

Funding Bulletin – Friday 5th March 2010

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AGRICULTURE

Catchment Sensitive Farming Capital Grants

Due to continuing success and high demand from farmers, it has been decided to offer a fourth one-year Catchment Sensitive Farming Capital Grant Scheme in 2010-11. This will be similar to the 2009/10 scheme in terms of the items supported, but there are significant changes in the application and administration process. These will include a different funding mechanism, and will transfer some inspection duties from Natural England to the Regional Development Agencies.

The scheme provides grant aid towards the improvement or installation of facilities that would benefit water quality by reducing diffuse pollution. It is part of the national response to meet the requirements of the Water Framework Directive and is open to farmers in the new and expanded priority catchments added in October 2008. To be eligible, the farm business must be classified as a small or medium-sized enterprise.

It is expected that changes to the funding mechanism will allow up to £7.5 million in Capital Grants to be awarded. The maximum grant available per holding is £8,000.

The scheme is now open to applications with a deadline of 30 April 2010.

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/>

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

Grants for the Arts

Following a temporary suspension to accepting applications whilst changes to the application procedure were introduced, interested parties are advised that Grants for the Arts has re-opened to applications.

There have not been any changes to the programme's eligibility or application criteria: individuals and organisations (ie artists, performers, promoters, arts organisations, local authorities etc) are eligible to apply for funding for time-limited arts-related activities including:

- projects and events;
- research and development;
- education activities;
- bursaries;

- organisational development;
- touring.

Supported activities should generally last up to three years and should engage people in England in arts activities, or help artists and arts organisations in England to carry out their work. Grants to individuals range from £1,000 to £30,000, and grants to organisations range from £1,000 to £100,000.

Application may be made at any time, online, at the website provided below.

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

Colwinston Charitable Trust

The Colwinston Charitable Trust was established in 1995 and distributes grants to organisations working predominantly in the areas of opera, classical music and the visual arts.

Grants of between £5,000 and £25,000 are available for registered charities in the UK (especially Wales) to achieve higher standards of performance and presentation and for projects that assist the appreciation of the art form and attract a wider audience.

Applications should be for projects that benefit persons in the UK and particularly Wales.

The deadline for applications to be considered at the Trust's October 2010 Trustees' meeting is 30 September 2010 (5 pm).

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

Musicians Benevolent Fund - Young Talent Awards

Talented young instrumentalists under 18 years of age are invited to apply for the Musicians Benevolent Fund (MBF) Young Talent Awards 2010. Applications are encouraged from all musical genres including jazz, folk, rock, pop and classical music.

Awards are offered to applicants who are:

- able to demonstrate a high level of musical achievement;

- in financial need;
- under 18; and
- are either British/Irish or resident in the UK or Ireland for at least three consecutive years on 11 June 2010.

Awards range from £200 to £1,000 towards the cost of:

- buying an instrument;
- music lessons with a private teacher; and
- fees or travel expenses for Saturday music centre and colleges.

The closing date for applications is 11 June 2010.

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

Talent Development Fund

By investing in companies and/or organisations that can deliver specialist production and training programmes, Scottish Screen aims to achieve the following:

To develop talent through production, development and training programmes to ensure there is a constant stream of skilled talent in the Scottish screen industry.

To create opportunities for Scottish-based organisations to deliver career development programmes that allow individuals in Scotland to significantly advance their careers and foster relationships and contacts that are useful for the development of the screen industry as a whole.

Funding is available through the Talent Development Fund for the following two investment strands:

- **Development/Production Programmes** - these programmes should combine training, mentoring and an aspect of project development and/or production.
- **Career Development Programmes** - these programmes should provide opportunities for training and/or mentoring but do not have to be focused specifically on the development or production of a project.

The total investment in the Talent Development Fund for 2010/11 is £425,000. The following amounts of funding are available for the Fund's two strands:

Development/Production Programmes:

- minimum award per application: £20,000;
- maximum award per application: £125,000.

Career Development Programmes:

- minimum award per application: £3,000;
- maximum award per application: £75,000.

Applications are invited from companies and organisations operating in the film industry.

Applicants to the Development/Production Programme strand must have a substantive base in Scotland, whereas **applicants to the Career Development Programme investment strand may be based in the UK.**

Applications for single event talent development programmes will be accepted on an ongoing basis until such times as all investment is allocated.

The deadline for applications to run programmes for an extended period (six months or more) is 16 April 2010.

<http://www.scottishscreen.com/>

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BUSINESS

Orange National Business Awards

Designed with the aim of being a significant endorsement of corporate achievement, these awards enable businesses from different industries and sizes to compete on a level playing field.

The National Business Awards comprise 11 categories of award, which include the following:

- The Santander Small to Medium Sized Business of the Year.
- The Orange Innovation Award.
- The Health, Work and Well-being Award.
- The Health, Work and Well-being Award for Small Business.
- The ICAEW Corporate Responsibility Award.
- The Business Link Growth Strategy of the Year.

Any company within the UK, whether public or private, can enter The National Business Awards, regardless of size or industry sector.

Organisations may self-nominate and entries may be submitted for multiple categories. A registration fee of £175 plus VAT is charged per entry, and

applicants must complete the registration form and send the payment to receive an entry form.

The deadline for receipt of entry forms is 23 June 2010.

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

Wood Awards

The Wood Awards aim to recognise, encourage and promote outstanding design, craftsmanship and installation in wood, and celebrate the versatility and unrivalled aesthetic qualities of wood.

Award categories include: Commercial and Public Access; Private/Best Small Project; Structural; Conservation/Restoration; Best Use of British Timber; and Furniture. Judges will also award the Gold Award and Special Awards for Outstanding Design, Outstanding Craftsmanship and Innovation.

Applications are invited from companies and individuals who design and craft with wood in the UK. There is no limit to the number of projects an applicant may enter and the entry fee for each project entered is £30.

The deadline for applications is 21 May 2010.

<http://www.woodawards.com/>

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<http://towns.org.uk/>

COMMUNITY

Elizabeth Finn Care

Elizabeth Finn Care gives money to help people in the UK who have less than £4,000 in savings and manage a bare hand-to-mouth existence due to lack of household income.

The Charity helps people whose former careers have been interrupted or ended through circumstances beyond their control including:

- physical or mental illness;
- redundancy;
- family breakdown; and
- low income in retirement.

Grantees primarily consist of people who have formerly held occupations requiring a degree of responsibility and education. They must be of British or Irish nationality and over 18 years old. There are no geographic or religious restrictions.

Assistance varies depending on individual circumstances. The most usual is a regular allowance transferred to the grantee's bank account once a month. The amount is carefully calculated so that it does not affect any other benefits.

In addition to the regular allowance, in some circumstances, the Charity awards an Extra Needs Gift. This can be used to buy or replace a piece of household equipment, such as a washing machine.

Applications can be made at any time.

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

Hilden Charitable Fund - 2010 Summer Play Schemes Grants Now Open

The Hilden Charitable Fund annually awards grants to help community groups in the UK run summer play schemes for the benefit of children aged five to 18 years from refugee and ethnic minority families.

Grants of around £1,000 are available to voluntary agencies with an income of less than £150,000 running play schemes lasting for two to six weeks.

Summer camps or play schemes with a budget of over £12,000 will not be considered for funding.

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- are practical and visual;
- have an immediate or lasting benefit to the environment; and
- involve volunteers.

Projects could include, for example, clearing woodland, improving biodiversity, litter picks, planting trees and bulbs, creating footpaths, building bird and bat boxes and recycling schemes. Action Earth is particularly keen to encourage projects from socially disadvantaged groups in both urban and rural areas or projects that target volunteers from such communities.

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<http://getdigital.digitalunite.com/>

ENVIRONMENT

WRAP Capital Grant Funding

The Waste & Resources Action Programme (WRAP) has announced a new capital grants programmes for England as follows: Construction Waste Recycling Infrastructure (2008-11).

This Programme has been designed to help support the Government's target of halving waste to landfill by 2012 by providing capital support for investment in processing capacity to enable the construction industry to recycle their waste arisings rather than dispose of them to landfill.

The aim of the programme is to stimulate investment in additional capacity to recycle construction, demolition and excavation waste from construction sites into re-usable materials for reprocessors. Value for money will be assessed against a number of criteria, including additional tonnage diverted from landfill, but will also recognise that the recovery of aggregates from inert waste is now accepted practice in England, so special consideration will be given to projects which provide capacity for recovering non-inert materials such as paper, card and wood.

This Programme offers grant funding for facilities located in England to invest in new or expanded construction, demolition and excavation waste capacity. Operating under the de minimis State Aid Regulations, grants of up to £180,000 and not exceeding 50% of the total eligible costs will be available from 1 April 2010 towards capital costs such as plant, equipment and infrastructure for

projects that will significantly increase the quantity and quality of waste materials recovered, separated and recycled from construction and demolition sites in England.

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EUROPEAN & INTERNATIONAL

DAPHNE Programme

The 2009/2010 Call for Action Grants has been published. Eligible partnerships may apply for up to 80% of the total direct eligible cost of a project. The European Commission's contribution towards a single project in any 12-month period must be between EUR 75,000 and EUR 300,000 and, for a 24-month period, between EUR 150,000 and EUR 600,000.

Priority areas under this Call are as follows:

- Street and peer violence.
- Media violence.
- Corporal punishment of children.

Capacity building of law enforcement agents and legal practitioners related to intimate partner violence.

Field work at grassroots level with involvement of children, young people and/or women, in particular, programmes that aim to empower them to protect themselves and their peers against violence.

Applications are accepted from partnerships involving at least two eligible organisations (minimum of one applicant, plus one partner) from two different EU Member States. If the applicant/partner is from an EFTA/EEA Member State, the project must involve, in addition, at least two eligible organisations from two different EU Member States.

The deadline for applications is 30 April 2010 (noon).

<http://ec.europa.eu/>

Drug Prevention and Information

This programme is one strand of the umbrella programme Fundamental Rights and Justice.

Its general objectives are as follows:

- To prevent and reduce drug use, dependence and drug-related harm.
- To contribute to the improvement of information on drug use.
- To support the implementation of the EU Drugs Strategy.

Eligible participants include local authorities, university departments and research centres in EU Member States.

Projects require a minimum partnership of two organisations from different EU Member States and must have a duration of between 12 and 24 months. Grants awarded will range from EUR 75,000 to EUR 500,000, which may constitute a maximum of 80% of overall project cost.

Projects should start in the first half of 2011.

The deadline for submitting proposals is 28 April 2010 (12 noon).

<http://ec.europa.eu/>

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<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/>

HEALTH

Help the Hospices - Professional Development

Help the Hospices is the national charity for the hospice movement. It supports hospices in the UK in their vital work on the frontline of caring for people facing the end of life and caring for their families.

Professional development grants aim to help improve the quality of care given to patients in need of palliative care (and their families) through supporting the cost of individuals' continuing professional development. Clinical and non-clinical staff working in full UK member hospices of Help the Hospices are eligible for funding towards attending accredited courses (at certificate, diploma and degree level), conferences, and study days. Funding for clinical staff working in associate member hospices are eligible for funding towards courses specifically focused on palliative care.

Until 1 April 2010, grants are awarded at the following levels:

- A maximum of 50% of the course or module fees, up to £750 per year, may be awarded to any one individual for any one course.
- For conferences, a maximum of £75 per day, or 50% of the total cost, whichever is the lower.
- £1,500 is the maximum sum that can be awarded to any one individual over a four-year period.

Following a period of review, the following changes will be made to criteria of the Professional Development grant programme:

- The maximum grant available will be raised to £1,500 per person, per year.
- The four year maximum limit of £1,500 will be removed so that there will now be no maximum, apart from the annual limit mentioned above.

These changes will come into effect on 1 April 2010 and last for 12 months as a pilot. Further information will be reported when available.

In the meantime, applications can be made at any time but should be received at least one month before the start of a course.

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

BUPA Foundation - Philip Poole-Wilson Seed Corn Fund

This Fund invites healthcare professionals involved in research, or university-based researchers with an interest in health or social care, to apply for funding for exploratory/pilot research projects in the following areas:

- Surgery.

- Preventive medicine and epidemiology.
- Health information and communication between patients and health professionals.
- Health at work.
- Mental health of older people.

The Fund has a total of £200,000 per annum to provide individual seed corn grants of up to £20,000 per proposal. The grant awarded should be used to help an applicant develop their ideas, eg to support pilot work, or to bring together a team of people to work on a proposal. It is expected that funded activities will be completed within one year.

In a change to information previously issued, the scheme operates to one deadline a year (was originally meant to be two application rounds a year from 2010). **The annual deadline for the receipt of applications is 31 July, for proposals to be considered at the November Board meeting.**

<http://www.bupafoundation.com/>

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E-Learning Foundation

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Grants of between £1,000 and £10,000 are available, with preference given to small charities who rely on volunteers, will carry out the work themselves and can demonstrate a successful history of projects.

The Foundation welcomes applications from registered charities in England and Wales with an annual turnover of less than £500,000, although other organisations may be considered if they meet the Foundation's eligibility criteria.

The Trustees meet to consider applications in January, April, July and October each year.

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Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust

The Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust awards grant funding to organisations in the UK involved in work to:

- benefit or protect animals;
- relieve animals from suffering;
- conserve wildlife; and
- encourage the understanding of animals.

Grants of between £1,000 and £10,000 are available to UK registered charities involved in animal welfare projects.

The Trust favours applications from:

- registered charities where at least one set of up-to-date published annual accounts is available for inspection;
- smaller UK registered animal welfare charities;
- registered charities which demonstrate an active re-homing and rehabilitation policy for animals taken into their care; and
- registered charities involved with conservation of wildlife, if the rescue, rehabilitation and release of animals is their main aim.

Applications can be made at any time.

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