



Tayside Biodiversity Partnership Funding Newsletter

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INTRODUCTION

There was excellent feedback to the first issue of the Partnership's Funding Newsletter and we hope this second issue will be equally useful in your search for project funding.

If you can suggest other sources of funding of interest to the Newsletter's readers, please send details so that they can be included in the next edition. The copy date for issue 3 will be 1st July 2005

Please also pass this issue to anyone who may find it of interest

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BIODIVERSITY ACTION GRANT SCHEME

The closing date for applications for the next round of BAGS grants is now the end of March. Enquiries to the Scottish Biodiversity Forum team — Tel: 0131 244 4071 or check out the Scottish Executive's website: www.scotland.gov.uk/biodiversity

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FUNDING LATEST

Awards for All Scotland have announced various changes including:

- A new application pack and a shorter 6 page application form
- A shorter turnaround time for applications. This is currently 6 weeks
- The income limit of £20,000 for organisations has been removed, except for arts and sports projects (though the Community Fund and Heritage Lottery Fund will give a lower priority for larger organisations)
- Foreign trips can now be funded, except if the trip has an arts and sports focus.

Chances of Success—The number of applications to Awards for All has dropped in the last two years by 37% but those applying have increased their chances of success—from 55% to 70%. First time applicants have an even higher chance of success at 76%. However, 30% of groups have their application forms returned to them as they are incomplete. The main reasons are not including an original bank statement, sending the wrong set of accounts or not meeting the aims of the scheme.

The new form can be downloaded from:
www.awardsforall.org.uk/scotland

European Social Fund (ESF) Objective 3 Programme 2000-2006

This programme supports training and development activity across Lowland Scotland. There are 5 Priorities and within these specific Measures for eligible activity.

Measure 2.3 (addressing Rural Exclusion), Measure 2.4 (Capacity Building), Priority 3 (Lifelong Learning), Measures 4A.1, 4B.1, (Competitive Economy) and Priority 5 (Addressing Gender Imbalance) are on a rolling programme ie projects can be submitted at any time and have a shorter approval period.

New changes just announced indicate that the rolling programme will continue until all funds are committed. Applications can still be submitted any time, but will not be assessed on a quarterly rather than on-going basis. You should aim to submit a bid as early as possible but at least four weeks prior to the date of the advisory group meeting. If the number of recommended approvals is greater than the funds available, a reserve list will be drawn up.

Application Dates

Decision

21 December—21 March 2005
22 March—20 June 2005
21 June—19 September 2005

25 April 2005
25 July 2005
24 October 2005



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HERITAGE FUNDS

Heritage Lottery Fund Bursaries

The Scheme—work based training and skills development to address the decline in traditional craft skills eg drystone walling, masonry or customer services at heritage sites.

Eligibility—community organisations, companies and local authorities are all eligible to apply.

To Apply—applications will be in two stages—the first stage requires only expressions of interest. For further information, visit website: www.hlf.org.uk/hlfbursaries or email: hlfbursaries@hlf.org.uk or telephone Clare Bridgewater on 020 7591 6024.

FRESH FUTURES

Fresh Futures distributes Lottery monies under the **Transforming your Space** programme in Scotland. The programme offers funding for projects that:

- Improve the quality or appearance of the local environment. For example projects may tackle local eyesores and pollution, or address the safety and design of the street environment, or tackle litter, graffiti and vandalism.
- Transform or create green and open spaces for use by local people. Public green and open spaces cover a range of types, from play areas and river margins to public parks.
- Create or improve local walking or cycling routes that offer recreational opportunities, or provide a safer and more pleasant route to services and should contribute to the reduction of traffic pollution and congestion.
- Create or upgrade a local public garden amenity that brings social, environmental and economic benefits for the community.
- Increase the sustainability of community assets. For example, projects might ??? Community building, improve its surroundings, or make it easier for the community to manage.

If you want to find out more about the programme or the event or discuss your project ideas, contact Linda Caston, External Funding Officer on 01307 473760.

THE MacROBERT TRUST

The Scheme—the major categories under which the trustees consider support are: youth, science and technology; services and sea; ex-servicemen's hospital and homes education; disabled and handicapped; community welfare.

Minor categories include: agriculture and horticulture; arts and music; medical care.

Amount—Grants vary but mostly between £5,000 and £10,000. Occasionally trustees make a recurring grant of up to three years.

Eligibility—voluntary organisations which need funds to complement those already received from central government and local authority sources. However, this is not to say that the trust makes a grant where statutory bodies fail to provide. Will make core/revenue grants where appropriate but favour projects.

To Apply—go to www.themacroberttrust.org.uk

MUSEUM/EXHIBITIONS

Illuminate

The Scheme - an award for museums, galleries, science and discovery centres to encourage them to breathe new life into existing collections and exhibitions.

Eligibility—all applicants should be registered charities or other not-for-profit organisations, open to the public and with permanent collections or displays.

Amount—Between autumn 2004 and spring 2006 £1million will be available to support new approaches to existing collections and displays. Eligible organisations are invited to apply for funding from £2,000 up to £80,000, or £120,000 for organisations working in partnership.

To Apply—contact NESTA, Fishermongers' Chambers, 110 Upper Thames Street, London EC4R 3TW, phone the enquiry line on 020 7645 9538 or go to www.nesta.org.uk/illuminate/

Deadline—10 January 2005 with two further rounds in 2005.

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FREE BANKING

Community Directplus is a free banking service provided by the Co-operative Bank and aimed at community groups. The bank has also set up a donation fund available for customers of the new account, giving them the opportunity to apply for project funding to support their own by calling 0800 783 4741 or call Martin Honor on 0161 829 5072.

LOAN FINANCE

Loan finance offers a flexible and complementary way of funding. It could be used as bridging finance when grant funding is delayed, to cover shortfalls in funding or to buy premises or equipment. A guide to using loans for community benefit has been published by Social Investment Scotland and the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations.

The following organisations also lend to charitable enterprises.

Social Investment Scotland—provide loan finance to not for profit distributing organisations.

The Charity Bank—for communities and organisations that commercial lenders can't or won't assist.

Triodos Bank—professional, competitive, financial services to charities across Europe.

Unity Trust Bank—a specialist bank for charities, voluntary organisations and social enterprises.

Esmee Fairbairn Foundation—they have a £3 million funding offering loans to the UK voluntary sector.



GRANT MAKING TRUSTS

Co-op Community Dividend Fund—grants of up to £3,000 for projects that fulfil a community need and give long-term benefit.

Foundation for Sports and Arts—Assists the creation or maintenance of facilities and opportunities for the general community to assist arts or sports provision that the community can enjoy. Phone 0151 259 5505.

The Gannochy Trust—concentrates on the needs of youth and recreation but supports a wide range of causes but with a preference for the Perth area. Phone 01738 620653.

Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland—supports a wide range of activities that fall within the broad areas of Social and Community Needs, and Education and Training.

Scottish Community Project Fund—grants of up to 31,500 for community-led organisations wishing to employ an architect or other professional to prepare a feasibility study for building or environmental improvement projects.

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CSV ACTION EARTH

A grant of up to £50 is available to Community Groups to support a local environmental project. The grant promotion runs from January to June.

www.actionearth.org.uk

WIDER ACCESS FUNDS

The Scheme—new guidelines are now available and priorities for the fund are tackling poverty, building safer, stronger communities and helping to support people back into work. Projects may involve health, educational achievement, community safety, helping people into jobs, transport, environmental initiatives affordable credit, building confidence.

Eligibility—registered social landlords or voluntary organisations specifically supporting RSL's wider role activities.

Amount—£8 million is available this financial year.

To Apply—for guidelines and further details www.communitiesscotland.gov.uk/Web/Site/Whatwedo/Wider_Role.asp To discuss your project idea and get help with your application contact Callum McNicoll, Communities Scotland, 5/F Nethergate Business Centre, 35 Yeaman Shore, Dundee, DD1 4BU. Tel: 01382 427500 callum.mcnicoll@communitiesscotland.gsi.gov.uk

Deadline—None



NEW IDEAS FUND

The Scheme— provides grants to community and voluntary groups in disadvantaged areas or working with disadvantaged groups to assess the feasibility of new ideas and to develop and build support for new and innovative approaches to regeneration. Examples of things that the New Ideas Fund could help pay for are: developing and testing new ideas, raising awareness of an idea, assessing the feasibility of an idea, building confidence within the community to take the idea forward or getting help from consultants to assess the feasibility of an idea.

Eligibility—To qualify for a grant, applications must aim to develop new ideas that: are innovative, contribute to regeneration at a local level, respond to local needs and priorities, have the support of local people, as well as giving value for money.

Amount—between £100 and £5,000 is available.

To Apply—you **must** contact your local Communities Scotland Area Office to discuss your idea before you complete and submit an application form. Contact Suzi Fox, Social Justice Team, 5/F Nethergate Business Centre, 35 Yeaman Shore, Dundee, DD1 4BU. Tel: 01382 427515.

Deadline—None.

WHOLE FARM REVIEW

The Scheme—a pilot scheme to help farmers improve their businesses is to be extended across Scotland.

Amount—80% grant assistance towards the cost of a business review by accredited farm business advisers, up to a cost of 31,450.

To Apply—contact Herb McLeod, Farm Business Advisor at the Business Gateway Angus, 61 Marketgate, Arbroath, Tel: 01241 870563 or email herb.mcleod@bgateway.co.uk

Deadline—applications will be considered on a first come, first served basis, up to the limit of the budget available.

TUDOR TRUST

The Tudor Trust (www.tudortrust.org.uk) This trust offer grants of between £10,000—£60,000 and a minimum of £1,000 and a few over £100,000. They are quite specific about what they fund and change their funding priorities every 6 months. From October 2004—March 2005 they will include: **Community**—community resources/centres set up and run by locals, community managed green spaces in urban areas, gypsy/traveller communities.

TAYSIDE RURAL DEVELOPMENT FACILITATORS PROJECT

The Scheme—to support groups and seed corn funding for activities that benefit rural Tayside. Grants to fund work that enhances the capability of rural communities and businesses to jointly identify and develop opportunities that will contribute to their economic and social infrastructure.

Eligibility—rural community organisations or groups of small businesses that have/intend to have a joint working agreement. The eligible area in Angus is upland Angus—the Angus glens down to and including Kirriemuir and Brechin. Examples of recent projects are:

- Glenisla Group—grant to help a group of businesses regenerate their area (June 2004)

Amount—maximum £10,000

To Apply—to discuss your project, contact Prue Dowie, Project Officer for Angus on 01307 473770 or by email on dowiep@angus.gov.uk

Deadline—none, but this project ends 31 December 2005

THE WOMEN'S FUND

The Scheme—funding for community organisations supporting women's personal development or involvement in their communities.

Eligibility—Groups should have a constitution and the project should have a social welfare or a community development theme, eg encouraging women to improve their local communities. Grants will be awarded to organisations run by and for women and organisations which seek to support and empower women.

Amount—small grants of up to £1,000 and main grants of up to £5,000.

To Apply—download an application form and the accompanying guidance notes from www.scottishcommunityfoundation.com/grants/womensfund/ from the Main Grants or Small Grants sections. Alternatively, contact the Scottish Community Foundation at 126 Canongate, Edinburgh, EH8 8DD tel: 0131 524 0300 or 0141 2256670.

Deadline—31 December 2004. For grants for events for International Women's Day on 8 March 2005 the deadline for applications is 15 January 2005.



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TUBNEY TRUST

The scheme—supports the conservation of the natural environment through achievement of Biodiversity Action Plan targets and improvement of the welfare of farmed animals both in the UK and internationally. Land acquisition, landowner advisory projects and endangered species protection are eligible for funding if the project is focused on high current or potential biodiversity value.

Amount—minimum £30,000—no maximum level of grant, though sums are finite.

To apply—contact **The Tubney Charitable Trust**, First Floor, Front Wing, 30-31 Friar Street, Reading, RG1 1DX. Tel: 0118 958 6100, Email: info@tubney.org.uk or go to www.tubney.org.uk where you may apply on line for stage one.

Deadline—There is a rolling two-stage application process. Second stage detailed applications are by invitation only.

VISIT SCOTLAND CHALLENGE FUND

Visitscotland Challenge Fund—NEW GRANT

The Scheme—a new fund to support collaborative marketing activities from groups of businesses in the tourism industry to extend current marketing activity or test a new market or activity which could bring additional visitors.

It is one year funding for UK wide marketing activity eg print production, advertising, attending trade events/exhibitions, direct mail, on-line communications, market research. A minimum of three organisations must be involved.

Amount—maximum of 50% costs from £2.5k—£50k.

To apply—contact Angus and Dundee Tourist Board, Castle Street, Dundee, DD1 3AA, Tel: 01382 527527 or email: enquiries@angusanddundee.co.uk to discuss your project and receive an application form. Further details on the fund and a sample application form are also available from their website at this address.

www.scotexchange.net/business_development/challenge_fund.htm.

Deadline—September 2005.

Round Two—30th June 2005 for activity October 2005—March 2006. Outcome will be announced within 30 days

RURAL TAYSIDE LEADER

The Scheme—to assist rural communities by improving the quality of life and economic prosperity. The key theme of the Rural Tayside programme is *'adding value to local products in particular by facilitating market access for small production units by way of collective actions'*. There is a supplementary theme of *'use of know how and new technology to make products and services more competitive'*. Priority areas are: agriculture and food, forestry, craft industries, creative and cultural industries and tourism. In addition there is a focus on community enterprise. This is predominantly a revenue grant programme although small amounts of capital investments may be allowed.

Eligibility—rural community groups and groups of small businesses may apply. Certain rural areas, mainly south of Forfar, are ineligible so please check.

Amount—up to a maximum of 50% of project costs.

To apply—contact Gillian Lochhead at Scottish Enterprise Tayside, North Lindsay Street, Dundee on 01382 305562.

Deadline—11 March 2005 and every two months thereafter. Decisions will be announced after 12th May.

TREES FOR SCHOOLS

The Tree Council provides grants for projects costing up to £700 (25% of the costs must come from the school and evidence for this funding must be submitted with the application). The deadline for applications seeking funding in 2005 is the **31st of May**. All applications will be considered together after this date. Tree planting will take place during National Tree Week, 23rd November to 4th December 2005 and should involve the school's pupils. More information and application forms are available from:

www.treecouncil.org.uk



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PUBLICATIONS

Getting value from consultants—a practical guide for trustees

A step-by-step guide to getting value from consultants, from project inception to contract completion
By T. Akpeki and T. Temkin pbk 20 pages. ISBN 07199 1623 2 Price £7.99

How to spin your greenspace project and secure resources

A resource pack detailing 47 funding sources for greenspace projects is now available to download free of charge from the Greenspace Scotland website at www.greenspacescotland.org.uk

WEBSITES

Angus Association of Voluntary Organisations has a revamped website and a new website address. It is now at www.aavo.org.uk

Environment Awards.net is a fast, effective way to find funding for community-led projects on waste minimisation, recycling and resource management. This database already contains info on over 100 grants, so register for free and take a look at www.environmentalawards.net/envawards/awardsearch/

[Http://www.angus.gov.uk/externalfunding/default.html](http://www.angus.gov.uk/externalfunding/default.html) takes you to the **Angus Funding News** online.

Online news about Scotland's rural community is available at www.ruralgateway.org.uk and there is also a useful funding section. You can also sign up for their free regular email alert service.

Big Lottery Fund www.biglotteryfund.org.uk
New Opportunities Fund www.nof.org.uk
Community Fund www.community-fund.org.uk
Awards for All www.awardsforall.org.uk/scotland
Heritage Lottery Fund www.hlf.org.uk
Scottish Arts Council www.scottisharts.org.uk



FUNDING CONTACTS

If you live or work in Angus and require help with looking or applying for funding contact-

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In Dundee Contact

Diane Milne, Senior Policy Officer
Tel: 01382 434653
Email: diane.milne@dundeecity.gov.uk

COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL RENEWAL SCHEME (CERS) 2004-2007

The Scheme—to support community based projects that:

- Improve the local environment for communities within 5 miles of a quarry or communities which have been impacted by quarrying
- Involve the local community and demonstrate social and/or economic benefit to the local community

Eligibility

a). Projects within 5 miles of a quarry do not need to demonstrate a link with quarrying, but have to fit within the following themes:

- Landscape and community recreation
- Habitat restoration and local biodiversity
- Protection of historic environment
- Pollution mitigation
- Geological work

or

b). Projects more than 5 miles from a quarry will be eligible if they address some impact of quarrying activity and fit within one of 5 themes listed above (eg visual impact, noise, dust, pollution, transport, loss of habitat). This would mainly apply to routes affected by quarry traffic.

Only quarries that pay the Aggregates Levy will be considered. Disused quarries will count provided that they would have been subject to the levy had they been in operation today. However, sites that have been inactive since 1950 are excluded, unless you can demonstrate a continuing effect.

Amount—grants ranging from £5k—£50k have been given in the past—£4.1m is available.

To Apply—application form and guidance notes are available by phoning 0141 222 5650 or from www.forward-scotland.org.uk.

Deadlines—approximately quarterly until **14th June 2006**

The Tayside Partnership includes:

Angus Council, Dundee City Council, the Forestry Commission, Farming & Wildlife Advisory Group, National Farmers' Union Scotland, the National Trust for Scotland, Perth and Kinross Council, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, Scottish Rural Property and Business Association, Scottish Agricultural College, Scottish Environment Protection Agency, Scottish Natural Heritage, Scottish Wildlife Trust

The Tayside Biodiversity Action Plan may be viewed on www.taysidebiodiversity.co.uk