**  
COMMUNITY PROJECT

## **Funding Update May 2008**

### **General/Community**

#### **Quartet Community Foundation**

The Quartet Community Foundation is now awarding grants of up to £2000 through its Express Grants Programme. Express grants are available to local voluntary and community groups in need of immediate funding; working with people who are disadvantaged or isolated due to poverty, disability, age, location or culture. The maximum grant is £2000 but older people's groups addressing issues around health and wellbeing may be eligible for grants of up to £2500. Applications can be made at any time.

**FFI:** click on <http://www.quartetcf.org.uk/>

Or call **0117 9897700**

#### **HBOS Foundation**

##### **Community Action Programme**

Through its Community Action programme, the HBOS Foundation makes grants of **up to £10,000** to support a diverse range of local activities. The programme which is available in those communities where the HBOS bank operates is open to registered charities and not for profit local community groups. Projects must fit within two key themes: money advice and financial literacy, and developing and improving local communities. Previous projects funded include a grant of £2,500 to Ravenscliffe Special School in Halifax to purchase an adapted tricycle providing pupils with the opportunity to engage in fun filled exercise sessions whilst providing much needed sensory stimulation and a grant of £2,100 to purchase sensory play equipment, arts and crafts materials and a number of musical instruments for a family support centre based in Perth for children, young people and adults with autistic spectrum disorder. Applications can be made at any time.

**FFI:** <http://www.hbosfoundation.org/index-community.html>

Or write to: **HBOS Foundation**, Po Box No 5, The Mound, Edinburgh, EH1 1YZ

##### **A Large Grants Programme**

Is also open for groups to support a mix of one year and multi-year projects and initiatives. Examples of projects include Citizens Advice & YouthNet who received £300,000 over 3 years to support 16-24 year-olds with financial information and advice; and Place 2Be who received £295,000 over 3 years to extend an early intervention mental health service for children and their families.

**FFI:** click on the link above, and then click on 'Large Grants Programme'.

## Environment/Community Spaces

### Community Spaces Fund

Community Spaces is being managed by Groundwork UK on behalf of a consortium of environmental organisations; it is funded through the Big Lottery Fund with £50 million available to groups. The funding is available for community groups wanting to improve their local environment, by improving or creating play areas, community gardens, parks, wildlife areas, ponds, courts and village greens, etc. Projects must meet one or more of the Community Spaces outcomes, be within a two mile radius of a residential area, and be open to the public for 'most of the time'. This is a **capital programme**, so 75% - 80% of the amount applied for, must be capital. Grants between **£10,000 and £49,999** are available. From summer 2008 a limited number of Large (£50,000 to £100,000) & Flagship grants (£100,000 to £450,000) will be available to community groups. All Community Spaces applications will need to go through a two-stage application process. Stage 1 applications will be available via the Community Spaces website or an Advice Line and once submitted will receive a decision within 10 weeks. If groups are successful at Stage 1 they must agree to work with a Facilitator who will provide help with the Stage 2 application and development/delivery of the project.

**FFI:** click on <http://www.community-spaces.org.uk/>

call the Advice Line - **0845 3 671671**, or email: [info@community-spaces.org.uk](mailto:info@community-spaces.org.uk)

### Access to Nature Grants Programme

Natural England launched a new £25 million **Access to Nature** grants programme on April 28th. Under the scheme, Voluntary and Community Organisations, Charities, Friendly Societies, Industrial and Provident Societies, Charitable Trusts and the Public Sector will be able to apply for grants of between **£50,000 and £500,000** to encourage people from all backgrounds to understand, access and enjoy the natural environment. The scheme is jointly funded by the Big Lottery Fund's **Changing Spaces** programme and Natural England. It will focus on three main themes: community awareness and active participation in the natural environment; education, learning and volunteering; and creating welcoming, well-managed and wildlife-rich places. In addition Natural England will make a small number of larger grants of over £500,000 for Flagship projects which have a national impact and significance.

**FFI:** <http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/leisure/grants-funding/>

Or contact: **0845 6003078**

## **Ecominds**

Mind, the mental health charity, has also been selected as one of the Big Lottery Fund's award partners under its **Changing Spaces** programme. Changing Spaces is a £220- million environmental grants programme focusing on three priority areas – community spaces, local community enterprise and access to the natural environment. Mind has announced that it will launch its **Ecominds** programme in mid-2008. Through this programme, funding will be available to projects that integrate mental health service users into the community via the delivery of environmental projects conducive to good mental and physical health. This can include improving open spaces and wildlife habitats, designing public art and recycling. Projects must meet one or more of three themes: Improve local environments, open spaces, and the countryside whilst making them more accessible and relevant to people's needs; create a greater sense of community ownership of the local environment, with better collaboration between communities and the voluntary and statutory sector; and/or improve social, economic, and environmental sustainability.

Further information about the Ecominds programme such as funding rounds and timelines, eligibility criteria, the application process , etc will be made available shortly.

**FFI:** <http://www.mind.org.uk/ecominds/>

Or call: 0845 7660163

## **Young People**

### **Gulbenkian Foundation's Education Grant Programme**

Support is offered through the Gulbenkian Foundation's Education Grant programme to secondary schools, and agencies who work with them, to implement the part of the KS3 curriculum designed to encourage empathy and understanding between students from different cultures, both within and between schools (i.e. inter-school linking projects, involvement of local community groups etc.). Applications should indicate how the work in question will be disseminated for the benefit of other schools. Support is also offered to youth organisations, and those agencies who work with them, wishing to initiate projects aimed at fostering better relations between young people from different cultures and faiths. Grants offered by the Foundation rarely exceed £15,000. Previously grants awarded include £7,500 towards the costs of promoting cross-cultural dialogue using artistic activities; and a grants of £5,000 towards the costs of a dance residency designed to enable students from a predominantly white and a predominantly South Asian secondary school in Telford to develop a greater understanding of their respective cultural backgrounds. The next **application deadlines** are **23rd May** for the July Meeting and **10th October** for the November Meeting.

**FFI:** click on <http://www.gulbenkian.org.uk/grant-programmes/education>

Call **020 76365313**, or email: [education@gulbenkian.org.uk](mailto:education@gulbenkian.org.uk)

## **Myplace**

The Big Lottery Fund is delivering myplace on behalf of the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF). The programme will run between 2008 and 2010 and will provide grants of between **£1 million and £5 million** for projects that provide young people with exciting and safe places to go in their leisure time where they can get involved in a positive range of activities; allow more young people, particularly the most disadvantaged, participate in positive leisure time activities that support their personal and social development; enable more young people to have access to information, advice and support services from within places they feel comfortable; and that provide for stronger partnership working between local authorities, third, private and public sector partners to plan, deliver and operate financially sustainable youth facilities with and for young people.

All projects will need to demonstrate genuine cross-sector partnership between public sector bodies and third and/or private sector organisations. £160 million will be available to support projects in the first year of which £50 million will be available for fast-track projects that are already well developed and therefore able to submit robust business and capital plans with their application. Application and guidance materials for the first funding round will be available from 6 May 2008. **Regional seminars** are taking place during early May to inform groups about myplace – **May 13<sup>th</sup>** in the South West, in Exeter.

The deadline for fast track applications is the **29<sup>th</sup> July 2008** and the deadline for the standard route is the **30<sup>th</sup> September 2008**. A second funding round of £30m will open in early 2009.

**FFI:** click on

[http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog\\_myplace.htm?regioncode=uk&progStatus=open&status=theProg&title=myplace](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_myplace.htm?regioncode=uk&progStatus=open&status=theProg&title=myplace)

or call the BIG advice line on: **0845 4102030**

## **Hilton in the Community Foundation**

Organisations that work with young people have the opportunity to apply for grants of **up to £50,000** per year through the Hilton Foundation. During 2006, the Foundation made grants totalling over £1.3m to numerous organisations including registered charities and schools for activities and projects that meet one of the Foundation's three chosen areas of focus: Young People – Education; Young People – Health; and Disaster Relief and International Fund. Previously supported projects by the Foundation have included the Palmer Junior School, which received a grant of £2,740 to help send 11 young people on a school field trip, who could otherwise not afford it and Express Link-Up, which received a grant of £10,000 for the provision of 25 laptops and IT equipment to encourage continued education for long-term sick children in hospitals. The next **application deadlines** are **4<sup>th</sup> August 2008** for the September 3<sup>rd</sup> Grants Committee meeting; and **28<sup>th</sup> October 2008**, for the November 29<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**FFI:** <http://www.hilton-foundation.org.uk/home.htm>

Or call: **020 7605 7733**