

## Awards For All

Funds projects which enable participation in art / sport / heritage / community activities and promote education / the environment / health in the local community.

- Grants of £300 to £10k. Organisations must use the grant within one year.
- Applicants can reapply for further funding at the end of the 12mths. NB organisations can receive up to £10k in any 2 year period.
- Applications can be submitted throughout the year.
- Funding decision within 8 weeks
- Will fund 100% of project costs
- Further Info : 0845 600 2040 / [www.awardsforall.org.uk](http://www.awardsforall.org.uk)

Applications must meet one or more of the Award for All's aims:

- Extend access and participation
- Increase skills and creativity
- Improve the quality of life.

When demand exceeds available funds, applications who address the regional criteria will be prioritised. The regional outcomes for Yorkshire and the Humber are:

- Better understanding of different people, places and cultures in our local community
- Increased involvement from people who face barriers to participation
- More use of outdoor community spaces
- Improved skills for running small community groups
- Healthier lifestyles for the whole community

Eligible Organisations : Not For Profit organisations

Parish or town councils

Schools (for activities outside school hours)

Health bodies: PCT, NHS Hospital Trust, Strategic Health Authority

Organisation Requirements: Must have a bank account which requires 2 signatures.

Eligible Costs : Events and activities

Training and development

Pilot projects and start-up costs

Publicity Materials

Equipment and Materials

Transport costs

Professional fees and Volunteer expenses

## Big Lottery Fund

Big Lottery Fund is responsible for giving out half the money for good causes raised by the National Lottery, giving a budget of about £630 million a year. Funding covers health, education, environment and charitable purposes.

Further Information contact: BIG Advice Line on 0845 4 10 20 30 / [www.biglotteryfund.org.uk](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk)

## CURRENT OPEN PROGRAMMES

**PROGRAMME NAME:** **Changing Spaces – Access to Nature Programme (distributed by Natural England)**

**CLOSING DATE:** 30<sup>th</sup> June 2010

**MINIMUM GRANT:** -

**MAXIMUM GRANT:** Regional projects – between £50,000 and £500,000.  
National projects – up to £500,000  
Flagship projects – over £500,000

**DESCRIPTION:** Access to Nature is a grant scheme to encourage people from all backgrounds to understand, access and enjoy our natural environment.

**PROGRAMME AIMS:** Access to Nature has five main outcomes that we want to deliver:

- a greater diversity and number of people having improved opportunities to experience the natural environment
- more people having opportunities for learning about the natural environment and gaining new skills
- more people able to enjoy the natural environment through investment in access to natural places and networks between sites
- richer, more sustainably managed, natural places meeting the needs of communities
- an increase in communities' sense of ownership of local natural places, by establishing strong partnerships between communities, voluntary organisations, local authorities and others

**APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS:** Access to Nature will only award grants to:

- Community groups governed by a written constitution
- Registered charities and trusts
- Statutory bodies, including schools, colleges, local authorities, town and parish councils, health organisations
- Companies that are not registered charities but have a charitable purpose and a community focus (for example, a company limited by guarantee and some community interest companies or social enterprises, where any surpluses are mainly reinvested for community benefit)
- Mutual societies
- Charitable or not-for-profit companies
- Church based and other faith groups.

If you are not a statutory body (ie appointed by government) you must have a governing document (for example, a constitution, set of rules, trust deed, or for companies, memorandum and articles of association). Community groups who would like to apply but are unable to satisfy this requirement are encouraged to apply in partnership with an established voluntary/community sector or public sector organisation, who would then be the lead body.

To qualify for funding, organisations must show evidence of partnership working and how they intend to involve the people they are trying to reach in developing, making decisions about and implementing the project.

WEBSITE: <http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/leisure/grants%2Dfunding/>

**PROGRAMME NAME:** **Changing Spaces – Community Spaces Programme (distributed by Groundwork UK)**

CLOSING DATE: 21<sup>st</sup> January 2011

MINIMUM GRANT: -

MAXIMUM GRANT: Small grants – £10,000-£25,000  
Medium grants - £25,001-£49,999  
Large grants - £50,000-£100,000 (one application round only, closes 9<sup>th</sup> January 2009)  
Flagship grants - £100,001-£450,000 (one application round only, closes 9<sup>th</sup> January 2009)

DESCRIPTION: The programme helps community groups create or improve green and open spaces so that the quality of life in neighbourhoods across England is enhanced.

PROGRAMME AIMS: The Community Spaces programme aims to:

- Create better local environments
- Increase people's access to quality local spaces for interaction, play and recreation
- Increase the number of people actively involved in developing and running a practical environmental project that is visible in their community
- Improve partnerships between communities, support organisations and local authorities

APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS:

- Applications must be from community groups - we define a community group as 'people living in one particular area or group of people focused on a neighbourhood who are considered as a unit because of their common interests, background, nationality or other circumstances'
- Projects must be in England - Community Spaces will only fund projects in England
- Projects must meet one or more of the Community Spaces outcomes - see the Outcomes page
- Projects must be within a 2 mile radius of a residential area
- Projects must be open to the public 'most of the time'

WEBSITE: <http://www.community-spaces.org.uk/>

**PROGRAMME NAME:** **Changing Spaces – Community Sustainable Energy Programme (distributed by Building Research Establishment)**

**CLOSING DATE:** 29<sup>th</sup> October 2010

**MINIMUM GRANT:** -

**MAXIMUM GRANT:** Capital grants – up to £50,000 or 50 per cent of the project cost (whichever is lower) for installing microgeneration technologies only or in combination with energy efficiency measures.

Project development grants – £5,000 or 75 per cent of the study cost (whichever is lower) for studies investigating the feasibility of installing any combination of the technologies listed below.

**DESCRIPTION:** The Community Sustainable Energy Programme will provide £8 million to community-based organisations for the installation of microgeneration technologies, such as solar panels or wind turbines and energy efficiency measures including loft and cavity wall insulation. It will also provide £1 million for project development grants that will help community organisations establish if a microgeneration and energy efficiency installation will work for them.

**PROGRAMME AIMS:** It aims to achieve the following outcomes:

- Reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions
- Increased community awareness of climate change and how changes to our behaviour can reduce it
- Increased skills base of local trades (for example, local builders and building-service subcontractors working on renewable energy projects for the first time)
- Reduction in energy bills
- Reduction in reliance on imported energy and increased independence from commercial energy suppliers
- Stronger partnerships within local communities with lasting social benefits
- Growth of local enterprise in new technologies.

The eligible technologies are:

- solar photovoltaics
- solar thermal hot water
- wind turbines
- heat pumps
- automated wood pellet stoves
- wood fuelled boiler systems
- micro-hydro turbines.

**APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS:** Grants are open to not-for-profit community based organisations in England. This includes:

- community groups governed by a written constitution
- registered charities and trusts
- parish councils
- schools or colleges
- companies that are not registered charities but have a charitable purpose and a

- community focus (for example, a company limited by guarantee and some community interest companies or social enterprises, where any surpluses are mainly reinvested for community benefit).
- mutual societies
- church based and other faith organisations

Your organisation must hold the freehold (registered or unregistered) of the site of your intended capital project or a lease that cannot be brought to an end by the landlord for at least five years (from the date the capital project is completed).

WEBSITE: <http://www.communitysustainable.org.uk/index.jsp>

**PROGRAMME NAME:** **Changing Spaces – Ecominds (distributed by Mind)**

**CLOSING DATE:** 2 funding rounds per year. Projects must be delivered by December 2012.

**MINIMUM GRANT:** -

**MAXIMUM GRANT:** Small grants – up to £20,000  
Medium grants – between £20,001 and £60,000.  
Large grants – between £60,001 and £150,000  
Flagship grants (5 grants will be awarded) – between £150,001 and £250,000

**DESCRIPTION:** The programme has £7.5 million to distribute to around 125 new and existing projects focusing on mental health and the environment around England over the next five years.

**PROGRAMME AIMS:** Ecominds aims to help people with direct experience of mental distress become involved in environmental projects that improve mental and physical health and local communities. Ecominds will help reduce the stigma surrounding mental distress and help create a society that treats people with experience of mental distress fairly, positively, and with respect.

There is growing evidence demonstrating that green exercise provides substantial benefits for health and wellbeing.

**APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS:** Applications are assessed against a number of criteria and those scoring highly will be considered by an independent, publicly appointed assessment panel. Funds are limited and we expect many applicants so the panel cannot fund all high-scoring projects. The essential application criteria are as follows:

Projects must:

- Have both a mental health and environmental perspective
- Be submitted by an England based group and applied in England
- Be thoroughly planned and relevant to the environment
- Involve people with direct experience of mental distress
- Encourage community access, collaboration, and improve the environment and environmental sustainability

- Have a budget under £250,000
- Be delivered within five years

Applicants must:

- Demonstrate a genuine need for the project
- Be able to develop a detailed financial plan, budget, and cash flow which will account for the money applied for
- Have the resources to plan, develop, and manage the project - especially if it involves building work or buying land
- Have the resources to compile basic legal documents
- Have the skills to manage the project, develop a detailed timeframe including milestones, and deliver the scheme outcomes

WEBSITE: <http://www.mind.org.uk/ecominds/>

**PROGRAMME NAME: Changing Spaces – Local Food Programme (distributed by the Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts)**

CLOSING DATE: 31<sup>st</sup> August 2012

MINIMUM GRANT: -

MAXIMUM GRANT: Small grants – £2,000-£10,000  
Main grants - £10,001-£300,000  
Beacon grants – now closed

DESCRIPTION: It funds a range of organisations who want to deliver a variety of food related projects to make locally grown food more accessible and affordable to local communities.

PROGRAMME AIMS: The aim is to help make locally grown food accessible and affordable to local communities.  
Local Food has five main themes under which a range of projects can be supported:

- Growing food locally - Allowing people the opportunity to grow food locally
- Celebrating cultural diversity - Enabling communities to build knowledge and understanding of the cultural diversity of food
- Social enterprise - Stimulating local economic activity through the development of social enterprises related to local food
- Skills and learning - Creating opportunities for learning through volunteering, training and job creation
- Healthy eating, healthy living - Promoting awareness of the links between food and healthy lifestyles.

APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS: Organisations should have social and/or environmental objectives and be a registered charity, company limited by guarantee, school, health body, parish or town council, or a non-profit-taking organisation.

WEBSITE: <http://www.localfoodgrants.org/>

**PROGRAMME NAME: Reaching Communities**

CLOSING DATE: No Date Set

MINIMUM GRANT: £10,000

MAXIMUM GRANT: £500,000

DESCRIPTION: Reaching Communities is a demand-led England-wide programme that will provide funding to help improve local communities and the lives of people most in need.

PROGRAMME AIMS:

- People having better chances in life, including being able to get better access to training and development to improve their life skills.
- Strong communities, with more active citizens, working together to tackle their problems
- Improved rural and urban environments, which communities are better able to access and enjoy
- Healthier and more active people and communities.

APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS:

- A registered charity.
- A voluntary or community group.
- A statutory body, (including schools).
- A charitable or not-for-profit company.
- A social enterprise – a business that is chiefly run for social objectives, whose profits are reinvested in the business rather than going to shareholders and owners.

Common Pitfalls in applications include:

- Not providing enough evidence of need for the project.
- Setting unrealistic outcomes
- Providing unclear descriptions of projects
- Not fully understanding the maximum grant size policy of capital amounts.

WEBSITE: [http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog\\_reaching\\_communities.htm?regioncode=-y&progStatus=open&status=theProg&title=Reaching%20Communities](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_reaching_communities.htm?regioncode=-y&progStatus=open&status=theProg&title=Reaching%20Communities)

**PROGRAMME NAME: Research Programme**

CLOSING DATE: 30<sup>th</sup> March 2009

TOTAL AVAILABLE: £20 million

DESCRIPTION: BIG is providing up to £20 million in the UK over 2007-2009 to fund social and medical research grants in the UK.

PROGRAMME AIMS: The aim of the Research programme is to influence local and national policy and practice by funding the Third Sector to produce and disseminate evidence based knowledge. In the longer term the programme, through producing sound evidence, will aim to help develop better services and interventions for beneficiaries.

Integral to meeting the aim of the programme will be the following five outcomes:

1. Improved understanding of issues relating to the Big Lottery Fund's UK themes and country outcomes
2. Improved Third Sector participation and knowledge in developing, doing and using research
3. Improved dissemination of Third Sector led research
4. Increased participation of beneficiaries and users in a range of research roles
5. Improved partnerships between the Third Sector and the research community.

**APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS:**

Only organisations from the voluntary and community sector are eligible to apply for funding. The voluntary and community sector is encouraged to link up with universities and the wider research community, but universities themselves are ineligible to apply for funding.

**WEBSITE:**

[http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog\\_research\\_programme?regioncode=-y&progStatus=open&country=Yorkshire%20and%20the%20Humber&status=theProg&chan=funding&title=Research%20programme](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_research_programme?regioncode=-y&progStatus=open&country=Yorkshire%20and%20the%20Humber&status=theProg&chan=funding&title=Research%20programme)

## Sport England

- The strategic body delivering the Government's sporting objectives and distributing Lottery and Exchequer funds.
- There are 2 funding streams – Community and National
- Enquiries and applications are welcome at any time of year

### **Community**

Each UK region has a Sports Board that considers grant applications over £10k.

Sport England will contribute a maximum of 35% of the total project cost .

Applications are assessed against the priorities laid out in sports plan of each region and the National Framework for Sport.

#### *Yorkshire Sport Plan core aim :*

To fund activities that will significantly increase participation in sport and active recreation in a sustainable way that is; new participants will stay playing sport and being physically active for the long term

#### *Yorkshire Sport Plan funding priorities :*

- Projects which challenge inequalities in sport & significantly narrow the participation gap
- Projects which have a significant amount of partnership money
- Project which focus on sports and organisations that offer the best return on investment, e.g. projects that get more people involved in sport per £1 invested
- Projects which are part of a strategic approach to delivering sport and active recreation at a local level

(A full copy of the Yorkshire Sport Plan is available via [www.sportengland.org/yorkshire](http://www.sportengland.org/yorkshire))

*Outcome preferences - Yorkshire Sports Board are most likely to support projects which :*

- Encourage a partnership approach between sport, education, health and the community to plan and deliver more / better opportunities for people to start, stay and succeed in sport and active recreation
- Will significantly increase and extend the use of community facilities, green spaces and recreation routes for sport and active recreation
- Create new multi-activity clubs at the heart of local communities that provide a range of opportunities to play sport and become physically active.

Eligibility criteria is not given on the web site or in any of the literature – to check for eligibility applicants have to complete an on-line enquiry form ([www.sportengland.org/funding](http://www.sportengland.org/funding)) or phone the Sport England help line on 8458 508 508.

## Arts Council

### Grants for Arts

- Simple application form
- Priority groups within areas of social deprivation
- Written proposal allows artist to express project under specified headings
- Grants up to £5k processed within 6 weeks, £5k+ within 12 weeks
- Seminars and workshops promote scheme
- Specialist staff provide advice around type of project e.g. Festivals Officer
- When relevant applications may be passed to LCC Arts & Regeneration team for comment.
- Assessed by Yorkshire Arts officers against set criteria and annual allocation
- 10% match required (can be in-kind) but will fund to 100% for key projects.
- Application success rate = 1 in 3

*Will only fund schools if they are working in partnership with wider community - not curriculum*

Enquiry Team

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[www.artscouncil.org.uk](http://www.artscouncil.org.uk)

## Heritage Lottery Fund

The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) enables communities to celebrate, look after and learn more about our diverse heritage. We fund the entire spread of heritage – including buildings, museums, natural heritage and the heritage of cultural traditions and language.

There are a number of programmes available:

### Your Heritage

- £3,000 - £50,000 and no match funding requirement
- Applications can be submitted at anytime
- 10 week decision process

To qualify the project must:

- help people to learn about their own and other people's heritage; and
- conserve the UK's diverse heritage for present and future generations to experience and enjoy; or

- help more people, and a wider range of people, to take an active part in and make decisions about heritage

### **Young Roots**

- £3,000 - £25,000 and no match funding requirement
- Promotes the involvement of young people aged 13-20 with their heritage
- Applications can be submitted at anytime
- 10 week decision process
- Schools and colleges can apply as long as project not part of curriculum

To qualify the project must relate to the varied heritage of the UK and:

- provide new opportunities for a wider range of young people aged 13 to 25 to learn about their own and others' heritage;
- allow young people to lead and take part in creative and engaging activities;
- develop partnerships between youth organisations and heritage organisations; and
- create opportunities to celebrate young people's achievements in the project and share their learning with the wider community.

Your project must also create either:

- opportunities for young people to volunteer in heritage; or
- new opportunities for young people to gain skills in identifying, recording, interpreting or caring for heritage.

### **Heritage Grants**

- £50,000+ grants for projects lasting up to 5 years
- For grants below £1 million 10% match is required, for those over £1 million 25% match is needed

To qualify the project must:

- help people learn about their own and other people's heritage

Your project must also do either or both of the following:

- conserve the UK's diverse heritage for present and future generations to experience and enjoy
- help more people, and a wider range of people, to take an active part in and make decisions about heritage

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### **Repair Grants for Places of Worship**

- Designed to help conserve and sustain heritage at risk, through urgent repairs to places of worship.
- £10,000 to £200,000 Repair Grants for Places of Worship in England.
- England deadlines are normally the end of June for Grade I places of worship, and the end of September for Grade II places of worship. Applicants need to check the application deadlines before planning projects.

To qualify the project must:

- the place of worship must be listed.
- the project must be for urgent, high-level repair works.

### **Townscape Heritage Initiative**

- Grants are available of between £500,000 to £2 million to help communities regenerate the historic parts of their towns and cities.
- To address problems in areas of particular social and economic need throughout the United Kingdom.
- To encourage partnerships to carry out repairs and other works to a number of different historic properties within those areas, and improve the quality of life for all those who live, work or visit there.
- Projects can last for up to 5 years.

Schemes are expected to deliver the following outcomes:

- Preserving and enhancing the character and appearance of conservation areas affected by high levels of deprivation and in need of regeneration.
- Bringing historic buildings back into appropriate and sustainable use.
- Safeguarding the character of conservation areas through:
  - increasing training opportunities in heritage skills;
  - increasing community participation; and
  - improving approaches to conservation management and maintenance.

### **Landscape Partnerships**

- To allow partnerships representing a range of heritage and community interests to tackle the needs of landscapes, whose various elements may be in different ownership.
- Applications must be received at stage 1 by 1<sup>st</sup> April or 1<sup>st</sup> October each year.
- Projects need to be completed within three years.
- Grants are available of between £250,000 and £2 million

Landscape Partnership schemes must deliver equally across all of the following programme outcomes:

- conserving or restoring the built and natural features that create the historic landscape character;
- increasing community participation in local heritage;
- increasing access to and learning about the landscape area and its heritage;
- increasing training opportunities in local heritage skills.

### **Parks for People**

- Heritage Lottery Fund is relaunching Parks for People, with grants of £250,000 to £5million.
- Further details will be available from late December 2008.

### **For further guidance, contact:**

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