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heat the home. If the householder is under 60 years of age the boiler to be scrapped must also be in working order. However, householders aged 60 and over can apply regardless of whether the boiler is in working order or not. **The £400 vouchers will be issued from 18 January 2010.**

<http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/Home-improvements-and-products/Heating-and-hot-water/Boiler-scrappage-scheme>

**GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES NEW HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE VOLUNTEERING FUND**

The Department of Health (DH) has announced that its new "Health and Social Care Volunteering Fund" will open for applications in January 2010. This new fund replaces the Opportunities for Volunteering (OFV) scheme which has been running since 1982. The new scheme will continue to support local volunteering projects in health and social care, and open up the floor to national projects to improve health and wellbeing. The scheme will award grants for volunteer projects which could include schemes such as providing friendship and support to vulnerable adults, community services for disabled children and help for those living with and affected by HIV. It will prioritise projects that work towards key aims such as improving adult social care and reducing health inequalities. The Fund will run concurrently with the OFV until 2012 to allow projects already being funded to run their course. The first funding round will be for local projects, followed by a second round later in the year that will support national schemes. Any third sector organisation wishing to run volunteering projects in health or social care will be able to apply for funding. <http://nds.coi.gov.uk/content/detail.aspx?NewsAreaId=2&ReleaseId=409555&SubjectId=2>

### **FAITH IN ACTION FUND ROUND 2 OPENS FOR APPLICATIONS**

The Community Development Foundation has announced that a second funding round for its Faith In Action Programme is now open for applications. Faiths in Action is a £2 million grants programme sponsored by Communities and Local Government and administered by the Community Development Foundation that is open to faith, inter faith, voluntary and community sector organisations at national, regional and local levels in England. The aim of the fund is to support the government's aspiration to help faith communities and others to promote understanding, dialogue and develop strong and sustainable partnerships. The Fund is particularly keen to support projects that focus on the inclusion and participation of women and young people and those which involve partnerships between one or more organisations. Faiths in Action support delivery of the Government document, Face to Face and Side by Side. All applications must therefore directly relate to one or more of the fund's four priorities which are derived from this framework. These are; developing the confidence and skills to "bridge" and "link"; supporting shared spaces for interaction and social action; developing structures and processes which support dialogue and social action; and improving opportunities for learning which build understanding. The maximum grant available is £6,000 and applications can be submitted at any time. <http://www.cdf.org.uk/web/guest/faiths-in-action>

### **YOUNG ROOTS (UK)**

Young Roots offers grants of between £3,000 and £25,000. The scheme aims to involve 13-20 year-olds (up to 25 for those with special needs) in finding out about their heritage, developing skills, building confidence and promoting community involvement. Projects need to be related to the local and culturally varied heritage of the UK. For example, it could involve young people researching a local archive or doing practical casework on a nature reserve. Projects must also show how young people are managing and participating in the project. Projects should promote social inclusion and equal opportunities by involving a wide range of young people of different abilities and cultural backgrounds. Applications can be made at any time. <http://www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/programmes/Pages/youngroots.aspx>

### **OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH SPORTS PROGRAMME (UK)**

Registered charities that wish to support sporting activities or projects which provide opportunities for people who are disabled or otherwise disadvantaged to fulfil their potential and to develop other personal and life skills can apply for funding through the Peter Harrison Foundation "Opportunities through Sports" programme. Grants will often be "one off" grants for capital projects. The Foundation will, however, also consider revenue funding for a new project or if funding is key to the continuing success or survival of an established project. Recent projects supported through the programme include a £30,000 grant to the Swadelands School to enable the school to reach its fundraising target in order to claim a Big Lottery Fund grant for a new multi-gym and dance facility, which will have wide community use; and a £50,000 grant to the Brae Partnership towards the building and running costs of a new riding centre for people with disabilities. In addition the Foundation also operates two funding schemes open to organisations in the South East of England. These are the "Special Needs and Care for Children and Young People programme and the Opportunities through Education Programme. The Peter Harrison Foundation operates a two-stage application process. An initial enquiry to check whether your project might be of interest to the Peter Harrison Foundation and a full application. <http://www.peterharrisonfoundation.org/programme.htm>

### **HBOS FOUNDATION - COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAMME (UK)**

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

### **HENRY SMITH CHARITY**

The Henry Smith Charity awards grant funding to organisations in the United Kingdom, with priority given to work with groups experiencing social and/or economic disadvantage and work that tackles problems in areas of high deprivation. The Charity currently operates the following grant programmes: Main Grants Programme - for capital and revenue grants of £10,000 and over. Small Grants Programme - for small and county grants of between £500 and £20,000. Medical Research - for grants of up to three years for research undertaken by recognised 'Centres of Excellence'. Holiday Grants for Children - one-off grants specifically for holidays or outings for children under the age of 13 who are disabled or who live in areas of high deprivation. Applications are welcomed from organisations working in the following areas of interest: Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME). Carers; Community Service; Disability; Domestic and Sexual Violence; Drugs, Alcohol and Substance Misuse; Ex-Service Men and Women; Family Services, Healthcare; Homelessness; Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender; Mental Health; Older People; Prisoners and Ex-offenders; Prostitution and Trafficking; Refugees and Asylum Seekers; Young People. Potential applicants should note that county grants will only be awarded to small organisations working in the counties with which the Charity has an historical association, ie: Gloucestershire, Hampshire, Kent, Leicestershire, Suffolk, Surrey, East Sussex and West Sussex. Applications can be made at any time. <http://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/grant-programmes.html>

**HLF - SKILLS FOR THE FUTURE**

Skills for the Future, is a £5 million targeted grants programme to support organisations across the UK to create new opportunities for work-based training in the heritage sector. It is hoped that the programme will make an important contribution to helping the heritage sector prepare for, and play a role in, the post-recession economy. Skills for the Future aims to fund projects that provide paid work-based training placements to meet a skills gap in the heritage sector and which fully support trainees to learn practical skills. Grants will be given to organisations or partnerships to plan and deliver a new training programme for a specified number of trainees. Typically, these programmes will provide trainees with an individual plan and enable them to work alongside one or more experienced heritage professionals in the work place. The types of skills to be encouraged by this initiative include, for example: skills to plan, manage and deliver learning programmes for a variety of different audiences; community engagement skills, for example, the skills needed to work with under-represented audiences in heritage; volunteer management skills in heritage settings; interpretation skills, for example, to create engaging and accessible exhibitions; skills to manage the impacts climate change will have on heritage or to reduce the carbon footprint of heritage assets; skills to use digital technology in heritage conservation, learning or participation. Sector-specific skills will also be supported. Grants of between £100,000 and £1 million are available. Supported projects will normally last for up to four years, with some extending to five years, and will provide for training placements of between three and 18 months long. Applications are welcomed from single organisations and partnerships in the UK. Priority is given to not-for-profit organisations and partnerships. Partnerships might be drawn from organisations whose main purpose is to conserve or engage people with heritage; third sector organisations; Sector Skills Councils or local authorities; professional bodies; learning and training providers; private sector companies, for example, specialising in conservation. The deadline for the receipt of applications is 19 March 2010.

<http://legacy.hlf.org.uk/English/HowToApply/OurGrantGivingProgrammes/skills.htm>

**HEDLEY FOUNDATION**

The Hedley Foundation awards grants to registered charities in the UK. Its main objective is to support projects concerned with the education, training and health and welfare of young people in the UK. It also funds projects providing support for carers of disabled people and the terminally ill, and provides funding for the purchase of specialist medical equipment. The average grant awarded is £3,000. Grants are awarded on a one-off basis and may only be used to cover project costs rather than core, revenue, salary or transport costs. The Trustees meet six times a year to consider grant applications. The 2010 meeting dates are as follows: 27 January 2010; 17 March 2010; 19 May 2010; 21 July 2010; 29 September 2010; 24 November 2010. Applications must be received at least three weeks prior to a meeting to be eligible for consideration. <http://www.hedleyfoundation.org.uk/>

**NATIONAL CHURCHES TRUST**

The National Churches Trust provides annual grant funding of £2 million for the restoration and modernisation of places of worship in the UK across three separate funding programmes: The Cornerstone Programme offers grants of at least £40,000 towards major repair projects with estimated costs in excess of £50,000. The Foundation Programme offers a range of grants between £2,500 and £39,000 for structural repairs. The Community Programme awards grants of between £2,500 and £25,000 for the installation of new facilities and any necessary works to enable access to the building and the activities within it. The Trust will consider applications from both listed and unlisted places of worship in the UK that are open for regular public worship and where the congregation is a member or associated member of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland. Applications can be made at any time. <http://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/>

**FIDELIO CHARITABLE TRUST**

The Fidelio Charitable Trust awards funding in support of the Arts in the United Kingdom, particularly the dramatic and operatic arts, music, speech and dance. Grants of up to £5,000 are available to institutions, colleges, arts festivals and other arts organisations that would not otherwise be able to carry out a project or activity without financial

support. Applications are accepted from nominating individuals or institutions who can vouch for the exceptional ability of the proposed grantee and accurately describe the project or activity for which funding is required. The closing dates for receipt of applications are 1 February, 1 June and 1 October each year. <http://www.fideliocharitabletrust.org.uk/index.php>

**ROALD DAHL FOUNDATION**

The Roald Dahl Foundation awards grant funding in the areas of neurology and haematology to hospitals, charities and individuals in the UK and seeks to help children and young people up to the age of 25 years, and their families. Small grants of up to £500 are available to children and young adults up to 25 years old with a medical condition related to neurology and haematology and whose families are dependent on state benefits or have a similarly low income. Applications for individual grants must be submitted on the family's behalf by a social worker or health care professional. Applications for organisation grants of up to £25,000 are welcomed from UK charities and hospitals working in the areas of neurology and haematology. The Foundation prefers to help small or new organisations in favour of long-established, large or national organisations. Applications can be made at any time. <http://www.roalddahlfoundation.org/>

**MONEY SAVING EXPERT (MSE) CHARITY**

The MSE Charity aims to fight financial and consumer illiteracy and is dedicated to educating and informing adults and children about consumer and debt issues. Individuals resident in the United Kingdom over the age of 18 can apply for a grant of up to £500 to help pay towards a recognised and approved course that will help improve their ability to budget and manage their finances. The grant can be used to pay for financial education course fees and other associated expenses. Grants of up to £5,000 are also available for group projects such as self-help groups, workshops and other innovative schemes that seek to educate people about money/debt/consumer issues. The deadline for the next round of group applications is 31 March 2010. <http://www.moneysavingexpert.com/site/mse-charity-fund>

**ACCESS TO NATURE PROGRAMME**

Natural England which is responsible for the sustainable stewardship of the land and sea so that people and nature can thrive, has announced that due to the large number of high quality applications it has decided to bring forward the deadline for applications for the Access to Nature Programme. Natural England have taken this decision in order to avoid a heavily over subscribed programme towards the end of its life with diminishing funds to give out. Access to Nature is now scheduled to close it's: Stage 1 applications by 1st February 2010 and Stage 2 applications by 4th May 2010. Under the scheme, Voluntary and Community Organisations, Charities, Friendly Societies, Industrial and Provident Societies, Charitable Trusts and the Public Sector are 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 focuses on three broad themes: Community awareness of an active participation in the natural environment; Education, learning and volunteering; Creating welcoming, well-managed and wildlife-rich places. <http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/enjoying/outdoorsforall/accessonature/default.aspx>

**THE MARK LEONARD TRUST (UK)**

Not for profit organisations and organisations with a charitable purpose can apply for funding through the Mark Leonard Trust. The Mark Leonard Trust is one of the Sainsbury Family Charitable Trusts and focuses on environmental education in the UK. In particular the Trust seeks to support projects that focus on: Finding practical ways of involving children and young adults; sustainable agriculture and biodiversity; Sustainable transport, energy efficiency and renewable energy and youth work that supports the rehabilitation of young people involved in anti-social or criminal activities. Projects supported in the past have included: A grant of £10,000 to the Federation of City Farms and Community gardens towards a pilot project in Coventry to develop food growing activities in schools; A grant of £10,000 to Plumpton College to complete the construction of an environmentally friendly classroom. Applications to the Trust can be submitted at any time. [http://www.sfct.org.uk/mark\\_leonard.html](http://www.sfct.org.uk/mark_leonard.html)

**PARKS FOR PEOPLE (UK)**

The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) has announced that the next closing date for applications to the Parks for People programme is the 1st March 2010. Launched originally as a joint initiative with the Big Lottery Fund full responsibility for the programme has now passed to the Heritage Lottery Fund Local Authorities as well as not for profit organisations that own public parks and gardens can apply for grants of between £250,000 and £5 million for the regeneration of parks and public gardens (including squares, walks and promenades). Applicants will need to raise at least 30 % of the project costs from their own sources and partnership funding, either as cash or non-cash contributions. The 'Parks for People' programme has a two-stage application process. If a Stage One Pass is awarded, applicants can submit a Stage 2 application. Recent awards include: A £1.84 million grant to restore Castle Park in Fordsham, Cheshire back to its original historic landscape and to improve sports facilities, the play area, and cafe and kiosk facilities. A £3.5million grant to restore the historic landscaping and buildings, upgrading footpaths, entrances, furniture and signage of Brockwell Park which is located between Brixton, Norwood and Dulwich. There are two funding rounds each year and the next closing date for applications is the 1st March 2010. <http://www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/programmes/Pages/parksforpeople.aspx>

**THE THOMAS CHARITABLE FUND**

The Baily Thomas Charitable Fund is a registered charity which was established primarily to aid the research into learning disability and to aid the care and relief of those affected by learning disability by making grants to voluntary organisations within the UK and the Republic of Ireland working in this field. The Trust consider under learning disability the conditions generally referred to as severe learning difficulties, together with autism. In this area, they consider projects concerning children or adults. Learning disability, thus defined, is a priority for funding. They will not offer grants for research into or care of those with mental illness or dyslexia. They offer grants from £250 upwards. The next deadline for applications is 1st May 2010. <http://www.bailythomas.org.uk/>

**SUPPORT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE STARTING UP IN BUSINESS**

Young people wishing to start up their own business may be able to apply for funding and other support measures through the Prince's Trust Business Programme. The programme can provide support to young people who are; aged 18-30; unemployed or working less than 16 hours a week; and living in England or Northern Ireland. The type of support available includes a low interest loan of up to £4,000 (up to £5,000 for a partnership); ongoing advice from a business mentor; access to a wide range of products and services. This includes a free legal helpline, sponsored by Barclays; a grant of up to £1,500 in special circumstances (subject to local availability); and a test marketing grant of up to £250 (subject to local availability). Young people in Scotland aged 18-25 may be eligible. Applications to the programme can be made at any time. [http://www.princes-trust.org.uk/about\\_the\\_trust/what\\_wedo/programmes/business\\_programme.aspx](http://www.princes-trust.org.uk/about_the_trust/what_wedo/programmes/business_programme.aspx)

**LAUNCH OF THE PARTNERSHIP GRANTS SCHEME**

The Partnership Grants Scheme has been established with the overall intention of providing teachers and practicing scientists and engineers with the opportunity to work together to develop imaginative projects for school children aged between 5 and 18. Funded projects will give young people the opportunity to meet and work with science professionals on topics that are exciting, imaginative and relevant to their lives. Grants of between £250 and £3,000 are available. Eligible project costs include travel expenses, materials, the purchase of specialist equipment integral to the activity and teacher supply cover (up to £150 per day), providing the need is fully justified. The first 2010 deadline for receipt of applications is 5 March 2010.

<http://royalsociety.org/>