

They will fund areas of work which have one (or more) of the following aims:

- To challenge discrimination faced by disabled people;
- To promote the inclusion and integration of recently established communities;
- To strengthen mother-tongue and supplementary schools to provide creative educational opportunities;
- To address new and emerging needs.

SITA TRUST FUNDING

SITA Trust is a major funder of projects within the Landfill Communities Fund. It began its work in 1997 having been set up by SITA UK as an independent organisation specifically formed to manage the distribution of what were then known as Landfill Tax Credits. SITA UK is a leading provider of recycling and waste management services.

SITA Trust Funding is available for community improvement projects within ten miles of an active SITA UK landfill site and environmental projects within ten miles of any active landfill site. Since 1997 the Trust has allocated over £56m to in excess of 1500 projects across the UK.

The Trust offers a suite of funding programmes, which support a huge variety of different community and environmental projects. At any one time the Trust can be funding up to 300 active projects. These can extend from providing a few hundred pounds to redecorate a local village hall to £250,000 towards a more substantial community amenity or £175,000 to help restore a habitat that will encourage the rejuvenation of a declining species, to providing £1 million to a two year multi-partner programme encouraging more young people to volunteer their time to conservation projects across the UK. SITA Trust runs three funding programmes:

Enhancing Communities - for community improvement projects around landfill sites owned by SITA UK;

Enriching Nature - for biodiversity projects within the vicinity of landfill sites in England;

GreenPrints - designed to encourage 16 to 25 year olds to volunteer their time and energy to improving green spaces in their local communities. Each year SITA Trust commits around £7 million nationwide through the Landfill Communities Fund (formerly the Landfill Tax Credit Scheme).

Website: www.sitatrust.org.uk

BIG GIVE WEBSITE WHERE MAJOR DONORS CAN FIND YOUR CHARITY

The Big Give is a free to use website that helps major donors find high level charity projects in their field of interest.

The Big Give is the brainchild of Alec Reed, founder of Reed Recruitment Group and a number of international charities. The Big Give is fully funded by the Reed Foundation, the charitable arm of the Reed Recruitment Group.

The Big Give is a free to users, and any registered UK charity may register and post their projects on the site. By registering with The Big Give, you agree to share your success stories with them. Please let them know when a donor contacts you through this website: www.thebiggive.org.uk

ESMEE FAIRBAIRN FOUNDATION CHANGES TO GUIDELINES

The Foundation will be taking a new approach to grant-making from January 2008. This will be an open, less prescriptive way of working, through which they will listen to your ideas. They hope to fund a wider range of work than before, so there is no need to rush applications through under our existing guidelines. Alongside this new approach, they will also run a small number of more focused funding strands. In preparation for this new approach their current Application Guidelines are no longer available. This is because in their experience developing a good application can take time. You can register online to receive a copy of the new guidelines as soon as they are available. For latest news visit: www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk

CHANGING SPACES AWARD PARTNERS

Changing spaces is the Big Lottery Fund, environment programme, three award partners have been announced and funding is expected to start in Spring 2008.

Managed by the Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts (RSWT) and 15 consortium partners, Local Food will distribute grants to a variety of food-related projects to help make locally grown food accessible and affordable to local communities. Communities will benefit from improved health and well being through exercise and better nutrition; strengthened local economies through the creation of social enterprises; and more sustainability through the better use of resources. Website: www.localfoodgrants.org

Community Spaces is a £50 million lottery funded open grants scheme that will provide funding and support to community groups across England. The scheme will help groups create or improve green and open spaces to improve the quality of life in their neighbourhoods. Website: www.community-spaces.org.uk

Access to Nature is a £25 million grant scheme to encourage people from all backgrounds to understand, access and enjoy our natural environment. It is funded by the Big Lottery Fund's Changing Spaces programme and Natural England.

The scheme will focus on three broad themes

- Community awareness and active participation.
- Education, learning and volunteering.
- Welcoming, well-managed and wildlife-rich places.

Website: www.naturalengland.org.uk/accesstonature



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VOLUNTARY TIMES

The Newsletter for the voluntary sector
in the London Borough of Hounslow
Issue 73. January 2008

Message from Councillor Peter Thompson, Leader of the Council



Welcome to the New Year and welcome to the latest issue of the Voluntary Times. 2007 has proved to be an interesting year for the voluntary sector, with cross party support for the voluntary and community sector having an increasingly involved role in both local and national public services.

This political interest is galvanising voluntary and community organisations to take advantage of the opportunities being presented and grow for the future.

The New Year is always a good time for reflection, so I would like to take this opportunity to consider some of the excellent work that has been going on in Hounslow in the past year; work that is leading to a better working relationship between the voluntary sector and statutory bodies in Hounslow.

There has been a lot of work this year strengthening the relationship between the voluntary and community sector,

and as this work progresses we hope to see the fruits of this work grow.

Through CVS Hounslow and the Hounslow Capacitybuilders Consortium we have been able to strengthen and increase VCS involvement in the Local Strategic Partnership and the Local Area Agreement.

The biggest success, on the back of this work, has been the successful introduction of a new local compact for hounslow.

This work will continue into the new year, as we all work to make Hounslow a better place and ensure that we help create an environment for a thriving voluntary and community sector.

FUNDING YOUR FUTURE

12 March 2008
Hounslow Civic Centre

Bookings are now being taken for 'Funding Your Future' the Hounslow funding information event, further details and booking form enclosed.

THE NEXT EDITION

The next edition of this newsletter will be available in April 2008. If you have any articles you would like to submit please contact Sara Lindsay at the Civic Centre by 19 March.

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GENERAL NEWS

FUNDING YOUR FUTURE 12 MARCH

Hounslow's annual funding event is being held at the Civic Centre on the 12 March and will feature presentations and learning opportunities that will greatly increase your organisations fundraising success in 2008 and beyond. This event, organised by Community Development and Regeneration Unit and CVS Hounslow, will provide you with the opportunity to meet a number of funders and support agencies face to face, ask questions about applying for funding and learn of the wide ranging support available. This is the one event in 2008 that you do not want to miss. Please see the flyer included with your voluntary times for booking details or e-mail: community.development@hounslow.gov.uk

Featured Organisations include Big Lottery Fund, Awards for All, Help a London Child, Heritage Lottery Fund, BBC Children in Need, City Parochial Foundation, Thames Community Foundation, Hounslow Voluntary Sector Grants, Social Enterprise London and many more.

VOLUNTARY SECTOR TRAINING PROGRAMME

The Community Development and Regeneration Unit has organised its annual training programme for voluntary and community sector organisations in Hounslow. A full booking form is enclosed with this issue of your voluntary times or e-mail: community.development@hounslow.gov.uk

Chairing a Voluntary Organisation - Wednesday 13 February

This course is an introduction to the range of duties of those who chair a voluntary organisation and who wish to be efficient, innovative and comfortable in the changing demands of the voluntary sector. Participants will get to meet other chairs, soon-to-be chairs and would-be chairs. It will cover responsibilities, styles, management and practical dos and don'ts.

Project Management (2 Days) - Tuesday 26 and Wednesday 27 February

This course will examine the value and importance of project management. It will provide an overview of the areas you need to think about when managing a project. It will look at the aims and objectives of the project, its financial implications, how to plan the project and how to manage and evaluate it.

Finance for Non-Financial Managers - Tuesday 4 March

This course will take you through the financial cycle. From setting objectives and budgeting to preparing annual accounts, with particular emphasis on comparing actual income and expenditure with budgeted income and expenditure as a management tool.

Writing Better Fundraising Applications - Tuesday 18 March

This course will help you to put together quality applications. It will look at practical matters you need to consider and at the expectations of funders. It will enable you to use a jargon-free, straightforward approach and provide pointers for making successful applications

Monitoring and Evaluation (2 Days) - Wednesday 26 and Thursday 27 March

This course will give you the skills and methods to prove and improve on your performance, providing evidence to funders and users. It will offer an in-depth look at methods of monitoring, evaluation and performance indicators. It will enable you to review your organisation's efforts in providing a service and proving it.

COMPREHENSIVE SPENDING REVIEW

The Comprehensive Spending Review (CSR) has reaffirmed the Government's commitment to support the third sector. The CSR confirms the funding plans originally outlined in the third sector review in July 2007, and sets out how the third sector can help build stronger communities.

The third sector review put forward a new strategy for building the Government's relationship with the third sector to promote social and economic regeneration over the next ten years.

Over the period of the spending review (2008-11), the Office of the Third Sector will invest over £515 million in third sector programmes, including:

- an £80 million small grants programme for community action and voice (announced in the 2007 Budget)
- a £50 million local endowment match fund programme, which will enable local independent foundations to develop community endowments to provide sustainability in future grant making
- £117 million of new resources available for youth volunteering, through the organisation v
- over £85 million for Capacitybuilders, to develop the sector's infrastructure

- up to £65 million for the Futurebuilders fund, bringing the total projected value of all loans, grants and loan guarantees under the management of the fund to £215 million by 2011

The CSR also sets out how the third sector contributes to the delivery of key Government objectives through the new Public Service Agreement framework.

The Office of the Third Sector will tie into a new Public Service Agreement that aims to build more cohesive, empowered and active communities, and which will be measured in part by the levels of formal volunteering and employment in the third sector.

The contribution of the third sector is also recognised in the majority of the delivery agreements (which outline how improvements will be achieved), playing a particularly important role in promoting opportunities for people from disadvantaged backgrounds.

BIG LOTTERY FUND WARNS OF FURTHER GRANT REJECTION

The Big Lottery Fund (BLF) awards grants worth £600m a year to charities, yet receives applications for £8.6bn worth of funding. Charities struggling to obtain funding from the BLF are going to find the situation even tougher when the money lost to the Olympics is removed from the budget.

FUNDING NEWS

NEW £40m TRUST WILL CREATE A LEGACY FROM 2012 GAMES

The Big Lottery Fund, the Arts Council and the Department for Culture, Media and Sport have endowed Legacy Trust UK with £40m to use the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games to promote culture and sport among young people and communities.

Dugald Mackie, chair of Legacy Trust UK launched today said: "This money will create a legacy from the London Games that will benefit people all over the country for years to come." www.legacytrustuk.org

NEW GUIDELINES FOR THE TRUST FOR LONDON

Trust for London is an independent charitable trust set up in 1986 to support small, new and emerging voluntary organisations which have been established to improve the lives of people and communities in London.

'We have undertaken to honour our 60-70 per cent commitment to the third sector at the cash level that would have applied before the diversion took place. But there will be a squeeze while trying to manage this demand,' said Sir Clive Booth, chair of BLF at an open meeting broadcast on the web. In order to try and find ways to improve the situation, a public consultation is to be launched in April 2008.

SOME WEBSITES WORTH BOOKMARKING

www.governancepages.org.uk

aims to produce useful information on governance and management committees for community groups and small voluntary organisations.

www.togetherwecan.direct.gov.uk/resource-centre

The together We Can resource centre contains resources to help you get started whether you want to get something done in your local area, influence local decisions or get your community involved in something. Whether you're looking for a written guide or funding there will be something here for you. What's more is that each resource can be rated and reviewed so that you can see which ones other users find most helpful.

www.grantsnet.co.uk

GrantsNet gives information about grant schemes available to businesses and charities in the UK. Here you will find comprehensive information about grant support schemes for UK businesses and charities.

They believe that local people are often in the best position to identify the problems that affect their lives and the possible solutions to those problems.

Most of their grants are made through their open programme but they also occasionally fund special initiatives. They aim to develop supportive relationships with the community and voluntary organisations that they fund and to provide a 'funding-plus' approach. 'Funding-plus' includes providing advice, guidance, and where appropriate, consultancy support and training to help organisations grow and develop.

They work closely with their sister fund, City Parochial Foundation, which supports organisations tackling poverty in London. The Foundation is operated by the same staff and trustees but has separate funding guidelines. These are available from their offices or on the Foundation's website www.cityparochial.org.uk They recommend that you check carefully which fund is more appropriate to your organisation as you can only apply to one. They are not able to fund all small, new and emerging organisations that apply to them.