

AVAILABLE FUNDING FOR SPORT & PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

NATIONAL FUNDING:

AWARDS FOR ALL (A4A)

From April 2006, Awards for All will give grants from £300 to £10 000 and in 2006-07 they have £60 million available

What it is:

Awards for All is a Lottery grants scheme for local communities and will fund projects that can be completed within 12 months. Organisations can receive up to £10 000 in any 2 year period.

The aims of Awards for All are to fund projects that benefit people in need in your community and meet one or more of the following aims:

- **Extend access and participation** by encouraging more people to become actively involved in local groups and projects, and by supporting activities that aim to be open and accessible to everyone who wishes to take part;
- **Increase skill and creativity** by supporting activities which help to develop people and organisations, encourage talent and raise standards;

Improve Quality of life by supporting local projects that improve people's opportunities, health, welfare, environment or local facilities

Who can Apply?

A range of organisations can apply. You must be:

- A not for profit group with a governing document such as a constitution, a bank or building society account and a set of accounts.
- A parish or town council
- School
- Health body

How to Apply:

Contact Awards for All for an application pack that includes a simple application form with guidance notes. This is available in a variety of community languages and formats, including CD Rom with screen reading software. You can apply at any time and you will need to explain what project will take place if you get a grant, how you know that people in the community need your project, how it meets one or more of the aims and how much it will cost. A decision should be made within 8 weeks of receiving your completed application.

Phone: 0845 600 2040 or download application form from: www.awardsforall.org.uk

BIG LOTTERY YOUNG PEOPLES FUND

Visit www.biglotteryfund.org.uk for grants between £5,000 and £150,000 over a three year period to projects working with young people aged 11 -18. You will need to be contributing to the Children's Act outcomes (being healthy, staying safe, enjoying and achieving, making a positive contribution, economic well-being) to gain funding. You submit an outline proposal, which is assessed by your local regional office and if accepted you then complete a full application form. There is no closing date: this is a rolling programme.

There are also smaller grants from £250 to £5000 to help individuals and small groups of young people run a project in their area.

CENTRAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING

Visit www.governmentfunding.org.uk for details of grants to the voluntary and community sector (VCS) from the Department for Education and Skills, Department of Health, Home Office, Office of the Deputy Prime Minister, Government Offices for the Regions. The government wants a strong, vibrant and diverse VCS delivering quality services and this is where you will find out about new initiatives you can be funded to deliver.

Examples of grants include:

- **Connected Fund Round 5:**
 - **Awarding department:** Home Office
 - **Maximum grant value:** £5,000
 - **Description:** The Home Office Connected Fund is designed to support small, locally managed community groups and organisations tackling gun and knife crime and gang issues in their local areas. This can be through kick-starting new initiatives or boosting ongoing projects, or through help with capacity building. Due to high demand in previous rounds the criteria has been altered. Applicants should read the criteria carefully to determine whether they are eligible for funding.
- **Connecting Communities Plus – Community Grants**
 - **Awarding department:** Home Office
 - **Maximum grant value:** £12,000
 - **Description:** Connecting Communities Plus is a grants programme designed to support practical action to help achieve the goals set out in *Improving Opportunity, Strengthening Society*, the government's strategy to increase race equality and improve community cohesion. The programme follows the existing Connecting Communities grant programme which ended in March 2006. The grants will facilitate tailored initiatives to meet the specific needs of disadvantaged communities, rather than treating all BME communities in the same way. Community Grants are aimed at locally run and managed voluntary and community organisations with an income of less than £50,000 per year, run by volunteers or with one full time or two part time paid staff.

- **Local Network Fund for Children & Young People**
 - **Awarding department:** Department for Education and Skills
 - **Maximum grant value:** £7,000
 - **Description:** The Local Network Fund for Children and Young People provides small grants and capacity building support for small voluntary organisations working with children and young people. The object of the Fund is to enable communities to develop projects and activities for children and young people with limited opportunities or access to services that many young people take for granted.

CHURCH URBAN FUND

This fund is designed to help projects tackle poverty and marginalisation in urban areas of England. It aims to benefit people who are socially, culturally, spiritually, environmentally and financially disadvantaged. Grants are not restricted on the basis of religious beliefs and the fund welcomes applications from ethnic minority groups and from other faith-based organisations. Grants can be up to £30,000 and a small initiatives fund goes up to £2,000. Guidance and applications forms are available from www.cuf.org.uk.

COLSON FELLOWSHIP FUND

- Grants can be made to individuals and groups participating in all aspects of leadership training.
- Grants can also be made to assist in the provision of any one of the British Sports Trust Sports Leader Awards run for UK citizens within the UK.
- Priority will be given to applications from groups aimed at the “disadvantaged” and for individuals who are “socially disadvantaged”.
- Applications should be made prior to April and October, as they will be assessed twice per year in May and November.
- The minimum grant will be £100 whilst the maximum grant will be £1000.
- Completed application forms should be sent to:

Colson Applications
Sports Leaders UK
23-25 Linford Forum
Rockingham Drive
Linford Wood
Milton Keynes
MK14 6LY

Contact Youth Active for further information



THE BIG BOOST

The Big Boost is an awards programme that supports young people who are keen to get involved in their communities. The awards, which will run for two years from the 1st November 2005, will help young people set up and run projects that will make a lasting difference to them as well as to the communities they live in. A Big Boost Award is cash plus the support to help young people make their ideas a reality. Funded by the Big Lottery Fund, the programme awards grants of between £250 and £5,000 to help individuals and small groups of people aged 11-25, deliver projects in their local areas. Applications can be made at any time.

For more details go to <http://www.thebigboost.org.uk/index.php>.

THE HBOS FOUNDATION

The HBOS Foundation was established in May 2002 following the merger of Halifax & Bank of Scotland. They fund national and regional programmes that operate within the two key themes of money advice and financial literacy and 'developing and improving local communities'. Properly constituted voluntary organisations are encouraged to apply as they have earmarked £20m over a five-year period. For further information call the helpline on 0845 673 2005 or download the application form from www.hbosfoundation.org.

THE SPORT RELIEF CONFLICT PROGRAMME

This programme aims to support projects working to reduce tension and conflict and tackle divisions between young people in geographical areas across the UK. It invites applications from partnerships of organisations who will use sport and leisure activities to engage young people and help them address the divisions and conflicts they experience in their communities. Up to £3m is available in this grants round. See www.comicrelief.com.



REGIONAL FUNDING:

FRANCIS C SCOTT CHARITABLE TRUST

This trust supports charities that address community deprivation in Cumbria & North Lancashire and grants are available for both capital and running costs. Priority is given to projects aimed at young people aged between 0 and 19. Potential applicants are advised to ring first to find out if your project is likely to be eligible. (Tel: 01539 741610).

For more information see the website at www.fcsct.org.uk

JACK PETCHEY FOUNDATION

The Jack Petchey Foundation gives grants to programmes and projects that benefit young people aged 11 - 25. Grants are given through different programmes including: Achievement Award Scheme, Leader Award Scheme, Projects Grants and Sponsorship. Grants are given for groups in London boroughs and West Essex only.

More information from www.jackpetcheyfoundation.org.uk.

LLOYDS TSB FOUNDATIONS

There are four independent Lloyds TSB Foundations, one each for England and Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland and the Channel Islands. The trust aims to offer regionally based, grass roots support to projects working in social and community needs, training and education. £22.5m is available for 2005. The average grant in 2004 was £5,800.

Application forms can be downloaded from www.lloydstsbfoundations.org.uk and must be returned by post. Projects are advised to contact their regional office for advice before completing the form, (see their website for contact details of each regional office).