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IT funding from telecom provider for community projects

### **Tesco Community Awards programme**

The Tesco Charity Trust has announced that it will once again be seeking applications through its Community Awards programme in early 2010. The Tesco Charity Trust Community Awards Scheme provides one-off donations of between £500 and £4,000. The funding it gives goes towards providing practical benefits, such as equipment and resources for projects that directly benefit children, the elderly and adults and children with disabilities, living in the local communities around our stores in the UK. There are two categories of Community Awards. Grants to support children's welfare and/or children's educations (including special needs schools) and grants to support elderly people and/or adults and children with disabilities. Previous projects supported have included; sensory garden or room projects; outdoor classrooms; breakfast and after school clubs; holiday play-schemes; and part funding to purchase minibuses. The grants programme for children's welfare will open for applications will open from the 1st December to the 31st January 2010. The grants programme for elderly people and / or adults and children with disabilities will open from the 1st February to the 31st March 2010.

[http://www.tescopl.com/plc/corporate\\_responsibility\\_09/community/making\\_difference/charitablegiving/tesco\\_charity\\_trust/cagapr09.pdf](http://www.tescopl.com/plc/corporate_responsibility_09/community/making_difference/charitablegiving/tesco_charity_trust/cagapr09.pdf)

### **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>

### **A challenge for to reduce carbon in communities**

The Government has launched a search for local authorities, charities and social enterprises to take up the challenge to help communities fight climate change. Communities can apply for a share of a £10million fund as part of the Low Carbon Communities Challenge to build on existing low carbon schemes. The twenty successful communities will each receive up to £500,000 of funding and other support measures to implement real carbon reduction measures selected by the local residents themselves.

These could range from a local biomass plant to retrofitting homes to electric car charge points. Successful outcomes from the project will pave the way for a national roll-out of proven measures. The Challenge will be run in two phases. Phase 1 'first mover' applications are for green 'exemplar' communities that already have integrated community plans to tackle climate change.

Phase 2 'second mover' applications are for communities already taking some action or facing change in the area, and with an interest in developing integrated plans for cutting carbon emissions. The closing date for communities to register their interest in applying for the Low Carbon Challenge is 12 noon on the 31st October 2009.

Applicants should have registered by 12 noon on Wednesday 28 October 2009.

Phase 1: applicants have two months to prepare their applications to participate in the Challenge and receive LCIF funding. Their final applications must be received by 12 noon on Friday 27 November 2009. They will be notified of the outcome by 21 December 2009.

[http://decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/what\\_we\\_do/consumers/lc\\_communities/lc\\_communities.aspx](http://decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/what_we_do/consumers/lc_communities/lc_communities.aspx)

### **Funding for community shops in rural areas**

The Village Retail Services Association in partnership with Esmee Fairbairn Foundation and Co-operative and Community Finance have funding available to support the start up of new Community owned shops in rural areas of England or to save an existing shop by transfer to community ownership. The funding which will be available over the next three years will provide up to £40,000 per shop. This will be made up of a grant of £20,000 together with a loan of £20,000 from Co-operative and Community Finance.

Eligible applicants will include community based organisations located in rural communities of not less than 300 residents. The community is required to raise match funding through community contributions, which could take the form of share capital, donations raised through community fundraising events and grants obtained from other sources to the same or greater value than the grant requested from the Village CORE Programme. At least some of the funds raised should have been provided by the community itself and not solely through external grants.

The application process commences with a telephone interview with one of the programme managers. If the community appear to meet the criteria within the programme timeframe and if Village Core funds are available, application forms are sent electronically where possible to the main contact person on the committee.

The forms must be returned within 6 weeks of the telephone interview.

<http://www.plunkett.co.uk/whatwedo/core/Core.cfm>

### **Its Your Community Initiative**

O2 have committed £1 million to the "Its Your Community" initiative. Its Your Community, which is managed by the Conservation Foundation, provides grants of £100 to £1,000 to individuals and groups to improve their local environment. The type of projects supported in the past included environmental projects such as turning derelict land into an amenity park or wildlife area, tree planting, creating a wildlife pond, renovating neglected river and canal footpaths, providing water butts and recycling facilities in village halls, etc. The commitment by O2 means that the initiative will now be able to support up to 60 projects per month.

Applications can be made at any time and are judged on the 20th of every month.

<http://www.itsyourcommunity.co.uk/>

### **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 biodiversity. 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](http://www.sfct.org.uk/mark_leonard.html)

### **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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### **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>

### **Benefitting communities throughout the world**

The Limbourne Trust has wide charitable objects, which encompass the benefit of communities throughout the world, and in particular the advancement of education, the protection of health, and the relief of poverty, distress and sickness. The charity will also seek to challenge all forms of oppression and inequality, and will prioritise funding for groups who assist people who are unable to take a full role in society due to economic, political and social disadvantage.

To achieve these objectives the Trust funds work in the following fields:

\*research into renewable energy sources

\*development of organic farming methods

\*development of environmentally sustainable projects

\*overcoming adverse effects of climate change

\*community projects to assist those at disadvantage

\*protection and conservation of the environment

\*promote the public education in and appreciation of literature, music and drama

\*other charitable purposes as the trustees from time to time may decide.

The trustees will seek to identify those projects where the greatest and widest benefit can be attained, and usually will only consider written applications and, where necessary, make further enquiries.

Trustees meet three times per year. Beneficiaries included: Chicks (£12,000); Journey of a Lifetime Trust and Sinfield Nature Conservation Trust (£11,000 each); the Hand Partnership and Magdalene Group (£10,000 each); Norfolk and Norwich Families House (£7,500); the Poetry Trust (£7,100); Aldeburgh Music, BEAT - the Eating Disorders Association, Whirlow Hall Farm Trust and Vauxhall City Farm (£5,000 each)

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### **Field Studies Council**

Independent educational charity committed to raising awareness about the natural world. The Field Studies Council is an independent educational charity committed to raising awareness about the natural world. The Council works through a network of 17 residential and day Centres in the UK providing courses for schools and colleges at all levels in addition to adult Individuals & Families courses, outreach education, training and consultancy. The Kids Fund aims to bring environmental understanding to disadvantaged young people by attending a course at a Field Studies Council centre. It helps disadvantaged young people to attend a course who may otherwise be excluded due to some form of disadvantage - health, mobility, deprivation or financial. A school group may apply if they are aiming to provide benefits which are additional to the statutory school curriculum or clearly show added value, depth and breadth to the taught curriculum. The FSC will not pay for young people to attend standard curriculum-focused FSC courses. Funding will normally be up to 80% of the cost of your group's course to an FSC Field Centre to a maximum of £3000. For example, ten young people from Ullswater Community College had been working together to improve an area of the college by designing and making an eco garden. FSC Kids fund supported the students to visit FSC Castle Head in February where they took part on a week long residential that included a conservation project. Applications can be submitted at any time with decisions being made in February, June and October.

[http://www.field-studies-council.org/supporters/kidsfund\\_application.aspx](http://www.field-studies-council.org/supporters/kidsfund_application.aspx)

### **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**

Genex - 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](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.

Tel: 08704 232313

<http://www.lowcarbonbuildingsphase2.org.uk/>

[info@lcbpphase2.org.uk](mailto:info@lcbpphase2.org.uk)

### **Springboard**

Springboard is an investment fund created to support the development of innovative ideas that will have a significant impact on the economy of Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.

Seedcorn funding to support early-stage development, feasibility studies or step change activities. There is no set intervention rate; investments will typically be between £50,000 and £250,000. The Springboard Fund will not provide displacement funding if there is another source that will provide the funding.

Public, private or voluntary sector organisations are eligible to apply in Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.

Applications can be made at any time and projects will be assessed on viability, value for money and the overall impact it will make. Grants are discretionary. Application forms are available to download from the website, supported by proof that the recipient is compliant with current UK legislation

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#### 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>

#### Funding for individual and small groups to improve their local communities

Groups of individuals as well as small community and voluntary groups within the UK that want to improve their communities can apply for funding through the Wakeham Trust. The Trust are particularly interested in supporting neighbourhood projects, community arts projects, projects involving community service by young people, or projects set up by those who are socially excluded. The Trust also support innovative projects to promote excellence in teaching (at any level, from primary schools to universities), though we never support individuals. The Trust normally give grants to projects where an initial £75 to £750 can make a real difference to getting the project up and running. To be eligible, applicants need to be registered charities or have access to a registered charity that will be willing to accept funds on their behalf. The type of activities supported in the past include; a grant of £250 to three young people in Leamington Spa who were trying to set up a youth club. The Trust gave them £250 to help set up the club in an old Scout hut; and a grant of £50 to an unemployed ex-professional footballer in Yorkshire to buy footballs and equipment for a group of 100 or so tough kids to play football. Applications can be made at any time.

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

#### **Dividend fund to benefit local communities**

The Community Dividend Fund uses the "odd pence" donated from Co-operative Group Dividend cardholders to fund projects that benefit local communities. Community and voluntary groups as well as charities are able to apply for funding of between £100 and £5,000 to support projects that benefit the local community. To be eligible, the project must benefit a local community in which at least one Co-operative group business trades. The type of activities supported must fulfil a perceived need in the local community by addressing community issues such as combating crime and anti-social behaviour, promoting education and improving health. Activities must also target disadvantaged groups or areas and be in line with co-operative values and principals.

Past projects include:

Concorde Wheelchairs Dancers - The Concorde Wheelchair Dancers is a Bristol dance team with members representing all ages and disabilities. The Co-operative Membership Community Fund awarded the group a grant of £500, enabling members to take part in a national competition in Blackpool.

Blaina After School Club - The 2H After School Club based at Ystruth Primary School provides care for autistic children and their siblings. The school club has recently received a donation of £500 from The Co-operative Community Fund, and has used the money to create a sensory garden.

Applications can be made at any time.

<http://www.co-operative.coop/membership/Community-Fund/>

### **Ashden Awards for Schools**

The Ashden Awards bring to light inspiring sustainable energy solutions in the UK and developing world and help ensure that they are spread more widely. The Ashden Award for Schools is a fund of £10,000 or £20,000 and is open to any UK school, providing education for pupils aged between 5 and 16, that has developed both an ethos and practice of sustainability, in which the responsible use of energy is a key component.

The closing date for applications for the 2010 Schools Award is 24 November 2009.

The application form can be downloaded at: [http://www.ashdenawards.org/school\\_award](http://www.ashdenawards.org/school_award)

If you need any further advice on making an application, contact the Ashden Awards team on 020 7410 7023 or email [info@ashdenawards.org](mailto:info@ashdenawards.org)

### **English Woodland Grant Scheme - Woodland Improvement Grant (WIG)**

Woodland Improvement Grant (WIG) funds capital investment in woodlands, over an agreed period, to create, enhance and sustain an increase in the quantity and quality of public benefits delivered.

Types of WIG funds:

§ Woodland Biodiversity Action Plan (including a specific measure for Red squirrels)

Woodland Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) Maintenance & Condition Improvement

§ Woodland Public Access

§ Work which protects or enhances ancient woodland has been extended to all ancient woodlands in the region - an 80% Woodland Improvement grant is available.

§ A new 80% Woodland Improvement grant is available for the removal of rhododendron from woodlands in Cornwall, Torridge, North Devon, West Devon, and South Hams.

For more details go to [www.forestry.gov.uk/ewgs](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/ewgs) or contact:

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### **Big Business Refit Launched by Carbon Trust**

The Big Business Refit, launched this month by the Carbon Trust, offers small to medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) expert advice and financial support to cut their energy costs by scrapping old inefficient equipment and replacing it with new energy efficient models.

It follows a recession-driven surge in demand for the Carbon Trust's interest-free business loans (reported on GRANTfinder under reference numbers UGU530 and UGU550). The Carbon Trust reports that in the first six months of 2009, hundreds of SMEs from bakeries to plastics factories have been given loans at zero-interest to equip their businesses with the latest energy-saving technology. As a result, they are saving an average of £14,000 each on their annual energy bills – a collective total of almost £6 million a year.

The Big Business Refit offers advice on identifying old equipment, and guidance on suitable replacements in clinics in UK cities, including London, Birmingham, Manchester and Belfast. Businesses can get expert advice, a free energy saving assessment, or apply for interest-free funding. The scheme will run until 31 March 2010.

### **£22m Marine Renewables Proving Fund for wave and tidal energy developers**

£22 million of government funding is now available under the Marine Renewables Proving Fund for wave and tidal energy developers to bid for. Announced by the Department for Energy and Climate Change (DECC), the fund is now open for applications, and is set to provide finance for the demonstration of wave and tidal technologies and will focus on reducing the installation, operations and maintenance costs. Project bids will be assessed and managed by the Carbon Trust.

For more information, visit

<http://www.carbontrust.co.uk/technology/technologyaccelerator/marine-renewables-proving-fund.htm>

**£400,000 for marine energy devices**

The Carbon Trust is giving £400,000 in funding towards marine energy devices to help accelerate the commercial development of UK wave and tidal energy. The funding will be used to support the Pelamis Wave Power “sea-snake” and Marine Current Turbines’ SeaGen tidal turbine. The funding will focus on installation and maintenance, which currently account for up to 50 per cent of the project costs.

To read the full story, visit: <http://www.carbontrust.co.uk/News/presscentre/marine-energy.htm>