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GENERAL SPORT

Sportsmatch

Sportsmatch uses money from Sport England to encourage private sponsorship of grassroots community sport, and can award from between £1,000 to £100,000 to match funding from up to five sponsors.

The Sportsmatch programme is accepting applications to help organisations deliver new community projects for adults and young people aged 14 and over.

So if you or one of your clubs have already obtained or are in the process of securing sponsorship from commercial companies, charitable trusts or private individuals, then Sportsmatch could be for you.

Sportsmatch is looking to fund a wide range of projects including:

- community sports coaching projects
- setting up new sports teams
- additional sports equipment
- sports development within existing clubs
- events which increase participation.

More information on Sportsmatch and the application process can be found online at-
www.sportengland.org/funding/sportsmatch.aspx

Text Giving is gr8

You'll be familiar with fundraising sites like Just Giving where people can make online donations to your charity or a specific event, but a percentage is deducted to cover costs.

JustTextGiving is supported by the Vodafone Foundation to provide a completely free text donation service. You need to be a registered charity to sign up, then you set up a code which people text with the size of the donation they want to make. All the donation is passed to you, and donors are asked to give details to add gift aid (a tax refund on the donation), which is passed on as well.

Full details on the website: www.justgiving.com/justtextgiving

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Tesco Charity Trust

The Tesco Charity Trust funds projects in the following categories:

- Children - their education and welfare
- Elderly people and adults and children with disabilities.

The Community Awards Scheme gives grants of £500 - £4,000 to registered charities and not for profit organisations who are working on local projects. There are two rounds of funding in each category per year. Further information and an online application form is available from the website.

Deadlines: Community Awards Scheme 30 Jan (children) 31 March (elderly/people with disabilities).

Website: www.tescopl.com/index.asp?pageid=121#ref_tescocharitytrust&utm_source=Linx+250+-+18+October&utm_campaign=linx250&utm_medium=email

Email: charity.enquiries@uk.tesco.com

Nesta Impact Investments

The latest in a raft of people trying to lend money to social enterprises - innovation charity Nesta launches the Impact Investments fund. The fund is looking to invest in projects that have already shown some promise, particularly those using technology to improve delivery or reduce costs. It is not suitable for ideas still in their very early stages.

It will provide “risk capital” (their words) for innovative social ventures that will boost:

- The health and wellbeing of an ageing population
- The educational attainment and employability of children and young people
- The sustainability of communities

Projects must show that they will make a profit out of this.

The minimum investment will be £150,000, as equity in companies with shares, ‘quasi-equity’ or loans to those that don’t. Investors will expect to see their money back plus inflation after 8 years.

More information about the scheme, and details of what they want to know from you, are on the website.

Website: www.nestainvestments.org.uk

Email: impactinvesting@nesta.org.uk

National Prospectus Grants Programme Now Open (England)

The Department for Education's new National Prospectus Grants Programme will provide up to £30 million per year in 2013-14 and 2014-15 to voluntary and community organisations for projects that will improve outcomes for children, young people and families. Although there is no stated minimum or maximum level of funding, it is thought that most bids will be for between £100,000 and £750,000 per year.

Proposals should be new and innovative and improve outcomes for children, young people and families with a particular emphasis on early intervention and supporting the most disadvantaged.

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Projects must address one of the following priorities:

- Promote excellence in early education and childcare, so enabling all children to achieve success in their early years and later education.
- Develop and reform safeguarding services that protect and support children at risk of harm.
- Develop and reform the care system and speed up the process of adoption.
- Develop and reform services that support children with SEN, disabilities and other health needs.
- Focus and develop local services to support improved outcomes for young people, particularly the most disadvantaged and vulnerable.

Grants can be used for revenue funding such as staff costs, but not for capital purchases. Funding will be available for two years from 1 April 2013.

The closing date for bids is noon on 30 November 2012.

Website: www.education.gov.uk/childrenandyoungpeople/families/a00216108/vcs-funding

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Young Persons Volunteering Fund

The SITA Trust can provide grants of up to £10,000 for volunteering projects owned by 14-25 year olds that give their time create or enhance facilities that can be enjoyed by the wider community.

Further information can be found on their website:

www.sitatrust.org.uk/volunteering?utm_source=Hull+CVS+Newsletter+Governance+and+Funding+-+Issue+23+-+September+2012&utm_campaign=Funding+-+Issue+23&utm_medium=email

News from IdeasTap

IdeasTap have a funding brief open for submissions:

Ideas Fund Innovators is offering 10 groups of young people aged 16-25 £1000 to help get all kinds of creative projects off the ground.

Deadline: 4 January

Website: www.ideastap.com/Opportunities/Brief/77278e05-f0b7-4e69-9932-a0d30118bc65#Overview

Lloyds TSB Enterprise Awards - 2013 Round Open to Britain's Young Businesses

The Lloyds TSB Enterprise Awards will offer students and graduates in England, Scotland and Wales the chance to win up to £50,000.

The aim of the programme is to encourage a culture of young enterprise and support the needs of businesses in their critical early years. Through these awards Lloyds will be searching for the two businesses that it believes stand out

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amongst the many thousands of existing enterprises. The expectation is that the winners will inspire the entrepreneurs of the future.

Two Awards will be made - Best Enterprise and Best Start-up.

There are eight initial heats with cash prizes of either £1,000 (Best Start-up) or £5,000 (Best Enterprise) to be won in each heat. National winners will receive either a £10,000 (Best Start-up) or £50,000 (Best Enterprise) cash investment, together with business mentoring to take their business through to the next phase of growth.

All prize money must be re-invested into the winning businesses (eg in a marketing campaign, to purchase new vehicles or office equipment for the business).

Students aged 18 and above and those who have graduated in the last five years in England, Scotland and Wales may apply. The applicant must have founded or co-founded a business which has been trading for more than a year.

The deadline for receipt of applications is 31 January 2013

Website: www.lloydtsbenterpriseawards.com/

CLUB SUPPORT

Consultation re-opens on Gift Aid small donations scheme

A new Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme is due to be introduced by the government in April 2013, and the draft regulations have now been published for consultation.

The aim of the scheme is to enable charities to claim Gift Aid payments on small donations (up to £20) where it would be difficult to obtain donors' personal information, for example during a bucket collection. Charities will be able to claim on up to £5,000 worth of donations each year, potentially bringing in another £1250 at current rates - if they are eligible. The Institute of Fundraising has raised some concerns about eligibility requirements, including the proposal that charities must already have been claiming Gift Aid payments for three years to benefit from the scheme.

If you'd like to add your own comments to the consultation process, further information about the proposed bill and an email response form for individuals or groups can be found on the HMRC website.

Deadline: 5 December 2012

Websites: www.institute-of-fundraising.org.uk/policy-and-campaigns/campaigns/small-charitable-donation-bill and www.hmrc.gov.uk/drafts/small-donations.htm

For more information on Gift Aid: www.hmrc.gov.uk/individuals/giving/gift-aid.htm?utm_source=Funding+News+email+updates&utm_campaign=dd59bfa538-FN_MAILCHIMP_DAILY&utm_medium=email

Santander Community Plus

Santander Foundation has launched a new fund to support local charities helping disadvantaged people across the UK.

Santander Community Plus will provide grants of up to £5,000 for salaries, equipment or materials. It is open to small local charities or local projects of national charities.

Applications can be made by visiting any one of Santander's 1,300 branches and completing a short nomination form, which can then be dropped off in the special Community Plus postbox in the branch.

Nominations can be made by charities as well as Santander customers and staff. There are no closing dates and entries will be "regularly considered" by a panel of staff drawn from across the region. Successful charities will be notified within two months of submitting their nomination.

More information on the website: www.santanderfoundation.org.uk

£65 Million Advice Services Transition Fund Launched

The Big Lottery Fund and the Cabinet Office have launched a new £65 million grants programme; the Advice Services Transition Fund.

Grants of between £50,000 and £350,000 are available for local not-for-profit providers of advice services in England to continue to give vital help to people and communities in the areas of welfare benefits, debt, housing and employment.

Funding is intended to support partnerships that can demonstrate that they have compelling plans to improve services and make them more viable. The programme is particularly keen to support those partnerships that will work across second tier local authority areas.

The total fund value is £65 million. It is expected that around 30 projects will receive funding. Capital grants are limited to £20,000.

The following types of not-for-profit organisations (civil society organisations) may apply:

- Voluntary and community unincorporated charitable association.
- Registered charity.
- Community benefit society registered as an industrial and provident society.
- Community interest company.
- An organisation of another type not listed above if operating as a social enterprise and reinvesting surpluses for social benefit.

Individual organisations cannot be part of more than one bid.

Project must meet both of the following outcomes:

- Advice organisations collaborate effectively with each other, and other agencies, to improve service outcomes for customers.
- Local advice services are resilient and well-equipped to meet future needs, with more modern and enterprising business models and more diverse sources of funding.

Examples of how partnerships might meet these outcomes include:

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- Early intervention, prevention and education services to enable the earlier resolution of people's problems.
- Organising services around customer needs.
- Sharing services, merging or undertaking other collaborations to improve efficiency and sustainability of services.
- Measuring impact more efficiently and using this information to improve services and policy.
- Increasing the range of channels used to reach those in need of support and advice.

The application deadline is 28 January 2013.

Website: www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_advice_services_transition_fund?regioncode=-uk

Free legal advice

Free Law Direct provides free access to a network of qualified solicitors over the internet. The project aims to assist charities, frontline advice agencies and other not-for-profit organisations, by providing answers to quick legal questions.

Advice agencies can use Free Law Direct to source legal advice for their clients.

Their lawyers can answer questions across a range of business law related issues, including property law, contract law, commercial agreements, dispute resolution, charity law, company law, corporate structure, employment and many more.

They don't offer casework or help with in-depth matters (consider pro bono services for that), and can't guarantee immediate access to a lawyer, or that all questions will be answered.

To find out more about the service, and to submit a question, visit the LawWorks website:

www.lawworks.org.uk/free-law-direct

Changes to Heritage Lottery funding

There are a number of changes happening to the various schemes run by the Heritage Lottery Fund. In a good way though - they will be distributing twice as much money over the next few years as they planned to back in 2008. Existing schemes are being re-designed to incorporate assessment based on the impact they have on heritage, individuals, and communities.

There will also be a number of new and revamped targeted schemes. The significant ones are:

Heritage Enterprise

This new programme will support the repair, adaptation and refurbishment of historic buildings and industrial sites, or groups of buildings, for an end-use that actively contributes to sustainable development in areas experiencing economic disadvantage. Grants: £100,000–£5million available from: Feb 2013

New Places of Worship programme

They will extend the scope of the programme to help make buildings more sustainable in the future, by providing funding for engaging people and for facilities that will enable increased community use and involvement. Grants of £10,000 - £250,000 available from: Dec 2012

It's all set out very clearly on the website, and we'll keep you posted about the new schemes when they are launched.

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Website:

www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/programmes/Summaryofprogrammes2013/Pages/Openprogrammes.aspx#.UJjaoGcRD4t