

# July Funding Pages

## **Camelot Foundation Transforming Lives**

Following a strategic funding review in 2005 the Camelot Foundation Trustees resolved to develop a thematic approach to their grant-giving.

This autumn's programme Transforming Lives has the theme - Broadening Minds: tackling negative attitudes and promoting social cohesion among young people. Guidelines are available on their website: from 23rd June 2006. Deadline for applicants: 8th September 2006

For further information [www.camelotfoundation.org.uk](http://www.camelotfoundation.org.uk) Tel: 020 7828 6085

**Age Concern England** have been conducting an extensive review of their grant programmes. In the past these have covered small grants to develop services and buy equipment for clubs for older people. The programmes will re-open in July. To find out more keep checking the website [www.ageconcern.org.uk](http://www.ageconcern.org.uk) or phone 020 8765 7200

**Groundswell** have a small grants scheme which provides funding for projects that enable groups of people to take control of their own housing situations and make positive contributions to their communities. Awards of up to £500 are made 4 times a year for participative community-based projects which empower socially excluded people. Applications are welcome from a wide range of groups, including homeless and ex-homeless people, travellers, community activists and organisations trying to tackle homelessness. They will support newly established or informal groups, provided they can show support from another organisation, local business or respected individuals within the community.

More details and forms are available on the website. The next deadlines are 15<sup>th</sup> July and 15<sup>th</sup> October 2006

<http://www.groundswell.org.uk/funding/gas/forms.html> Phone: 020 77375500

**Community Champions**. The Scarman Trust will be administering the latest round of Community Champions funding which covers the Portsmouth area. Funding up to £2,000 is available for individuals who have an idea as to how to improve the community but require some funds to make it happen. Although established organisations cannot apply there have been successful applications in the past from volunteers working within a community group who want to lead on a particular activity which will benefit its members. Phone Mike Holdgate 01273 234862 or email [mike.holdgate@thescarmantrust.org](mailto:mike.holdgate@thescarmantrust.org)

**Connected Fund Round 5** -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.

[http://www.governmentfunding.org.uk/VCSLaunch.aspx?SCHEME\\_ID=69](http://www.governmentfunding.org.uk/VCSLaunch.aspx?SCHEME_ID=69)

**The Football Foundation** have a number of grants available.

**The Capital Projects Scheme** provides match funding to refurbish or construct changing rooms, grass and artificial pitches and clubhouses for community benefit across the country. The Foundation has a fast track system for schemes of under £20,000. Additional funding is available for maintenance equipment, specialist ground staff, coaching schemes or project co-ordinators. This funding is only available when linked to capital applications.

**Goalpost Safety Scheme** provides funding for the replacement of unsafe goalposts. The Foundation will assist in the funding of 50% towards the cost of a pair of goals up to a ceiling of £1,500. Tel: 0845 345 4555 ext 4268

**Community and Education Scheme** funds a maximum of £250,000 over five years, to increase participation and volunteering in sport and to encourage the adoption of healthy lifestyles by creating opportunities for all. Priority areas for community and education funding are disability projects, ethnic minority communities, young people, social inclusion and education. The maximum level of funding is 90% of project costs, but applicants are encouraged to secure as much partnership funding as possible. Tel: 0845 345 4555 ext 4285

**Community and Education Small Grants Scheme** provides funding of up to £9,000 for projects with a cost of £10,000 or less. Funding is available for the introduction of new activity, which aims to increase participation and provide training for volunteers to support grassroots football. Tel: 0845 345 4555 ext 4271/4291

**Junior Kit Scheme** funds applications up to £400 in the form of a voucher. This is awarded to Under 18 teams and adults with disabilities to be used for the purchase of football kit and/or equipment. The voucher can be exchanged with the nominated kit and equipment supplier - Nike. Tel: 0845 345 4555 ext 4284

**Barclays Spaces for Sports Scheme** is an exciting partnership between Barclays, Groundwork and the Football Foundation, providing £30m over three years to create or improve sports facilities in communities across the UK. Tel: 0845 345 4555 ext 4284

## **Cranfield Trust - Free Management Support for Voluntary**

**Organisations** (item supplied by The CIB [www.cibfunding.org.uk](http://www.cibfunding.org.uk) ) Free management consultancy The Cranfield Trust now has some capacity to take on new projects. The consultancy is provided by volunteers from the commercial sector who have postgraduate professional qualifications. Currently, the 'top five' most frequently requested areas for support are: Understanding costs - particularly for fundraising or contract negotiation; Feasibility studies for income generating/trading activities; Marketing and communications; Human resources; Strategic and business planning, including help with facilitating awaydays. If you would like help with one of these issues, or in another field where a volunteer with commercial sector skills could support your organisation, please contact The Cranfield Trust office. The Cranfield Trust works with organisations addressing issues of poverty, disability and social exclusion and provides free management support thanks to 600 volunteers from the commercial sector. It also runs HRNet, an internet-based advice service for charities without a personnel professional - this service is also free. For details of consultancy projects or HRNet, please contact The Cranfield Trust, Court Room Chambers, 1 Bell Street, Romsey, Hampshire SO51 8GY Tel: 01794 830338 Fax 01794 830340 Email [admin@cranfieldtrust.org](mailto:admin@cranfieldtrust.org) Website [www.cranfieldtrust.org](http://www.cranfieldtrust.org)

**ICT Hub Bursary Scheme** Does your organisation need an ICT strategy? Would you like to learn more about using voice over the Internet, mobile phones or video conferencing in order to make your organisation more effective? The ICT Hub is launching a new small bursary scheme that will allow front line voluntary and community organisations to explore their ITC needs by visiting another organisation that is using ITC well, or in an inventive way.

Participating organisations will receive up to £200 expenses for visiting another organisation, and the host organisation will receive up to £150 for giving their time and sharing experiences. The ICT Hub plans to share these learning experiences with the sector as a whole, making the stories available on the ICT Hub website, so others can learn from the experience.

Application forms for the scheme can be downloaded from the ICT Hub website [http://www.ictHub.org.uk/cms/openCMS/ictHub/exchange\\_visits/](http://www.ictHub.org.uk/cms/openCMS/ictHub/exchange_visits/)

**GlaxoSmithKline IMPACT Awards.** Now in their tenth year this annual grant programme run in partnership with the Kings Fund gives up to £30,000 of unrestricted funding to recognise and reward charities who do excellent work to improve people's health. Charities must have an annual income of less than £1m and be at least 3 years old. Application forms and guidelines are available on the website. The deadline is 19<sup>th</sup> October. [www.kingsfund.org.uk/gskimpactawards](http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/gskimpactawards)

## Reminder

The following entry was also in the June pages but are included again as a reminder that deadlines are approaching fast

**Opportunities for Volunteering (OFV)** is a Department of Health initiative which provides grants to local health and social care organisations in England. OFV grants aim to enable organisations to involve volunteers in the delivery of their services. Approximately £6.7 million is distributed every year to over 300 local projects.

If you wish to apply for an OFV grant you must apply to the most appropriate national agent. Applying to the wrong agent could affect your chances of securing funding. National Agents have different application deadlines and priorities. You must check these before deciding which National Agent to apply to.

Details of National agents are available at <http://www.volunteering.org.uk/applyforfunding/ofvfunding/>

**Volunteering England** is one of the 16 national agents. They deal with applications that meet their own criteria and do not fit with any of the other national agents. They are currently inviting organisations to submit preliminary application forms for the new 3 year OFV funding round (April 2007- March 2010).

They will award grants of £10,000 - £35,000 per year for 3 years to local voluntary sector organisations in England - including registered charities and formally constituted

community groups and self help groups - that meet **all** of their OFV criteria **and** their OFV priorities for 2007:

All applicants for the 2007-2010 funding round must involve services users or ex-service users becoming volunteers. For example:

- a volunteering scheme where existing or ex-service users volunteer to support other service users within your organisation

OR

- people who have experienced similar services elsewhere become volunteers to support your current service users.

In total VE distributes approximately £1.7 million a year, of which £530,000 is in grants to new projects. Each year around 450 organisations submit preliminary OFV applications forms to VE of which only 15-18 will receive funding. **Preliminary applications must be received by 5.00pm on Monday, 31 July 2006.**

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