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COMMUNITY PROJECT

Funding Update May 2009

General/Community

South Glos Grants

2009/10 Capital Grants

From Monday 11th May community and voluntary groups will be able to apply for funding to support capital projects, such as buying or enhancing land or buildings and buying or replacing equipment, machinery and vehicles for projects that bring benefit South Gloucestershire residents.

As in previous years, the funding is mainly available for smaller projects and/or a contribution to part of a larger project of up to a **maximum of £3000** (please refer to the Criteria when making an application). Councillors will then make decisions on the most appropriate allocation during the relevant Area Forum Meetings.

The **closing date** for applications is **Monday 15th June 2009** and they can be submitted via the council's website www.southglos.gov.uk

FFI: contact Paula Meek on the Grants Helpline: **01454 865865** or email: capitalgrants@southglos.gov.uk

Safer & Stronger Communities Groups Initiative Fund – 2009/10

The council has announced an annual fund of **£38,370** for 2009/10, to be invested **across** South Gloucestershire to support the delivery of the council's Safer and Stronger Community Groups (SSCG's) agenda. The application process will be six monthly, with **£19,185** for each round. Any under spend from the first round, will be added to the resource for the second round. The maximum amount to apply for in any round will be **£3000**.

Applications are welcome from:

- all voluntary & community sector organisations that are actively engaged with the Safer & Stronger Community Groups, (SSCG)
- the SSCG's for collective group action, and
- other group partners that support the delivery of actions identified by the SSCG's.

Applications received for Phase One will all be considered within that phase.

Unsuccessful applications will **NOT** be transferred to Phase Two. Applications received

after the first phase deadline of 25th May 2009, will be held until the next bi-annual meeting of the Funding panel.

Application process

All applications need to be discussed, **supported and endorsed** by the relevant **Safer and Stronger Community Group**, and signed off by the chair or acting chair, before they are submitted. Electronically completed application forms are preferred. The accepted applications will be assessed by a funding panel, and a report submitted to Communities and External Affairs and Partnership Development executive members, for final decisions. The decisions will be communicated in writing to the applicant and the Safer and Stronger Group, and funds will be released. On completion of the project/activity, the applicant will be expected to complete an evaluation form. Repeat applications will only be considered on completion of a satisfactory outcome.

The Safer & Stronger funding priorities are:

- Improving community cohesion
- Changing community perceptions
- Reduction in crime/violent crime
- Increase community engagement especially for people that feel excluded
- Tackling drug or alcohol
- Strengthening communities in relation to community safety
- Tackling anti-social behaviour
- Cleaner and safer environment
- Improving quality of life

Deadlines:

Phase One: **25th May 2009**, Phase Two: **28th September 2009**

FFI: Steve Shield, Safer & Stronger Communities Officer, South Gloucestershire Council on: **01454 868760**

The Adventure Capital Fund (ACF)

ACF's next funding round of its **Business Development Grant** scheme opened on the 4th May 2009. The ACF offers a range of investments and support to develop stable and sustainable community based enterprises. Under the Business Development Grant scheme, funding of **up to £15,000** is available to support community enterprises in their early stages of development by developing their skills and capacity. The aim is to improve their investment readiness and sustainability. The Adventure Capital Fund expects to make around 40 Business Development Grants a year. Eligible costs could include: technical assistance and advice, legal or other fees relating to building purchase or development, business planning, training, feasibility studies, market research or product development. To be eligible for funding, organisations need to serve a specific community of interest, in a specific geographical community and be community-led. The next **closing date** for applications will be the **29th May 2009**.

FFI: Telephone: 020 7488 3455, Email: info@adventurecapitalfund.org.uk , or visit: <http://www.adventurecapitalfund.org.uk/content/view/37/51/>

Dulverton Trust

The Trust supports registered charities and organisations with charitable status active in the areas of: Youth and Education, General Welfare, Conservation, Religion, Preservation, Peace and Security and Africa

The Trust provides two principal types of grants:

Major Grants of up to **£25,000** for national or regional projects, whose annual income is below £50 million.

Minor Grants of up to **£3,500** for organisations operating at local or county level, whose annual income is below £400,000. Priority is given to charities working in areas of severe deprivation or rural isolation.

There are no application deadlines and the Trustees meet four times a year to consider applications.

FFI: Telephone: **020 7629 9121**, email: trust@dulverton.org, or visit:

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

Lloyds TSB Foundation: Community Programme

The Foundation awards grants to support small and medium charities that help disadvantaged people to play a fuller role in the community. During 2007 the Foundation made grants totalling in excess of £23 million. Through its Community Programme the Foundation is particularly interested in supporting projects that improve social and community involvement; improve life choices and chances; and are helping people to be heard. They are looking for work that directly or indirectly produces changes and benefits for users/beneficiaries. The Foundation will fund running costs, including salaries to ensure that charities can maintain and develop their core work/services. They also provide funding for projects that build on charities' core work. To be eligible for funding, charities that work locally or regionally must have an income of less than £1 million or £5 million if the charity works on a national level. Grants awarded range from £4,000 to £60,000.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

FFI: contact the regional office on: **0750 078 7750**, email:

southwestcentral@lloydstsbfoundations.org.uk, or visit:

<http://www.lloydstsbfoundations.org.uk/Pages/Welcome.aspx>

Nationwide Foundation Grants Programme

A registered charity set up and funded by the Nationwide Building Society. Funding Programmes include:

The **Investor Programme**. Grants of up to **£300,000** over three years are available to charities with an income not exceeding £10 million a year. The type of issues that the Foundation seeks to address include: financial exclusion affecting disadvantaged groups; housing issues and homelessness amongst vulnerable groups; supporting families and helping prevent family breakdowns. Priority will be given to applications

addressing one or more of these issues. The Foundation will fund core costs. The **closing date** for applications through the Investor Programme is the **31st May 2009**.

Small Grants Programme

This programme offers grants of up to **£5,000** to registered charities with incomes of under £500,000. Applications can be made at any time.

FFI: call **01793 655113**, email: enquiries@nationwidefoundation.org.uk , or visit: <http://www.nationwidefoundation.org.uk/grants.asp#a2>

The Nominet Trust

The Trust are a charity that provides funding to innovative projects which strive to improve and encourage the safe use of the Internet for educational, inclusion and other charitable purposes. They will give grants to organisations that can convince them that their innovative IT-related projects can make a positive difference to these groups - in the UK, developing countries and around the world. **They will consider funding UK-based and international Internet-related initiatives in the sectors of education, research and development, safety and social inclusion.** These initiatives should meet the needs of target groups: the young, the elderly, the disabled and sick, the disadvantaged, and those who are vulnerable.

The projects must: be a new initiative or a distinctive extension of an existing project; be original and innovative - or provide a fresh and different approach to an existing project; have a wide reach or demonstrable potential in the long term; make a significant difference to the users; be through a formal entity or organisation; be capable of delivering what is promised - with risk and mitigation assessed; have the Internet at the core. Organisations wishing to apply need initially to complete an online eligibility questionnaire. Those organisations deemed successful will be provided with a link to a more detailed application form. Grant application will be considered by the board of trustees. They meet in May, August and November 2009. Applicants will hear from the Trust in the month following each meeting.

FFI: call: **01865 334000**, email: enquiries@nominettrust.org.uk , or visit: <http://www.nominettrust.org.uk/index.php>

Government Announces New Fund to Prevent High Street Decline

As part of its plan to prevent the decline of the high street during the economic recession, the Government has announced plans to set up a £3 million fund to help communities find creative ways to reduce the negative impact empty shops by using empty shops for use as cultural, community or learning centres. This would include: The provision of small-scale grants to help with cleaning and decorating vacant premises; basic refit for temporary uses; publicity posters; other activities that can help town centres attract and retain visitors. Other measures identified to bring empty shops back into use include: special planning application waivers; standard interim-use leases and temporarily leasing shops to councils.

FFI: <http://www.communities.gov.uk/news/corporate/1201277>

Children & Young People

Mini Mediabox Open for Applications

Mediabox offers disadvantaged 13 to 19 year olds the opportunity to develop and produce creative media projects, using film, television, print, radio or online platforms. Mediabox has announced that Mini Mediabox is now open for applications. Mini Mediabox provides grants of **£1,500 to £5,000** and is open to grassroots and community youth organisations with a turnover of £100k or under. The scheme which is run by a consortium consisting of First Light Movies, Media Trust, Skillset and the UK Film Council is for young people to: express their own opinions, ideas and views; gain new skills; encourage creativity; boost personal development; get their voices heard. Mini Mediabox has a one-stage application process, designed to be quick and easy. Organisations should know if they have received funding in around 12 weeks. Applications can be submitted at any time.

FFI: Call: **0121 753 4866**, or email: info@media-box.co.uk
<http://www.media-box.co.uk/index.php>

Environment/Community Spaces

The SITA Trust: Enhancing Communities

The SITA Trust supports community and environmental improvement projects within 3 miles of waste treatment and landfill sites owned by the waste management company SITA UK. There is a site locator on the web-site, but there is a landfill site in **Kingswood**: Lafarge Aggregates. Grants are available to not-for-profit organisations including community groups, parish councils, charities, local authorities and voluntary organisations to fund physical improvements to community, sport or historic buildings/structures within 3 miles of a Sita site. Two Grant Schemes are available:

The Large Grant Scheme

For grants of between **£10,001** and **£50,000**. Application deadline:
31st July, 2009 (Board Meeting 13th October 2009).

The Small Grants Scheme

This scheme provides fast-track access to funding for community improvement applications of up to **£10,000** within 3 miles of a qualifying Sita site. Application deadlines:

15th June, 2009 (Board Meeting 18th August 2009)

12th August, 2009 (Board Meeting 13th October 2009)

14th October, 2009 (Board Meeting 15th December)

FFI: Tel: **(01454) 262910**, email: sita.trust@sita.co.uk, or visit:
<http://www.sitatrust.org.uk/apply/community>

Physical Activity/Healthy Living

Sport England: New Fund to Promote Sports in Rural Areas

The Rural Communities Themed Round aims both to address barriers and create new opportunities for participation in sport in rural communities. Applications are invited from a wide range of organisations, from local authorities to sports clubs and smaller community groups, either to modernise or enhance sporting facilities, or provide revenue funding for any aspect of sports development, or a combination of the two. The total funding available is £10 million of National Lottery money.

The overall aim of the programme is to develop projects that encourage people living in rural communities to participate and / or sustain their participation in sport, and help those with talent fulfil their potential.

Successful projects and bids will be directly linked to at least one of Sport England's strategic aims:

- Grow: getting one million people doing more sport and working with the Youth Sport Trust to offer young people at least five hours of high quality sport a week
- Sustain: increasing participants' satisfaction with their sporting experience, and reducing the number of young people aged 16-18 who drop out of sport
- Excel: improving talent development.

The minimum grant available is £10,000, but in order to maximise the positive effect on sport in rural areas, Sport England is explicitly encouraging high value, high impact projects. A significant proportion of the successful bids are expected to be projects requiring National Lottery funding of more than £500,000. A detailed application prospectus for the Rural Communities Themed Round is available on Sport England's website. The closing date for applications is the 30th June 2009.

FFI: Call **08458 508 508**, or email: info@sportengland.org , or visit:

http://funding.sportengland.org/funding_programmes/rural_communities1.aspx

Older People

Rank Foundation Grant Programme

The aim of the Rank Foundation grant programme is to support capital projects in adult member hospices in the UK, which have a direct impact on older patients. This year the Rank Foundation are particularly interested in applications that support Hospice at Home services, such as laptops, other associated information technology, a vehicle or innovative pilot projects that aim to support Hospice at Home services. Grants can be awarded to stand alone Hospice at Home services or to hospices that offer a broad range of services including Hospice at Home. Applications for Hospice at Home will be prioritised over applications of a similar quality for capital projects such as new builds, extensions, ward conversions and renovations. Total available

funding in this round is £116,000 and the foundation are looking to make grants of between **£10,000 and £20,000** each.

Deadline for applications is Thursday **11 June 2009**. The application procedure from initial application to funding decision will usually take up to eight weeks.

FFI: <http://www.helpthehospices.org.uk/our-services/grants/grants-for-uk-organisations/rank-foundation/>

Arts

Virgin Media Shorts Competition 2009

Virgin Media has announced that the Shorts Competition 2009 is now open to submissions. To be eligible to apply you must be over the age of 18 and be a resident in the UK, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands. For the first stage of the application shorts must be submitted online at <http://www.virginmediashorts.co.uk>. The top 12 films will be shown on 214 cinema screens across the UK. Out of the 12 films one will be selected with a £15,000 prize from Virgin Media and the chance to apply to the UK Film Council for up to £15,000 funding to shoot their next film which will be shown on virgin Media platforms. They will also be a special prize for the best film made on a mobile phone -this won't make it onto cinema screens, but it'll be seen by millions everywhere else. Films for this category can be up to 60 seconds including credits. The deadline for submissions is the 22nd June 2009.

<http://www.virginmediashorts.co.uk/>