

Funding Bulletin

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The Leche Trust

The Leche Trust awards grants in the following areas:

- Historic buildings of the Georgian period or earlier;
- Church furnishings of the Georgian period or earlier;
- Conservation of historic collections in museums and other institutions;
- Professional performance in theatre, music and dance.

The trustees meet three times a year to review applications, normally in February, June and October.

The deadlines for receipt of applications are: 20th December for February: 20th April for June meeting: 20th August for October meeting.

<http://www.lechetrust.org/funding-guidelines.htm>

Premier League and the FA Facilities Fund – Football Foundation

The Premier League & The FA Facilities Fund provides grants for building or refurbishing grassroots facilities, such as changing pavilions and playing surfaces for community benefit, with money provided by the Premier League, The FA and the Government (via Sport England) and delivered by the Foundation. The Fund is available to football clubs, schools, councils and local sports associations and gives grants for projects that:

- Improve facilities for football and other sport in local communities.
- Sustain or increase participation amongst children and adults, regardless of background age, or ability.
- Help children and adults to develop their physical, mental, social and moral capacities through regular participation in sport.

Grants are available for between £10,000 and £500,000 **Deadline: 20 January 2017**

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

Grants for the Arts – Arts Council England

Grants of between £1000 and £100,000 are available for eligible individuals, organisations, libraries and museums for a range of activities including: Audio-visual, broadcast and transmission, buildings and infrastructure, capacity building, commissioning, digital creation, diversity and equality, education and learning, exhibition, festival, organisational development, original work, participation, performance, production, professional development, publishing, research and development, sector development, talent development and touring. This is a rolling programme with no deadlines.

<http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/applying-grants-arts>

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Wren's Community Action Fund

Grants of between £2,000 and £50,000 are available for projects that can demonstrate how they fall into Object D of the Landfill Communities Fund. Object D shows commitment to the protection of the environment, and the provision, maintenance or improvement of a public park or another public amenity.

Examples of eligible projects include, but are not limited to:

- Replacement doors and windows for village halls and community centres.
- Provision of children's play equipment in open public spaces.
- Construction of footpaths and cycleways in public parks.
- The provision of all-weather play surfaces for MUGA multi use games areas.
- The provision of skate parks.
- Dipping platform and all weather paths at local nature reserves.

Although match funding is not a specified requirement, the Waste Recycling Group (as a condition of providing WREN with the Landfill Tax Credits) require project applicants to secure 10.75% from Third Party funders who do not gain any unique benefit from the project put forward for funding.

Applications will be accepted from the following types of organisations:

- Registered charities which operate a community facility.
- Churches or Parochial Church Councils.
- Parish or Town Councils or Management Committees or User Associations acting on behalf of Parish or Town Councils.
- Local Authorities.
- CASC Registered Sports Clubs.

Deadline: 22 February 2017 (5pm).

For more information: <http://www.wren.org.uk/apply/wren-grant-scheme>

The Baring Foundation

The Baring Foundation aims to improve the quality of life for disadvantaged people by making grants to strengthen voluntary sector support organisations. Through their Strengthening the Voluntary Sector (STVS) programme, the Foundation aims to specifically fund the independence of advice and advocacy organisations, whose purpose is to support people in securing their legal rights and entitlements. This programme supports effective use of the law and human rights based approaches by the voluntary sector in the United Kingdom. It is collaboration with the Legal Education Foundation and this year with the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation.

Deadline: 23 January 2017 (5pm).

<http://baringfoundation.org.uk/project/strengthening-the-voluntary-sector-programme/>

Communities Fund England

Small grassroots community groups including charities, neighbourhood organisations and local voluntary groups, are being invited to apply for a £2.5m fund by the Department for Communities and Local Government. The new Communities Fund has been launched to help local people who are struggling to manage. The will focus on local issues and could be used to help those facing domestic abuse, to provide support for disabled children's services or to support those facing long-term unemployment. Grants of up to £70,000 or more are available, as well as expert advice from the local government sector, training from a 'grassroots network' and advice on evaluating the success of their services. The closing date for applications is the 16th January 2017.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/communities-fund-prospectus-and-bidding-form>

The Lords Taverners

The Lords Taverners have announced that the next funding round for its Sensory Rooms programme will open for applications on the **1st March 2017**. Children with sensory impairments and autism have found that regular access to a sensory room or sensory equipment can have significant improvements on a child's emotional health. Funding is available through three programmes. The small grants programme will offer grants of up to £5,000 towards sensory corners and sensory rooms.

The application deadline for the small grants programme will be the **31st May 2017**. Throughout 2017 the Lord's Taverners will also be looking to support up to four projects with major grants towards bespoke sensory rooms and four major grants through its Outdoor Play programme. Their focus will be on supporting schools who cater for children with special needs. The Lord's Taverners will be pro-active in approaching schools and will thoroughly research and select potential projects who will then be invited to apply.

<http://www.lordstaverners.org/sensory-rooms>

Cory Environmental Trust

The next deadline to apply for a Cory Environmental Trust in Britain (CETB) Community Grant is the **7th April 2017**. Cory Environmental Trust in Britain (CETB) was established in 2003 as an Environmental Body, under the terms of the Landfill Tax Regulations 1996. CETB now has awarded grants to over 240 projects, with a total value of £9.1 million. The grants support a broad range of projects including the opening up public access to an area of land that has been closed or partially closed; cleaning up of land that has been polluted because of now ceased activity; helping to improve, protect, provide and/or maintain land or a building as a public amenity; protecting the environment, and conserving or promoting biological diversity; and helping to preserve, maintain, restore and/or repair a religious building or one of historical or architectural interest. For projects relating to religious buildings, Trustees will be looking for evidence of strong community use. The focus of CETB's activity to date has been in the vicinity of Cory Environmental's landfill sites and waste management operations in St Helens, Dudley, South Gloucestershire, Sevenoaks, Essex, Swansea, the London Borough of Bexley and Wrexham. The maximum grant is generally awarded by CETB is around £50,000 and the Trust requires 10% independent 3rd party funding.

<http://www.coryenvironmental.co.uk/community-grants/cory-environmental-trust-in-britain/>

Postcode Community Trust

The Postcode Community Trust will re-open its Small Grants Programme on the 23rd January 2017 for Expressions of Interest. The Postcode Community Trust was established in 2014 to support marginalised groups in obtaining the skills & resources to effect change in their own communities - awarding £2 million of funding in 2015. Through the Small Grants Programme, the Trust will provide grants of £500 - £20,000 (£10,000 in Wales) for projects that benefit communities through grass-roots sports, arts and recreation programmes and healthy living initiatives that improve a community's physical and mental health. Funding is available to registered charities, voluntary organisations, community interest companies and social enterprises. Please note that only registered charities can apply for grants above £2,000. Previous projects supported include Adel Pre-School in Leeds which received a grant of £20,000 to construct an outdoor play area with specific focus on sensory elements; and Blantyre Soccer Academy which received a grant of £13,070 to purchase new training equipment and other items allowing them to expand their youth outreach programmes.

The closing date for submitting Expressions will be the **10th February 2017**. Applicants successful at this stage will be invited to submit full proposals between the 6th March and 31st March 2017.

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

Sport England

Sport England recognises that volunteers have always played a vital part in the sports and physical activity sector and without them most community sport and physical activity simply wouldn't happen. In January 2017 Sport England will be launching two new funds within its new volunteering strategy which will support projects for groups where significant untapped potential has been identified. The new funds are the "Opportunity Fund" which aims to create volunteering opportunities for people facing disadvantage such as those in communities where there is high unemployment and crime, lower education and poorer health. At least 50% of the available funding will go to projects that are run by partners that are new to Sport England. The "Potentials Fund" will support projects that target young people between the ages of 10 and 20 years old who are interested in doing something for their community but who haven't regularly volunteered in the past. Sport and physical activity should be involved but it doesn't have to be the sole focus. Further information will be available in January 2017 with the funds opening for applications in **February 2017**.

<https://www.sportengland.org/news-and-features/news/2016/december/1/new-volunteering-strategy-published/>



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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