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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 708547

NEWS AND UPDATES
Village Halls Event - Sat.7th March – Garelochead or Sat 14th March Oban 11am-3.30pm
Argyll and Bute Council, along with our Third Sector partners are running two events designed to support Village Hall committees and volunteers, and community managed buildings, with some of the issues they face. Staff from the Robertson Trust, Argyll & the Islands Leader and the European Funding Unit are among
the funders who will be attending. There will be experts on how to get more support, how to publicise your facilities and events, energy efficiency, health and safety and lots more. To find out more or register your interest – just keep the date free and contact us at communitydevelopment@argyll-bute.gcsx.gov.uk. Tel: 01436 657608

Stalled Spaces Scotland - Argyll & Bute - Coming in April
Funding of up to £2,500 will be available to constituted community groups to assist them in enhancing the vacant and underused sites within their town centres - Campbeltown, Helensburgh, Oban, Rothesay and Dunoon. The Council will be able to offer support to the groups by helping the communities develop their ideas and through the offer of a small grant, which is made up of Argyll and Bute Council and Architecture & Design Scotland funding, as the first step to transforming these vacant and derelict spaces on a temporary basis. The Stalled Spaces initiative will focus on three main themes - growing, healthy living and youth activity. The project will be formally launched in April at which time there will be a call for applications. Please contact Lorna.pearce@argyll-bute.gov.uk for an application pack or further information.

Local Charities Invited To Get Online and Talk Funding
Charities working in communities across Scotland are invited to have an online chat about funding opportunities with Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland. Every month, the grant maker hosts advice surgeries using online face to face technology. Charities with a Skype account or Google Hangout are invited to book an appointment at any of the 10 monthly surgeries between March and December. The Foundation is particularly keen to hear from grassroots charities which benefit disadvantaged people and who need funding to continue their work. Unlike many other funders, the Foundation’s Henry Duncan Awards programme will contribute towards staff and running costs, as well as new projects and services. And charities which have had a grant before can also apply again. The advice surgery gives charities the chance to find out if they meet the funding criteria and to get tips on how to fill in the application form. Online advice surgeries will be held on 4th March, 1st April, 6th May, 3rd June, 1st July, 5th August, 2nd September, 7th October, 4th November, and 2nd December. Appointments last 45 minutes and can be booked by calling 0131 444 4020 or emailing enquiries@ltsbfoundationforscotland.org.uk

ARTS AND CULTURE

1. The Radcliffe Trust
The Radcliffe Trust supports classical music performance and training especially chamber music, composition and music education. Particular interests within music education are music for children and adults with special needs, youth orchestras and projects at secondary and higher levels, including academic research. The Trustees respond to applications and also initiate their own projects. Applicant must be a registered charity or an exempt charity and must be based in the UK. Bursaries and other support for fees are normally paid to the education organisation. Applications are considered under eight headings;

1. composition and contemporary music
2. bursaries for courses and summer schools; limited to U.K. based students
3. music therapy / special needs
4. academic research / projects
5. youth orchestras
6. performance projects
7. educational projects
8. miscellaneous


2. Grants to Help New, Innovative Visual Arts Projects
The Trust offers grants to artists and for new, innovative visual arts projects based in the UK. The Trust's aim is to make it possible for artists and those presenting their work to undertake and complete projects when confronted by lack of funds. The Trust supports projects that develop and improve the knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the fine arts. Priority is now being given to artists and small organisations and galleries who should submit well argued, imaginative proposals for making or producing new work or exhibitions. Arts Festivals are not supported. The Trust normally awards grants of up to £2,000, but larger grants may be considered.

3. Funding to Support Arts Projects
The Fidelio Trust offers grants of up to £5,000 in support of the Arts, in particular the dramatic and operatic arts, music, speech and dance. The Trustees aim to help individuals and groups such as Colleges, Arts Festivals and other arts organisations who would not be able to carry out a project or activity without financial support. Funding is available towards tuition or coaching costs; to participate in external competitions; to be supported for a specially arranged performance; or to receive support for a special publication, musical composition or work of art.

4. Museums Galleries Scotland 2015/16 Capital Fund
The Museums Galleries Capital Fund will support projects for the strategic development of museums and contribute to the delivery of the aims of the National Strategy. The fund aims to support major facilities, major purchases or renovation/conservation projects in Scotland's accredited museums. You can apply for between £5,000 and £40,000 and a minimum of 10% match funding is required. There will be one round of funding per year and more information will be available shortly.
Deadline: 7th October 2015 http://www.museumsgalleriesscotland.org.uk/funding/capital-fund/

5. Emerging Talent Shorts
Emerging Talent Shorts is a short film development and production programme, targeted at Scottish based writers, directors and producers who would benefit from making another short before embarking on their first feature. In the context of the programme, 'emerging talent' refers to writers, directors and producers who have made funded work that has had some positive attention from the industry and/or public, and who are looking for guidance and support towards making their first feature. In some cases, the programme may support filmmakers who have made a no/micro/very-low budget, or previously unreleased feature film.
Applications may be submitted at any time
http://www.scottishfilmtalent.com/emerging-talent-shorts/?dm_i=FES,34Z1N,F50HRL,B8UHV,1

6. Funding to Promote Events in Scotland
EventScotland, the national events agency which aims to strengthen and promote Scotland's events industry, has announced the National Events Programme round 30 is open to applications. The National Events Programme complements the International Funding Programme and is important in developing domestic tourism across Scotland. Through the programme funding is available to support events (outside of the cities of Edinburgh and Glasgow) that showcase Scotland and help to generate tourism.

7. Open Project Funding
This fund supports the arts, screen and creative industries, with projects that help them explore, realise and develop their creative potential, widen access to their work, and enrich Scotland’s reputation as a distinctive creative nation connected to the world. We want to encourage applicants to generate great ideas and projects that we can then help them to make happen. These ideas can cover a broad spectrum of activity, and Open Project Funding will support:
- Projects that develop skills or artistic practice
- Projects that create something new and of high quality
- Projects which either present work to audiences, or which try to develop and reach new audiences (including those hard to reach)
- Projects which encourage more people to get involved in artistic and creative activity.
Support will be available for activity and projects of different size and scale – and for up to 2 years in duration. Open Project Funding is open to both individuals and organisations.
Applications may be submitted at any time
http://www.creativescotland.com/funding/funding-programmes/open-project-funding

BUSINESS AND ENTERPRISE

8. Business Growth Grant - Final Call for Applications
Are you an existing business, based in Argyll and Bute, looking to grow your business and need help with the costs? Business Gateway may be able to help with a Business Gateway+ Growth Grant, covering 50%
of eligible project costs up to a maximum of £3,000. If you have been trading more than 6 months; have a turnover above £70,000 and have identified a project linked to increasing your turnover in the next 3 years please get in touch with one of the team to find out more.

**Deadline: 10th March 2015** business.gateway@argyll-bute.gov.uk 01546 604555

9. RBS Social & Community Capital

RBS has a strong heritage supporting community-based businesses. Through RBS Social & Community Capital (S&CC), they are building on that support, helping potential and existing social entrepreneurs who are unable to access sufficient finance through mainstream channels. The fund will look to support viable charities, social enterprises, community interest companies and co-operatives that are sustainable, deliver high levels of social value and are investment ready. The charity is offering Loan Funding of between £30,000 and £1m, depending on the type of organisation, to enable Social Enterprises to gain the finance they need to expand their market.

**Applications may be submitted at any time**

10. Lloyds Banking Group Social Entrepreneurs Programme

Lloyds Banking Group has launched a new round of its Social Entrepreneurs Programme which aims to support community-focused businesspeople across the UK to start or scale-up their projects. The programme comprises the following support strands:

- **Start Up** - For those who are in the early stage development of a project or organisation. This programme will support personal development and business skills development to help turn projects or project ideas into a reality.
- **Scale Up** - For established organisations that are looking to take their operations to the next level. This programme will equip applicants with the tools to develop their enterprise further and maximise its social impact.

The support available breaks down as follows:

- Start Up grants of £4,000 awarded and a place on a Start Up School for Social Entrepreneurs (SSE) learning programme.
- 'Scale Up' grants of £15,000 awarded and a place on a Scale Up School for Social Entrepreneurs (SSE) learning programme.

Individuals who are leading or planning to set up a project or social enterprise organisation which will create social change in the UK may apply.

**Deadline: 2nd April 2015**
http://www.the-sse.org/schools/26/lloyds-banking-group-social-entrepreneurs-programme

11. Lloyds Banking Group’s Credit Union Development Fund

The fund will be open for applications to all credit unions authorised to operate in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland can apply for an award (provided they have not already received a large grant from the programme). The funding programme has been designed to strengthen the financial position of credit unions and give them the capacity to develop new strategies for sustained and effective growth. Two kinds of grants will be available. Large awards (of between £50,000 and £100,000) will provide a contribution to a credit union’s reserves or capital activities, and help remove barriers to growth and innovation. Seed funding awards (of between £10,000 and £20,000) will help credit unions to make the changes they need to apply for a large award in a subsequent year or to pay for the costs of merger in certain circumstances.

**Deadline: 30th April 2015**
http://www.creditunionfoundation.org.uk/about/developmentfund

12. Post Office Community Branch Fund

The Post Office has announced that the Post Office Community Branch Fund is open for applications. This is a £20 million investment scheme designed to help secure the long term future of branches which have become the crucial last shop in their area giving community members easy access to services such as high street banking and mail. Grant are available to develop and improve Post Office businesses and examples of projects that can be supported include: changing the format of a branch, for example to improve storage space; new Post Office signage; refurbishment work or investing in growing your business; new flooring,
13. Funding for Rural Community Enterprises
Plunkett has funding and support available for new and diversifying rural community enterprises. Communities that would like to expand their current service provision by adding a shop, café, library, and bakery or bar, for example, or want to set-up a co-operative from scratch, can apply for a £2,000 feasibility support package, which includes 2 days with a community enterprise adviser. The £2,000 feasibility funding is specifically for rural communities aiming to raise at least £10,000 in community shares and looking to provide an enterprise that will socially benefit their community.

Deadline: 15th September 2015 http://www.plunkett.co.uk/newsandmedia/news-item.cfm/newsid/808

14. Launch of the 2015 Deutsche Bank Awards for Creative Enterprises
The Deutsche Bank Awards for Creative Enterprise help young creative entrepreneurs turn their ideas into reality. Aspiring artists, designers and performers who want to go into business need practical and financial support are being targeted through the programme. It will enable art students around the UK to explore, develop and establish their creative ideas into sustainable ventures - through business planning training, mentoring and capital funding for starting-up in business. Winning individuals and groups will receive £10,000 (plus runner-up prizes in one of five categories) in start-up capital to realise their business plan, along with business planning training and a mentor - to support graduates in their first year as creative entrepreneurs.

The five categories for the 2015 round of awards are:
1. Fine Art
2. Film & Photography
3. Design
4. Music
5. Performing Arts

Applicants will receive support to develop a business or project plan for their crucial first year after graduation. The programme will develop capacity in colleges to support business and project planning, giving college/university professionals the opportunity to take part in enterprise training and access intercollegiate professional networks. All graduating arts degree students in the UK (and those who have graduated within one year) will be eligible to apply for the Awards.


15. Funding to Alleviate Effects of Poverty on Women & Children
Registered charities whose purpose is to alleviate poverty and social deprivation with particular emphasis on children and women's issues have the opportunity to apply for funding through the Volant Charitable Trust. For projects based in Scotland only, with funding requests of up to and including £10,000 per annum.


16. Funding for Summer Playschemes
The Hilden Charitable Fund has announced that its Summer Playscheme Grants Programme is now open for applications. The aim of the scheme is to help community groups run Summer Playschemes for the benefit of children from disadvantaged backgrounds. Some priority will be given to projects which show they are inclusive of children from refugee families, and show BME involvement. Funding of up to £1,000 is available for Summer Playschemes for children aged 5 - 18 years lasting for 2 - 6 weeks with strong volunteer support. The funding is available to voluntary agencies with an income of less than £150,000. Some priority will be given to projects which show they are inclusive of children from refugee families, and show BME involvement.


17. Community Food Fund
The Community Food Fund has been created to promote local food and drink across Scotland. In relation to Scotland's National Food and Drink Policy, the Fund will focus on two main priorities:
1. Supporting the development of food trails and networks.
2. Establishing local food and drink events, including farmers' markets that celebrate and promote food and drink throughout the year. Applicants can apply for up to £25,000 per submission round. The scheme is open to food and drink producer groups, networks and community organisations in Scotland. It is not open to individual businesses. Projects need to fit into at least one of the following three categories:
- Create or enhance a current food and drink network/group/community.
- Create or enhance a food trail.
- Create or enhance local food and drink event(s).
Additionally, the assessment panel are looking for projects to:
- Provide a benefit to local food and drink producers and/or communities.
- Have a route towards financial sustainability.
- Regional focus involving collaboration with other networks/groups.
- Acknowledge healthy food and drink.
**Deadline: 26th March 2015** [http://www.thinklocalscotland.co.uk/community-food-fund/](http://www.thinklocalscotland.co.uk/community-food-fund/)

18. The Cycle Friendly and Sustainable Communities Fund 2015/16 (Scotland)
Cycle Scotland's Cycle Friendly and Sustainable Communities Fund is now open for applications. Community groups can apply for funding of up to £5,000 to support and deliver projects that increase the number of local journeys by bike, reduce single occupancy car use and increase active travel options so that local transport related carbon emissions are reduced and the health and wellbeing of the community is increased. Projects are expected to be sustainable beyond the 12 month funding period.

**EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING**

19. Talent Programme Bursary
As part of its professional development support for new and emerging filmmakers, the Scottish Film Talent Network (SFTN) offers a Talent Programme Bursary to help writers, directors and producers to attend talent labs and development programmes. Funding can be used to cover the following costs only:
- Economy travel
- Accommodation
- Accreditation fees
Support is available to Scottish writers, directors and producers. To be eligible, applicants must be accepted onto a recognised talent lab or development programme and is able to provide evidence of their acceptance.
**Applications may be submitted at any time**
[http://www.scottishfilmtalent.com/professional-development/?dm_i=FES,34Z1N,F50HRL,B8UHV,1](http://www.scottishfilmtalent.com/professional-development/?dm_i=FES,34Z1N,F50HRL,B8UHV,1)

20. Skills for Growth
The Skills for Growth programme is a free service that aims to small and medium-sized businesses (SMEs) in Scotland to achieve their growth ambitions with knowledgeable, skilled and motivated employees. The programme provides free consultancy from Investors in People alongside free support from a Skills Development Scotland Employer Engagement Adviser. The scheme can help businesses identify their priorities and objectives, link these to the people and skills needs of their organisation and create a tailored action plan. The Employer Engagement Advisers can then identify appropriate training providers and advise the employer on how they can apply for any public sector funding that may be available to them.
**Support can be accessed at any time**
[https://www.ourskillsforce.co.uk/skills-planning-hr-support/skills-planning/skills-for-growth/](https://www.ourskillsforce.co.uk/skills-planning-hr-support/skills-planning/skills-for-growth/)

21. Print Futures Awards
Grants are available to UK residents aged between 16 and 30 who:
- are already working in printing, publishing or the graphic arts and would like to undertake a short course or training sessions to develop their skills; or
- intend to study, or are already studying, for a job in printing, publishing or the graphic arts in the UK.
22. **Adopt an Apprentice Programme Extended to Oil and Gas Sector**

The Adopt an Apprentice (AAA) Programme was launched by the Scottish Government in response to the economic downturn, with the aim of supporting Modern Apprentices (MAs) who were made redundant as a result of this. By offering a financial incentive, the Programme aims to support employers to cover the wage and recruitment costs of taking on an Apprentice who has been made redundant from another employer. In February 2015, it was announced that the scheme was to be extended to help employers take on Modern Apprentices made redundant in the oil and gas sector. A financial incentive of £5,000 is available to businesses in the oil and gas industry; an incentive of £2,000 is available to businesses in all other industries. For oil and gas companies, the incentive will include discretionary support for MAs from the wider supply chain undertaking engineering and engineering construction MA frameworks, where there is evidence that the redundancy is a direct result of the downturn in the oil and gas industry. Any employer in the public or private sector is eligible to adopt an Apprentice, as long as they have not received more than €200,000 in de minimis State Aid over any three year period. All registered Modern Apprentices who have been made redundant as a result of the economic downturn will be eligible for support, i.e. registered in CTS or with the relevant Sector Skills Council. For those made redundant from the oil and gas sector, the special measures apply to those made redundant from 14 January 2015 onwards. Apprentices must be able to prove that they have been made redundant, i.e. through a P45, notification of redundancy, or an official letter from the previous employer. All Apprentices who have been made redundant because the employer ceased to trade or was unable to continue employing the apprentice due to a lack of work will be eligible for support.

**Applications may be submitted at any time**
https://www.ourskillsforce.co.uk/funding-for-skills/adopt-an-apprentice/

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**ENERGY, RENEWABLES AND RECYCLING**

23. **Funding to Tackle Fuel Poverty**

The Scottish Power Energy People Trust has announced that its grants programme is open for applications. The Trust provides grants to registered charities for projects that address fuel poverty. Organisations can apply for grants of up to £50,000 for projects that improve home energy efficiency through draught proofing, insulating and or other practical measures; support front line charities who carry out benefits advice to households missing out on financial help that they are entitled to and provide assistance to reduce or cancel debts for household electricity or gas supply, where such assistance is provided as part of a package of measures aimed at providing customers with long-term relief from fuel poverty. Applications are particularly welcome from charities who work with children, young people and families.

**Deadline: 19th May 2015**
http://www.energypeopletrust.com/content/default.asp?page=home

24. **EIT Accelerator Programme**

The programme is open to applicants with an idea for a climate-related break through but who are unsure how to transform their passion into a commercially viable business. The programme will help the most promising start-ups connect with the right experts, to formulate a business plan, develop entrepreneurial skills and fund the business through the early stages. It will provide the successful applicant with the tools, opportunities and network to transform ideas into commercial success.

**Stage 1: Development of an Initial Business Plan**
This stage is open to motivated entrepreneurs with an innovative business idea and/or proof of breakthrough technology that has a substantial climate impact. Stage 1 will give successful applicants access to experts, masterclasses, network opportunities, our contacts and a dedicated mentor for coaching and guiding.

**Stage 2: Verify hypothesis & Meet your clients**
This stage is open to teams with a business plan and management team in place. The goal is to help them translate business plans into concrete value propositions and connect them to market and clients. Stage 2 successful applicants will still have access to a mentor, experts, masterclasses and other opportunities and as a result they will have a comprehensive business plan, financial model and customer research. The most successful teams from stage 1 and 2 will go through to stage 3.

**Stage 3: Investor ready**
In this last stage successful applicants will meet potential clients and investors. The programme will provide pitch training sessions, master classes and a coach who. Applicants will have access to an incubator space and the chance on an investment up to €20.000.

**Deadline: 23rd March 2015**
http://www.innovationbham.com/climate-kic/start-up-support/
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. Shona.strachan@argyll-bute.gov.uk 01436 658913 for more information and eligibility.

EUROPEAN FUNDING

25. Northern Periphery and Artic Programme (NPAP)
The second call for applications to the Northern Periphery and Artic Programme (one of the EU Territorial Cooperation Programmes) is now open. The Highlands and Islands Area of Argyll and Bute is an eligible area under this programme. There are 4 Priorities under the programme which are:

1. Using Innovation to Maintain And Develop Robust And Competitive Communities
2. Promoting Entrepreneurship to Realise the Potential of the Programme Area’s Competitive Advantage
3. Fostering Energy-Secure Communities through Promotion of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency
4. Protecting, Promoting and Developing Cultural and Natural Heritage

The intervention rate for eligible costs ranges from 50-65% depending on the project. There is a requirement to work with partners from across the Programme area which includes Finland, Ireland, UK (Scotland and N.Ireland), Sweden, Faroe Islands, Iceland, Greenland and Norway. This means that the programme area encompasses the Euro-Arctic zone, parts of the Atlantic zone and parts of the Barents region, neighbouring on Canada in the West and Russia in the East. It is also anticipated that the partnership should comprise of partners from public, private and academic organisations. There are two types of projects under the NPAP which are:

- **Preparatory project**, they require the involvement of a minimum of 2 member states outlined above;
- **Main project**, they require the involvement of a minimum of 3 member states outlined above.

The timetable for the 2nd call for applications is as follows:

**Deadline:** 10th April 2015 for decisions on the 9th & 10th June 2015. Thereafter it is likely that the 3rd call will take place in August 2015.

More information about the Programme can be found at [www.northernperiphery.eu/en/home/](http://www.northernperiphery.eu/en/home/) or by contacting the regional contact point for the Highlands and Islands denise.pirie@hient.co.uk

GENERAL FUNDING

26. UK Armed Forces Day Grant
Since 2009, Armed Forces Day has been marked annually with events large and small throughout the UK. In support of this event, the Ministry of Defence (MoD) is providing funding to help organisations and individuals in the UK host an Armed Forces Day event this summer. Local councils, organisations, schools, ex-service organisations and individuals in the UK are eligible to apply for funding of a maximum £10,000 (providing the MoD accounts for no more that 50% of the project costs). Events must occur a week either side of the National Armed Forces Day.

**Deadline:** 27th March 2015

HEALTH

27. Scotch Whisky Action Fund Tackling alcohol-related harms
The Scotch whisky industry is and has been involved for many years in a range of initiatives to promote responsible attitudes to alcohol and tackle alcohol-related harm. The establishment of this fund by the Scotch Whisky Association is a further development of that commitment. To invest in groups and organisations that wish to reduce the impact of alcohol-related harm in Scotland’s communities. They are looking to support and develop a range of projects/initiatives which deliver targeted interventions designed to tackle alcohol-related harms across three themes:

- Young people (aged under 18)
- Families
- Communities
The Fund would particularly welcome applications from new/innovative or pilot initiatives which aim to test new approaches within these themes and which will offer learning that others can use. Applications from existing projects which can demonstrate success in reducing harm are also welcome.

**Deadline: 30th June 2015** [www.foundationscotland.org.uk](http://www.foundationscotland.org.uk)

### 28. Funding for Projects that Support Children and Young People
Registered Charities can apply for grants ranging from a few hundred pounds up to £30,000 per year for up to 2 years that are working in the areas of education or health with one of the Foundation's four chosen focus groups. These are children and young people with disabilities; children and young people who are sick in hospital; children and young people who are homeless; and children and young people who are life limited (requiring palliative care). There is approximately £150,000 available to distribute each quarter. Grant applications for up to £10,000 can be approved by the Committee, and applications for more than £10,000 are recommended to the Trustees for final approval. There is no limit on the amount of money that a charity can request. However, the Foundation is a small charity and generally will not make awards of over £30,000 (per year). Funding can be requested for up to 2 years for any particular project.


### 29. Pink Ribbon Foundation Grants
The Pink Ribbon Foundation has announced that the next closing date for applications is the 29th May 2015. The Foundation is a grant making trust that provides financial support to UK charities which relieve the needs of people who are suffering from, or who have been affected by breast cancer or who work to advance the understanding of breast cancer, its early detection and treatment. Any charity working in the field of breast cancer can apply for a grant. Applications from general cancer charities must demonstrate that the grants requested will be applied to benefit those affected by breast cancer. Where applications relate to general services, details must be given of how many (and what proportion) of the total number benefiting from the charity’s work are affected by breast cancer.


### LAND AND PROPERTY

#### 30. Scottish Land Fund
The Scottish Land Fund has now been extended for a further year until March 2016, with an additional £3m invested by the Scottish Government. The Fund now totals £9m. The Fund is designed to help communities buy land and property to help regenerate the fortunes of their local area. The Fund is administered by the Big Lottery Fund, in partnership with HIE. HIE have appointed a team of advisers who will help applicants develop their projects to application stage. The Fund can support acquisitions as diverse as small development sites, to large estates and include uses such as affordable housing, business and industrial space, community open space or visitor and heritage centres. It can provide up to 95 percent of the costs of purchasing land and land assets, as well as project revenue funding for up to two years. The Advisor for Argyll is Ailsa Raeburn who can be contacted on 01546 605419. All enquiries for the Scottish Land Fund should be addressed in the first instance to the Big Lottery via their Advice Line number on 0300 123 7110.

**Applications may be submitted at any time** [http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/scottishlandfund](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/scottishlandfund)

#### 31. Funding Available to Restore Historic Buildings
The Heritage Lottery Fund has announced that its Heritage Enterprise grants programme is open for applications. The scheme aims to support not-for-profit organisations to help them work in partnership with the private sector in the restoration of unused historic building and sites and unlock their economic potential. The programme is designed to address market failure, where historic buildings have failed to attract enough investment because the cost of their repair has not been commercially viable for private developers. Under the programme two levels of grants are available. For grant requests of over £100,000 and under £2million decisions are made every three months.


#### 32. Grants to Support the Nation’s Heritage
The Heritage Lottery Fund has announced that funding of over £2 million and under £5 million is available for projects that relate to the national, regional or local heritage of the UK. Activities that can be funded include
Historic buildings; Archaeological sites; Collections of objects, books or documents in museums, libraries or archives; natural and designed landscapes and gardens; and People's memories and experiences (often recorded as 'oral history'); etc. HLF welcome applications from single not for profit organisations and partnerships led by the not for profit sector.


**SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION**

33. **Education Scotland - Food for Thought Education Fund Now Open**
   Education Scotland provides the Food for Thought Education Fund to build the capacity and confidence of educational practitioners to improve learning and teaching across the curriculum in relation to food education. It aims to do this by using relevant cultural contexts and national initiatives such as the Year of Food and Drink Scotland 2015 and the Commonwealth Games Legacy in schools/clusters and professional learning communities in local authorities across Scotland. It is intended that the fund will provide opportunities for staff to develop their knowledge and skills around food education; progressive learning and teaching in delivering and embedding food education; and, opportunities to build respect around food education into the ethos of the school. This year, Education Scotland is particularly interested in proposals which:
   - Ensure learners will have gained understanding about food education and can apply that knowledge and understanding, making connections across the totality of the Curriculum for Excellence including the world of work.
   - Improve outcomes for learners in ways which seek to eliminate the inequity that currently exists amongst learners from different backgrounds and from particular vulnerable groups.
   - Demonstrate innovative approaches to learning about food and demonstrate an impact on learners, with learners being able to reflect on their knowledge of food and associated issues.
   - Support Education Scotland's commitment to building the confidence and capacity of practitioners to improve learning and teaching within food education in Curriculum for Excellence.
   - Relate to national initiatives such as Games Legacy/Commonwealth Games 2014, Homecoming, Year of Scotland's Food and Drink 2015 and National documents that support food education.

   Funding awards of up to £3,000 per project are available.
   **Deadline: 29th March 2015**

**SPORT FUNDING**

34. **Bell's Nautical Trust**
   The Trust makes grants to organisations engaged in maritime pursuits, especially recognised training, like Sea Cadets, Sea Scouts, Sail Training Associations and yacht and boat clubs, are welcome to apply. **Applications may be submitted at any time** [http://www.bellsnauticaltrust.com](http://www.bellsnauticaltrust.com)

35. **SportsScotland Facilities Fund**
   The Sports Facilities Fund provides funding for the provision or upgrading of all sports facilities for the general community. Proposals must be led by local authorities, clubs and trusts. Applicants need to demonstrate that the proposed development is for the public good and will provide equitable opportunities for increased sports participation by the community at local level. They will also need to demonstrate what links they have established/will establish with the sports programmes and/or initiatives operated by the local authority, national governing body for sport and their associates/partners. **Applications may be submitted at any time** [http://www.sportscotland.org.uk/funding/sport_facilities_fund/about_the_fund](http://www.sportscotland.org.uk/funding/sport_facilities_fund/about_the_fund)

36. **SportsScotland Sportsmatch**
   Sportsmatch is an award scheme that supports grassroots sport projects that encourage participation at community level, especially youth groups. Awards start at a minimum of £500 and go up to £10,000 per project with no more than 3 sponsors contributing a minimum of £500 each per project. Sportsmatch aims to match commercial business sponsorship on a £ for £ basis. **Applications may be submitted at any time** [http://www.sportscotland.org.uk/funding/sportsmatch1/what-is-sportsmatch/](http://www.sportscotland.org.uk/funding/sportsmatch1/what-is-sportsmatch/)
37. Funding for UK-Germany World War I Projects
A new funding opportunity is available for schools and youth groups to bring young people of the UK and Germany together to facilitate an exchange of ideas, joint learning and open discussions on topics related to World War One. Open to applications from primary and secondary school teachers, trainees and youth workers, there is funding of £500 to £5,000 available for projects that have a high level of interaction between young people in the two countries, be it virtual or through a visit/exchange trip.

Applications may be submitted at any time [http://www.ukgermanconnection.org/ww1projects](http://www.ukgermanconnection.org/ww1projects)

38. Ambition Giving Launches New Grant Programme for Young People in the UK
Ambition is a leading national youth charity which has been meeting the needs of young people in the UK since 1925. To celebrate its 90th anniversary, Ambition has launched Ambition Giving, a grant scheme that will run throughout 2015. Local youth clubs, charities, community groups, resident associations and voluntary organisations that are based and operating in the UK can apply as long as their application is supported by a member of Ambition. Grants of up to £2,000 are available to help deliver activities to young people in their community. Match funding is required and can include cash or other resources, such as materials or volunteer time. Projects must meet one of Ambition’s three overarching outcomes for all of its programmes:

- Improved educational attainment, behaviour and attendance.
- Improved health (both physical and mental).
- Increased employability for the future.

Projects must also address at least one of the following five themes:

- Health - supporting young people to be happy and healthy in mind and body.
- Employability and Enterprise - supporting young people to develop skills and access training that will help them to confidently enter education or employment.
- Social Action - ensuring young people are adding value to their local community.
- Leadership - supporting young people to develop leadership skills through practical projects that benefit their peers.
- Media and Creative Arts - enabling young people to express themselves creatively and develop their media skills.

Deadline: 30th April 2015

39. Nurturing Talent - Time to Shine Fund
The Creative Scotland Nurturing Talent - Time to Shine Fund aims to support young people aged 14-20 who need financial help in developing their talent within the creative industry. Funding will be awarded to those young people who demonstrate enthusiasm, ambition and talent in their chosen field and who would benefit from financial help to develop this further. A total funding pot of £40,000 is available, to be split equally between 2014-15 and 2015-16. Individual applicants can apply for grants up to £200 while groups of two more people can apply for up to £750. Funding is available to young people aged between 14 and 20 who live in Scotland and wish to develop their talent in drama; dance; music; film; visual arts; literature; and the digital arts.

Deadline: 12th April 2015

Congratulations to Colintraive and Glendaruel Development Trust (CGDT) on their award from Coastal Communities Fund £330,000