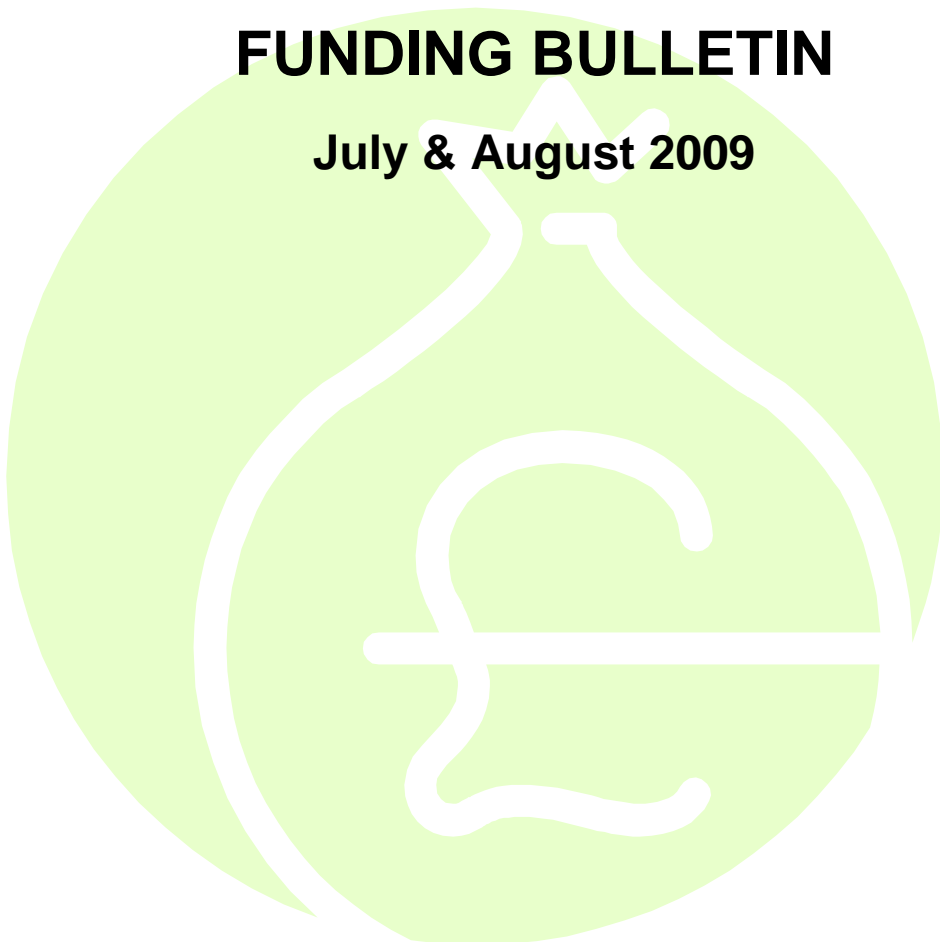




# **FUNDING BULLETIN**

**July & August 2009**



## Introduction

Welcome to AVOW's monthly Funding Bulletin for charities, social enterprises, and not-for-profit voluntary and community groups in Wrexham. Here you will find the latest news on Charitable Trusts, European Funding, Statutory Funding, General Charity and Company Matters, and Local News. If you do not wish to receive further monthly bulletins or if you know of other people who may be interested in receiving this bulletin in the future then please e-mail Heather Hicks, AVOW's Funding Advice Officer at [heather.hicks@avow.org](mailto:heather.hicks@avow.org)

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# CHARITABLE TRUSTS

## COMIC RELIEF

Following a lengthy review, and after recently raising over £78 million after Red Nose Day, Comic Relief has re-opened both its UK and International Grants programmes.

### Comic Relief – International Grants Programme

Comic Relief has issued completely revised guidelines for its International grant-making programme for 2009-12. Using the strap line 'A just world free from poverty', their 6 priority areas include:

- trade;
- people affected by HIV/AIDS;
- people affected by conflict;
- street and working children and young people;
- people living in urban slums;
- women and girls;

A further two priority areas will open shortly: sport for change, and small and diaspora-led organisations. Applications are invited from registered charities throughout the UK. Grants will generally be made for between three and five years, however, some smaller development or research grants can run for less than a year. For International Grants, the next funding rounds are **19<sup>th</sup> November 2009** and 5 March 2010.

### Comic Relief - UK Grants Programme

To have a greater impact, Comic Relief will be focusing their support on a few key priorities in specific areas:

- Mental Health
- Domestic and sexual abuse
- Refugee and asylum seeking women
- Sport for Change
- Young people aged between 11 – 25:
  - Sexually trafficked young people
  - Young people and alcohol
  - Young people and mental health

Full details for all the above programmes are available on the website. The deadlines for applications to the next two rounds of UK grant programmes are **13<sup>th</sup> November 2009**, and 5 March 2010.

The application process for both UK and international grants, is now fully electronic, see the website for details: [www.comicrelief.com/apply\\_for\\_a\\_grant](http://www.comicrelief.com/apply_for_a_grant). Contact: Comic Relief, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, 89 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7TP. Tel: 020 7820 5555. E-mail: [ukgrants@comicrelief.com](mailto:ukgrants@comicrelief.com) or [internationalgrants@comicrelief.com](mailto:internationalgrants@comicrelief.com)

## **Comic Relief - Local Communities**

Local Communities is a UK small grants programme administered by the Community Foundation network – in this area, by the Community Foundation in Wales. Work will be supported, where there is clear evidence of beneficial impact on people and communities who are excluded or disadvantaged through low income, rural or social isolation, age, disabilities, race, sexuality or gender. They will support projects that

- increase access to sport and exercise for people who face social exclusion and isolation, or are experiencing difficulties in their lives
- increase local services
- build skills of local people
- Increase community cohesion
- respond to local economic needs

They expect to award around ten to fifteen grants of up to £10,000 for both revenue and/or capital projects. The closing date for applications to the Comic Relief Local Communities programme is **30<sup>th</sup> September 2009**, with a further round expected in spring 2010.

The Community Foundation in Wales' website is currently under construction, but full guidelines and an application form will be accessible from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2009, on their website, [www.cfiw.org.uk](http://www.cfiw.org.uk). If you require any further information, or for a brief chat about eligibility, please contact The Community Foundation in Wales on 02920 520250 or email [tom@cfiw.org.uk](mailto:tom@cfiw.org.uk).

## **COMMUNITY CASHBACK**

The newly launched Community Cashback scheme is a £4 million fund to benefit local communities, which has been created from assets seized from wealthy criminals. Previously the proceeds of seized assets have been used towards frontline services, however, for the first time, the public will have a say on how a portion of this money is distributed. A designated website has been set up detailing a number of worthwhile causes, which:

- Relate to nuisance, anti-social or criminal behaviour, or its impact on the community
- Focus on one or several neighbourhoods
- Are community focused, and make a noticeable difference to the community
- Demonstrate value for money, and are able to be delivered quickly
- Outcomes must be visible to the community

Organisations meeting the above criteria, can request inclusion in the scheme, so they can be considered for funding. Members of the public are invited to visit the website, to vote for the project they feel best deserves funding.

Website: <http://cashback.cjonline.gov.uk/>

## **BBC CHILDREN IN NEED – FUN & FRIENDSHIP**

BBC Children in Need announced the launch of a new grant programme, Fun and Friendship, which will focus on disabled young people aged 12-18 years old living in the UK. The £3 million grants programme, Fun and Friendship, was set up following commissioned research revealing a significant lack of opportunity for independent socialising for disabled

young people, often leading to feelings of loneliness and isolation. BBC Children in Need are targeting organisations that can provide these opportunities for friendship, and identify and address the barriers disabled young people face as teenagers growing up. BBC Children in Need intends to award up to 12 three-year grants of up to £300,000 each. The Fun and Friendship grants programme is in addition to BBC Children in Need's general grants. The deadline for applications is 31 July 2009 and projects can apply online.

Website: [www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/grants/funandfriendship.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/grants/funandfriendship.shtml)

(Source: Funding News)

### **THE EQUITABLE CHARITABLE TRUST**

The aim of the Trust is the advancement of the education of young persons under 25 years, in particular for those who are mentally or physically disabled or disadvantaged in some way. Grants fall into three broad categories:

- projects or services of an educational nature that support the learning and development of disabled children and young people in the UK;
- projects of an educational nature for disadvantaged children and young people in the UK, particularly those that support the delivery of the national curriculum or vocational learning opportunities; and
- Overseas projects that will help increase participation in, or improve the quality of, education for disadvantaged or disabled children and young people in developing countries.

Grants made by the trust can be allocated towards project costs, capital expenditure, equipment and/or the salary costs of a post. Further details are available from [here](#).

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

(Source: Charity Funding Report, Issue 87)

### **BIG LOTTERY FUND - THE BIG FAMILY IDEA**

The Big Lottery Fund has made £150,000 available to support a project that will transform family life. [The Big Family Idea](#) is inviting suggestions from anyone about how to improve family life at a time when the organisers behind National Family Week say that most parents have too little family time together. It's a UK-wide scheme, and should the winning idea find an organisation willing to carry it through, and should the Big Lottery Fund agree that it is a project they would be prepared to back, £150,000 will be on the table.

Though the grant can only be made to an organisation, the initial idea can be put forward by anyone of any age or background. The idea can be a local one or have national benefit/significance. It might be an event, a project, a service, a campaign, just about anything really. Ideas can be submitted at any time between now and **31 July 2009**. Only one idea per person is allowed.

Website: <http://www.nationalfamilyweek.co.uk/view.The-Big-Family-Idea>

(Source: fundinginformation.org, 3 June 09)

### **VILLAGE SOS: BIG AND BBC JOIN FORCES TO INSPIRE UK RURAL REVIVAL**

A new Big Lottery Fund (BIG) scheme to help six rural villages across the UK to regenerate their communities through new business ventures has been launched in partnership with BBC One. The search is also on for enterprising and visionary individuals to become 'Village Champions' and work with the villages to help achieve their ambitions of starting a successful rural business. BBC One will be documenting the journey of the six villages and their Village Champions for a major prime time series in winter 2010.

Village SOS will challenge villages to come up with brilliant ideas for new businesses to help revive their communities, many of which are seeing rural life eroded by economic pressures and the closure of local amenities. Village SOS will invite rural communities with lots of enthusiasm and a great business idea - from retailing to manufacturing, the arts to leisure - to apply for Lottery funding to help breathe new life into their area, create new jobs and improve the quality of life for local people.

Eighteen villages will be short-listed to receive a development grant of up to £10,000, and will choose a 'Village Champion' to work with to advance their ideas. In May 2010 six projects will be awarded Lottery funding of up to £400,000 and their respective Village Champions will move into the villages for a year to help them turn their business idea into a reality.

The BIG scheme aims to fund three awards in England and one each in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales in villages with a population of up to 3,000. Both the BIG grant application process and the BBC search for Village Champions launched on Monday 1 June 2009 and will close on **14 August 2009**. Information on how to apply can be found at [www.bbc.co.uk/villagesos](http://www.bbc.co.uk/villagesos).

(Source: WCVA e-briefing)

### **VOLUNTEERING IN WALES (ONE TO WATCH)**

In previous years, the WCVA has run an annual grants scheme to support organisations who's aims are mainly achieved by volunteer effort. The Volunteering in Wales Fund has supported activities such as the recruitment and training of volunteers; encouraging good standards and practice in volunteering; and supporting people at risk of social inclusion through the medium of volunteering. In previous years, the fund has been launched in late July, with a closing date towards the end of September. As we go to press, the Welsh Assembly Government is still considering whether or not to run the fund this year. If the WCVA gains approval to run the fund, there will be a very short timescale in which to apply. The decision should be made mid August.

Any organisation interested would be advised to keep an eye on the website: [http://www.wcva.org.uk/grants/index.cfm?display\\_sitedeptid=5](http://www.wcva.org.uk/grants/index.cfm?display_sitedeptid=5). Alternatively, contact the WCVA Helpdesk Tel: 0800 2888 329 or e-mail: [help@wcva.org.uk](mailto:help@wcva.org.uk) nearer the time.

### **PRSF – AWARDS TO FESTIVALS**

The 2009 Performing Right Society Foundation (PRSF) - Awards to Festivals scheme is open to application. The scheme is open to festivals in the United Kingdom that are programming new music by UK-based music creators. It supports festivals that: challenge musical boundaries by programming ground-breaking music; develop new audiences for new music while keeping existing ones stimulated; generate opportunities for the creation of new music, e.g. through commissioning or the provision of creative workshops and education projects; work collaboratively with other organisations; and are financially stable and effectively managed. The final 2009 deadline for applications is **12 August**. Further details are available from [here](#). Website: [www.prsfoundation.co.uk/funding/festivals.htm](http://www.prsfoundation.co.uk/funding/festivals.htm)  
(Source: WCVA e-briefing)

## **CONTRACTS & TENDERS**

### **GATEWAY AND ILM SET FOR EAST WALES LAUNCH**

Two WCVA schemes that are making over £40m of European funds available to organisations working in Convergence areas of Wales are being extended to the Regional Competitiveness and Employment areas of East Wales. The Engagement Gateway and Intermediate Labour Market (ILM) schemes have recently been given the go-ahead to roll out the programme in Flintshire, Wrexham, Powys, Monmouthshire, Newport, Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan. The schemes aim to tackle economic inactivity by investing in organisations that work with people facing disadvantage in getting work. Both schemes will offer contracts up to £150,000.

The Gateway will invest in organisations that build the skills and confidence of individuals and link progress to a 'next step' such as volunteering, training and supported or full employment.

The ILM is an example of a 'next step' and the scheme will invest in organisations that provide target groups with a period of supported employment and structured work experience.

Both schemes are funded by the Welsh Assembly Government and European Structural Funds (European Social Fund). For more information on each scheme, visit: [www.wcva.org.uk](http://www.wcva.org.uk). Alternatively, contact the WCVA Helpdesk on 0800 2888 329 or email [help@wcva.org.uk](mailto:help@wcva.org.uk) to request an information leaflet.  
(Source: Funding News)

**Please note:** Only organisations on the approved supplier list will be eligible to tender for contracts under both schemes – to join the approved supplier list, organisations will need to complete a pre qualification questionnaire (PQQ). The deadline for submitting a PQQ is 1pm on **14 September 2009** for RCE areas. See [www.sell2wales.co.uk](http://www.sell2wales.co.uk) for details

# AWARDS

## MORGAN FOUNDATION ENTREPRENEUR AWARDS 2009

The Morgan Foundation Entrepreneur Awards are designed to find a generation of role models. There are 6 different categories of award, for which individuals can nominate themselves:

- Best New Business (less than four years since start-up).
- *Best Individual Entrepreneur Working in a Social Enterprise or Charity.*
- *Best Economic and Social Contribution to the Region (within the last three years).*
- *Best Entrepreneurial Social Enterprise or Charity.*
- Best Young Entrepreneur (aged 25 or under)
- Against All Odds - person overcoming the greatest difficulties to succeed.

There will be 16 prizes, totaling £100,000, with individual prizes varying from £2,500 to £20,000. Winners will also receive a package of valuable professional services. The deadline for receipt of applications for the 2009 Awards is **10 September 2009**.

For further information, visit the website: [www.mf-awards.co.uk](http://www.mf-awards.co.uk)

## TIDY WALES AWARDS 2009

*Have you undertaken activities to clean up your local area?*

*Do you know of a group that has done work to make your area a cleaner, tidier place to live?*

If the answer is yes, then Keep Wales Tidy is looking to recognise this good work for the 2009 Tidy Wales Awards. The presentations will be made at a special ceremony in November 2009 and will recognise groups who have made a major contribution to the cleanliness of their local area during 2008-09. Groups and individuals are able to apply for one of the following categories:

- large partnership award; river improvement;
- beach improvement;
- school;
- business;
- public sector;
- long- term effort;
- woodland improvement;
- Community group.

The winners of each category will receive a prize of £250 and then compete for the prestigious Tidy Wales Award trophy – the winner of which will receive an additional prize of £500.

To apply, please complete an application pro-forma, and send in photos that illustrate the work undertaken. The pro-forma, award criteria and additional information are available on our [website: www.cadwchgymrundaclus.org](http://www.cadwchgymrundaclus.org) . The closing date for receiving applications is **30 September 2009**. Please submit applications and photos to: Tidy Wales Awards, Keep Wales Tidy, 33-35 Cathedral Road, Cardiff CF11 9HB. Tel: 029 2072 6962, fax: 029 2025 6768, e-mail: [twa@keepwalestidy.org](mailto:twa@keepwalestidy.org).

(Source: WCVA e-briefing)

### **THE INNOVATION IN THE COMMUNITY AWARDS**

The [Innovation in the Community Awards](#) from TalkTalk provides funds for both technology related projects as well as technology equipment, to help 30 groups make the most of the Internet. The deadline for applications is **30 September 2009**.

Website: [www.talktalk.co.uk/information/innovation-in-the-community](http://www.talktalk.co.uk/information/innovation-in-the-community)

(Source: VolResource News 392)

### **2010 GLAXOSMITHKLINE IMPACT AWARDS**

GSK's [IMPACT Awards](#) are designed to recognise and reward charities that are doing excellent work to improve people's health. Organisations must be at least three years old, working in a health related field in the UK, with a total annual income between £10,000 and £1 million. Up to 20 awards will be made with ten winners receiving £25,000 and highly commended and runner up organisations receiving £5,000 and £3,000 respectively. Organisations that win or are highly commended for an award will also be offered free training valued at £3,500. Closing date for applications: 5pm on **25 September 2009**.

Website: [www.kingsfund.org.uk/research/projects/gsk\\_impact\\_awards/](http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/research/projects/gsk_impact_awards/)

(Source: WCVA e-briefing)

## **STATUTORY**

### **DFID'S DEVELOPMENT AWARENESS FUND**

The Government's Department for International Development (DFID) has issued updated guidelines for its Development Awareness Fund (DAF) Main Grants programme 2010/11. The DAF is open to any UK-based organisation or network that wishes to work within the Government's agenda to raise awareness and understanding of global poverty and how it can be reduced. Grants will range from £10,000 to £100,000 a year, and this funding round covers projects that start after 1 April 2010. Grants can be for up to 3 years.

As well as this Main Grants programme, the DFID has a Mini Grants programme. This provides grants within each country of the UK of between £1,000 and £10,000 per project. The guidelines for 2010/11 will not be issued until later this month. The application closing date is likely to be towards the end of October 2009.

Full information and the application forms are available from the website:

[www.dfid.gov.uk/Working-with-DFID/Funding-Schemes/Funding-for-not-for-profit-organisations/DAF/](http://www.dfid.gov.uk/Working-with-DFID/Funding-Schemes/Funding-for-not-for-profit-organisations/DAF/)

(Source: fundinginformation.org, 3 June 09)

## **GENERAL CHARITY & COMPANY MATTERS**

### **GIFT AID RECLAIMS TIME LIMIT TO BE REDUCED**

The limit for making Gift Aid tax reclaims is to change from six years to four from April 2010. HM Revenue and Customs says this is to remove inconsistencies in their powers and processes, rather than to target charities (Plaza Publishing news alert at [Charity Finance](#)). Note that this does not impact on the two year limit for the current transitional relief arrangements. The information from [HMRC](#) has yet to be updated.

(Source Institute of Fundraising Cymru)

### **NEW FUNDING PORTAL**

WCVA has launched a new online resource which will help Wales' 30,000 voluntary groups access up-to-date information on funding sources and options to keep achieving - and hopefully exceeding – their fundraising targets. The funding portal provides access to a searchable database of over 4,000 UK funding opportunities, advice and support on raising funds and tips on how to diversify funding. The funding portal is a brand new resource for third sector organisations in Wales and has been funded by the Welsh Assembly Government.

Some of the features include a 'funding search' facility which makes it easier for groups to find out about funders from Europe, government, lottery, charitable trusts and corporate sponsors. For those who have little or no fundraising experience, the 'new to funding' section provides a wealth of information, from getting started in fundraising to setting budgets for small groups.

There are details of various funding and finance options available to the sector, including grants, giving, loan finance and earning income through contracts and trading. There is also the latest information on funding and tendering opportunities and where to find further help and support. To access the funding portal please visit [www.sustainablefundingcymru.org.uk](http://www.sustainablefundingcymru.org.uk)

### **BIG – NEW STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK 2009 - 2015**

Following on from the 'Big Thinking' consultation earlier this year, the Big Lottery Fund (BIG) has launched its new strategy for the period 2009 – 2015. On 25 June 2009 the Big Lottery Fund (BIG) announced how it plans to invest around £250 million on a range of programmes in Wales over the next six years, and how the voluntary and community sector will now receive at least 80% of its funding (rather than the current 60-70%).

BIG will continue to respond to the needs of Welsh communities through a new demand-led programme to be launched in 2010 and will launch its new portfolio with a programme for the transfer of assets to community groups from public authorities later this year. This will be followed by a programme aimed at reducing poverty and isolation amongst older people and programmes to promote the citizen's voice and to reduce the impact of climate change. An Innovation Fund to support social innovation will also be established. Further information on each of these will be circulated as the programmes develop.

BIG also published:

- BIG thinking - our strategic framework to 2015. This sets out the principles which will underpin BIG's approach to funding in the UK over the next six years.
- What You Told Us is an in-depth analysis of the responses to the consultation, drawing on material from the online survey and the regional and national meetings held during the three months of the consultation.

These documents are available at [www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/bigthinking](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/bigthinking).

## **THE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN – QUESTIONS FOR TRUSTEES**

How well placed is your organisation to survive the recession? The Charity Commission's 'Big Board Talk' initiative has listed 15 questions that trustees should be asking, to assess how well placed they are to cope during the recession. The questions, plus relevant information sheets are available to view and download from the [Charity Commission website: www.charitycommission.gov.uk/tcc/ccnews29check.asp](http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/tcc/ccnews29check.asp)

## **VAT CHANGES COULD HIT CHARITIES**

HMRC increases 'charitable purpose' threshold for VAT exemption on new buildings. Charities buying property could be hit with a sizeable VAT charge from next year, after HM Revenue & Customs said it was changing the way it calculates charitable use. HMRC has previously said VAT did not have to be paid on the acquisition or construction of a new building if it was being used 'at least 90 per cent' for charitable purposes, based on either floor space or staff time spent on charitable activities. But it has [announced](#) the minimum amount of charitable use will become 95 per cent, with effect from 1 July 2010. HMRC had also introduced a new requirement for charities to monitor their buildings' use for at least 10 years, and pay tax if it carried out more business activities in the property than was initially anticipated. Website: <http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/briefs/vat/brief3909.htm>

(Source: Third Sector Online, 6/7/09)

## **WCVA RECESSION SURVEY 2**

In February WCVA conducted a survey into the effects of the recession on the third sector in Wales. We had a very good response and a final report was presented at the Recession conference in May 2009. If you haven't already received a copy of the report, please ask and we will send one to you, or it is available on the WCVA website: [www.wcva.org.uk/research](http://www.wcva.org.uk/research).

There have also been some actions from other bodies. The National Lottery has promised a 'rescue fund' for organisations needing support. The Welsh Local Government Association and the leaders of all 22 local authorities have endorsed the principles set out in the Welsh Assembly Government's Code of Practice for Funding the Third Sector.

To complete the survey on line, [click here](#).

To download and print the questionnaire to fill in and post to WCVA, [follow this link:](#)

[www.wcva.org.uk/ymchwil](http://www.wcva.org.uk/ymchwil)

(Source: WCVA e-briefing)

## **PROCUREMENT THROUGH VALUE WALES**

Value Wales is the Welsh Assembly Government initiative set up to help public sector organisations' procurement with efficiency savings via approved suppliers. This initiative has been opened up to voluntary organisations. The companies and products listed below are not specifically endorsed by WCVA but members are eligible to take advantage of the deals on offer.

The complete Value Wales catalogue and prices are available through the Value Wales – Buy4Wales site at [www.buy4wales.co.uk](http://www.buy4wales.co.uk). If you experience problems accessing the Buy4Wales site please contact [carla.lavender@wales.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:carla.lavender@wales.gsi.gov.uk). (Source: WCVA e-briefing)

### **DEVELOPING A SOCIAL ENTERPRISE**

*Developing a social enterprise* - a resource pack - has been produced by Birmingham and Solihull Social Economy Consortium (BSSEC) to provide guidance and information for those that wish to set up a social enterprise, but have little or no experience of business development. The first part of the pack is now available to download free of charge.

(Source: Funding News)

## **TRAINING**

### **GRANTS FIT FOR FUNDING**

#### **22 September 2009 – Ty AVOW**

Have you ever had an application for funding rejected or ever considered what makes a winning bid? Many funding applications fail due to the lack of sufficient preparation or simply do not fit with a funder's criteria. This course will examine all aspects of preparing a funding application and will provide a practical insight into identifying the most appropriate sources of funding for your organisation. The course will also provide an overview of the current funding climate in Wales and assist you in understanding what influences funders. The course is suitable for those new to fundraising or those wishing to gain a further insight into fundraising processes.

Thanks to funding from the Welsh Assembly Government, AVOW are able to offer the training to voluntary and community organisations operating in Wrexham County Borough. The training, which would usually cost £100, is being offered at a reduced cost of £20 per delegate (including lunch). To book a place, please contact Marion Kelsall on telephone: 01978 312556, or e-mail: [marion.kelsall@avow.org](mailto:marion.kelsall@avow.org)

### **GET YOUR SHARE OF THE MISSING MILLIONS**

#### **Wednesday 7 October 2009, Cae Mor Hotel, Llandudno**

The Institute of Fundraising, in partnership with WCVA is bringing the England-wide tax effective giving training programme to Wales. Developed and administered by the Institute, the workshop is designed to support small charities in Wales looking to maximise their income through Gift Aid, Share Giving, Payroll Giving and Legacies. The workshop will identify how charities can increase their income by making the most of the tax-effective giving methods that are currently available. To book call 0845 337 3801, email [taxback@institute-of-fundraising.org.uk](mailto:taxback@institute-of-fundraising.org.uk) or click [here](#).

### **GIFT AID REGISTRATION SURGERY**

#### **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September, Mold**

WCVA in conjunction with the CVCs are running Gift Aid registration surgeries across Wales this autumn. The surgeries are aimed at getting organisations not already registered for Gift Aid up and running with it. Gift Aid enables charities to reclaim the tax paid on donations from

individuals - for every pound given to charity an additional 28p can be claimed from HM Revenue and Customs.

In the recession it is important that the sector is making the most of all sources of income and in particular individual giving yet currently an estimated £700 million is left unclaimed each year. Currently charities can claim Gift Aid on donations made up to six years previously - however from next April this will be reduced to four years – charities need to make sure they are up-to-date with claiming everything they are entitled to if they are not to lose out.

According to research conducted by HMRC and CAF the biggest barrier to charities claiming Gift Aid is pre-registration – finding and understanding the relevant information to make a claim. Therefore the purpose of the Gift Aid registration surgeries is to provide organisations with the necessary information to get registered, make claims, and promote Gift Aid and so to ensure they are not missing out.

To book places contact June Brady, Tel: 01352 744 000, email: [june.brady@flvc.org.uk](mailto:june.brady@flvc.org.uk)

## LOCAL NEWS

### CORY ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST

The Cory Environmental Trust distributes grants under LCF Objectives D, DA and E,

- Objective D: Improvement to community amenities or facilities, for a recreational or leisure activity. E.g. play areas, village halls, public parks, nature reserves, skate parks, visitor centres etc. Facilities must be fully accessible to the public.
- Objective DA: For the conservation of identified species or habitats that, are detailed in a Biodiversity Action Plan.
- Objective E: To maintain, repair or restore places of religious worship, or listed historical buildings or structures.

Projects must be based within 10 miles of the Hafod Landfill site, Johnstown. Eligible applicants can be charities, voluntary and community groups, environmental organisations, constituted not-for-private-profit organisations, local authorities and even government bodies.

To find more and if your project is eligible please visit [www.coryenvironmental.co.uk/page/cetbhomepage.htm](http://www.coryenvironmental.co.uk/page/cetbhomepage.htm) or contact Angela Haymonds on Tel: 01753 582513 or e-mail: [ajhaymonds@cetbritain.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:ajhaymonds@cetbritain.freeserve.co.uk)

### WREXHAM RURAL KEY FUND

AVOW has recently been awarded £275,000 to deliver an exciting new Key Fund grants scheme which has been developed to help smaller voluntary community organisations, based in, or operating in rural wards of Wrexham Count Borough, to obtain funds for their projects. Grants are available for up to 75% of the total eligible costs of projects; the remaining 25% must be met by the applicant organisation, through cash and/or by a volunteer time contribution. A maximum grant of £10,000 will be awarded.

AVOW staff will work with the applicants in order to help them secure their own match funding contributions towards their projects, submit their applications to the Key Fund, set up their operation and run their projects. The project will run until February 2011.

Voluntary and community organisations that wish to make an application to the Key Fund should contact Lynda Ellison at AVOW, 21 Egerton Street, Wrexham LL11 1ND. Tel no: 01978 312556. E-mail: [lynda.ellison@avow.org](mailto:lynda.ellison@avow.org)

### **WELSH CHURCH ACTS FUND**

The fund is used to provide financial assistance for charitable purposes to organisations operating within the Wrexham County Borough area, for the cost of equipment or specific projects, such as renovation work.

Priority for distribution will be given to Organisations supporting Social and Recreational Facilities, Places of Worship and Burial Grounds and Blind and Elderly Persons. The maximum amount of award available will be £500. The closing date is **31 July 2009**

Application forms and a list of grant criteria can be obtained from the Council's internet site at [www.wrexham.gov.uk/english/leisure\\_tourism/grants/index.htm](http://www.wrexham.gov.uk/english/leisure_tourism/grants/index.htm), by post from the Chief Finance and Performance Officer, Wrexham County Borough Council, Lambpit Street Wrexham LL11 1AR or by telephone from Mrs H Francis (01978) 292716.

### **WREXHAM COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND ACTIVITIES PROGRAMME**

AVOW, is administering a grant scheme for the provision of funding to voluntary and community organisations operating in, and for the benefit of the communities and people of Wrexham County Borough. Funding is available for capital only schemes such as: creating new facilities, refurbishment of existing facilities, providing toilets for the disabled, providing access for the disabled, improvements to built or natural environment, equipment provided for community/social economy businesses.

The main grants scheme will provide grants up to a maximum of £10,000 per application, although the panel prefer to support smaller requests. There is also a Small Grants Scheme for organisations looking for funding up to £250. Applications are assessed on a quarterly basis, by an independent local panel. Application forms are available from AVOW by phoning the Grants Officer on 01978 312556 or e-mailing [lynda.ellison@avow.org](mailto:lynda.ellison@avow.org)

## TIP OF THE MONTH

There are a number of tips and techniques to help your application stand out and hopefully, improve your overall chances of success. This month's tip is:

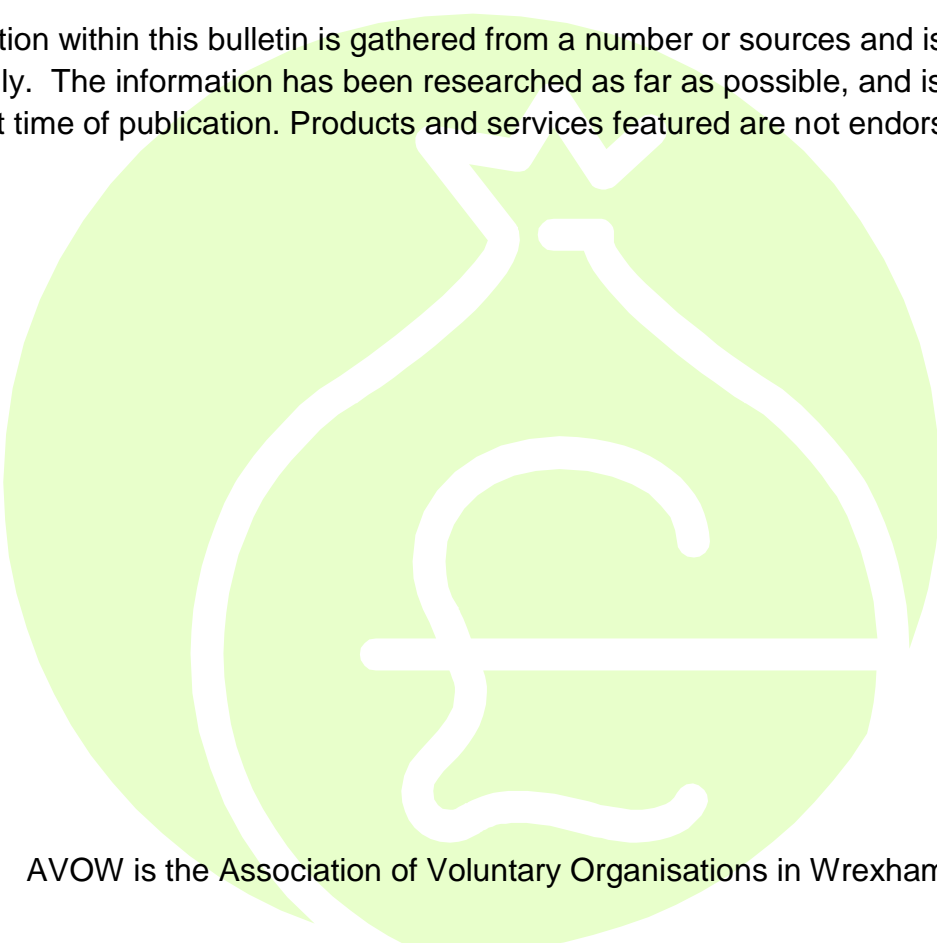
### **AVOID WAFFLE**

More is not better. If you waffle on at length, you may risk losing the interest and attention of funders. Try to keep it clear and simple.

FINALLY, we would like to hear your success stories. If you have successfully obtained grant funding following advice received from AVOW, or from information in these Funding Bulletins please let us know. We will not feature individual cases unless organisations particularly wish to share their successes.

NOTE: AVOW fully supports the distribution of the information within this newsletter to charities, voluntary organisations, community groups and social enterprises, but requests that any organisation using this information please acknowledge AVOW as the source of the information.

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