

Funding and awards

Inspiring Communities Grant Programme

Central government is seeking applications from neighbourhood partnerships who would like to participate in the new Inspiring Communities grant programme, which is about raising the aspirations and educational attainment of local young people. Deadline for applications is 3 June. <http://digbig.com/4ypnh> or <http://www.communities.gov.uk>

Cracking the Code

Cracking the Code is an NCVO bursary scheme to help infrastructure organisations to improve their governance, based on all or any of the principles of 'Good Governance: a Code for the Voluntary and Community Sector'. Next deadline is 30 June. <http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/governanceandleadership/?id=13148>

Heroes return

BIG Lottery Fund has announced the return of the programme that pays for veterans to revisit the places where they saw action during World War Two. http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_heroes_return.htm

Awards for All

The Big Lottery Fund's new-look Awards for All fund is now open. Awards of between £300 and £10,000 are available for grass-roots social and environmental projects that benefit local communities in England. <http://www.awardsforall.org.uk>

Youth Media Fund

The Youth Media Fund initiative gives young people the chance to take part in 'Mediabox' projects where they can express their ideas and views on issues that matter to them using print, television, film, radio, digital, or online media. <http://digbig.com/4ynsh> or <http://www.dcsf.gov.uk>

The Woodward Charitable Trust

The Woodward Charitable Trust is one of the Sainsbury Family Trusts. It favours small-scale, locally-based initiatives and funding is primarily for one-off projects. Priority is currently given to organisations working to address Homelessness or Addiction. <http://www.woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk>

Biffaward - Flagship Scheme

Biffa Waste Services is seeking applications to its 2009 Biffaward Flagship Scheme. Flagship projects are defined as community-led cultural or biodiversity schemes that have something unique and exciting that no other project in the region or country has. Grants range from £150,000 to £500,000. Projects must be site-based and be within 25 miles of a Biffa operation and 10 miles of any active landfill site. Expressions of interest by 1 July. <http://www.biffaward.org>

Concertina

The Concertina Charitable Trust makes small grants available to charitable organisations across England and Wales that provide musical entertainment and related activities for older people. Projects should not only entertain but also bring therapeutic benefits to health and well-being. Priority is given to supporting smaller organisations that otherwise have difficulty raising funds and those that provide the musical entertainment through young musicians. Next closing date is 30 April. <http://www.concertinamusic.org.uk>

Sea Change - Wave Three

Sea Change is managed by the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment

(CABE) and supports cultural projects in England that will have a lasting impact in deprived seaside resorts. Grants are likely to range from £200,000 to £1m. Next closing date is 30 June. <http://www.cabe.org.uk/sea-change>

East of England Community Grants

Small third sector organisations are invited to apply for up to £12,000 to work with people in the East of England who are unemployed or economically inactive. All projects should help people to move closer to the labour market or mainstream skills provision. http://www.grantsadmin.co.uk/eastengland_grants