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If you need further information on any of these grants schemes, how to apply or are going to apply, you can contact - thirdsectorenquiries@argyll-bute.gov.uk or call 01369 704669

For European schemes or if you are at the early stages of developing a project and would like to know if European funding could form part of your financial package please contact European Unit, Argyll & Bute Council

mary-louise.rooney@argyll-bute.gov.uk or call 01436 671986

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1. **Communities and Families Fund**

The Communities and Families Fund is a grants programme funded jointly by the Scottish Government and the Big Lottery Fund in Scotland. The fund will support local projects that help families and communities give children
the best start in life. Organisations can apply for a grant of between £250 and £10,000 for a 12 month project that will meet at least one of the following outcomes:

- Improve the quality of life of children (pre-birth to 8) through greater access to early learning, play and child and maternal health support
- Enable communities to shape and deliver support for families.

We are concentrating funding on projects that benefit children, or parents and families of children, who are eight years and under. Examples of the types of local projects that we want to fund include:

- Parenting support and development projects
- Community play projects
- Projects that support better nutrition for young children
- Community-based family support and childcare projects.

We can fund up to 100 per cent of project costs including materials, training costs, overheads and sessional staff.

Applications may be submitted at any time
http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_communities_and_families_fund?tab=1&

2. Moving Up

Moving Up is a £1.5million fund for projects that will improve opportunities to move up in the workplace for women, disabled people and people from BME communities by supporting individuals, engaging with employers to tackle workplace inequality, and sharing learning. There is a 2 stage application process, and they recommend that all applicants discuss project ideas with us before making an application. Although the maximum grant level is £1M, they anticipate that the average grant will be around £500k.

Deadline: 27th July 2012.
MovingUp@biglotteryfund.org.uk or phone our Enquiries Line on 0300 123 7110

3. People and Communities Fund

The Scottish Government has announced the launch of a new People and Communities Fund to promote and support community-led regeneration initiatives across Scotland. The People and Communities Fund will invest in community anchor organisations that deliver local regeneration activity and promote change in our most disadvantaged communities. Grants of between £10,000 and £100,000 will be available to support initiatives that increase people’s chances of entering employment, from progressing further in current work to helping break down any barriers people face when considering employment. In addition to supporting employability, focus will also be on promoting future preventative spending, such as investing in initiatives that will help improve health now to prevent future illness and hardship.

Applications can be made at any time
http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Built-Environment/regeneration/community/pcf

4. Community Food and Health to Re-open for Applications

Community Food and Health (Scotland) has announced that its annual small grants scheme will re-open for applications on the 29th May 2012. Through the small grants scheme grants of between £500 to £3000 are available for groups and agencies in Scotland who wish to improve access to, and take up of, a healthy, varied and balanced diet.

Deadline: 10th August 2012 http://www.communityfoodandhealth.org.uk/funding/small-grants/

5. Marketing Development Scheme

The scheme is designed to assist food producers in Scotland with the costs of projects to develop marketing activity. The scheme can give financial assistance for feasibility studies, market research and producer-group infrastructure involved in development projects to help the food and drink industry develop efficient marketing structures and to encourage good marketing practice for both domestic and overseas markets. The scheme benefits farmers, growers and processors in the Scottish good marketing chain through improving marketing and commercial expertise and underlying marketing infrastructure.

Deadline: 22nd June 2012
http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Business-Industry/Food-Industry/granttimetable/mds
6. Industrial CASE Studentships
Applicant companies choose which academic partner will host the studentship, and then select suitable, eligible students in consultation with the partner. Projects must be in engineering or physical sciences and are jointly supervised by the academic and industrial partners. The student must spend at least three months during the placement at the company's premises. The company is expected to make a contribution towards the studentship and also cover all expenses (travel and accommodation) incurred by the student whilst spending time on the company premises. Studentships are allocated through several routes:
- The majority are distributed with the help of a formula, based on a company’s participation in EPSRC funded research (both collaboration on grants and sponsorship of students). Those starting in the previous two years are taken into account. The total number of industrial CASE are then divided according to the levels of collaboration (higher levels of collaboration giving higher allocations).
- Through Industrial CASE agents - a number of awards are available for companies (especially the small and medium sized) which are unlikely to achieve sufficient level to gain formula allocations.
- Through a central pool competition.
- Through EPSRC Sector Teams.

A full list of agents and companies is available. Companies qualifying for an allocation are contacted, usually early in the calendar year, with notice of the numbers available to them.

**Deadline: 21st September 2012** [http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/funding/students/coll/icase/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/funding/students/coll/icase/Pages/default.aspx)

7. CCS Commercialisation Programme
The CCS Commercialisation Programme has been established in order to support practical experience in the design, construction and operation of carbon capture and storage (CCS). The aim of the programme is to enable private sector electricity companies to take investment decisions to build CCS equipped fossil-fuel power stations, in the 2020s, without Government capital subsidy, and at an electricity market price that is competitive with other low carbon generation technologies. The outcome that the CCS Commercialisation Programme seeks to deliver is that: "As a result of the intervention, private sector electricity companies can take investment decisions to build CCS equipped fossil-fuel power stations, in the early 2020s, without Government capital subsidy, at an agreed CfD Strike Price that is competitive with the strike prices for other low carbon generation technologies". Through the construction and extended operation of commercial scale CCS plant, this Programme will:
- Generate learning that will help to drive down the costs of CCS.
- Significantly reduce the remaining technology risks.
- Test and build familiarity with the CCS specific regulatory framework.
- Encourage industry to develop suitable CCS business models.
- Contribute to the development of early infrastructure for carbon dioxide transport and storage.


8. Working Well Design Challenge
The Nominet Trust and the Design Council have announced the launch of a new £150,000 competition aimed at young people and youth organisations. Three teams will be awarded £50,000 each to develop new digital products that will allow young people new opportunities to participate in society, both economically and socially. The Working Well Design Challenge is being funded by Nominet Trust, and the Design Council will provide professional support and publicity to help each team make their ideas a reality. The organisers want to hear from people with expertise either in design and technology or working with young people. The challenge aims to foster collaboration between designer groups with digital product and service development expertise and the organisations working directly with young people.


9. Flexible Training Opportunities funding
The aim of the programme is to help Scottish businesses invest in learning and development opportunities for their employees. Private sector organisations including voluntary and community not-for-profit organisations can apply as long as the total employee headcount is under 100. Employers can apply for up to 10 episodes of
training which must be completed by 31 March 2013. Legislative or statutory training will not be eligible for funding. 50% of each episode of training up to a maximum of £500 is available for eligible training costs. So businesses could apply for up to £5,000 towards employee training costs. Organisations can apply online. The link is below. Applications can be made at any time.
http://www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk/our-services/services-for-employers/training/flexible-training-opportunities.aspx

10. Modern Apprenticeship Awards
The Awards aim to showcase those who have, through their involvement in Modern Apprenticeships, demonstrated initiative, enterprise and outstanding commitment to the improvement of skills development for the Scottish economy.
**Deadline: 23rd August 2012**

11. UK German Challenge Fund
Primary, secondary schools and FE colleges as well as youth groups in the UK and Germany are able to apply for funding support through the UK – German Challenge Fund. The aim of the fund is to develop curricular and extra-curricular projects between UK and German schools and youth groups that encourage young people to pick a topic or subject of their choice and explore it in an international context. Grants provided through the UK-German Challenge Fund cover project costs, joint activities and reciprocal partner visits. The total amount of grant provided will be judged on a case-by-case basis, depending on the size, circumstances and numbers involved in the individual projects. The Challenge Fund provides grants of normally 50% towards the overall costs; in exceptional circumstances, the grant can cover up to a maximum of 75% of the total costs. Grants are available for both large and small projects and the amount can be to anything up to, but will not exceed £5,000.
**Deadline: 31st October 2012**
http://www.ukgermanconnection.org/schools-challenge-fund

12. Youth Challenge Fund
Youth Groups in the UK can apply for grants of up to £2,500 to work on specific themes with youth groups in Germany. The funding which is being made available through the Youth Challenge Fund aims to give young people the opportunity to enhance their international experience and intercultural awareness in a creative, practical and enjoyable way; pick an area of activity and develop skills in an international context. The type of themes supported can include (but are not limited to): Culture and society; Music, dance and drama; Global issues; Environment; multimedia and ICT; and Sport and outdoor activities. The Youth Challenge Fund is open exclusively to youth groups (and their leaders) in the UK and Germany and is aimed at children and young people up to the age of 25.
**Deadline: 31st October 2012**
http://www.ukgermanconnection.org/youth-challenge-fund

13. StartUp Loans for Young Entrepreneurs
A new £82.5 million StartUp Loan scheme has been launched to give the next generation of entrepreneurs the finance and support to potentially start over 30 thousand new businesses, in a move to boost enterprise and economic growth. Any young people aged 18–24 accessing the StartUp Loans can expect to receive expert and personal support to help develop a business plan and access training. Where the business plan is robust and approved, they will be able to access financial support in the form of a loan typically in the order of £2,500 with a repayment period of up to five years. It comes on the day that Lord Young’s report on enterprise is published which shows that if we had the same rates of entrepreneurship as the US than we would have 900,000 more businesses in the UK. StartUp loans will be administered by a range of organisations that have experience in working with young people, including the Prince’s Trust and Manchester-based Economic Solutions Group. These delivery partners will be responsible for providing start-up support, for assessing the business plan, for making the loan and for managing repayment. StartUp Loans are available UK wide.

14. Talking Science
The Scottish Government has launched a new grants scheme for public science engagement events and activities. “Talking Science’ is aimed at reaching members of the public in remote and rural areas, disadvantaged urban areas, and within sectors currently ‘hard to reach’ or under-served by science engagement activities. This
could include young adults, older people, people with disabilities, or people from black and minority ethnic communities. Applications may come from community groups, businesses (including sole traders), charities, colleges, universities, research institutes, visitor attractions, museums, civic groups, local authorities, and any other organisation wanting to engage with a public audience on science, technology, engineering and maths topics. A total of £300,000 is available and the level of funding available per project will vary according to the number of people reached.

**Deadline: 17th July 2012**


**15. Disney's Friends for Change**

Disney’s Friends for Change, which aims to help young people help the planet, is offering young people across the United Kingdom an opportunity to receive a £750 grant to help make a lasting, positive change in the world. Through this grants programme Disney’s Friends for Change are looking to highlight the creativity and commitment of young people working to meet the needs of others. This could for example include actions to protect the planet, providing meals to those who need them, or giving kids the resources to star in their own play; etc. The scheme is open to young people in the UK aged 5 – 18.

**Deadline: 21st June 2012**

http://www.disney.co.uk/friendsforchange/about.jsp

**16. Funding for Children’s Outdoor Recreational Activities**

The Outdoor clothing company "North Face" has announced the launch of a new funding round of its Explore Fund. The Explore Fund supports not for profit organisations that encourage youth outdoor participation. Grants of up to €2,500 are available for projects that encourage community involvement; focus on breaking down barriers to getting youth outdoors; and projects that reach out to a specific community or place of interest. Only one Explore Fund financial support package will be given to an organisation in each calendar year and applications that can provide match funding will be viewed favourably.

**Deadline: 2nd July 2012**

http://www.explorefund.eu/index.php

**17. Young Film Fund**

First Light Movies provides grants to projects that enable young people to participate in all aspects of film productions. The funding is available to organisations such as schools, youth services, community and voluntary groups that work with young people aged between 5 and 18. The Studio Awards provides grants of up to £30,000 for between two and four films of up to 10 minutes; the Pilot Awards provides grants of up to £5,000 for one short film of up to five minutes in duration; and the 90 seconds Comedy Shorts which provides grants of up to £20,000 to support between three and six short comedy genre films each up to 90 Seconds in duration. The deadline for applications is 2pm on 12th October 2011. However, please note that First Light is accepting a maximum number of applications for this round. In total for both the Pilot and Studio grant we are accepting 80 applications, and for the Comedy Shorts grant we are accepting 50. Once the maximum numbers have been reached, we will be unable to consider your application.

Please apply early http://www.firstlightonline.co.uk/fundingstream/young-film-fund

**18. Theatre Protection Fund Small Grants Scheme**

The Theatres Trust, which works with commercial, public and voluntary sectors to secure a sustainable future for theatre buildings, has announced that it is now accepting applications through its Theatre Protection Fund Small Grants Scheme. Through the scheme, theatres run by charities and not-for-profit groups can apply for grants of up to £5,000 in order to carry out capital improvements to enhance their work within the local community. The type of works that can be funded include urgent building repairs, environmental improvements and works to enhance physical accessibility, etc. Applicants have to own or manage theatres with titles or signed leases of more than 5 years on buildings in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. Applicants also need to demonstrate that they run a regular theatre programme of professional, community and/or amateur work presenting no less than 30 performances a year.

Applications can be submitted at any time. http://www.theatrestrust.org.uk/grants
19. **Coming Up**
Coming Up is a talent scheme that provides emerging film-makers with the opportunity to make an authored drama with a guaranteed network broadcast.

**Deadline:** 2\textsuperscript{nd} July 2012 [http://www.touchpapertv.com/index.html](http://www.touchpapertv.com/index.html)

20. **Funding for Group Music Making Activities**
The Michael Tippett Musical Foundation, the charitable Trust established by the composer to encourage the music of the future, has announced that it is open for applications. Funding of between £500 and £4,000 is available for the development of group music making, especially involving young people. Projects in and out of schools or in community situations will be considered. The Trustees will consider applications for first-time initiatives as well as the development of existing projects.

**Deadline:** 20\textsuperscript{th} September 2012 [http://www.tippettfoundation.org.uk/html/guidelines.htm](http://www.tippettfoundation.org.uk/html/guidelines.htm)

21. **New Grants Available for Community Music**
The BBC Performing Arts Fund has announced that its Community Music scheme is open for applications. From hip hop to samba, classical to jazz, the Community Music scheme aims to help not for profit community music groups in the UK to carry out training, attract new audiences, encourage new members and raise their profile in their community. For example, the funding could be used to send key members of a Group on a training course; run workshops with the intention of encouraging and attracting new participants to join in; engage experts to provide master classes to improve the overall standard of the Group’s performances; provide a facilitator to run a workshop in which the Group collaborates with schools or other local community groups; create a performance partnership with another Group in the Group’s community, e.g. a music group or a school; etc. Community groups looking to apply for a grant as part of the scheme can either apply for up to £5,000 for a development project (Option 1) OR up to £10,000 for a project that includes the commission of a new piece of music (Option 2).


22. **Interactive Media Awards (BIMA)**
The BIMA annual Awards are renowned as the most prestigious new media competition in Europe, setting the standard for the industry, celebrating creative excellence and craftsmanship within digital media.

**Deadline:** 11\textsuperscript{th} June 2012 [http://www.bimaawards.com/](http://www.bimaawards.com/)

23. **Computers for Rural People Scheme**
Individuals clubs, businesses, schools and not for profit organisations, etc, in rural areas that need access to information and services, are able to purchase fully functioning ex-government computers for as little as £130. The computers are being made available through the Arthur Rank Centre. This is a collaborative unit supported by the National Churches, the Royal Agricultural Society of England and the Rank Foundation. For organisations that need more than one computer; e.g. for a Drop-in centre, School etc. the prices are even lower.

Applications can be made at any time [http://www.arthurrankcentre.org.uk/communities-and-farming/computers-for-rural-people](http://www.arthurrankcentre.org.uk/communities-and-farming/computers-for-rural-people)

24. **Funding for IT Projects Supporting Disadvantaged Groups**
Funding is available to organisations with innovative IT related project ideas that can make a positive difference to disadvantaged and vulnerable groups - in the UK, developing countries and around the world. The funding is available through the Nominet Trust. The aim of the Trust is to fund innovative Internet projects that make a positive difference to the lives of disadvantaged and vulnerable people, primarily in terms of education, safety and inclusion. The Trust is particularly interested in funding projects that can be scaled up and replicated. There is no minimum grant application and applications for over £100,000 require an interview. Organisations wishing to apply need initially to complete an online eligibility questionnaire. Those organisations deemed successful will be provided with a link to a more detailed application form.

**Deadline:** 1\textsuperscript{st} August 2012 [http://www.nominettrust.org.uk/](http://www.nominettrust.org.uk/)
25. District Heating Loan Fund
Recent figures show that renewable heating uptake has doubled in the last year. 2.8 % of heat demand in Scotland was met by renewables in 2010. This is double the 2009 figure of 1.4% and now three times the UK rate. The figures show Scotland is on track to meet its target for 11% of heat to come from renewables by 2020. Through the District Heating Loan Scheme, loans are available on a commercial basis for both renewable and low carbon, low emission technologies in Scotland, for heating distributed through a network of pipes to provide space and water heating in homes or offices.

Applications may be submitted at any time

26. Low Carbon Truck Demonstration Trial
The Low Carbon Truck Demonstration Trial is designed to encourage and assist UK road-haulage operators to buy and use low carbon medium and heavy-goods vehicles, thereby reducing the UK’s domestic transport carbon-dioxide (CO2) emissions. The overall aim of the programme is to encourage the widespread introduction of low carbon vehicles to UK fleets, helping the UK to meet its targets on CO2 reduction and reducing fleet operating costs. Through the support offered, the programme will help operators establish and run fleets of alternative and dual-fuel heavy-goods vehicles and electric and hybrid commercial vehicles. This will be achieved by offering funding towards both the difference in capital cost between the traditional vehicles and their low carbon equivalents, and the refuelling/charging point for use by the trial fleet. Demonstration trial fleets will be run for two years, during which time usage data will be gathered and analysed by DfT.

Through the competition, the Technology Strategy Board aims to:
- initiate a publicly-accessible UK gas-refuelling infrastructure for large methane-based and dual-fuel commercial vehicles;
- enable commercial vehicle operators to trial and learn about alternative-fuel, electric, and hybrid commercial vehicles as lower carbon replacements for their traditional vehicles;
- enable low-carbon vehicle producers to learn new ways to develop their products; and
- generate a body of data to inform Government policy and increase industry confidence through better information on emissions reductions, fuel savings and operational benefits.

Deadline: 13th June 2012
http://www.innovateuk.org/content/competition/low-carbon-truck-demonstration-trial.ashx

27. Low Carbon Skills Fund
The Fund has been established to support the sustainability and growth of businesses in the renewable energy, energy efficiency and carbon reduction sectors by part-funding training which meets business priorities. Businesses eligible under the fund should be involved in increasing the energy efficiency of products or installation of lower carbon products or renewable energy resources. Eligible training activity can include the following:
- Qualifications, including individual units.
- Master Classes.
- Learning based on National Occupancy Standards.
- Industry recognised qualifications.
- First line supervisory management.
- Workshops.
- Taster sessions.

Deadline: 31st March 2013
http://www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk/our-services/services-for-employers/training/low-carbon-skills-fund.aspx

28. Energy Entrepreneurs Fund
The Energy Entrepreneurs Fund is designed to support the UK’s small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) operating in the green energy sector to propose low carbon ideas of the future. The Fund will provide financial assistance to these businesses in order to help them develop and demonstrate new low carbon technologies, services, and business models. Businesses will also be able to access support from experts on how to bring their products to market. The Fund is designed to be used by companies looking to leverage additional private investment.
29. **Marine Energy Fund Open for Bids**
The Scottish Government has announced that a new £18 million fund to help develop Scotland’s first commercial wave and tidal power arrays is now open for bids by marine energy developers. The Marine Renewables Commercialisation Fund (MRCF) will be available to boost the roll-out of wave and/or tidal power arrays, to support the marine energy sector to make the next step towards commercial maturity, and help planned developments in the Pentland Firth & Orkney Waters, and other marine locations around Scotland. The Carbon Trust is working alongside the Scottish Government and enterprise agencies in administering and delivering the Fund.

**Deadline:** 1st August 2012

30. **CVS Action Earth Grants 2012**
CSV Action Earth which aims to empower people in Scotland to make a positive difference to the quality of their lives has announced that it is running two grant schemes in 2012 which are looking to increase numbers of volunteers on locally based environmental projects. These are the CSV Action Earth Awards which offer grants of £250 for projects who are providing or improving habitats for wildlife, enhancing local nature spots and getting communities volunteering together; and the CSV Local Nature Reserve Awards which offers grants of up to £500 exclusively for projects taking place on Local Nature Reserves (LNR).

**Grants will be allocated on a first come first serve basis** http://actionearth.csv.org.uk/apply

31. **Creative Place Awards**
Creative Scotland has announced the second of three annual rounds of Creative Place Awards, as part of their National Events Programme 2012-14. These Awards ‘celebrate and recognise the hard work and imagination that contributes to the rich cultural life of a community, as well as its social and economic well-being’. In the first round of the Awards, announced at the end of January, there were no winners from the Highlands and Islands, and only one nominee from the area out of nine, Kilmartin Glen in Argyll. So the challenge is on to ensure that the Highlands and Islands are properly represented in this second round! The Creative Place Awards provide **significant funds for new projects** in the winning communities, but equally importantly they provide **considerable media profile** for the winners.

**Deadline:** 20th July 2012 http://www.creativescotland.com/investment/creative-place-awards

32. **The Arts Trust of Scotland**
The Trust's objective is to help working artists in Scotland fulfil their potential, realise their visions and enable those who value the contribution of Scotland’s arts, artists and creativity to national life, to contribute to their continued development. It subsequently aims to support work which:
- Is created by artists in Scotland.
- Adds to the growing reputation of Scotland's arts community.
- Helps individuals of talent to develop their skills and ideas.

The Trust therefore hopes to offer an opportunity for those who derive pleasure from the arts to recognise, in a tangible way, the enormous success of Scottish artists and arts organisations and provide for their future.

**Deadline:** 16th August 2012 http://www.artstrustscotland.org.uk/intro.htm

33. **David Canter Memorial Fund**
The David Canter Memorial Fund offers awards to give financial assistance to those working in the Crafts for special projects, travel for specific research and for educational work. Awards are made every other year, each time focusing on a specific craft discipline. In 2012 the discipline is ceramics.

**Deadline:** 21st September 2012 http://www.crafts.org.uk

34. **Wellcome Trust Small Arts Awards**
The Wellcome Trust has announced that the next application deadline under its Small Arts Awards is. The Small Arts Awards provides grants of up to £30,000 to projects that engage the public with biomedical science through the arts. This can include dance, drama, performance arts, visual arts, music, film, craft, photography, creative writing or digital media. The aim of the awards is to support arts projects that reach new audiences which may not traditionally be interested in science and provide new ways of thinking about the social, cultural and ethical issues around contemporary science. The scheme is open to a wide range of people including, among others,
artists, scientists, curators, filmmakers, writers, producers, directors, academics, science communicators, teachers, arts workers and education officers.

**Deadline: 27th July 2012**

http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Public-engagement/Funding-schemes/Arts-Awards/index.htm

35. Creative Scotland Investment Programmes Overview
Creative Scotland have launched a new webpage with an overview of their funding and provides a range of Investment Programmes which enable artists, practitioners and organisations to apply for financial support to:

- develop talent;
- create new work;
- support widening access and participation;
- develop the cultural economy; or
- invest in creative places.

**Various deadlines apply**
http://www.creativescotland.co.uk/investment/investmentopportunities

36. Alcohol Research UK Small Grants Programme Opens for Applications
Alcohol Research UK has announced that its Small Grants Programme has re-opened for applications. Through the programme grants of up to £5,000 per project are available for small research projects, pilot research studies or demonstration projects. Priority will be given to projects that have the potential to make a significant new contribution to the alcohol evidence base, either in its own right or as a precursor to a larger project, that have well defined aims and where there is a sound evaluation component to check whether aims have been achieved. Applications may also be made for a contribution towards running a suitable conference of up to £3,000. To be eligible for funding, the conference should help to disseminate important new evidence or theories; have clear and identifiable aims; and there should be some post event evaluation regarding the influence on policy and practice and Alcohol Research UK would be provided with a conference report.

http://alcoholresearchuk.org/grants/small-grants/

37. Funding for Health Innovation Projects
The Health Foundation has announced that the 2012 round of the Shine Challenge is now open for applications. Awards of up to £75,000 per projects are available to improve healthcare. The challenge is open to healthcare teams based in any of the four countries of the UK, as well as private and voluntary sector organisations. This year, the challenge is trying to find new approaches to supporting patients to be active partners in their own care; improving patient safety; and improving quality while reducing costs. The Foundation will select up to 18 projects and invest up to £75,000 in each successful project.

**Deadline: 17th July 2012**
http://www.health.org.uk/areas-of-work/programmes/shine-twelve/

38. MacMillian Cancer Support Announces New Grants Scheme
MacMillian Cancer Support has announced that it has launched a new grants programme to replace their Helping You Help Others and Inclusion User Involvement grants for groups and individuals who support people affected by cancer or campaign to improve cancer care. Grants of up to £3,000 are available to people affected by cancer in groups or individually; other groups, such as voluntary organisations, community interest companies, community groups, social enterprises; as well as health and social care staff, information and support staff in partnership with people affected by cancer. The type of activities that can be supported include start up costs for a Self-help and Support group; development applications e.g. for groups to expand and extend their reach for both Self Help and Support and User Involvement; and combined applications for those that include Self Help and Support and User Involvement.

**Deadline: 30th June 2012**

39. McDonalds KickStart Grants
McDonalds has announced the launch of a new grant scheme to support community football throughout the UK. A total of £75,000 is available in 2012 through the McDonalds Kick Start scheme and local community football teams can apply for grants of between £500 and £2,500 for activities such as improving club facilities; grounds-keeping tools; training courses; pitch hire; van hire; washing machines for kit; etc. Individuals can apply for a grant on behalf of their club, as long as they are recognised by their national FA, and have at least
one team at or below junior (U18) level. Applicants must be over 18 and involved with the club at some level, such as a coach, volunteer or parent.

**Deadline: 30th June 2012** [http://www.mcdonalds.co.uk/ukhome/Sport/Football/Investment/small-grant.html](http://www.mcdonalds.co.uk/ukhome/Sport/Football/Investment/small-grant.html)

40. Business Growth Fund

The Business Growth Fund was created as a result of recommendations made by the Business Finance Taskforce in October 2010, which was established following the government's green paper 'Financing a Private Sector Recovery' in July 2010. The Business Finance Taskforce was put together under the British Banking Association (BBA) to analyse the finance needs of UK businesses and create a framework to support private sector growth. The Taskforce comprises CEOs and senior representatives from the BBA and five of the major UK banks:

- Barclays.
- HSBC.
- Lloyds.
- Royal Bank of Scotland.
- Standard Chartered.

**Applications may be submitted at any time** [http://www.businessgrowthfund.co.uk/](http://www.businessgrowthfund.co.uk/)

41. Industrial CASE Studentships

Applicant companies choose which academic partner will host the studentship, and then select suitable, eligible students in consultation with the partner. Projects must be in engineering or physical sciences and are jointly supervised by the academic and industrial partners. The student must spend at least three months during the placement at the company's premises. The company is expected to make a contribution towards the studentship and also cover all expenses (travel and accommodation) incurred by the student whilst spending time on the company premises. Studentships are allocated through several routes:

- The majority are distributed with the help of a formula, based on a company’s participation in EPSRC funded research (both collaboration on grants and sponsorship of students). Those starting in the previous two years are taken into account. The total number of industrial CASE are then divided according to the levels of collaboration (higher levels of collaboration giving higher allocations).
- Through Industrial CASE agents - a number of awards are available for companies (especially the small and medium sized) which are unlikely to achieve sufficient level to gain formula allocations.
- Through a central pool competition.
- Through EPSRC Sector Teams.

A full list of agents and companies is available. Companies qualifying for an allocation are contacted, usually early in the calendar year, with notice of the numbers available to them.

**Deadline: 21st September 2012** [http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/funding/students/coll/icase/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/funding/students/coll/icase/Pages/default.aspx)

42. Low Carbon Skills Fund

The Fund has been established to support the sustainability and growth of businesses in the renewable energy, energy efficiency and carbon reduction sectors by part-funding training which meets business priorities. Businesses eligible under the fund should be involved in increasing the energy efficiency of products or installation of lower carbon products or renewable energy resources Eligible training activity can include the following:

- Qualifications, including individual units.
- Master Classes.
- Learning based on National Occupancy Standards.
- Industry recognised qualifications.
- First line supervisory management.
- Workshops.
- Taster sessions.

**Deadline: 31st March 2013** [http://www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk/our-services/services-for-employers/training/low-carbon-skills-fund.aspx](http://www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk/our-services/services-for-employers/training/low-carbon-skills-fund.aspx)
43. **Electranova Capital Fund**
The Electranova Capital Fund is a low-carbon venture capital scheme designed to support small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in the energy sector. It aims to encourage innovative low-carbon projects, which focus on new technologies for energy production and usage, and is looking specifically for young companies with strong growth potential in Europe. The project will also provide an opportunity for start-ups to develop partnerships with its R&D team and other departments. EDF states that the creation of this venture capital fund fits in with the worldwide context of an ever-evolving energy mix, characterised by countless innovations. This project will also provide an opportunity for start-ups to forge ties and nurture partnerships with EDF R&D and the group's other departments.

*Applications may be submitted at any time* [http://www.edf.com](http://www.edf.com)

44. **LIFT New Supply Shared Equity Scheme**
The New Supply Shared Equity Scheme aims to help people on low incomes who wish to own their own home but who cannot afford to pay the full price for a house.

*Applications can be made at any time* [http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Built-Environment/Housing/BuyingSelling/lift/NSSE201213summary](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Built-Environment/Housing/BuyingSelling/lift/NSSE201213summary)

45. **Women Make Music Opens for Applications**
The Performing Right Society (PRS) has announced that its Women Make Music grant scheme is now open for applications. The second year of Women Make Music comes after a successful pilot programme in 2011. Through the programme, financial support of up to £5000 is available to women musicians; and new music in any genre is welcome, from classical, jazz and experimental, to urban, electronica and pop. Through the scheme support is available to both individuals and organisations/groups; including solo performers; solo songwriters or composers; promoters or event producers; bands/ensembles/orchestras; local authorities and schools; etc.


46. **Fulbright Teachers Exchange Programme**
The British Council has announced that Teachers within the UK that would like the opportunity to trade places with an American teacher either for an autumn term or a whole academic year have the opportunity to apply to the Fulbright Teachers Exchange Programme. Exchanges involve elementary and secondary schools, including kindergarten and community colleges throughout the United States. For UK applicants the programme covers all levels from primary to further education and to be eligible for support, the applicant must be a qualified teacher or equivalent, with five years full-time teaching experience in the UK. Two of these years must be in the institution from which the exchange will take place. The costs of transport for the exchange are covered by the programme and participants will continue to be paid by their employer while on the exchange.


47. **The Philip Henman Trust**
The Philip Henman Trust is currently inviting applications from UK based overseas development organisations requiring partnership funding for long term overseas development projects (lasting between three and five years) that will provide a lasting beneficial impact to the people or environment. The trust offers grants between £3,000 and £5,000 per year, with a maximum total of £25,000 to UK registered charity (normally defined as having an income of over £100,000 PA). The Trust only invites applications for funding once a year and only has resources to guarantee an average of two new long term grants a year.


48. **Winston Churchill Memorial Trust**
Travel Fellowships enable men and women from all walks of life to acquire knowledge and experience abroad. In the process, they gain a better understanding of the lives and different cultures of people overseas and, on their return, their effectiveness at work and their contribution to the community is enhanced greatly.

**Deadline: 2nd October 2012** [http://www.wcmt.org.uk](http://www.wcmt.org.uk)
49. People's Postcode Trust
The People’s Postcode Trust offers grants of between £500 and £10,000 to small organisations and community groups for projects lasting up to 3 months in the areas of Poverty Prevention; Advancement of Health; Community Development; Public Sports; Human Rights; and Environmental Protection. All community groups, sports clubs and registered charities are invited to apply for funding from £500 up to £2,000. Registered charities can apply for up to £10,000.

50. Water Efficiency Awards
The Water Efficiency Awards are presented to those organisations in the public, private and voluntary sectors that, through water-saving activities, are helping to conserve precious resources. By increasing awareness, sharing good practice and demonstrating that the implementation of water efficiency practices can be cost-effective, the Environment Agency hopes to inspire other organisations to take action and use water wisely.
**Deadline: 30th June 2012** [http://www.waterwise.org.uk/pages/awards.html](http://www.waterwise.org.uk/pages/awards.html)

51. Architectural Heritage Fund
The Architectural Heritage Fund (AHF), is a registered charity that promotes the conservation and regeneration of historic buildings in the UK. Grants and low interest loans are available to voluntary organisations and building preservation trusts (BPTs) to regenerate historic buildings. The aim is to create community and education facilities, workspace and homes. To be eligible to apply for financial assistance organisations must have a charitable status. Any charity with a qualifying project can apply for an options appraisal grant, or a loan, but any other AHF’s grants are reserved for BPTs - charities established specially to preserve historic buildings. The project must also involve a change of ownership and/or a change of use. Previously funded projects include turning rundown historic buildings into; Community theatres; Resource centres; Community learning centres; Workspaces; Places to live; and Community meeting places, etc.

52. Money Advice Trust Innovation Grants Programme 2012
The Money Advice Trust (MAT) which aims to increase the quality and availability of money advice in the UK has announced that it is seeking applications for its 2012 Innovation Grants Programme. The programme offers support for agencies that provide money advice, and funds work which will improve the availability, effectiveness and efficiency of money advice in the UK. Projects must be innovative and must help MAT achieve its aim of helping people across the UK to tackle their debts and manage their money wisely. Grants range from £1,000 up to £30,000; in exceptional cases MAT’s Grants Committee may consider larger grants. MAT priority areas for 2012 are; developing new information, resources and ways of delivering advice that can be shared with others, and replicated widely; projects which combine money advice and financial capability for people who are usually excluded from society; and work which will assist those who are homeless or facing homelessness.

53. Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust
The Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust has announced that its grant making programme is open for applications. Within the UK, the Trust makes grants to both organisations and individuals for activities that relate to Peace and conflict resolution; Promoting racial justice; Power and responsibility; and Quaker concerns. The Trust tends to fund work that is on a national level and there are no maximum grant limits although the Trust does stress that costings need to be realistic.

Please note that all Argyll and Bute Council officers considering applying for European funding should contact the European Team [marylouise.rooney@argyll-bute.gov.uk](mailto:marylouise.rooney@argyll-bute.gov.uk) or 01436 658913 for more information and eligibility.

54. Argyll & Bute and South Ayrshire Fisheries Local Action Group
Argyll and Bute Council has secured £256,416 of funds from the European Fisheries ‘Axis 4’ Fund and welcomes the opportunities this will bring for the local area. The money will be used to support regeneration activity in
existing and former fishing communities and funds will be disbursed through a Fisheries Local Action Group (FLAG). Argyll and Bute Council made the bid in collaboration with colleagues from South Ayrshire Council and we will now work to form a joint FLAG. It is a condition of the offer that Axis 4 funds must be matched 100% with other public funds, which may in turn, be further matched by funds from project applicants. Working in partnership with colleagues from South Ayrshire Council we will be exploring ways to generate match funding. The key objectives of the ABSA Local Fisheries Development Strategy are as follows:

- To support and encourage renewable energy activities that benefit fisheries communities in terms of on-shore and off-shore employment and training opportunities.
- To improve accessibility for fisheries communities through the redevelopment of harbours, piers and slipways.
- To support the growth of a local and domestic markets exploiting the strong linkages with and adding value to seafood produce and food tourism and the seafaring cultural heritage of the area.
- To support the diversification of the fishing industry through increased collaboration coupled with value added opportunities for employment and training.
- To raise the visiting public’s understanding of the region’s fishing and aquaculture activities.
- To promote joint action to develop the recreational use of harbours across the FLAG area.

It is expected that the application deadline will be announced in August with a submission date for September/October. For a copy of the ABSA Development Strategy and an Expression of Interest form, please contact: Duncan.dewar@argyll-bute.gov.uk For further information on the programme please e-mail Ishabel.bremner@argyll-bute.gov.uk or marylouise.rooney@argyll-bute.gov.uk

55. Youth in Action
Youth in Action is a European Programme which supports activities relating to young people. The Youth for Europe strand encourages young people’s active participation and citizenship. The Youth for Europe strand has three main elements:

- Youth Exchanges
- Youth Initiatives
- Youth Democracy Activities

There is a rolling timetable for applications to Youth for Europe and more information can be found at http://www.britishcouncil.org/youthinaction-about-youth-in-action.htm

56. Seventh Research Framework Programme (FP7)
The Seventh Framework Programme supports research-related activities under a common Programme focusing on the goals of growth, competitiveness and employment. The Broad objectives of FP7 have been grouped into 4 categories which are as follows: Cooperation, Ideas, People and Capacities. More information on the FP7 including themes and deadlines can be found at www.cordis.europa.eu/fp7

Don’t forget to give us your feedback. We would like to know if you manage to win an award or grant that you found in Funding Alert......it helps to justify the time and effort put into preparing the monthly bulletin. We highlight last chance and imminent deadlines in red.

Congratulations Helensburgh & Lomond Carers (SCIO) £4,000 and Mid Argyll & Kintyre People & Agencies Coming Together £3,500 from Lloyds TSB Foundation
Congratulations also to the groups who received awards from LEADER http://www.argyllandtheislandsleader.org.uk/?m=201203&cat=1