

FUNDING NEWSLETTER

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GRANTS & AWARDS

ACTIVE ENGLAND FUNDING PROGRAMME

Active England is a new, national £108.5 million community sport investment programme jointly administered by the New Opportunities Fund and Sport England. The programme aims to encourage flexible and creative approaches that will begin to drive up physical activity levels and sports participation rates in England.

The Government strategy for delivering its sport and physical activity objectives, Game Plan, set a target of 70% of the population in England being reasonably active by 2020. This investment programme seeks to begin the step-change required in physical activity and sports participation levels by supporting a number of innovative projects that demonstrate their ability to work towards this vision.

The Active England programme will seek to create and support sustainable innovative multi-activity environments in areas of social, sport and health deprivation in England by 2005 and to increase participation in sport and physical activity among all sections of society, but particularly those which are typically under-represented in sport and physical activity participation.

Sport England will manage the delivery of the programme and the grant application process through its 9 Regional Offices in England. The Regional Sports Boards will have a fixed amount of funding for the programme to manage and projects will be assessed against regional priorities and the overall programme objectives. The North West has been allocated £15.8m.

The deadline for open applications is **31 March 2004**.

The prospectus, 'how to apply' form, initial bid form and list of frequently asked questions are available on our website:

http://www.sportengland.org/lottery/funding/active_england.htm

In addition to the information online, Sport England in the North West has produced supplementary guidance for applicants in the North West which outlines our regional priorities. This should be read in conjunction with the national guidelines, and are available on our regional website at:

http://www.sportengland.org/about/reg_offices/nwest.htm

TRANSFORMING LIVES

The Camelot Foundation's Transforming Lives programme is looking for small to medium sized organisations across the UK that :

- work with their priority groups –
 - Young parents or those at risk of becoming young parents
 - Young asylum seekers
 - Young people with mental health problems
 - Young disabled people
- have imaginative ideas for engaging young people in community life
- share the Foundation's values and commitment to change

The Foundation provides grants of between £10,000 - £90,000 to organisations that work with young people aged between 11 and 25.

The deadline dates for applying for a Transforming Lives grant are:

19 January 2004

19 April 2004

12 July 2004

<http://www.camelotfoundation.org.uk/translives/translives.cfm>

APPLICATIONS FOR SPECIALIST SCHOOL PROGRAMME

The next closing date for the Specialist School Programme is 12 March 2004. Specialist schools are maintained secondary schools that teach the full National Curriculum but place a particular emphasis on teaching and learning in their chosen specialism within the Specialist Schools Programme. Specialist schools receive a capital grant from the government of £100,000, plus annual grants of £126 per student over four years. The schools must raise £50,000 in private sector sponsorship.

<http://www.standards.dfes.gov.uk/specialistschools/guidance/?version=1>

INLAND WATERWAY ASSOCIATION RESTORATION GRANTS

Grants of up to £20,000 are available from the Inland Waterways Association to groups seeking the restoration of derelict inland waterways. The Committee does not wish to be too prescriptive in setting its criteria: it prefers to leave the door open to new ideas. Its position is that IWA supports all sustainable waterway restoration schemes and does not have any preconceived preferences or priorities.

Applications for grants should be addressed to the Chairman of IWA Restoration Committee: IWA Head Office, Box 114, RICKMANSWORTH WD3 IZY
Tel 01923 711 114

http://www.waterways.org.uk/library/restoration/res_finance/grantguide.htm

ESMÉE FAIRBAIRN FOUNDATION LOANS

Organisations with a charitable or social purpose are able to apply for funding through the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation Loans Programme. This is a £3 million fund offering loans to the UK voluntary sector, set up in partnership with Charity Bank. Loans of between £10,000 and £250,000 are available. Esmée Fairbairn works in four Programme areas. For more information about applying for a loan, telephone the Programme that you consider is most appropriate to your work:

Arts and Heritage	020 7297 4719
Education	020 7297 4722
Environment	020 7297 4722
Social Development	020 7297 4727

Following an initial discussion, and if a loan appears to be an option, the Foundation will send you an application pack.

Alternatively, you can download our loans guidance notes and loans application cover sheet from their website <http://www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk/loans.html>

£6.25m BOOST FOR VOLUNTARY SECTOR INFRASTRUCTURE SCHEME

Community and voluntary organisations across England are to get a £6.25 million Government cash boost to help them work together, communicate better and have a stronger voice in policy-making. The programme is the first part of the Government's £93 million investment in the country's voluntary and community organisations, to enable them gear up to help shape and deliver high quality public services. The deadline for proposals for national exemplar projects is **5.00pm on Friday 9 January 2004**. Successful national projects will be announced by the end of January 2004.

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk>

LISA ULLMANN TRAVELLING SCHOLARSHIP FUND (LUTSF)

The LUTSF provides financial support to dancers, choreographers, administrators, teachers, therapists, journalists, photographers, and others working in dance/movement to extend their knowledge and skills in dance/movement by attending a conference, pursuing a research project, or undertaking a short course of study in the field of movement or dance.

The next closing date is **January 25th 2004**.

For further information, guidelines for applicants, and an application form, see <http://www.ullmann-trav.fsnet.co.uk>

NEWS

CARNEGIE UK TRUST REVISES GRANT GIVING GUIDELINES

The Trust is revising its grant guidelines for its Young People and Rural Community Development policies. The current Creativity and Village Hall policies have been closed as from now. The Village Hall policy will be subsumed within Rural Community Development. At the March 2004 meeting, Trustees will only be considering applications under the current guidelines which are received by 15

December. The new guidelines will be available on the website or on receipt of a sae envelope from the Trust office in early January. Applicants are advised to wait until the guidelines are issued before submitting applications.

The first meeting of the new policies is June 2004. The deadline for applications is **15 April**.

<http://www.carnegieuktrust.org.uk/welcome.htm>

GOVERNMENT CASH TO EMPOWER NEIGHBOURHOODS

Fifteen communities in England faced with housing problems and deprivation are being given the opportunity to make more decisions at local level to improve their quality of life and local public services. They will each benefit from an equal share of over £36 million government pilot funding spread over seven years, under the second round of the Neighbourhood Management Pathfinders programme. Neighbourhood Management Pathfinders establish partnerships between local residents and local organisations to take decisions about tackling problems such as crime, anti-social behaviour, vandalism, improving facilities for young children and teenagers, poor quality and empty houses, fly-tipping and environmental improvements, and lack of skills and training.

The two neighbourhoods in the North West which have been successful in this round are:

- East Blackburn, Blackburn with Darwen
- Tranmere, Wirral

SPORT RELIEF 2004

From the Sport relief website (<http://www.sportrelief.com/>):

'After a sparkling debut in 2002 that raised an amazing £14.4 million, Sport Relief is on its way back on Saturday July 10th and it's going to be big.

The details are still very much under wraps but as part of a stunning summer of sport that includes Euro 2004 and the Olympics, Sport Relief '04 is set to challenge the nation to Go The Extra Mile.

And what does that mean? Well, without giving too much away, with the 50th anniversary of Roger Bannister's epic sub four-minute mile as inspiration, a series of absolutely huge mile-themed events up and down the UK are being planned right now.

To be the very first to hear what's happening, who's coming and how you can get involved, just click on the banner above (see <http://www.sportrelief.com/>) and we will send you all the latest Go The Extra Mile news as soon as we have it.'

USEFUL WEBSITES

This site is your online portal to grants for the voluntary and community sector from the following funders:

Department for Education and Skills

Department of Health

Home Office

Office of the Deputy Prime Minister

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

Access Funds: <http://www.access-funds.co.uk/>

Business in the Community 'professionals4free':

<http://www.professionals4free.org.uk/>

Charities Information Bureau: <http://www.cibfunding.org.uk/>

The European Commission Representation in the United Kingdom Guide to Funding from the EU: <http://www.cec.org.uk/info/pubs/funding/contents.htm>

The European Social Fund UK website: www.esf.gov.uk

FunderFinder: <http://www.funderfinder.org.uk/>

Funding Finders: <http://www.fundingfinders.co.uk/>

Grants Online: <http://www.grantsonline.org.uk/>

j4b: <http://www.j4b.co.uk>

Profunding: <http://www.fundinginformation.org/>

Regeneration and Renewal: <http://www.regenerationmagazine.com/>

Shell Better Britain Campaign: <http://www.sbbc.co.uk>

Voluntary and Community Sector Grants web site: www.volcomgrants.gov.uk