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BBC Children in Need Main Grant Programme

BBC Children in Need has announced that the next applications deadline for its Main Grants Programme has been changed to the 15th May 2016. Through the programme funding is available to organisations that work with young people who are suffering from illness; are in distress; suffer abuse or neglect; are disabled; have behavioural or psychological difficulties; and / or are living in poverty or situations of deprivation. The Main grants programme is open to applications for grants of over £10,000. Examples of projects that recently received funding include Hope for Autism in North Lanarkshire received a grant of £93,564 to run a range of weekly groups and activities to support children with autism and their families; and Mount St Catherine's Out of School Club, Armagh, which received a grant of £18,728 to provide a daily after-school club and a summer scheme for children affected by multiple disadvantage, encouraging new friendships and offering support with school work. **Deadline – 15 May 2016**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/3XW7FvN20PD3xr2c1T62Xly/main-grants>

The Ironmonger's Company Grant Programme (UK)

The Ironmongers' Company has grants available of up to £10,000 to registered charities to support projects that provide opportunities for disadvantaged children and young people to fulfil their potential. Projects must meet all of the following criteria: Be for children and young people under the age of 25 who are disadvantaged; include educational activities that develop learning, motivation and skills; Have clear aims and objectives to be met within a planned timescale; and be in the UK. Priority will be given to projects that are enabling primary age children to develop a strong foundation for the future, for example, support special educational needs, address behavioural problems or promote citizenship, parenting or life skills. Preference will be also given to projects piloting new approaches where the outcomes will be disseminated to a wider audience. Schools can apply if they are a registered charity for children/young people with disabilities. **Deadline - 31st July 2016**

http://www.ironmongers.org/charity_organisations.htm

The Premier League & The FA Facilities Fund (England & Wales)

The Football Foundation has awarded grants worth £14 million from the Premier League & The FA Facilities Fund (PL/FA:FF) towards 163 grassroots facility projects worth £57m between June and December 2015. Funding from the PL/FA:FF goes towards building new or refurbishing existing floodlit third generation (3G) football turf pitches (FTPs) and changing pavilions across the country. The Fund also provides smaller grants for vital improvements, such as replacing unsafe goalposts and purchasing pitch maintenance equipment. One example of the 163 projects is a £500,000 grant to Beech Hill Primary School in Halifax, which will enable the school to construct a new floodlit 3G Football Pitch. It is predicted that the new facility will increase the number of teams at clubs using the site from 52 to 64. This PL/FA:FF investment will also enable FA Level One and Level Two courses, Goalkeeping Coaching and Junior Football Leader Awards to be held at the site. The PL/FA:FF welcomes applications for grants of between £10,000 and £500,000 from football clubs, professional clubs' community trusts, multi-sport clubs, local authorities, all educational establishments, registered charitable organisations, and not for profit companies. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

<http://www.footballfoundation.org.uk/funding-schemes/premier-league-the-fa-facilities-fund/>

Funding to Tackle Fuel Poverty (UK)

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. Registered charities can apply for grants of up to £50,000 for projects that provide energy efficiency advice; improve home energy efficiency through draught proofing, insulating and or other practical measures; carry out benefits advice to households missing out on financial help that they are entitled to through welfare benefits and tax credits and provide assistance to reduce or cancel debts for household electricity or gas supply. Applications are particularly welcome from charities who work with children, young people and families. Previous projects supported include Telford & The Wrekin CAB which received a grant of £49,887 to employ a part time energy efficiency/income maximisation adviser. The adviser would provide one-to-one advice and support for individuals and families referred by any of the agencies within the network. **Deadline - 17th May 2016.**

<http://www.energypeopletrust.com/>

Arts Council England Ambition for Excellence Fund (England)

The Arts Council England has announced that six organisations will receive a total of almost £3million in the second round of its Excellence programme. The Fund which is worth a total of £35.2 wants to stimulate and support ambition, talent and excellence across the arts sector in England, especially outside London. It aims to contribute to the development of strong cultural places; grow and develop talent and leadership in the regions and across art forms; give an international dimension to excellent work; and create the highest quality new work including for outdoor and festival contexts. It is particularly keen to support the creation of work for major national moments that build on the legacy of the London 2012 Cultural Olympiad. Projects funded in the second round include The Young Vic which will receive £250,000 towards their Directors Programme. The programme, which is the only one of its kind in the UK provides young and emerging directors with professional support, networks, skills, research & development and work opportunities. The Program is especially focussed on widening the range of backgrounds of those who will be the future leaders of theatre in England and it promotes and encourages greater collaboration between England's producing theatres.

<http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/apply-funding/apply-for-funding/ambition-excellence/>

The Weavers Company Benevolent Fund (UK)

The Weavers' Company, a textile-related, charitable and sociable organisation, has announced that the next closing date for its grants programme is the 28th March 2016. The Weaver's Company Benevolent Fund supports projects working with disadvantaged young people (aged 5 to 30 years) to ensure that they are given every possible chance to meet their full potential and to participate fully in society. The Fund also aims to help young people at risk of criminal involvement to stay out of trouble and assist in the rehabilitation of offenders, particularly young offenders both in prison and after release. Grants are usually no more than £15,000 per annum, and to make sure grants of this size have an impact, we will not fund large organisations. To be eligible for funding, local organisations such as those working in a village, estate or small town should normally have an income of less than £100,000. Those working across the UK should normally have an income of not more than £250,000.

<http://www.weavers.org.uk/charitable-grants>

Kindly contributed by Southend Association of Voluntary Services (SAVS)

DM Thomas Foundation

The Foundation has a rigorous grant process which aims to identify the most effective projects helping disadvantaged young people in the UK and Ireland. Applications from registered charities in the UK and Ireland are first assessed by the Foundation office, with a shortlist of approximately 20 of the strongest and regionally representative applications put forward for consideration by our Grants Committee.

Applications working in the areas of education or health with one of our four chosen focus groups are selected or considered:

- Children and young people with disabilities
- Children and young people who are sick in hospital
- Employability and training programmes for disadvantaged young people
- Children and young people who are life limited (requiring palliative care)

If favoured, grant applications for up to £5,000 can be approved by the Director, up to £10,000 can be approved by the Grants Committee, and applications for more than £10,000 are recommended to the Trustees for final approval. 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.

Please ensure your completed application is received both electronically and hard copy by 5.30pm on the date indicated in order to be considered. 10th May 2016, 26th July 2016 and 11th Oct 2016

[Central Grant Application form 2016](#)

[Central Grant Application Procedure and guidelines 2016](#)

Applications should be sent by email to grant@dmfyp.org.

Eligible applications received after the deadline will be retained for the next funding round. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. All received applications are acknowledged by email, once the hard copy has been received and logged. Next year's deadlines are:

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The Swimathon Foundation

The Swimathon Foundation Community Grants Scheme offers funding to groups and individuals who provide and promote swimming in their local community. The Foundation is passionate about encouraging people to get involved with swimming, which it hopes to encourage even further with its Community Grants.

Grants vary from £300 to £2,500 and will only be awarded to organisations supported by pools that are participating in Swimathon. The grants are administered by British Swimming and the Swimming Trust and are awarded on an annual basis.

Applicants must demonstrate in their application how the funding will allow them to:

- Introduce people to swimming who would otherwise not swim
- Increase the frequency that existing swimmers go to the pool
- Improve the swimming experience for new or existing swimmers

For information:

<http://www.swimathonfoundation.org/about/>

<http://www.swimathonfoundation.org/application/>

Deadline – 4th March 2016

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Greggs Foundation - Environmental Grants

Improving People's lives by improving their environment

Greggs Foundation aims to make a difference to people in need at the heart of their local communities. Not-for-profit organisations with a turnover of £300,000 or less as well as schools in can apply now for either a Small Grant of up to £2,500 or a Large Grant of between £2,500 and £10,000. Organisations that are based near a Greggs shop will be given priority.

Using money from the 5p levy on carrier bag sales in Greggs shops, the Greggs Foundation has established the Environmental Grants scheme and is offering both large and small grants for projects which make a difference to local areas, with preference given to projects that involve or benefit people who are disadvantaged.

Funding is available for projects that benefit the local environment in a way that will improve people's lives.

All projects must have environmental benefit and benefit disadvantaged people, such as people with disabilities or suffering chronic illness, people living in an area with poor access to the environment, voluntary carers, homeless people and isolated people.

Grants can cover the purchase of equipment, sessional salary costs, purchase of trees/plants, small capital projects and learning activities.

The Greggs Foundation is also interested in new approaches and innovative ideas as well as sustainable approaches to supporting local environments. This programme is a pilot and the outcomes will be reviewed at the end of six months to ensure the programme achieves the desired level of impact.

Deadlines for applications are:

- **Round 1 – 4th March with decisions at the end of April 2016.**
- **Round 2 – 5th March until 1 July with decisions at the end of August 2016.**
- **Round 3 – 2nd July until 30 September with decisions at the end of November 2016.**

For information:

<https://www.greggsfoundation.org.uk/environmental-grants>

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Healthy Hearts Grants (UK)

The Heart Research UK's Healthy Hearts Grants Programme has re-opened for applications. Healthy Heart Grants support innovative projects designed to promote heart health and to prevent or reduce the risks of heart disease in specific groups or communities. Grants of up to £5,000 and up to £10,000 are available to community groups, voluntary organisations and researchers who are spreading the healthy heart message. Projects supported in the past have included Blackburn Rovers Community Trust which received a grant of £10,000 for its "Heart of the Game" programme which will teach primary school children the importance of healthy lifestyles and physical activity on the heart; and Empowering Families, London - 'Babies and Toddlers' to promote good eating habits and playing as exercise at an early age through two Parent Toddlers and Babies groups in Brent's most deprived wards. The closing date for applications is the 30th March 2016.

<http://heartresearch.org.uk/community-grants/apply-hruk-healthy-heart-grants>

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Women Make Music Grant Scheme (UK)

The next applications deadline for the Performing Right Society's (PRS) Women Make Music grant scheme is 6pm on the 6th June 2016. Through the grant scheme, financial support of up to £5000 is available to women musicians to create new music in any genre. This can range from Classical; Jazz; Experimental; Urban; Electronica; and Pop. Grants are available for projects that support the creation, performance and promotion of outstanding new music; that enable the UK's most talented female music creators to realise their potential; and to inspire audiences. Through the scheme support is available to individuals and organizations / groups including Solo performers; Solo songwriters or composers; Promoters or event producers; Bands/ensembles/orchestras; as well as non-music organisations such as local authorities and museums; etc.

<http://www.prsformusicfoundation.com/funding/women-make-music-2/>

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If you require any further help or assistance with any of the above funding programmes or advice on any aspect of funding or group development please

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