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## FUNDING NEWS – April 2018

### Funding to Celebrate Armed Forces Day - Saturday 30 June 2018 (UK)

The Ministry of Defence (MoD) is offering funding of up to 50% for community celebration events and activities taking place on or around Saturday 24 June 2017 - Armed Forces Day 2018.

Grants of up to £10,000 to cover up to 50% of the costs involved in running and event may be awarded. This could include:

- Picnic in the park
- Themed BBQ
- Knees up in your living room
- Street party
- Fête

Event organisers should in the first instance register their event on the Armed Forces Day website. Local councils, community organisations, schools, ex-service organisations and individuals in the UK are eligible to apply for events that:

- Are held within 2 weeks of the Armed Forces Day, including the weekends i.e. between Saturday 23 June – Sunday 8 July
- Have 'Armed Forces' in the event title
- Are relevant to today's serving Armed Forces
- Have free access to members of the 'Armed Forces Family' – Serving personnel, Veterans, Cadets and their Families (though charges may be made for parking, programs etc.)
- Are not centred around Fundraising or Recruitment

The Armed Forces Day website provides ideas, inspiration and resources including posters and decoration ideas; there is a dedicated resource page for schools that includes assembly kits.

The deadline for submitting applications is Monday 30th April 2018

<https://www.armedforcesday.org.uk/get-involved/organise-your-own-event/>

## **Funding to Support the Development of Small Charities & Social Enterprises**

The Fore Trust has announced that the next funding round to support the development of small charities, social enterprises and community interest companies will open for registrations on the 3rd April 2018 at 10 am.

The Trust is offering development funding of up to £30,000 and business support to expand the capacity of small charities, social enterprises and community interest companies. To qualify applicant organisations will need to have a turnover of less than £1 million per year).

To apply for funding, organisations must register at the start of each funding round. Numbers for each round are capped and registration are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Once the cap is reached, the round is closed. Once successfully registered, organisations are invited to submit a simple application.

The closing date will be the 30th April 2018 with funding decisions announced on the 13th July 2018.

<http://www.thefore.org/charities/>

## **Nesta Announces Good Help Awards (UK)**

Innovation foundation 'Nesta' has launched the Good Help Award for practitioners running innovative 'good help' programmes which have the potential to transform public services across the country.

A first prize of £15,000 and two further prizes of £5,000 each will be awarded to three organisations that are taking a creative approach to helping people manage and overcome a range of issues - from long-term health conditions and homelessness to unemployment and special educational needs.

The Award is open to anyone offering 'good help' in the UK through an established project, programme or service where the seven elements of Good Help (identified in research by Nesta and OSCA - a social impact hub) are practiced. These are:

- Power sharing - sharing control over decisions rather than directing
- Enabling conversations - helping people to think through what's important to them and why, and helping them come up with their own solutions
- Tailoring - helping people define their own purpose and goals, in the context of their personal circumstances
- Scaffolding - supporting people to sustain change over time, by helping people to make first steps with support and further steps by themselves
- Role modelling and peer support - helping people develop relationships which give them support and inspiration to make changes
- Opportunity making - creating opportunities or removing barriers, such as brokering relationships or practical changes to free up time or address financial constraints
- Transparency - giving people access to all relevant information in a timely way, such as test results.
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The deadline for entries is 18 May 2018.

<http://goodhelp.challenges.org/>

## **Funding for Church Based Social Action Projects**

The Cinnamon Project Lab competition is looking for ambitious church-based social action projects that want to develop their initiatives so other churches can replicate them.

Two winners will receive a prize from Cinnamon Network and Mercers' Company consisting of a development grant of £30,000, plus support from the Cinnamon Incubator which includes: expert coaching, world class professional advice, targeted marketing and access to industry and government contacts.

Project Lab 2018 is specifically looking for projects that respond to social need in Black, Asian or Minority Ethnic (BAME) communities.

<http://www.cinnamonnetwork.co.uk/project-lab/>

## **Youth Hostel Association Grant Scheme Opens for Applications**

The Youth Hostel Association's (YHA's) Educational Breaks Programme has re-opened for applications and will close on the 1st May 2018. Grants of up to 50% of the costs of taking up to 10 students aged between 8 and 18 on an educational break are available; where members of the group are eligible for pupil premium and where they face additional social challenges.

Schools, registered charities, community and voluntary organisations can apply on the behalf of any individual or group of young people who meet the criteria.

Priority will be given to groups that include children who are experiencing exceptionally difficult circumstances.

<http://www.yha.org.uk/apply-support>

## **Grants of up to £300,000 for Community Businesses**

Power to Change Trust's £10 million Community Business Fund will re-open for applications on 24th April 2018. Grants of between £50,000 and £300,000 will be available to existing community businesses in England looking to progress towards self-sufficiency. Previous grants have been awarded to a wide range of businesses including Community hubs.

The Community Business Fund only awards grants to incorporated organisations who are:

- Locally rooted
- Accountable to the community
- Trading for the benefit of the local community
- Delivering broad community impact.

Grants can be awarded towards:

- Capital costs including building, vehicles, equipment of significant value, refurbishment costs.
- Project-specific revenue costs like staff costs, professional fees, volunteer costs.
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The closing date for applications will be the 22nd May 2018.

<https://www.powertochange.org.uk/funding/grants/community-business-fund/>

## **Reaching Communities Programme Re-opens for Applications**

The Big Lottery Fund has announced that its Reaching Communities Programme has re-opened for applications. Reaching Communities provide grants of over £10,000 to help improve local communities and the lives of people most in need, including hard to reach communities. You can apply if you are a:

- Voluntary and community organisation
- Social enterprise
- Group of organisations, as long as they are led by a voluntary and community organisations or social enterprise
- School
- Statutory body (including town, parish or community council)
- Community interest company.

During this financial £190 million will be available for projects that address one or more of the following outcomes:

- Bring people together and build strong relationships in and across communities;
- Improve the places and spaces that matter to communities;
- Enable more people to fulfil their potential by working to address issues at the earliest possible stage.

<https://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/reaching-communities-england#section-4>

## **Funding to Help Community Businesses Become Sustainable**

Power to Change Trust's Community Business Fund will reopen on 24th April 2018. Grants of between £50,000 – £300,000 will be available to existing community businesses looking to progress towards self-sufficiency. Businesses supported will be locally rooted; accountable to the community; trading for the benefit of the local community and delivering broad community impact by addressing at least one of the following seven core impact areas:

- Reduce social isolation
- Improve health and wellbeing
- Increase employability
- Create better access to basic services
- Improve local environment
- Enable greater community cohesion
- Foster greater community pride and empowerment

Grants can cover up to 75% of revenue costs for the project e.g. staff salaries, professional fees, 75% of building-related capital and 100% of other capital costs e.g. the purchase of a vehicle. Applicants will be expected to demonstrate that other sources of funding have been or will shortly be confirmed. Projects can last up to three years.

Previous grants have been awarded to a wide range of businesses including: community libraries, bakeries, pubs, farms, hubs, transport, energy schemes, art centres and construction organisations.

The closing date for applications is midnight on the 22nd May 2018.

<https://www.powertochange.org.uk/funding/grants/community-business-fund/>

## **Funding Available for Adults and Children with Physical Disabilities**

Individuals and charitable organisations within the UK can apply for grants of up to £10,000 (£5,000 for individuals) to support the needs of adults and children with physical disabilities in England.

Funding is available to assist those individuals with a disability to improve their physical, psychological and emotional well-being. In the case for funding for individuals applications must be supported and completed by a third-party sponsor. A sponsor could be, for example, a health/personal care professional, social worker or charity /support group representative.

The Trustees meet twice yearly in April and October with successful applicants being advised by 1st May and 1st November each year.

<http://www.bushco.co.uk/the-paul-bush-foundation-trust/>

## **Henry Smith Charity: Improving Lives Grant Programme**

The Henry Smith Charity provides grants of between £20,000 and £60,000 per year for up to three years to charitable organisations that help people when other sources of support have failed, are inappropriate, or are simply not available

Grants can cover running costs, salaries and project costs for organisations that can demonstrate a track record of success and evidence the effectiveness of their work. Eligible organisations include charities and not-for-profit organisations (including social enterprises) in the UK with a turnover of £50,000 - £2million (in exceptional circumstances up to £5million).

Applications can be submitted at any time and decisions are usually made within 6 months.

<https://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/explore-our-grants-and-apply/improving-lives-grants-programme/improving-lives-grants-programme-overview/>

## **Grants of up to £5,000 Available to Support the Performing Arts and the Conservation of Historic Objects**

The Leche Trust has announced that the next closing date for applications is the 20th April 2018. The Leche Trust is a grant making charity that provides funding of up to £5,000 to UK registered charities, public authorities or institutions in the areas of the Performing Arts and Conservation.

Through the Performing Arts funding strand, the Trust supports projects that promote excellence in professional performance in music, dance and theatre, with particular emphasis on new work and on the development of young professionals aged 18 or over. Trustees are sympathetic to projects that widen geographical access to the performing arts, for example through festivals and touring.

Through the Conservation funding stream, the Trust will support projects to conserve historic objects, collections and features of buildings and landscapes which date from the Georgian period or earlier, i.e. pre-1830s. Projects may include acquisition costs (for objects) and conservation surveys as well as remedial work. Trustees are inclined to give grants to smaller projects, or specific elements of projects, where their contribution can make a greater impact. In the case of churches, Trustees will consider supporting

the conservation of such features as monuments, wall paintings, stained glass, and historic furniture and fittings.

<http://www.lechetrust.org/funding-guidelines.htm>

## **Tudor Trust Issues New Grant Application Guidelines**

Tudor Trust has just issued updated grant application guidelines. The Trust particularly wants to help smaller, community-led organisations that work directly with people who are at the margins of society i.e. organisations that support positive changes in people's lives and in their communities.

The Trust aims to provide flexible funding that is responsive to the needs identified by organisations themselves; grants take the form of core funding i.e. including salaries, overheads and day-to-day running costs. The Trust is more likely to fund organisations with an annual income of less than £1 million; in practice around 77% of grants awarded went to groups with an annual income of less than £500,000. There is no maximum or minimum grant, however, grants of less than £10,000 are rare. Grants can cover one, two or three years work. Applications can be submitted at any time.

<http://tudortrust.org.uk/how-to-apply>

## **Capital Grants of up to £1,000 Available to Arts and Heritage Organisations**

Small charities and not for profit organisations working in the areas of local heritage and the performing and visual arts can currently apply for funding through the Lady Neville Charity grants programme. Eligible organisations can apply for capital grants of up to £1,000 (e.g., equipment, capital building works, etc). Trustees may also consider funding towards one-off anniversary events that are not part of core activities.

<https://www.skippers.org.uk/grants-and-trusts/the-lady-neville-charity/>

## **Funding for Football Equipment and Facilities**

Grants of up to £10,000 are available to schools, grass roots football clubs, local authorities and professional and semi-professional football clubs and their associated community organisations that are looking to refurbish their existing or develop new football facilities. The funding is available through the Football Foundation's Premier League & the FA Facilities Fund Small Grants Scheme and can be used to buy capital items such as portable floodlights, storage containers and other equipment; or to refurbish/improve existing facilities.

The grants awarded cannot exceed 50% of the total project cost. The Football Foundation strongly recommend that applicants use the pre-application advice offered on our behalf by The FA and the network of County FAs around England. This will normally involve completing the FA's Football Facilities Enquiry Form (FEF) first, which will help The FA to learn more about a project and determine the best way to support the applicant organisation. Applications can be submitted at any time.

<https://www.footballfoundation.org.uk/funding-schemes/premier-league-the-fa-facilities-fund-small-grants-scheme/>

## **Building Better Communities Programme Opens for Nominations**

Jewson's Building Better Communities programme, which supports community buildings across the UK has re-opened for nominations. The Fund awards a Top Regional prize of £50,000 (split equally between labour and building materials costs) and multiple prizes ranging from £500 to £10,000 from a total pot of £250,000.

Local Trade Heroes (which seeks to celebrate construction workers who play a big role in their community) can also win £50,000 worth of building materials to enable them to complete worthy projects such as new sports club changing rooms, much-needed play area for children or improve community buildings. Local projects can also apply for building materials worth between £500 and £10,000 to improve their local community building from a regional prize fund.

To participate, entrants must submit all the required details of their nominated community building project via the website below or via Jewson's Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/jewsonUK](http://www.facebook.com/jewsonUK)). Shortlisted projects will be announced on the 6th May 2018. Shortlisted projects will face a public vote. Public voting runs from the 22nd May 2018. <https://www.buildingbettercommunities.co.uk/>

## **Funding for Music-Making Projects for Children and Young People**

Arts Council England has announced that an additional £38.6 million of funding is being made available to fund music-making projects for children and young people in challenging circumstances. In a programme running from 2018 to 2022, will award grants of £2,000 to £160,000 to charities, not for profit organisations and schools for diverse, creative and inclusive music-making projects involving children and young people. The funding is being awarded through Youth Music, a national charity investing in music-making projects for children and young people experiencing challenging circumstances. <http://network.youthmusic.org.uk/Funding/about-youth-musics-grants-programme>

## **Grants of up to £5,000 Available for Projects that Help the Homeless**

Homeless charities can now apply for grants of up to £5,000 for projects that aim to help homeless people resume a normal life. The grants are available for capital costs. Applications are accepted from Homeless charities with an annual turnover of less than £1 million. The closing date for applications is the 15th June 2018. <http://www.help-the-homeless.org.uk/applying-for-funding/>

## **Ofcom Community Radio Fund**

The community radio fund supports the core running costs of Community Radio Stations. These can include:

- management costs
- Administration
- Community outreach
- Financial management and reporting costs
- Fundraising
- Volunteer organisation and support

Maximum grant: Discretionary. However the average grant is £15,000.

Deadline: 2 May 2018

<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/tv-radio-and-on-demand/information-for-industry/radio-broadcasters/community-radio-fund>

## **Thomas Wall Trust**

Will consider applications for grants of up to £1,000, for small charities running specific projects or activities. Projects must aim to serve the educational and social needs of the community.

It must be clear how a grant of this size will make a significant contribution to the project or activity.

Please read the eligibility criteria before making an application.

<http://www.thomaswalltrust.org.uk/grants-for-registered-charities/>

**If you would like help with any of the above funding programmes or advice on any aspect of funding or group development please contact**

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