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Devon Association for Renewable Energy



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Funding News

UnLtd Millennium Awards

Funding social entrepreneurs within the UK who have ambition, drive, determination

The Spring 2010 funding round of the UnLtd Millennium Awards (Level 2) is now open to applications.

Social entrepreneurs within the UK who have ambition, drive, determination and a vision to bring about social change are invited to apply for practical and financial support. Awards are offered on two levels:

Level 1 awards of between £500 and £5,000 for individuals who need help getting their project off the ground. Support is available for project running costs.

Level 2 - awards of up to £15,000 are available for individuals whose project can be scaled-up to create a sustained impact within their community.

Funding is intended to take projects to the next level and may be used, for example, for living expenses of award winners so that their time may be devoted to the project. Level 2 awards are distributed in spring and winter each year.

The Spring 2010 deadline for receipt of Expression of Interest forms for the Level 2 awards is 22 March 2010 (12 noon). Applications for Level 1 awards may be made at any time.

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

£500 to improve to improve the way that community and voluntary organisation are led and governed

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 31st December 2009.

<http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/crackingthecode>

Bovril Offers £100,000 to repair the great outdoors

Bovril, the drinks manufacturer, has announced that it has £100,000 available to small projects that repair outdoor facilities. This could be for example a deshevelled stone wall, a broken stile on a nature trail, a rickety old fishing hut, or a campsite in need of repair. To nominate a project nominees will need to buy a promotional jar of Bovril. Projects can then be submitted online and the public is then encouraged to vote for them. Nominations will only be accepted for

existing facilities and structures that are in need of a makeover. Bovril will not accept nominations for new builds.

Five winning projects will each receive £20,000 to be spent on the repair of refurbishment. Projects can be nominated at any time up to the 28th February 2010.

However, three of projects will be selected from the Shortlist at midnight on the 28th December 2009.

<http://www.bovril.co.uk/revival/>

IT funding from telecom provider for community projects

This award, from British Telecom, is a scheme which enables community and charitable organisations to get online and make use of information and communications technology.

Funding is for:

Groups can apply for a laptop and a year's free broadband.

Funding is not for:

Companies that exist to trade for profit, social enterprises or CICs. Organisations that promote political parties, previous winners.

There are more than 1,000 award packages available to groups or clusters of groups who can demonstrate how an award will benefit their work and the local community. Award winners in the past have included:

§ silver-surfers

§ cultural dance groups

§ conservation organisations

§ mountain rescue teams

§ family support groups

§ healthy living clubs

§ arts and music groups

§ sports teams

§ youth groups

Applications can be submitted for round two -

Round Two:

* Postal applications must be received by 5th January 2010

* Online applications must be submitted by 7th January 2010

* Winners will be announced the week commencing 8th March 2010

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Funding to develop youth leadership in the community

The Youth of Today, which is funded and supported by the Department for Children, Schools and Families and Communities and Local Government and aims to support young people make a positive difference to society, has announced that it is now inviting applications through their Reaching Out Scheme. Youth of Today are inviting applications from voluntary and community sector organisations working with 13-19 year olds for grants of between £50,000 and £100,000 to develop youth leadership opportunities for disadvantaged young people or marginalised groups across England. In particular, the fund is looking to support projects that enhance the capacity of the voluntary and community sector to provide high quality youth leadership opportunities; support organisations or partnerships to work collaboratively; contribute to the building of a lasting, sustainable infrastructure for youth leadership pathways; and work across a wide geographical area.

The deadline for expressions of interest is the 19th November, and for submitting

full applications is the 12th January 2010.

<http://www.theyouthoftoday.org/reaching-out>

Funding a wide variety of community projects

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; and 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 16th February 2010.

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

Scholarships funding a range of modern and traditional crafts

Covering a wide range of modern and traditional crafts, these scholarships are worth between £1,000 and £15,000. The scholarships can be used to fund further study, training and practical experience for the improvement of craft and trade skills. Scholarship winners have included antiques restorers, calligraphers, book conservators, potters, silversmiths and upholsterers.

Eligible applicants are craftsmen and craftswomen of all ages who live and work permanently in the UK. Applicants must be able to demonstrate that they already have a high level of skill and are firmly committed to their craft or trade.

The deadline for applications for the spring 2010 scholarships is 8th January 2010.

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Community sustainable energy programme

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 29th January 2010.

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

Green loan scheme open for applications

The Department for Energy and Climate change has launched a new loan fund to help public bodies in England such as schools, hospitals and councils cut their carbon emissions and reduce their energy consumption. A total of £51.5 million is available in interest free loan funding to install a wide range of energy efficient

technologies, such as solar panels, wind turbines and insulation, etc. There is no maximum level of loan funding available but the minimum loan is £5,000. The funding is being administered by Salix Finance an independent company funded by the Carbon Trust which is already working with 128 bodies, including local authorities, NHS Foundation Trusts, and further and higher education institutions to reduce their carbon footprint. The first call for the loans scheme closed on 17 July 2009 with in excess of 250 projects being accepted for funding.

The next call is now open and has a closing date of 31st December 2009.

<http://www.salixfinance.co.uk/loansscheme.html>

Apply for a green space scholarship

The Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment (CABE) is offering up to eight people the opportunity to learn how well-designed spaces can benefit communities through the 2010 CABE Space design skills scholarships. The scholarships have been set up to boost design awareness in professions that create and manage urban public space. Six grants are available for people who do not have design training but who do want to learn more about the effect good design can have on streets and highways, parks and green spaces and public squares and neighbourhoods. Scholars will visit examples of well-designed public spaces in the UK and abroad, gain an understanding of their delivery and management, and learn how similar ideas can be developed through their work at home. In 2009 the scholars have visited the USA, Canada and Europe.

Between them they studied community gardens; looked at how better designed public spaces can help deliver cultural and creative learning; and the impact of well-designed green space on social housing schemes. Scholarships will be made in the form of grants designed to cover travel and living expenses for a period of approximately six weeks. Applicants propose their own study programme, which they will be able to develop with the support of a CABE Space mentor.

Applications for 2010 scholarships close on November 13th 2009.

<http://www.cabe.org.uk/public-space/scholarships>

Extra £20 million for clean energy technology

The clean energy technologies of the future will have access to an extra £20 million in government-backed venture capital support, this is the latest allocation out of the £405 million pot investment in low carbon technologies announced in the Budget. Up to £300 has already been allocated to support key low carbon technologies including up to £120 million to support the development of Off-shore Wind technologies, up to £60 million to help accelerate the development and deployment of wave and tidal energy in the UK and up to £21 million to support the deployment of innovative low carbon technologies in homes and communities.

<http://www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/news/pn110/pn110.aspx>

Green school awards from petroleum company

Schools that are currently undertaking environmental projects within the UK are being invited to enter the Green School Awards. The awards aim to assist education and understanding about environmental issues and target the 5-11 age group. Any work primary school children are already doing on the environment at your school is likely to be eligible for entry to the Green School Awards. The Awards can be entered by groups of up to 30 young people, aged 5-11. (Groups of over 30 young people will be allowed to enter provided that they are in the same class). Groups can be classes, school clubs or teams created for the purpose of entering the TOTAL Green School Awards. There is no limit to the number of entries a school can submit. There are four award categories, each allowing group work on environmental topics in a diverse range of subjects including Art, English, History, Mathematics, Science, Technology and Geography. The UK Champion will receive a prize of £5,000. There are also three prizes of £1,000 and twelve prizes of £500.

Entries must be received for judging by 7th May 2010.

<http://tgsa.ypte.org.uk/index.php>

Applied Research Funding Programme

The Carbon Trust announced that it's now open to applications through the Applied Research Funding Programme and has doubled the size of grants available under this programme from £250k to £500k, this will enable the development of more ambitious projects with potential for even greater carbon savings.

Applied Research Grant funding is available to businesses, research institutions and other organisations and aims to support the development and commercialisation of technologies which have the potential to reduce UK carbon emissions. A minimum of 40% match funding is required.

There are two stages to the application process: an initial proposal, followed by a full proposal. The next deadline for application is the 14th December 2009.

Funding for Applied Research Open Call applications from institutions or organisations based in Scotland for the 2009/2010 financial year is now fully committed.

<http://www.carbontrust.co.uk/technology/appliedresearch/>

Funding to improve knowledge and quality of food eaten by all the community

The Dame Sheila Mckechnie Awards for Community Food Initiatives aim to improve knowledge and quality of food eaten by all the community.

Two community food initiatives will be chosen every year and each will receive £15,000 (£5,000 a year) over a three-year period.

Community food initiatives are projects that work within a local community to help solve issues around food inequality. Many communities find it difficult to gain access to, and make choices in relation to foods that are of high quality and available at affordable prices. Consumers, especially those on low incomes, or those living in areas of economic and social deprivation are often the worst affected. Community food initiatives help to overcome some of these problems, while educating communities about the importance of maintaining a well-balanced and nutritious diet.

A short application form, available on the website or from above, and include brief background information about the community food initiative; some background information about the community the initiative serves; why the community food initiative was set up and what it is trying to achieve; when it was set up; where the initiatives current funding originates from; the number of key staff/volunteers and any other information you think will be helpful.

Dame Sheila Mckechnie Awards for Community Food Initiatives

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Funding to combat fuel poverty

The Scottish Power Energy People Trust has announced that the next application deadline for applications is the 13th October 2009. The Trust can provide funds for not-for-profit organisations and groups (such as children's charities, local community groups, support organisations, housing associations, local authorities and others) who work with or represent the vulnerable and fuel poor to help

those most in need. Priority will be given to projects aimed at helping families with young children and young people. The Scottish Power Energy People Trust will award grant funding up to a maximum of £100,000 for projects lasting for up to three years. Previous projects supported include:

The Greater Manchester North Energy Efficiency Advice Centre, which received a grant of £20,500 to deliver training to front line home visiting staff to identify the fuel poor and then provide a system to allow the easy triggering of a range of intervention measures including Warm Front/EE grants, benefits checks and credit union services etc.

The Granton Information Centre which received a grant of £29,866 to tackle fuel poverty by increasing household disposable income by raising awareness of welfare benefit, pension credit and tax credit entitlement.

Organisations wishing to apply need to submit the Trust's online application form.

<http://www.energypeopletrust.co.uk/index.html>

Green communities community chest programme

The Energy Saving Trust provides small grants of up to £200 to support, facilitate and promote community based energy projects. The funding which is made through the Green Communities Community Chest programme is available to small community groups with a turnover of less than £75,000 and can cover a wide range of activities such as travel costs, training, events or the purchase of equipment that will progress a groups energy saving project, where no other funding sources are available. Applications can be made at any time. Applicants are encouraged to call the Green Communities team on 0844 848 0077 to discuss their project idea.

<http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/cafe>

Biodiversity Grants

The Esmee Fairbairn Foundation has announced that it has changed the funding criteria for its Biodiversity funding scheme. The Esmee Fairbairn Foundation is one of the UK's largest grant making Trusts. It makes grants of approximately £25 million per year and funds projects in the areas of:

- * arts and culture
- * education and learning
- * the natural environment
- * addressing social disadvantage.

Under the Biodiversity strand a total of £3 million will be available in grants until December 2010. Grants will be available for projects that develop a greater knowledge and understanding of certain habitats and their associated species.

The Foundation will consider applications from research organisations, practical conservation charities and voluntary nature societies. Although there is no specified minimum or maximum grant amount per projects previous grants have ranged from £17,000 to £195,000.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

<http://www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk/funding/biodiversity.html>

Funding for environmental issues

The Foundation awards grants to organisations in the UK and worldwide for projects that help globally, particularly in the areas of the disparity of wealth and climate-related issues. Grants are awarded through four programmes: World Development; Child Development; The Environment; and Projects in Wales. Funding is for start-up and running costs.

No upper or lower limits are specified. However, it is unlikely the Foundation would offer a grant of more than £100,000

Not a specified requirement

Applications will be only accepted from registered charities and not-for-profit organisations with recognisable charitable purpose

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Help towards the cost of installing alternative refuelling or recharging stations for alternative fuels

Cenex - the UK's first Centre of Excellence for low carbon and fuel cell technologies has announced that it is currently seeking expressions of interest from private and public sector organisations seeking to apply to the Infrastructure Grants Programme. Under the programme, grants are available to help towards the cost of installing alternative refuelling or recharging stations for alternative fuels (i.e. alternatives to diesel or petrol). The programme which is funded by the Department for Transport aims to cut carbon dioxide and air pollutant emissions, as well as reducing dependence on fossil fuels. Examples of alternative fuels include hydrogen, electricity for electric vehicles and natural gas/biogas. For fleet operators the cost of installing refuelling or recharging infrastructure represents a barrier to switching fuel use. If you wish to register your interest in the programme, or require more information.

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http://www.cenex.co.uk/igp_index.asp

Low carbon buildings programme phase 2 programme

Following an announcement that the Low Carbon Buildings Programme Phase 2 grants programme was to be closed at the end of June 2009, the Government has decided to extend the programme until April 2011 by investing a further £35 million into the scheme. Through this programme public sector organisations (including schools, hospitals, housing associations and local authorities) and charitable bodies can apply for grants of up to £200,000 for the installation of microgeneration technologies such as biomass boilers, air and water sourced heat pumps, hydro and wind turbines, etc. Applications to the Low Carbon Buildings Programme Phase 2 can be submitted at any time. Please see website current conditions as there are some restrictions to funds given.

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CLOSURE OF LCBP-2 (EXTENSION) TO SOLAR PV APPLICATIONS

Due to unprecedented demand, we have to close LCBP-2 (Extension) Programme for Solar PV Applications from 30th November 2009 as the technology 'pot' of £13 million has now run out.

Budget 2009 extended the LCBP-1 & LCBP-2 Programmes with an additional £45 million and of this we created a technology 'pot' of £18 million ring-fenced for Solar PV under the LCBP-2 extension.

LCBP-1 Extension remains open for Solar PV applications to new household applicants until 31st March 2010 when the Green Energy cash-back tariffs come into effect.

Bio-energy Infrastructure Scheme

Farmers, foresters and local authorities can from today apply for £1.5 million grants to help develop the supply of biomass, such as wood chips or energy crops like miscanthus, in England through round three of the Bio-energy Infrastructure Scheme.

Energy and Climate Change Minister, Lord Hunt said:

"As we approach Copenhagen we need to encourage business to invest in renewable energy. We have a target to get 15% of all energy from renewable sources by 2020, and biomass can make a significant contribution.

"We funded 75 projects in round two of this scheme and we will continue to work to ensure that the supply chain is in place to create a thriving bio-energy market in England, which is good for the environment and good for business."

As with previous rounds, the objectives of the scheme are to increase renewable energy generation and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, while contributing to sustainable land management.

The Scheme provides grants to help the development of the supply chain required to harvest, process, store and supply biomass to heat, combined heat and power, and electricity end-users. The scheme is restricted to projects based in England and is open to businesses, local authorities and charities.

Grants will only be available for projects which complete by 31 March 2011. The deadline for receipt of applications is 26th February 2010, although applicant projects will be assessed on a rolling basis as they are received. The Department may also consider extending this deadline, depending on the rate of response.

The scheme is administered on DECC's behalf by TUV NEL Ltd.

For application forms, guidance and all information regarding the Scheme, please contact the Bio-energy Infrastructure Scheme Helpline at TUV-NEL:

- Tel: 01355 593800
- E-mail: help@beis.org.uk

£4 million to help make your business, school or hospital greener through bio-energy

Today further government funding becomes available for business and community organisations, such as schools and hospitals, to help towards the cost of buying and installing biomass-fuelled heating and combined heat & power projects in England.

£4 million is available overall under Round 6 of the Bio-energy Capital Grants scheme, with grants up to £500,000 on offer to individual projects. These would pay for up to 40% of the difference in cost between a biomass boiler and its fossil fuel alternative.

Launching Round 6, Energy and Climate Change Minister Lord Hunt said:

"As the world works towards a global deal on Copenhagen, back in Britain we are continuing to find greener ways to do business. We expect bio-energy to supply a third of our renewable energy by 2020 and these grants will help support that. By March 2011 we plan to have 200 additional boilers installed, generating 87MW of biomass heat and over 72,000 tonnes of annual carbon savings."

The Bio-energy Capital Grants scheme will make up funding available to organisations who wish to install biomass boilers or Combined Heat and Power systems, including anaerobic digesters. These create energy from biomass such as wood chips and miscanthus, or from waste.

The scheme has already assisted the installation of 458 biomass boilers in a wide range of buildings in both the private and public sectors.

Nottinghamshire County Council have installed biomass boilers in over 50 schools in the county under the scheme. There was also a grant to support the 2MW biomass installation at Stansted Airport.

Creative thinking award funding: Sustainable Communities

The Future Vision Awards are designed to promote sustainable communities in the UK. Entries are sometimes simple and sometimes bold, but they have all been

designed to make villages, towns and cities better places to live, contributing to the development of communities that will stand the test of time.
Award categories are as follows: buildings; open spaces; play time; work life; and green thinking.

Applicants receive the chance to win £1,000 cash, one of five four-week work placements, a nationally recognised award, two free tickets to attend an all-expenses-paid London awards ceremony and the chance to present the idea to an audience of over 500 leading sustainability and regeneration specialists
Match funding is not required for this scheme.

Applicants can include foreign students in the UK, mature students, and those studying for Masters and PhD degrees.

Applicants must be studying in the UK in full-time education.

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Community tree funding

Assistance from the Tree Council for community groups throughout the UK proposing to undertake well-planned tree planting projects starting in National Tree Week, which usually takes place in November/ December each year. The Fund is particularly keen to support projects that actively involve children in the planting of the trees (through formal groups, such as cubs, guides or youth clubs; or a community team assembled for the purpose of the project).

Costs of trees, labour for planting, plus supports and aids such as stakes, ties, guards, fertiliser, mulch and soil amelioration

Up to 75% of costs.

Costs should be at least £100, up to a maximum of £700.

Satisfactory evidence that applicants are able to meet 25% of the funds needed to carry out the complete tree planting project must be provided as the grant will be limited to a maximum of 75% of the costs incurred.

The planting site must be on land to which the public has access or which is for the use of a community.

Funding is for voluntary, community and charitable groups, parish and community councils and private individuals.

Deadline: 31st May 2010

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Funding for community groups

Not for profit organisations and organisation with a charitable purpose can apply for funding through the Mark Leonard Trust. The Mark Leonard Trust is one of the Sainsbury Family Charitable Trusts and focuses on environmental education in the UK.

In particular the Trust seeks to support projects that focus on:

Finding practical ways of involving children and young adults; sustainable

agriculture and bio-diversity. Sustainable transport, energy efficiency and renewable energy and youth work that supports the rehabilitation of young people involved in anti-social or criminal activities.

Projects supported in the past have included:

* A grant of £10,000 to the Federation of City Farms and Community gardens towards a pilot project in Coventry to develop food growing activities in schools

* A grant of £10,000 to Plumpton College to complete the construction of an environmentally friendly classroom.

Applications to the Trust can be submitted at any time.

http://www.sfct.org.uk/mark_leonard.html

Making a real difference to the communities

The FirstGroup Plc is committed to making a real difference to the communities in which they operate in the UK, by supporting a wide range of charitable causes and community organisations. The Grants charitable criteria include: young people; health and the environment. Funding is not available for grant making bodies, promotion of political or religion beliefs, government funded schemes and animal welfare. Arts and research projects will only be considered in exceptional cases. The funding available is discretionary.

The application form is available from the FirstGroup PLC website and applications can be submitted at any time.

http://www.firstgroup.com/corporate/community/charity_and_sponsorship.php

Projects for a wide variety of charitable purposes

Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation supports project a wide variety of charitable purposes including: education; arts; heritage; youth; community; conservation; housing; health; medical research.

Funding is for capital and/or revenue costs.

Grants are normally in the range £200 to £10,000 but may, exceptionally, be greater. Match funding is not necessarily required and the grant can be used as match funding. If match funding is required, this may be in the form of another grant or volunteer time

Appeals are considered regularly. The Foundation does not issue strict guidance upon the types of project funded

Applications may be made at any time

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Dartmoor Sustainable Development Fund

In its bi-monthly meeting the Dartmoor Sustainable Development Fund (DSDF) panel has agreed to provide £7,730 in funding for more projects generated by local people and community organisations, that demonstrate environmental, social and local economic benefits for Dartmoor as well as furthering National Park purposes.

Funding has also been provided for the repair of one of Dartmoor's important leats (artificial watercourses). For hundreds of years leats have served the people of Dartmoor by providing them with power for local industries and agriculture as well as water to drink. The Grimstone and Sortridge Leat (near Merrivale Quarry) has a serious leak which, during the summer months, prevents water from travelling its full length.

Potential applicants should contact to Holly Tiffen, Dartmoor Sustainable Development Officer, to establish the suitability of the project idea to the fund.

Holly is available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, telephone (01626) 831067 or email htiffen@dartmoor-npa.gov.uk . Applications for grants of under £2,000 can be made without going in front of the DSDF Panel, those of £2,000 and over will be decided on by the Panel who meet on a bi-monthly basis; applicants will have the option of presenting their project to the Panel.

Making it Local Funding Programme - New Small Grants Fund in the Blackdown Hills and East Devon

Do you have a community project or business idea that needs funding? Making it Local has just launched its Small Grants Fund. Grants are available for between £1,000 and £10,000 for projects based in East Devon and Blackdown Hills which focus on:

- _ Small business creation and growth
- _ Strengthening local communities
- _ Connecting people and the landscape.

The first deadline for Small Grant applications is 18th January 2010, but we are inviting people to submit their initial project ideas to us now. If you have an idea for a small project, please contact us, as we can help you develop your idea. Making it Local Programme Manager Jenny Archard, says 'experience shows that small amounts of money can make big differences to local businesses and communities. Making it Local wants to help make the most of what we have and develop exciting new ideas.' Since Making it Local was launched earlier this year it has approved six projects within the Main Grants Fund. A forestry apprenticeship programme, digital mentor scheme, community shop improvements, a business support initiative, a local woodland project and the construction of an interpretation centre will all benefit from funding from Making it Local. The Small Grants Fund will provide funding for smaller projects. If you would like to get involved with Making it Local, you could train to become a volunteer project appraiser on 28th January 2010 or attend our Spring Update Event on 29th April 2010. For further information please visit www.makingitlocal.org email makingitlocal@devon.gov.uk or phone 01823 680626.

Making it Local is a five year grants fund offering up to £100,000 support for projects that make the most of the outstanding landscape and local skills and bring long lasting prosperity and economic benefit to the area. The programme has two funding schemes; the Main Grants Fund (£10,000-£100,000) and the Small Grants Fund (£1,000-£10,000). The Programme area covers East Devon and Blackdown Hills (see attached map). The programme will run from 2009 to 2013. Funding of £2.4m has been secured for Making it Local from the Rural Development Programme for England, through the South West Regional Development Agency. Decisions are made locally by a Local Action Group. The Making it Local Team are employed by Devon County Council and are based within the two Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty offices of East Devon and Blackdown Hills.

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