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large grants scheme twice a year. Grant applications will be considered for the following purposes: Contributions to capital projects (e.g. refurbishments); Capital expenditure items (e.g. furniture/equipment/computers); Contributions towards the purchase or leasing of new Ford vehicles (maximum grant £2,000); General funds (small grants up to £250 only). The next deadline for applications for small grants is the 1st June 2010, and the 4th May 2010 for large grants. <http://www.ford.co.uk/AboutFord/CorporateSocialResponsibility/FordBritainTrust>

COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY GRANTS

The Nature Save Trust has announced that they are now providing start up 'seed corn' grants for community renewable energy projects. The Trust recognises that many lenders and investors may be reluctant to put money into a project at an early stage as it may or may not get past the planning stage. The trust are keen to help communities, in particular, those that do not have the initial start up capital to undertake all the preliminary work to get to the planning stage, and most importantly they would like to see communities retain as much control as possible over the operating income once the project has been successful. For further information on the Community Renewable Energy Grants contact Emma Birch or Matthew Criddle on 01803 864390 or email mail@naturesave.co.uk. http://www.naturesave.co.uk/trust_naturesave.html

BIG CHALLENGE

UnLtd, the charity that supports social enterprises, has announced that the Big Challenge competition will be open for application under a new theme from the end of April 2010. The Big Challenge is a competition for young people funded by Vodafone and youth charity "V", along with Social Enterprise Foundation and competition organisers UnLtd. The contest offers either groups of young people or those working on their own aged between 16 and 25 the chance to win a share of £60,000 funding to carry out projects that use volunteering to help tackle the problems facing the 21st century. This year's Big Challenge theme focuses on bringing communities together. Individuals can apply on their own or in a group with other young people. Applications can be submitted in any creative format and will be shortlisted by UnLtd Youth Leadership Team before a final vote by the public. Successful applicants will get part of the Challenge fund they will have their project costs paid for and support and mentoring over the rest of the Challenge year to make their ideas a reality.

<http://www.bigchallenge.org.uk/default.aspx>

ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE FUND

The Architectural Heritage Fund (AHF), is a registered charity that promotes the conservation and regeneration of historic buildings in the UK and is now open to applications. Grants and low interest working capital loans are available to voluntary organisations and building preservation trusts (BPTs) to regenerate historic buildings to create community and education facilities, workspace and homes. To be eligible to apply for financial assistance organisations must have a charitable status. Any charity with a qualifying project can apply for an options appraisal grant, or a loan, but any other AHF's grants are reserved for BPTs - charities established specially to preserve historic buildings. The project must also involve a change of ownership and/or a change of use. Previously funded projects include

turning a run down historic buildings into community theatres, resource centres, community learning centres, workspaces, places to live, community meeting places, etc. The next deadline for applications is the 13th of May 2010.

<http://www.ahfund.org.uk/index.html>

FUNDING TO PROMOTE FINANCIAL INCLUSION

The Friends Provident Foundation makes grants of up to £200,000 to not-for profit organisations for projects that address financial exclusion within disadvantaged communities. The funding is distributed through the Financial Inclusion Programme 2009-2012. The Foundation will consider applications for work that will make a strategic contribution to the overall outcome of financial inclusion in the UK. The Foundation will consider requests for capital or revenue funding, core funds or project costs. The Foundation is willing to consider applications from any type of legally independent organisation, but can only support work that is legally charitable. Actions previously supported through the Foundation include: Making money management advice available to young people via mobile phones and interactive digital TV. A research project to look at the difficulties that people with a learning disability are having in gaining access to banking services. The next closing date for applications is the 7th May 2010.

<http://www.friendsprovidentfoundation.org/page.asp?section=119§ionTitle=Application%2Btimetable%2Bfor%2Bthe%2BFinancial%2BInclusion%2Bprogramme>

APPLIED RESEARCH FUNDING PROGRAMME

The Carbon Trust has announced that the Applied Research Grants programme will open for applications from the 24th May 2010 and close on the 1st July

2010. Through the programme, up to £500,000 will be available for eligible projects. Applied Research Grant funding is available to businesses, research institutions and other organisations and aims to support the development and commercialisation of technologies which have the potential to reduce UK carbon emissions. A minimum of 40% match funding is required.

There are two stages to the application process: an initial proposal, followed by a full proposal. Previous projects supported include; A grant of £199,162 for low carbon cooling for Telecommunication Basestations ; £150,000 for 1kW demonstrator for Novel Fuel Cell Cathode System.

<http://www.carbontrust.co.uk/technology/appliedresearch/>

PARENT PARTICIPATION GRANTS

The Together for Disabled Children Partnership has announced that the deadline for applications to phase 3 of the Parent Participation Grant Scheme is the 30th April 2010. The Parent Participation Grant Scheme is part of the Aiming High for Disabled Children programme supported by the Department for Children, Schools and Families. A total of £5 million is available between 2008 and 2011 to support the development of the involvement of parent carers in the planning and strategic development of services for disabled children. Under phase 3 of the programme a total of £10,000 is available for each Local Authority area in England to help local groups develop parent participation activities. The Application form and guidelines will be published shortly on the Together for Disabled Children Partnership website

<http://www.togetherfdc.org/Topics/PFundingandGrants.aspx>

Dulverton Trust (UK)

Registered charities and to organisations with charitable status active in the areas of: Youth and Education; General Welfare; Conservation; Religion; Preservation; Peace and Security Africa may have the opportunity to apply for funding through the Dulverton Trust. The Trust provides two principal types of grants. These are: Major grants for national or regional projects; Minor grants of up to £3,500 aimed at organisations operating at local or county level. During 2008 /09 the Trust awarded grants totalling £3 million. The Trustees meet four times a year to consider Major Appeals, in February, May, July and October.

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

THE WOODWARD CHARITABLE TRUST

The Woodward Charitable Trust awards grant funding to organisations in the UK working in the following areas: Social and ethnic minority groups; Prisoners and ex-offenders; Homelessness; People experiencing abuse; Arts outreach work; Disability projects; Environmental projects; Addiction. Small grants of between £100 and £5,000 and large grants of over £5,000 are available to UK registered charities with an annual turnover of less than £250,000. The Trust also awards annual grants to summer playschemes for children between the ages of five and 16 who come from disadvantaged backgrounds. Applications are accepted from UK registered charities with an annual turnover of less than £100,000. Applications are considered at Trustees' meetings twice a year. The deadline for receipt of applications to be considered at the Trust's July 2010 meeting is 24 May 2010. The deadline for summer playscheme grant applications is 1 April 2010. www.woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk/

EAST MIDLANDS GRANT FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

The East Midlands Development Agency is inviting applications from start up and small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) in the East Midlands through the Grant for Research and Development (GRD). The GRD helps businesses carry out research and development work that will lead to technologically innovative products or processes. Applications covering a wide range of technologies will be considered, but they are particularly interested in applicants whose activities are closely aligned to the priority sectors identified in the Regional Economic Strategy. These are: Healthcare; Food and drink; Sustainable construction; Transport technologies. There are four types of grant available each one aimed at supporting different types of research and development projects and offering different levels of assistance. These are: Proof of market projects, offering grants of between £5,000 and £20,000, to test the commercial potential of an idea for an innovative product or process through market assessment and research; Micro Projects, offering grants of between £5,000 and £20,000 to provide assistance to develop a low cost prototype; Research Projects, offering grants of between £20,000 and £100,000, towards assisting to examine the technical and commercial feasibility of innovative technology; Development Projects, offering grants of between £20,000 and £250,000, to carry out research up to pre-production prototype stage of a new product or process which involves a significant technological advance. For more information, please click on the link below.

<http://www.emda.org.uk/grd/>

MUSIC GRANTS FOR OLDER PEOPLE

The registered charity, Concertina makes grants to charitable bodies which provide musical entertainment and related activities for the elderly. The charity is particular keen to support smaller organisations which

might otherwise find it difficult to gain funding. Since its inception in 2004, it has made grants to a wide range of charitable organisations nationwide in England and Wales. These include funds to many care homes for the elderly to provide musical entertainment for their residents. Some of the charities that have received grants from the charity include: Age Concern, Exmouth which received a grant for entertainments for the elderly in Exmouth and surrounding areas; Sue Ryder Care, Lancashire to fund access to music therapy workshops at Birchley Hall near Wigan and St Helen's. The next application deadline is the 30th April 2010.

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

UNLTD SPORTS RELIEF AWARDS

UnLtd Sports Relief Awards, a UK wide funding programme funded by Comic Relief, provides opportunities for young people between 11 and 21 years of age to bring communities together, to help promote understanding and solve problems through sport, arts and recreational activities. There are three types of awards. Try It - Offers grants of up to £1,000 for projects that focus on providing opportunities for young people to come together and engage in new activities; Shape It - Offers grants of up to £5,000 for projects that address issues in local communities; Do It - Offers grants of up to £10,000 for projects that use sport or recreational activities as a solution to a social problem. Examples of the type of projects supported could include an indoor cricket mini-world cup to engage young people from different backgrounds; reduce violence in an area by getting young people to channel their energies into football rather than fighting; or could holding a skateboarding competition for kids that will reduce tensions in the local area. Do It awards will be made every 3 months. Applications to Try It, and Shape It can be made at any time.

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

VOLANT CHARITABLE TRUST

Registered charities whose purpose is to alleviate poverty and social deprivation with particular emphasis on children's and women's issues have the opportunity to apply for funding through the Volant Charitable Trust. The Trust which was set up by the author J K Rowling also supports research into the causes, treatment and possible cures of Multiple Sclerosis. However this funding stream is currently fully committed and is not considering further applications for funding in this area at the present time. In addition the Trustees will as and when appropriate, support disaster appeals. The Trust will support both capital and revenue funding. Applications for funding requests of £10,000 or less, for those projects based in Scotland only, are dealt with by the Trust's appointed agents, the Scottish Community Foundation. The closing date for applications is the 30th July 2010.

<http://www.volanttrust.com/index.html>

BRITISH COUNCIL SCHOOL LINKING VISITS

The British Council has announced a small amount of additional funding has become available to support linking visits with the UK and China, Uganda, Zambia and Japan. Up to £1,000 is available to teachers and headteachers from primary, secondary, and special schools, sixth form and further education colleges to support short visits to a partner school in the above countries to set up a curriculum based partnership or develop an existing link. The programme aims to develop a better understanding of the structure and organisation of the partner school; provide a solid base for the development of a joint curriculum partnership; sharing of best practice. The next application deadline for School Linking Visit funding is the 1st May 2010. For further information please click on the link below.

<http://www.britishcouncil.org/school-partnerships-study-visit-funding.htm>

£22 MILLION INNOVATION BOOST

East Midlands Development Agency (emda), has announced an additional £22 million of funding to help regional businesses to develop and exploit innovative ideas. This extra funding builds on the last three years work to establish and deliver an Innovation Strategy for the East Midlands, and will continue to help and support businesses through four innovation networks (iNets), which have been created in the region's key sector of sustainable construction, food & drink, healthcare & bioscience and transport. The iNet teams also have the funding to provide grants to business for research and development and to undertake collaborative projects with universities.

<http://www.emda.org.uk/news/newsreturn.asp?fileno=3890>

THE GARFIELD WESTON FOUNDATION

The Garfield Weston Foundation offers support to organisations that are registered charities and excepted or exempt charities such as churches, hospitals, educational establishments, museums and housing corporations. Founded in 1958 the Garfield Weston Foundation is a UK based, general grant-giving charity that makes grants in the areas of the Arts, Community Education, Medical, Environment, Health, Religion, Welfare and Youth. Applications are considered individually by the Foundation and the following issues are taken into consideration: The financial viability of the organisation; The degree of need for the project requiring funding; The amount spent on administration and fundraising as compared to the charitable activities; The ability to raise sufficient funding to meet the appeal target; Whether the organisation has appropriate priorities and plans in place to manage its activities. There is no limit on the size of grant. There are no formal deadlines for submitting applications and organisations should allow approximately four months for a final outcome.

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

MUSICIANS BENEVOLENT FUND YOUNG TALENT AWARDS 2010

The Musicians Benevolent Fund Young Talent Awards are an important source of funding for young musicians and are made to those with a high level of musical achievement who are in financial need. In 2009, the Fund distributed over £100,000 through this scheme to more than 180 musically gifted young people with awards ranging from £200 to £1,000. Awards are offered to those who will be under 18 years of age on 1 September in the year of application towards one of the following i) the cost of buying an instrument ii) music lessons with a private teacher iii) fees for a Saturday music centre iv) travel expenses to attend a Saturday music centre. Awards are also offered to those who are aged 18 and about to enter their first year at university or college. Applications from 18 year olds can only be made for instrument purchase. Applicants should be British or Irish or have been resident in the UK or Ireland for at least 3 years on the closing date. The closing date for applications is Friday 11 June 2010.

<http://www.mbf.org.uk/under-18s>

THE HEDLEY FOUNDATION

The Hedley Foundation invites registered charities in the UK to apply for up to £5,000 support mainly young people with their education, creation, support, training, health and welfare. The Foundation also support disabled people and the terminally ill with provision of specialist equipment and support for carers. Last year the Foundation received 1,467 applications, of which less than two-thirds were within their funding criteria. They made 348 grants (averaging £3,000). The Trustees meet six times a year. The closing date for a meeting is three weeks beforehand. For more information on the Foundation including application deadline please click on the link below.

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