

# Buckinghamshire External Funding

## FUNDING INSIGHT NEWSLETTER

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### **New Funding Opportunities**

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#### **General - Future Jobs Fund Opens for Applications (UK)**

The Department for Works and Pensions (DWP) has announced that the Future Jobs Fund is now open for applications. The £1Billion Future Jobs Fund is one of the measures announced by the Chancellor in his budget and will aim to create 150,000 new jobs between October 2009 and April 2011. The jobs created through the Future Jobs Fund will be paid at least at National Minimum Wage and will be targeted primarily at 18-24 year olds, but some funding will also be available for other disadvantaged groups and unemployment hotspots. Applications can come from anyone, but the DWP has a strong preference for partnership bids and encourage all bidders to demonstrate that key partners within the area have been involved in developing the proposals.

The total maximum contribution available through the Future Jobs Fund is £6,500 per job created for 18 -24 year olds approaching 12 months of unemployment, or people in areas of high unemployment.

The DWP expect the majority of bids to the Fund to be led by local authorities, sub-regional, city region and local partnerships, or by national or local public sector and third sector bodies. Bids will need to be in line with existing locally agreed work and skills strategies and show that they do not replicate or replace existing jobs. Other large organisations such as social enterprises and voluntary sector bodies will be able to bid as long as their proposals meet the criteria set out during the bidding process. Any bids from national organisations should indicate the geographical areas in which they are seeking to create jobs.

Applications can be submitted at any time. All bids submitted by 30 June 2009 will be considered for the first allocations of funding to enable the first jobs to begin in October or earlier. DWP will aim to notify bidders within 5 weeks of submitting a bid whether or not their bid was successful.

<http://www.dwp.gov.uk/campaigns/futurejobsfund/>

## **General - Government Invites Bids for a Share of £20million to Fund Adult Learning (England)**

The Government has announced that organisations can now bid for a share of £20 million in Government grants to open up and promote informal learning for adults and young people. The funding which is being made available through the Governments Transformation Fund is open to a wide range of groups and partnerships to promote informal learning. Funding is available to public, private and third sector organisations, including organisations from all backgrounds including culture, heritage, nature, sport, health, community regeneration, broadcasting and technology. The aim of the Fund is to:

- encourage more and different people into learning, particularly people from disadvantaged groups
- open up access to learning in new places, in new ways and at more flexible times
- support people to drive their own learning through self organised groups and learning clubs
- to make better use of broadcasting and technology to stimulate and support learning.

For a chance to meet other organisations with shared interests, potential applicants can register for a networking event on 9 June and the opportunity to talk to colleagues about ideas and get advice from the Department of Innovation, Universities and Skills (DIUS) team on the bidding process. The event will be held in central London between 10:00am and 1.30pm.

DIUS are also inviting bids for the contract to manage the £20 million Transformation Fund.

The successful managing organisation will have an excellent grasp of the landscape set out in *The Learning Revolution* and the capacity to hit the ground running in order to get grant allocation underway. This will require:

- existing informal learning networks and stakeholder relationships
- in-house capacity and expertise to support bidders and evaluate bids
- existing audit and monitoring processes
- proven track record and experience of managing contracts of this size, scale and scope

The closing date is 12 noon on the 29<sup>th</sup> May 2009.

The £20m Transformation Fund money is in addition to the £210m which the Government has ring-fenced to support adult learning. The deadline for applications is the 12th July 2009 but an "early bird" funding pot of £1 million is available for ideas submitted by the 12th June 2009. In addition the Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills are inviting bids for the contract to manage the £20 million Transformation Fund.

[http://www.dius.gov.uk/skills/engaging\\_learners/informal\\_adult\\_learning/transformation\\_fund](http://www.dius.gov.uk/skills/engaging_learners/informal_adult_learning/transformation_fund)

## **General - Sport England Launches New Innovation Fund (England)**

Sport England has announced that its new Innovation Fund is now open for applications. The overall aim of this £5 million grants programme is to invest in new ideas which will reach a whole new audience, and provide better, more exciting sports opportunities to a wider range of people, some of whom, perhaps, think that sport is not for them. Grants of between £10,000 and £500,000 will be available to sports clubs, voluntary or community organisations, local authorities, education establishments (such as schools, colleges and universities) and national governing bodies of sport. Grants will be awarded to small-scale but groundbreaking innovative projects that have the ability to become the scaled-up, widespread activities that deliver high quality community sport in future years. Sport England are looking to support between 10 and 20 projects and there is a two stage application process. The closing date for stage 1 of the application process is 5 pm on the 10th August and applicants will be notified of the outcome in October 2009.

[http://funding.sportengland.org/funding\\_programmes/innovation\\_fund1.aspx](http://funding.sportengland.org/funding_programmes/innovation_fund1.aspx)

## **General - 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)

## **General - Match Funding Scheme for Volunteering (England)**

V, the national charity that inspires volunteering amongst young people has announced that it has re-opened its match funding programme. Through this programme v provides grants to charities that match up to 100% of any new private sector investment for youth volunteering projects in England. The aim of the fund is to inspire greater levels of investment in youth volunteering from private companies, charitable trusts and foundations and individuals. Following consultation with young people, v has developed a set of core themes for the Match Fund. v has a total grant amount of up to £15m available to match against up to £15m of private sector funding which equates to an investment of £30m in the voluntary sector for youth volunteering. The programme themes are;

- health and well being;
- the environment;
- supporting children and young people;
- community cohesion;
- poverty;
- and human rights.

In addition to its current match fund programme, v intends to maximise the impact of our corporate sector partnerships through the development of a flagship investment programme. This programme will involve directly commissioning third sector organisations to deliver highly innovative volunteering opportunities, which reflect young people's cares, passions and interests. Selection of third sector organisations will be informed by a panel of experts, young people and corporate sector investors. The next closing date for applications is the 17th July 2009.

<http://www.vinspired.com/v/funding/match-funding/overview>

## **General - NESTA Launches Age Unlimited Programme (UK)**

NESTA's Public Service Innovation Lab, which aims to develop radical and innovative responses to the challenges facing public service delivery, has announced a call for ideas under its new Age Unlimited programme. A total of £650,000 is available for projects that could radically alter the way older people work in the UK, or prepare for retirement. Interested groups that wish to participate in the programme can apply for grants of up to £50,000 to support practical demonstration projects that help people in their fifties extend their working lives, create more flexible work in accordance with the needs and aspirations of older workers, and find better ways to support individuals to move out of paid work into rewarding alternative roles and interests. The Lab believes that all of these represent powerful ways for older people to stay physically fit, emotionally well, financially secure, loved and cared for. The closing date for applications is 12 noon on the 19th June 2009.

<http://www.nestalab.org.uk/age-unlimited-call-for-ideas/>

## **General - Funding to Change Young People's Lives (England, Scotland & Wales)**

Organisations that work with young people, whatever their background, to help them achieve their potential have the opportunity to apply for funding through The Learning Launchpad. The Learning Launchpad is a grant making fund delivered by the Young Foundation working in partnership with Edge that provides investment to organisations in their early stages of development. The Learning Launchpad offer investment at two stages.

- Stage one investments of up to £30,000 are suitable for people or fledgling organisations that are starting out with a new idea.
- Stage two investments of up to £100,000 are typically suitable for organisations or initiatives that are already up and running and want to grow.

In particular, the Learning Launchpad is looking to support ideas that have a profound social impact both on individuals and on society as a whole; are innovative; are sustainable; can be replicated and are run by passionate and competent people. The next closing date for applications is the 11th June 2009.

<http://www.learninglaunchpad.org/>

## **General - Eco-Innovation Projects (UK)**

The European Commission has announced the availability of around €30m in funding for eco-innovation projects. The eco-innovation fund aims specifically to reduce the ecological footprint of European industry, and is addressed mainly to organisations that have developed an environmental product, service, management practice or process which has a proven track record, yet is not fully marketed due to residual risks. The priority areas of this call for proposals are innovative, environmental-friendly projects in the area of:

- materials recycling
- sustainable buildings
- food and drink industrial processes
- green business & smart purchasing.

This call is open to all legal persons, but priority will be given to Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (SMEs). Clusters of applicants and projects which demonstrate a European added value and have a high potential for market replication are strongly encouraged. The deadline for applications is the 10th September 2009.

[http://ec.europa.eu/environment/eco-innovation/call\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/eco-innovation/call_en.htm)

## **General - The Nationwide Foundation's Small Grants Programme (UK)**

The Nationwide Foundation, a registered charity set up and funded by the Nationwide Building Society, offers grants of up to £5,000 through its Small Grants Programme to charities with incomes of under £500,000. The Foundation is seeking projects that aim to support, survivors of domestic abuse to build their financial capability in order to:

- help them live independently and achieve improved quality of life
- older people who face financial exclusion in order to help them achieve improved quality of life
- survivors of domestic abuse to live independently and achieve improved quality of life
- older people with their housing needs.

Applications can be made at any time.

<http://www.nationwidefoundation.org.uk/smallgrants.asp>

## **General - Community Sustainable Energy Programme (England)**

Not for profit organisations such as community groups, charities, schools, colleges and faith groups, etc are being invited to apply for funding to install renewable energy technologies (such as wind turbines and solar panels) and energy saving measures (such as roof and cavity wall insulation). Under the new Community Sustainable Energy programme £8 million will be available for the installation of microgeneration technologies and energy efficiency measures (Capital grants) and £1 million for project development grants. The maximum Capital grant available is £50,000 or 50% of the project costs. The maximum project development grant is £5,000 or 75 per cent of the study cost – whichever is lower. The funding programme is being managed by the Building Research Establishment on behalf of the Big Lottery Fund's "Changing Spaces" Programme. Project development grants (for studies investigating the feasibility of installing any combination of the technologies ) will be awarded on a first-come first-served basis until all funds are spent. Capital grants will be awarded on a competitive basis at quarterly selection panel meetings. The next application deadline is the 7th August 2009.

<http://www.communitysustainable.org.uk/>

## **General - Partnership Charitable Trust Grant Programme (UK)**

The EAGA Partnership Charitable Trust is a grant-giving trust that supports projects and research into the causes of fuel poverty and its impacts on health, in particular, the health of vulnerable consumers. There is no minimum or maximum grant level that organisations can apply for, however there is a strong preference for supporting large projects that can influence national policy. Previous projects funded include the development of a simple easy to use tool to help social housing providers in England and Wales identify homes that are energy inefficient and set targets for their improvement to ensure all homes are capable of delivering affordable energy; and the development of a methodology for predicting the level of fuel poverty in small areas. The Trustees meet three times a year to consider applications. The next application deadline is the 28th August 2009.

[http://www.eaga.com/charitable/charitable\\_trust.htm](http://www.eaga.com/charitable/charitable_trust.htm)

## **General - European Training Grants for School Education Staff (UK)**

UK schools looking to develop the skills of their education staff have the opportunity to apply for funding through the European Commissions Comenius – In-Service training programme. This is part of the EU's Lifelong Learning programme and provides financial support to help improve the quality of school education by enabling staff to undertake training in a country other than that in which they normally work or live. In this way, participants are encouraged to improve their practical teaching/coaching/counselling/management skills and knowledge, and to gain a broader understanding of school education in Europe. The training activity must have a strong European focus in terms of subject matter and the profile of trainers and participants. The funding is available to:

- school education staff (teaching and non-teaching)
- unemployed teachers
- teachers reentering the profession after a period away from teaching.

Applications have to be made via the school and the level of funding available is up to €1500 Euro 1 week, €2000 Euro for 2 weeks and up to a maximum of €2500 Euro for 6 weeks. A higher grant may be awarded where special needs or exceptionally high travel costs are involved. The next closing date for applications is the 15th September 2009.

<http://www.britishcouncil.org/comenius-professional-development-courses.htm>

## **General - Architectural Heritage Fund (UK)**

The Architectural Heritage Fund (AHF), which is a registered charity that promotes the conservation and regeneration of historic buildings in the UK. Funding is available to voluntary organisations building preservation trusts to regenerate historic buildings to create community and education facilities, workspace and homes. To be eligible to apply for funding through the AHF, organisations need to be a registered charity and the building(s) must be listed, scheduled as an ancient monument or in a Conservation Area (if in a Conservation Area, it must be of acknowledged historic or architectural importance). The project must also involve a change of ownership and/or a change of use. Previously funded projects include turning a run down historic buildings into community theatres, resource centres, community learning centres, workspaces, places to live and community meeting places, etc. The next closing date for applications is the 13th August 2009.

<http://www.ahfund.org.uk/index.html>

## **General - Hilton in The Community Foundation (UK)**

Organisations that work with young people have the opportunity to apply for grants of up to £50,000 per year through the Hilton Foundation. During 2006, the Foundation made grants totalling over £1.3m to numerous organisations including registered charities and schools for activities and projects that meet one of the Foundation's three chosen areas of focus:

- Young People – Education
- Young People – Health
- Disaster Relief and International Fund.

Previously supported projects by the Foundation have included:

- The Palmer Junior School, which received a grant of £2,740 to help send 11 young people on a school field trip, who could otherwise not afford it and the Red Gates School, which received a grant of £750 for specialist equipment at the school.

The next closing date for applications is the 4th August 2009.

<http://www.hilton-foundation.org.uk/home.htm>

## **General - The Baily Thomas Charitable Fund (UK)**

The Baily Thomas Charitable Fund is a registered charity which was established primarily to aid the research into learning disability and to aid the care and relief of those affected by learning disability by making grants to voluntary organisations within the UK and the Republic

of Ireland working in this field. The Trust consider under learning disability the conditions generally referred to as severe learning difficulties, together with autism. In this area, they consider projects concerning children or adults. Learning disability, thus defined, is a priority for funding. They will not offer grants for research into or care of those with mental illness or dyslexia. They offer grants from £250 upwards. The next deadline for applications is 1st October 2009.

<http://www.bailythomas.org.uk/>

## **General - Grundtvig Visits and Exchange Grants (UK)**

Adult education staff who want to improve their practical skills and to gain a broader understanding of lifelong learning across Europe can apply for funding to attend a seminar, conference, job shadowing and training in another European country. Visits and Exchange grants are offered under the Grundtvig part of the Lifelong Learning Programme. The Grundtvig programme aims to strengthen the European dimension in adult education. Funding is open to those involved in adult education. Activities can last between one day and twelve weeks and are a great way for you to improve teaching, coaching, counselling or mentoring skills. Grants are available to contribute towards the total costs incurred, including conference or seminar fees, travel, subsistence and other costs. Applications can be made throughout the year, up to 6 weeks before the activity begins, until 18 December 2009. All visits are to be completed by the 30 April 2010.

<http://www.grundtvig.org.uk/page.asp?section=00010001001800010006&sectionTitle=Visits+%26+Exchanges>

## **General - European Youth Foundation Grants (UK)**

The European Youth Foundation is an independent, international, non-governmental organisation dedicated to the positive development of children and young people throughout the world. To support its objectives the Foundation makes grants to international not for profit youth organisations and networks. The types of activities supported include international youth meeting, the development of projects that benefits young people and help towards the administrative costs of eligible organisations and networks. In addition the Foundation also funds a range of pilot projects. The next application deadline is the 1st October 2009.

<http://www.eycb.coe.int/EYCBwwwroot/index.asp?language=eng&url=/EYCBwwwroot/ENG/EYF.asp>

## **General - CEMEX Community Fund (England, Scotland and Wales)**

The CEMEX Community Fund enables and assists communities local to CEMEX quarry and landfill sites carry out project which improve or enhance their local community facilities and places of interest. The CEMEX Community Fund offers grants of between £1,000 and £15,000 for projects that:

- provide and maintain public parks and amenities when the work protects the social, built and/or natural environment
- repair, restore buildings or structures which are of religious, historical or architectural interest.

All projects must be:

- within 10 miles of any landfill site
- open to the public for evenings or two days every week, a total of 84 days per year
- within England, Scotland and Wales.

There is a two-stage application process. The deadline for initial expressions of interest is the 27th November 2009.

[http://ec.europa.eu/environment/eco-innovation/call\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/eco-innovation/call_en.htm)

## **General - School & Area Linking Visits (England & Wales)**

Schools within England and Wales that have existing partnerships with school overseas can apply for funding through the British Council's Schools Linking Visits grant scheme. The programme is open to headteachers and teaching or support staff from primary schools, secondary schools, special schools, sixth form colleges and further education colleges (involved in the education of 16-19 year olds). The scheme has recently been extended to include groups of teachers from school clusters in England and Wales to visit partner schools and plan future joint curriculum projects. This funding exists to help the development of strategic area links. An area link may be between a local authority, an education action zone, a cluster of schools or any other group of schools working with an equivalent grouping overseas. The maximum grant for a European visit is £500 per person. The maximum grant for a long haul visit is £1000 per person. For school linking visits, funding is limited to one applicant per school / college. For strategic area links, the maximum number of people in a group is 10. Funding is limited to one applicant per school/college and up to two area co-ordinators (e.g. LA officers or EAZ staff). The next deadline for applications is the 1st October 2009.

<http://www.britishcouncil.org/schoolpartnerships-study-visit-funding.htm>

## Other Funding News

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### **General - Helping UK Charities and Community Groups Harness the Power of the Internet (UK)**

Talk Talk has announced that its "Innovation in The Community" scheme will be open to applications from the 1st July 2009. "Innovation in The Community" enables UK charities and community groups harness the power of the internet. Up to 30 winners are awarded with up to £2,000 each to fund technology related projects as well as technology equipment, to help make the most of the internet. Previous winners include:

- Bankie Talk a talking newspaper for blind people, based in Clydebank near Glasgow who will use the award to extend its work and update its equipment and MusicLinks which delivers IT and music-based workshops to rural areas of Cumbria via its 'Digital Arts' van. It will use the award to fund its mobile broadband access for a further two years, ensuring even more isolated communities can benefit from internet access and develop digital skills.

More information on how to apply will be made available on their website in due course.

<http://www.talktalk.co.uk/innovation>

### **General - Children in Need Distributes £14.8 Million (UK)**

BBC Children in Need raised a record-breaking total of £20,991,216 following the Appeal night last November. BBC Children in Need has awarded £14.8 million to 422 projects across the UK working with disadvantaged children and young people and have announced that this spring they will be allocating the first of three rounds of grants this year. All grants are targeted to areas where they will make a real difference and are allocated geographically to ensure that all corners of the UK receive a share of the money raised, and projects supported work with children and young people who may be affected by homelessness, neglect, abuse or poverty, or those who are living with a serious illness, disability or psychological disorder. The minimum grant awarded was of £600 and the maximum £182,683. The next deadline for applications is the 15th June 2009.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/news/news300409.shtml>

## Funding Reminders

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### **General - Funding for Pilot Projects to Support Separating Families (England)**

The Department for Children, Schools and Families has announced that it is seeking Expression of Interest from partnerships of organisations to run a new pilot scheme for the provision of local services for separating parents and their children. A total of £1.3 million is available in 2009/10 and £3.45 million in 2010 / 11 to fund up to 10 pilots within defined local areas. It is anticipated that each pilot will receive between £300,000 and £450,000 in each operating year. The lead partner can be a local authority a third sector or charitable organisation, a private sector organisation or a primary care trust. Partnerships interested in participating in one of the pilots need to submit an expression of interest form by the 22nd April 2009. Partnerships, whose expression of interest are successful will then be invited to submit a full proposal by the 24th June 2009.

<http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/localauthorities/index.cfm?action=content&contentID=18705&categoryID=75&subcategoryID=106>

### **General - Funding to Support Social Entrepreneurs (UK)**

UnLtd, the national charity that supports social entrepreneurs, has announced that the spring 2009 UnLtd Millennium Awards (Level 2) competition is now closed for applications. The autumn competition will open for applications in July 2009 . Scotland and Wales Level 2 Awards are on a different timetable, so please contact your regional office for more details. UnLtd's Millennium Awards provide practical and financial support to social entrepreneurs in the UK to develop their ideas and projects.

- Level 2 Awards provides grants of between £10,000 and £20,000 to support people whose ideas are already developed or pay for the living expenses of Award Winners to help them devote more time to their projects.
- In addition, UnLtd also provides grants of between £500 and £5,000 through its Level 1 Awards. The aim of Level 1 awards provide grants of between £500 and £5,000 to develop new ideas into real projects. UnLtd gives out 1,000 Level 1 Awards each year across the UK. Level 1 Awards are aimed at individuals or informal groups of people who have an idea and want help getting it off the ground. The money is to help with the running costs of the project. Applications for

Level 1 Awards can be submitted at any time.

<http://www.unltd.org.uk/template.php?ID=1&PageName=whatareunltdawards>

## **General - GreenPrints (UK)**

The SITA Trust has announced that the next application deadline for its Green Prints programme is the 15th June 2009. Through the GreenPrints programme grants of up to £10,000 as well as practical support and advice are available to enable young people to make a real difference to the communities in which they live. The funding is open to not for profit organisations for projects designed and delivered by groups of volunteers aged 16 to 25. One of the most unusual elements of this programme is the individual, dedicated mentor-support that will be provided by the BTCV and The Wildlife Trusts to assist with the practical delivery of every single project that is supported. A project currently supported through the programme is the Reclaim Primrose Hill project. This project brings together young people from Primrose Hill in Coventry who will work with local residents and community groups to reclaim their local park, transforming it from a neglected space into an inviting park that can be enjoyed by the community.

<http://www.sitatrust.org.uk/apply/greenprints>

## **General - Support for Young People Starting Up in Business (England, Scotland and Northern Ireland)**

Young people wishing to start up their own business may be able to apply for funding and other support measures through the Prince's Trust Business Programme. The programme can provide support to young people who are:

- aged 18-30
- unemployed or working less than 16 hours a week
- living in England or Northern Ireland.

The type of support available includes:

- a low interest loan of up to £4,000 (up to £5,000 for a partnership)
- ongoing advice from a business mentor
- access to a wide range of products and services. This includes a free legal helpline, sponsored by Barclays, a grant of up to £1,500 in special circumstances (subject to local availability), and a test marketing grant of up to £250 (subject to local availability).

Young people in Scotland aged 18-25 may be eligible. Applications to the programme can be made at any time.

[http://www.princes-trust.org.uk/need\\_help/business\\_start-up.aspx](http://www.princes-trust.org.uk/need_help/business_start-up.aspx)

## **General - Bus Service Operators Grant (UK)**

Not - for - profit organisations that operate community transport scheme may be able to claim fuel duty rebates through the Bus Service Operators grant scheme. To be eligible organisations need to operate services wholly or mainly used by:

- People aged over 60
- Disabled people
- People receiving income support
- People receiving jobseekers allowance
- People suffering a degree of social exclusion
- People who believe it is unsafe for them to travel on public transport
- Carers or people under 16 accompanying any of the above.

An organisation wishing to receive Bus Service Operators Grant (BSOG) first has to apply for acceptance on to the BSOG scheme. To enable the body's eligibility to be checked it should submit to the Department for Transport a copy of its Section 19 Permit (or Permits if relevant) and such other documentation as is necessary to show that it provides transport services in the eligible categories. Applications can be made at any time.

<http://www.dft.gov.uk/pgr/regional/buses/busgrants/bsog/busserviceoperatorsgrantbsog3542>

## **General - Baring Foundation Arts Programme (UK)**

The Baring Foundation has announced that after using its Arts programme to fund arts organisations working with refugees and asylum seekers for the last six years, the programme will in 2010 focus on supporting arts organisations working with older people. A total of £3 million will be made available through the Arts programme through 5 funding rounds. The Arts programme 2010 will open for application at the end of September 2009 and the first grants will be made in June 2010. The Foundation will publish a mapping report in September 2009 looking at current practice in this field. If you work for an arts organisation that works in this area the Foundation is interested from you. Please email David Cutler on: david.cutler@uk.ing.com.

<http://www.baringfoundation.org.uk/program.htm>

## **General - Funding for the Regeneration of Public Parks (UK)**

The Heritage Lottery Fund has announced that eight communities across the UK will be sharing grants totaling £14million from the Heritage Lottery Fund's Parks for People programme. The grants will be used to regenerate and restore parks in:

- Hertfordshire
- Leicestershire
- Staffordshire
- Perthshire
- Lanarkshire
- Cornwall
- Coventry
- Sunderland.

In addition to transforming these public spaces, the grants will fund increased volunteering and training opportunities for over a thousand people as part of the projects, with activities as wide-ranging as:

- Planting
- Habitat creation
- Tour guiding
- Garden design
- Woodland
- Event management.

A further £1.6million of development funding has also been awarded to 13 other parks to help them work up detailed proposals for applications of more than £20million. The Parks for People programme is open to Local Authorities as well as not for profit organisations that own public parks and gardens. Eligible organisations can apply for grants of between £250,000 and £5 million. There are two funding rounds each year and the next closing date for applications is the 31st August 2009.

<http://www.hlf.org.uk/English/MediaCentre/Archive/Spring+spruce+up+for+UK+parks.htm>