

CHARITY OF THE YEAR

Achieving “charity of the year” status doesn’t have to be the preserve of big names only, because companies are increasingly taking on new and interesting charity partners.

So how do small charities stand a chance?

- **Be sure you are the right charity for the company you are applying to.** Do some research on the company you have identified as a potential partner to find out what type of charity they are looking for, and who they have supported in the past. “The Guide to UK Company Giving”, published by the Directory of Social Change, is a good source of background information on larger companies.
- **Do not use the scatter-gun approach.** Companies give for a reason – find out what that reason is. It might be to impress customers, or shareholders, or to be seen as an “employer of choice”. Think about how your organisation can help, and spend time on each application, tailoring it to suit.
- **Get the language right.** Each industry has its own jargon which is incomprehensible to others. Ask a trusted “outsider” to read your application letter – you can be sure that if they don’t understand it, neither will your chosen corporate sponsor!
- **Success Sells** – Companies want to ‘own’ the benefits of supporting a charity, so tell them what yours has achieved already, and what it can achieve with their extra funds.
- **Don’t take on what you can’t handle.** Some companies’ arrangements for collecting cash from staff and customer donations are more efficient than others, and collecting cash from several sites can become a burden for a small charity, so it pays to be clear what you can organise, and what you can’t, right from the very start.



GIFTEASE Software to process Gift Aid



GiftEase is a state of the art intelligent system that enables charities to claim Gift Aid meticulously, efficiently and with minimum risk to charity administrators and finance officers. Putting intelligence into software decreases the risks present in a comprehensive and ongoing re-assessment of each donor's gift, gift after gift, after gift. A non-qualifying gift one month may become a qualifying gift a year later...what manual process can achieve that! GiftEase achieves this by taking information and verifying it against G.A.V.E (Gift Aid Validation Engine). GAVE establishes relationships between data and makes intelligent decisions on behalf of the charity administrator.

Apart from GiftEase there is no intelligent software dedicated to charities and Gift Aid specifically. No other software has the benefit of over 30 years of combined charity and charity fund raising experience. Adding to this a wealth of knowledge of the HMRC Gift Aid requirements and philosophy ensures that the charity the donor and the donation as well as the auditors at HMRC are as one.

For more information contact Giftease Tel: 01622 842540

Email: info@gift-ease.co.uk or see Website: <http://www.gift-ease.co.uk>

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**LANKELLYCHASE FOUNDATION
CHILDREN'S SUMMER PLAYSHEMES
SMALL GRANTS 2008**

Each year the Trustees of the LankellyChase Foundation set aside funds for summer playschemes for children between the ages of 5 – 13 yrs.

Preference is given to small local playschemes lasting 4 - 6 weeks, and groups planning special activities for youngsters who are disadvantaged. This includes summer activities for children in refuges and young carers.

They welcome applications from black voluntary sector and minority ethnic groups.

A limited number of grants are disbursed in small amounts, between £200 - £500, to organisations in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

In total approximately 150 grants are made each year.

If you wish to be considered please read the following guidelines and then complete the application form and return it as soon as possible, but **not later than Friday 2nd May 2008**.

They support:

- Summer Playschemes for children aged 5-13 years; Small local schemes lasting for 2-6 weeks;
- Schemes catering for youngsters who are disadvantaged; Schemes with strong volunteer support; Schemes held in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
- Preference will be given to applications from organisations with an annual income of less than £300,000 per annum.

They will not support:

- Playschemes with a budget of over £12,000; Day Care; Schemes promoting religious beliefs or customs; Summer camps; Club or family holidays; Replacing equipment.

Full guidelines and application form can be downloaded from their website.

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Tel & Fax: 01235 820044 Website: www.lankellychase.org.uk**

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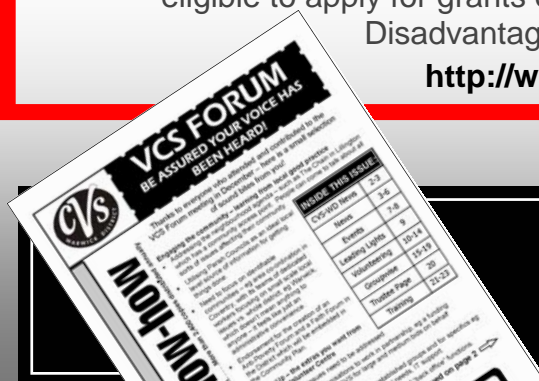
**FUNDING FOR SMALL SCALE
REGENERATION PROJECTS**

UK Grants



Local community groups, community enterprises and registered charities that address social and economic deprivation within specific geographic areas such as a housing estate, neighbourhood or village may be eligible to apply for grants of up to £5,000 through Comic Relief's Disadvantaged Communities programme.

<http://www.comicrelief.com/apply-for-a-grant/uk/application>



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OF KNOW-HOW ON 5th JUNE 2008
(ARTICLE DEADLINE 22nd MAY 2008)**



TREE COUNCIL GRANTS
TREES FOR SCHOOLS/COMMUNITY TREES

The Tree Council's two grants programmes, the 'Trees for Schools' and 'Community Trees' funds are available for schools and community groups within the UK who are able to show that children under the age of 16 will be actively engaged in the planting projects. The Tree Council's National Tree Week (this year from 26 November to 7 December) is the focus for these projects and successful applicants organise their planting events in conjunction with our annual celebration of the new tree planting season.

They are able to fund projects between £100 and £700 and successful applicants will receive up to 75% towards their planting costs. For example, if your project totals £700, The Tree Council would offer up to £525. The remaining 25% will need to be secured by your school or organisation.

If you are interested in applying in time for National Tree Week in 2008, you can download an application from their website or contact them for more information.

This grant is open to community groups, both formal and ad hoc, within the United Kingdom. Please ensure that children aged up to sixteen are included in the planting project.

The closing date for applications is 31st May 2008.

The Grants Committee have now revised their guidelines in relation to the funding of fruit trees. Guidance notes and application forms can be downloaded from their website.

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THE YAPP CHARITABLE TRUST

Grants For Small Charities

Now not all at once. They have difficulty with being inundated with applications from you newsletter readers!

The Yapp Charitable Trust makes grants to small registered charities in England and Wales, whose annual expenditure is less than £60,000. Charities must have been fully constituted and operating for at least three years. Grants are for core running costs and salaries and are to provide continuation funding for established work only. The Trust does not offer funding for any new projects or special events nor for capital expenditure on buildings or equipment. This year they plan to give about £500,000 in about 100 grants. Grants are for work with: elderly people; children and young people aged 5 to 25; people with disabilities or mental health problems; people trying to overcome life-limiting problems of a social rather than medical origin. Grants are also made to support charities' work in education and learning, (including lifelong learning).

Priority is given to work that is unattractive to the general public or unpopular with other funders, helps improve the lives of marginalised people and makes effective use of volunteers. Current criteria and examples of recent grants are on the website. ***Applications are accepted all year with the following further closing dates in 2008: 26th May 2008 (for consideration in July); 30th September 2008 (for consideration in November).***

Full information is on the Website: **www.yappcharitabletrust.org.uk** Application forms are downloadable from the website or by post from the Administrator:

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Community Sustainable Energy Programme

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The Community Sustainable Energy Programme (CSEP) is an open grants programme run by BRE, an award partner of the Big Lottery Fund. Part of the Fund's Changing Spaces programme, CSEP has been set up to help community based organisations in England to reduce their energy bills and environmental impact. The scheme is also designed to raise public awareness of the social and environmental advantages to reducing energy consumption and carbon emissions in order to combat climate change.

Grants will only be awarded to eligible not-for-profit community based organisations in England. This includes: community groups governed by a written constitution; registered charities and trusts; parish councils; schools and colleges; companies with a charitable purpose and community focus; mutual societies; church based and other faith organisations

Two types of grant are available: capital and project development:

Capital Grants are available for the purchase and installation of any of the technologies listed below along with various energy efficiency measures, including cavity wall insulation, loft insulation, heating and lighting controls.

These are: Solar Photovoltaics; Solar Thermal Hot Water; Wind Turbines; Ground Source Heat Pumps/Air Source Heat Pumps; Automated Wood Pellet Stoves; Wood Fuelled Boiler Systems; Micro-hydro Turbines; Energy Efficiency Measures.

Project Development Grants are available for studies investigating the feasibility of installing the above mentioned technologies.

The maximum Capital Grant available is £50,000 or 50 per cent of the project cost (whichever is lower).

The maximum Project Development Grant available is £5,000 or 75 per cent of the study cost (whichever is lower).

It is anticipated that the Community Sustainable Energy Programme will open for applications in April 2008.

The latest information on the Community Sustainable Energy Programme will appear on the website below. Alternatively, you can email your contact details to Email:

info@communitysustainable.org.uk and they will contact you with any updates.

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

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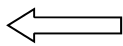
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This is a programme that helps parents to understand more about how their children learn and encourages adults and children to learn as a family.

By "family" they mean at least one parent or adult carer and at least one child under the age of 16. They will only fund projects that involve adults and children learning together and deliver all three of the following changes: family members participate in and enjoy educational activity; more family members have more skills and knowledge (these may include confidence and effective communication); parents and carers are better able to interact positively with their children and support them in learning.

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They want to support families who face barriers to learning or who are not confident helping their children to learn. They are particularly interested in hearing from projects where learning is not based on getting a qualification and those that will help families who have not been involved in learning together before. They are looking for imaginative projects that meet local needs and remove the practical barriers to learning, for example, by providing travel costs, additional support for disabled participants, or childcare. You can apply for grants of over £10,000 and up to £500,000, though they would expect the average grant to be between £100,000 - £150,000. They will fund projects for up to five years. You can apply on a local or national basis.

You can apply to Family Learning if you are: a registered charity; a voluntary or community group; a statutory body, including schools and children's centres; a charitable or not-for-profit company; a social enterprise; a private sector organisation. Statutory bodies and private sector organisations applying must involve a voluntary or community sector partner in planning and running the project.

If you have any questions about this programme, or you want an application pack and guidance notes, please call the Big Lottery Fund Advice Line Tel: 0845 4 10 20 30.

You can also download the pack and guidance notes from website below.

Closes for applications 29th August 2008. For further information contact BIG advice line Tel: 0845 4 10 20 30 Website:

http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_family_learning.htm?regioncode=-uk&progStatus=open&status=theProg&title=Family%20Learning

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investing in the environment



The Biffaward Flagship Scheme was re-launched on 1st March 2008 with a deadline for Expressions of Interest of 1st July 2008.

The Flagship programme offers grants of between £150,000 and £500,000 to support unique and exciting projects which will make a significant impact at regional or national level. The provision of financial assistance to UK organisations for projects that aim to provide a lasting environmental benefit by providing and improving public amenities; creating and restoring areas to increase biodiversity; wildlife and habitat conservation; improving opportunities for informal education; giving access to sport, culture and recreation; and physical regeneration. The two priority themes supported are rebuilding biodiversity and cultural facilities.

Projects must be site-based, within 25 miles of a Biffa operation and within ten miles of an active landfill, and the organisation making the application must be eligible to enrol with ENTRUST as an Environmental Body.

Application forms are available from Regional Grants Officers.

Deadline for Expressions of Interest is 1st July 2008.

A special form is required. Please contact RSWT by phone or email (details below).

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