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COMIC AND SPORT RELIEF FUNDING

Small, locally based not for profit groups or organisations can apply for a share of an annual pot of £30,000. The maximum award is £10,000, although the average grant is likely to be in the region of £2,000. Priority will be given to applications that provide clear evidence of need and a long term impact on people's lives who are excluded or disadvantaged through low income, rural or social isolation, age, disabilities, race, sexuality or gender. 50% of the annual allocation needs to be spent on projects, which increase access to sport and exercise for people who face social exclusion and isolation. The rest can be spent on schemes, which increase local services, build skills of local people, increase community cohesion and/or respond to local economic needs. This work can cover a small geographical area such as a housing estate or village, but we will also consider work covering a slightly larger area such as a town or borough where there is evidence of community involvement.

What will we fund? Community sport activities, furniture projects, projects providing access to benefits advice, projects combating fuel poverty, community consultation exercises, community employment projects, food co-ops, running and project costs, volunteer training costs. The closing dates for receipt of applications are on 1st October 2009 and 1st April 2010. **For an application form and more information:**Contact Sue Fortune @ Lincolnshire Community Foundation. Telephone (01529) 305825 or email: sue.lincolnshire@btconnect.com is 5pm on the 24th November 2009. <http://www.learninglaunchpad.org/>

SHINE - AWARD FOR INNOVATION IN HEALTHCARE: LAUNCHES TODAY WITH NEW DEADLINE

Shine, which opened to applications today, is a new annual award scheme focusing on innovation in the healthcare service. Each year, a specific topic/challenge will be set with the intention of turning good ideas into good practice. Teams across the health service in the UK will be given the opportunity to develop, test and gather evidence to support their innovative ideas. For 2009, the Shine challenge is: what new approaches to

delivering healthcare can maintain or ideally improve quality while also saving money? In the current financial climate, cost improvements are going to be a key focus of healthcare organisations. By stimulating thinking ideas and action among healthcare professionals, new and innovative ways to release cash – while not losing quality – can be tested in practice. Successful teams from across the healthcare service (e.g. commissioning, primary care, acute care, mental health etc) will be provided with the resource to ensure that successful innovations receive national recognition - a total of £75,000 will be invested in each of 18 successful teams. Supported ideas will also be promoted to policy-makers and NHS leaders. Applications for 2009 must be submitted by 2 November 2009. <http://www.health.org.uk/>

FUNDING FOR THE PROMOTION OF CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

The Rural Payments Agency has announced that it is inviting proposals for funding from trade organisations for promotional activities aimed at increasing the information on, and sales of, certain agricultural products in EU countries. To be eligible for funding the applicant should be an organisation which is representative of the sector to be promoted and must have its registered place of business in a member state of the European Community. Promotional activities should be a coherent set of measures of sufficient scope to contribute towards improving information about and sales of the product concerned, and to have a significant impact on the targeted markets. Where appropriate, they may be implemented on the markets of more than one Member State. The closing date for applications is the 30th November 2009. For information on which agricultural products qualify under this scheme please click on the "more" link. <http://www.rpa.gov.uk/rpa/index.nsf/0/1C64529D286200698025761E002518D3>

CALL FOR PROPOSALS – YOUTH IN ACTION PROGRAMME (UK)

The European Commission has announced a new call for proposals under its Youth in Action Programme. Youth in Action is the Programme the European Union has set up for young people. It aims to inspire a sense of active European citizenship, solidarity and tolerance among young Europeans and to involve them in shaping the Union's future. It promotes mobility within and beyond the EU's borders, non-formal learning and intercultural dialogue, and encourages the inclusion of all young people, regardless of their educational, social and cultural background. This call for proposals aims to support partnership projects with regional or local public bodies (i.e. regions, municipalities, etc.) or with organisations active in the youth sector at the European level in order to develop long-term projects which develop or reinforce long-term actions, strategies and programmes in the field of non-formal learning and youth. The total budget for this call for proposals is €1.2 million and the maximum grant available per project is €100,000. The closing date for applications is the 1st December 2009. http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/youth/funding/2009/call_action_4_6_en.php

NEW FUNDING STREAM ANNOUNCED - RESEARCH INTO PROMISING INNOVATIONS IN HEALTHCARE DELIVERY IN THE NHS

The Service Delivery and Organisation Programme has established a new NHS Evaluations funding stream: EV2001 Research into Promising Innovations in Healthcare Delivery in the NHS. For the first Call, proposals which research or evaluate "promising innovations in healthcare delivery" in the NHS in England and Wales are particularly sought. Successful innovations are likely to have the following four characteristics: Promising innovations in healthcare delivery; Being piloted, tested or implemented in a number of healthcare organisations; Involving the application of ideas or technologies introduced or transferred from other countries, sectors or settings; Have not already been well explored and tested through research. This first Call provides strategic health authorities, NHS Trusts, Primary Care Trusts and other NHS organisations with the opportunity to consider what innovations might benefit from being researched or evaluated. It also gives research organisations/academic institutions the opportunity to make contact and work with strategic health authorities. It is anticipated that around £3 million per year

will be spent through this funding stream once it is well established with two Calls for Proposals each year. Although there is no formal cap on this Call, projects are likely to cost up to £500,000. The first Call for Proposal deadline is 5 November 2009

<http://www.sdo.nihr.ac.uk/>

£16 MILLION TO HELP LOCAL COMMUNITIES TACKLE SURFACE WATER FLOODING

The Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (defra) announced that Environment Secretary Hilary Ben is making available £16 million funding to local communities across England to help them tackle surface water flooding. £9.7 million has been awarded to 77 local authorities for areas where the risk and potential impact of surface water flooding could be highest. Local authorities for all other areas will also be able to bid for a share of £5 million to help them deal with know local flooding problems. Defra will spend £1 million on making training, data and other tools available to help local authorities manage flood risks. Details of how local authorities can bid for the £5 million funding and the criteria will be announced on defra's website in the next few weeks. Innovative proposals for tackling surface water flooding especially in rural areas, will particularly be welcome. <http://www.defra.gov.uk/news/2009/090818a.htm>

COMMUNITY RADIO FUND (UK)

Ofcom's Community Radio Fund's second round for application in 2009/10 will open in October and close in November 2009 (dates tbc). Under the fund, Community Radio Stations can apply for funding to support their core running costs. These can include: Management; Administration, financial management & reporting costs; Fundraising to support the station; Community outreach work; Costs involved in using volunteers. There is no upper limit of grant that can be applied for, however, the minimum grant is £5,000. Grants can only be made to community radio licensees, which are broadcasting under a community radio licence (and not an RSL, for example). The average grant in the last round was of £15,564.

http://www.ofcom.org.uk/radio/ifi/rbl/community_radio/Communityfund/

RURAL ECONOMY AND LAND USE PROGRAMME (RELU) - CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The Rural Economy and Land Use Programme (RELU), with additional funding from the Natural Environment Research Council (NERC), has issued a Call for Proposals on the theme of 'Adapting Rural Living and Land Use to Environmental Change'. The Call has the following two objectives: To build networks and capacity for creative knowledge exchange and learning between researchers and policy makers, businesses, practitioners, local communities and the wider public, with a view to strengthening adaptive capacities, primarily within the UK. To explore and promote novel approaches and partnerships for interdisciplinary research, and analysis on living with environmental change in rural contexts. This may include synthesis of previous research activity in this field and identification of new research needs. Funded projects must give full regard to both objectives of the Call; any research and analysis undertaken will be small-scale and supportive of the primary objectives. In addition, all applications must integrate natural and social science components. The natural science component may be drawn from the biological or environmental sciences or both. All applicants that would normally be eligible for funding from any one of the three Research Councils involved in this Call (ESRC, BBSRC or NERC) are eligible to apply under this scheme. In addition, applications may also be made by researchers based at agencies of DEFRA and the Scottish Government's main research providers. Individual applications are expected to be in the range of £100,000 to £200,000 and projects should last for a period of up to 18 months. It is expected that approximately ten projects will be funded. The deadline for applications is 28 October 2009 (4 pm). It is expected that successful projects will commence in June/July 2010. <http://www.relu.ac.uk/>

CABE EDUCATION GRANTS

For the third year, CABE (the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment) is offering six grants of up to £1,500 to schools in England to offer exemplary learning experiences inspired by the built environment. The grants are available through a competitive application process and fund projects that take place between December 2009 and 31 March 2010. Schools can apply under one of five categories. These include: Projects that engage young people in thinking about how buildings and places can be adapted and better designed to reduce their negative impact on the planet; Projects that take advantage of a new school build, refurbishment or school grounds project to help pupils to think about good design and participate in changes to their school environment; Projects that use the rich source of learning opportunities right on our doorstep through visits, on-site explorations and creative work.; Projects that make the most of wider learning opportunities and extend young people's voice and presence in their community; Projects which transform pupils understanding of the design process and opens their eyes to new ways of looking, thinking and doing. Previous Education Grant winners include: **Sittingbourne Community College, Kent.** The college used the grant to develop a Building Schools for the Future design think tank, an extension to the current student consultation process. The purpose of the think tank was to investigate and analyse – what makes successful learning and teaching environments? The group of 'think tank' pupils visited recently completed local Building Schools for the Future schools, critically comparing what has made them successful. Using film footage, interviews, photographs and written work, they recorded their findings and presented them back to the rest of their school. These presentations will be the catalyst for the wider school consultation. Information on other previous winners can be accessed [here](http://www.cabe.org.uk/education/grants/2008-09) <http://www.cabe.org.uk/education/grants/2008-09> The deadline for applications is 5pm on Monday the 9th November 2009. <http://www.cabe.org.uk/education/grants>

SECOND CALL FOR PROPOSALS UNDER THE BILATERAL AGREEMENT

The Arts and Humanities Research Council and the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft of the Federal Republic of Germany (DFG) have announced the second call for proposals under their bilateral agreement to facilitate collaborations between arts and humanities researchers in the UK and Germany. AHRC and DFG are seeking to support applications that cut across their national boundaries and involve collaborative teams of UK- and German based researchers, and cover specially those arts and humanities fields which are common to both AHRC and DFG. The total budget for this call is of £2M/2.6M Euros. The deadline for applications is the 30th November 2009. <http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/News/Latest/Pages/AHRCDFGBilateralagreement.aspx>

THE LAW SOCIETY CHARITY

The Law Society Charity, was set up in 1974 by the Law Society as a charitable fund. The Law Society Charity supports voluntary sector organisations whose work is related to the law and the legal profession, and whose activities would be likely to benefit from funds made available on behalf of solicitors. Projects that will be considered for support are those that help meet the charity's aims and objectives criteria which are; the education of the public in legal matters; the maintenance of high standards of legal education; supporting members of the profession in need; supporting local law societies and groups; joint ventures with charities, particularly the charitable arms of firms of solicitors; international work to promote human rights. Organisations supported in the past include; The Citizenship Foundation; LawCare; Solicitors' Diversity Access Scheme; and International Lawyers for Africa. The deadline for applications is the 9th December 2009.. <http://www.lawsociety.org.uk/aboutlawsociety/charity/lcharity.page>

ROYAL SOCIETY'S FELLOWSHIPS SCHEME

The Industry Fellowships Scheme is now open to applications. The scheme aims to enhance knowledge transfer in science and technology between those in industry and those in academia. It provides opportunities for an academic scientist to work on a collaborative project with industry, or someone employed in industry to work on a collaborative project with a university department or a not-for-

profit research organisation. The scheme supports projects at any stage from fundamental science to industry innovation. Applicants can be of any nationality and should be at a stage in their career when they would particularly benefit from establishing or strengthening personal and corporate links between the two sectors as a foundation for long-term future collaboration and development. They should hold a PhD or be of equivalent standing in their profession and hold a permanent post in either a UK university, a UK not-for-profit research organisation (e.g. the Marine Biological Association) or UK industry. Research expenses of up to £2,000 a year may be claimed. The application deadline for round 1 is the 14th October 2009. <http://royalsociety.org/funding.asp?id=1125>

£4 MILLION GRANTS ANNOUNCED THROUGH GALLERIES IMPROVEMENT FUND (UK)

Grants totalling £4 million to help improve displays and facilities at 34 museums throughout the UK have been announced by the Government. The grants, jointly funded by the Culture Department and the Wolfson Foundation, include; £300,000 for the Bowes Museum in County Durham to refurbish three galleries containing one of the largest collections of Spanish painting in Britain; £150,000 for HMS Belfast, one of the Imperial War Museum's five branches, to allow it to reinterpret the ship's historic command and control centre; and £150,000 for the Wiltshire Heritage Museum in Devizes to create a new Bronze Age Gallery to house material excavated from the heart of the Stonehenge World Heritage site. This is the eighth annual round of a joint fund, which DCMS runs in partnership with the Wolfson Foundation. There is an annual total of £4 million, to which DCMS and the Foundation contribute £2 million each. With the agreement of the Wolfson Foundation, the DCMS have decided to a pause in new awards next year (2010-11). This will allow both parties to assess what the Fund has achieved in the last eight years and use this as a basis for looking at how it could add value in future years.. <http://nds.coi.gov.uk/content/detail.aspx?NewsAreaId=2&ReleaseID=406201&SubjectId=2>

COMMUNITYBUILDERS FUND TO OPEN IN EARLY SEPTEMBER

The Adventure Capital Fund (ACF) has announced that the Government's £70m Communitybuilders fund will open for applications in early September 2009. The aim of the programme is to help build more cohesive, engaged and active communities through investment in community-led organisations looking to develop long-term viability. Communitybuilders is designed to help community-led organisations work towards long-term financial stability and away from grant dependency so they can continue to meet the needs of their communities for future generations. Communitybuilders will provide a mix of loans, grants and mentoring support to a range of community anchor-type organisations across England. These have been organised into three investment packages. These are a development package consisting of bespoke business support based on an initial needs assessment and leadership grants of £2,000 for staff development and training; a feasibility package consisting of further business support of up to 5 days and grants of up to £20,000 to use towards project development of a growth plan. Grants of up to £75,000 and 30 days of support will be available for larger projects; and investment packages tailored for investees who are ready to develop, grow and expand their role within the community. Investment will consist primarily of loans between £50,000 and £2,000,000 offered at 5% for an initial three-year period of a ten year loan term. Organisations can find more information on the fund, including investment packages and full associated eligibility criteria, and register their interest at the website below or by calling 0191 261 5200. <http://www.communitybuildersfund.org.uk/>

FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY FACILITIES

The SITA Trust which is a funding organisation that supports community and environmental improvement projects around waste treatment and landfill sites owned by the waste management company SITA UK has announced that the next application deadlines under its enhancing communities programme are the 24th November 2009 for its Large Grants programme and the 14th October 2009 for its Small Grants programme. Under its Large Grant programme grants of between £10,001 and £50,000 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. The Small Grants Scheme provides fast-track access to funding for community improvement applications of up to £10,000 within 3 miles of a qualifying Sita site. Previous projects funded include: Richmond Canoe Club, which received a grant of £25,000 for the Richmond Canoe Club Refurbishment Project. This project renovated the premises to bring the facilities up-to-date an accessible by a wider variety of people, including young people and youth organisations. The Trust's funding contributed towards a new efficient heating system, toilets, changing and access facilities suitable for people with disabilities as well as re-flooring the gymnasium and plastering of outer walls. <http://www.sitatrust.org.uk/community-funding>

2010 COMMONWEALTH WRITERS' PRIZE OPEN FOR ENTRIES (UK)

Entry for the 2010 Commonwealth Writers' Prize is now open for fiction for both established and new writers. The Prize celebrates cutting-edge fiction across four regions of the Commonwealth: Africa; Canada and Caribbean; South Asia and Europe and South East Asia and Pacific. Last year more than 350 entries were received with the regional winners emerging from Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Nigeria, Pakistan, South Africa and the UK. Eight regional winners in the Best Book and Best First Book categories will receive £1,000 each. From these regions, the overall winner for the Best Book will receive £10,000 and the winner for the Best First Book will receive £5,000. The deadline for entries is the 15th November 2009. <http://www.commonwealthfoundation.com/news/news/detail.cfm?id=551>

UK FILM COUNCIL FUNDING TO SUPPORT DIGITAL INNOVATION IN FILM DISTRIBUTION (UK)

UK Film Council has announced that they are trialling an earlier application process within its Prints and Advertising Fund, to support distributors in harnessing the internet to transform the way British audiences discover and engage with films. The fund supports the distribution and marketing strategy of 'specialised' films. Up to five Grants of up to £30,000 are available for digital promotional and marketing materials such as; creating digital assets such as clips, trailers, podcasts, stills, etc; developing social media elements such as blogs, widgets and social networking profiles; interactive websites; and viral marketing. In addition to film distributors, rights holders can also apply for funding if the film they planning to distribute is not yet completed, so long as the intention to theatrically distribute in the UK can be clearly demonstrated. The deadline for this new application process is the 31st March 2010. <http://www.ukfilmcouncil.org.uk/15846>

INFORMATION MEASURES RELATING TO THE COMMON AGRICULTURAL POLICY

The European Commission has announced that the next call for proposals under its Information Measures Relating to the Common Agricultural Policy programme will open in September 2009. Under its Information Measures Relating to the Common Agricultural Policy programme, the European Commission provides grants to organisations to explain and promote the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) to farmers and to raise public awareness of CAP issues and objectives. Funding will be available to projects that distribute information through broadcast media, the Internet, the press, or through conferences and seminars. In previous years grants of between £12,500 and £100,000 were made available. The closing date for applications will be the 31st October 2009. Projects funded through this programme will need to be implemented between the 1st May 2010 and the 30th April 2011. http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/grants/capinfo/index_en.htm