

## **FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Secret Millionaire Fund Opens for Business (UK)**

The Big Lottery Fund (BIG) and Channel 4's TV programme, The Secret Millionaire have teamed up to give viewers of the programme a chance to act on the charitable inspiration fuelled by the show. Lottery funding worth £1 million has been made available for people to apply for, or nominate projects to apply for grants of between £300 and £10,000 (£5,000 in Wales) from the Secret Millionaire Fund. Viewers can propose a community project or organisation that they think would benefit from BIG funding. BIG will then contact the organisation to see if it is eligible to apply for this small grants scheme and send out the relevant information. Alternatively if viewers have an idea for a project that can bring real improvements to the lives of communities, and can pass a simple eligibility test they can apply to Secret Millionaire Fund. In both cases the same eligibility criteria as Big Lottery Fund Awards for All programme apply and Lottery grants are awarded following an application and assessment process which takes up to 8 weeks. The Fund will be open until the 21st December 2009 but applications can be submitted at any time up to this date..

[http://secretmillionaire.channel4.com/fund\\_info.shtml](http://secretmillionaire.channel4.com/fund_info.shtml)

### **Standard Life Charitable Trust (UK)**

Standard Life has announced the proposal to establish the Standard Life Charitable Trust later on in the year. The initial investment of around £5 million will come from the company's unclaimed assets trust, while the remainder will come from funds left over after a change to shareholder cash dividend payments. The Trust will be used to enable Standard Life to continue its approach to corporate responsibility and to support their community investment programmes..

[http://ukgroup.standardlife.com/content/news/new\\_articles/2009/agm\\_2009.xml](http://ukgroup.standardlife.com/content/news/new_articles/2009/agm_2009.xml)

### **The Free Childcare for Training and Learning for Work Scheme (England)**

The Learning and Skills Council (LSC) has announced the launch of a new £75 million initiative to help lift low-income families out of poverty. The Free Childcare for Training and Learning for Work scheme will offer 50,000 eligible parents help through childcare support, while they train or learn and to support them into employment. The scheme is open to half a million families in England with one partner in work; an annual household income of £20,000 or less per year; a child or children aged 14 or under; and a child or children aged 18 or under with disabilities. Eligible parents can choose which course is going to give them the right skills to get back into work. Courses could range from a short refresher in maths or a more formal qualification in a range of subjects from social care to teaching. An advisor will help parents to enrol for their chosen course and will advise parents on the childcare options available to them. Parents have the choice from a range of Ofsted childcare, with the LSC paying up to £175 per child per week, or £215 in London. To apply for Free Childcare for Training and Learning for Work, or to find out more about the scheme, you can call the Learner Support helpline on 0800 121 8989, and select option four...

[http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/EducationAndLearning/AdultLearning/FinancialHelpForAdultLearners/DG\\_172003](http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/EducationAndLearning/AdultLearning/FinancialHelpForAdultLearners/DG_172003)

### **Time Running Out to Apply for Local Food Grant (England)**

The Local Food Programme, a part of the Big Lottery Fund's Changing Spaces programme and managed by the Royal Society of Wildlife Trust (RSWT) will be suspended to new applicants from the 21st August 2009. The programme supports not for profit community groups and organisation such as schools and funds a range of activities from local food schemes and farmers markets, to education projects teaching people about the local environment. In just 14 months the Local Food programme has received enough applications to potentially fully utilise the £50 million grant funding available and they are currently in the process of assessing these applications. A number of schools have successfully applied to the programme. These include; West Hill Primary School, Devon, which received a grant of £3,500 to develop a Mediterranean Fruit, Herb & Vegetable Garden; and Wirksworth Regeneration and Development Board Ltd, East Midlands, which received a grant of £9,878 to develop a Farmers Marke! t..

<http://www.localfoodgrants.org/news?aid=1558>

### **Neighbourhood and Home Watch Fund (England)**

The Neighbourhood and Home Watch Fund is a £500,000 fund available for new and existing Neighbourhood and Home Watch groups in high crime areas to receive grants of between £1,000 and £50,000. The aim of this fund is to support Neighbourhood and Home Watch schemes to reach more people in helping them to secure their homes, warn them about crime in their area and take action to prevent it, and know how to prevent distraction burglary. They will work closely with Neighbourhood Policing teams to distribute the government's crime prevention advice and use local meetings and engagement opportunities to provide crime prevention information to the public. This fund is being managed on behalf of the Home Office by Tribal's Community Development Team. The final closing date for receipt of applications is 12pm Friday 31st July 2009..

<http://grantsadmin.co.uk/neighbourhoodwatch/>

### **Cracking the Code (England)**

Cracking the Code is a bursary Scheme from the National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO) to improve governance within Third Sector infrastructure organisations . The scheme offers up to £500 to improve to improve the way that community and voluntary organisation are led and governed. The type of activities that could be funded include; organising a Board Away day; attend training on the latest legal updates or the roles and responsibilities of board members; improving an organisation's recruitment and induction systems; holding a stakeholder forum to improve strategic planning; and or carrying out a governance review. In return for the bursary the NCVO will ask organisations to write a case study and develop a method to share the knowledge and experiences with other in the local area. The deadline for applications is the 30th June 2009..

<http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/governanceandleadership/?id=13148>

## **Village SOS**

Village SOS is an exciting new initiative from the Big Lottery Fund (BIG) and the BBC. It is searching for six UK villages with a great business idea and six enterprising individuals to act as Village Champions and help them achieve their ambitions.

Together they will create a brand new venture that will bring new life and energy to the village with funding of between £100,000 and £400,000 from BIG.

The journey of the six successful villages and their Village Champions will be filmed for a major prime time BBC One series in winter 2010.

[http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog\\_village\\_sos.htm](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_village_sos.htm)

## **Red Nose Days Funding Programme (UK)**

Following the review of its grant making programme, Comic Relief has announced that it is now accepting applications for grants through its Red Nose Day Programmes (2009 -12). Grants are available through a number of programme areas such as Mental Health; Domestic and Sexual abuse; Refugee and Asylum Seeking Women; Sport for Change; Young people aged between 11 and 25 in areas such as Sexually Exploited and Trafficked Young people, Young People and Alcohol, Young people with Mental Health Problems, and Local Communities; and Local Communities. Comic Relief has also announced two new programmes coming soon in the areas of; Young Carers (managed by the Princess Royal Trust for Carers); and Older People. There are no minimum or maximum grants in most of these programmes, but on average grants are of between £25,000 and £40,000 per year. Funding can be used to cover running costs and capital costs. However building costs are given a very low priority, and they will only fund these in exceptional circumstances. The funding is available to a wide range of community and voluntary organisations including; constituted voluntary and community groups, charities, social enterprises, co-operatives, faith organisations, and community interest companies. Comic Relief are keen to make sure that the funding reaches all parts of the UK, especially areas which often miss out, such as rural communities. The next deadline for applications is the 24th July 2009..

[http://www.comicrelief.com/apply\\_for\\_a\\_grant/uk](http://www.comicrelief.com/apply_for_a_grant/uk)