

Renfrewshire External Funding Partnership

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Hi, and welcome to the September edition of our External Funding newsletter.

Well, the new style and layout for the May newsletter seems to have gone down well (thanks for all the positive feedback) so we're using it again! You may also have noticed that we are now providing Funding Alerts – news updates or announcements that just won't wait until the next newsletter is due. You should have received one in June when the new Investing in Communities programme was launched and we hope that you found it useful. Please keep any comments and suggestions coming though so that we cover your main areas of interest. Email us on external.funding@renfrewshire.gov.uk

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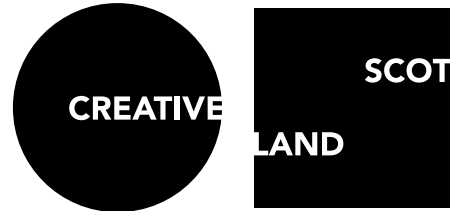
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Big Lottery invests in Communities programme

The big news over the last month was definitely the long-awaited launch of Big Lottery Scotland's Investing in Communities programme... over £400M of support over the coming years. As well as the June Funding Alert we're covering it again in this newsletter (hey, it's BIG news!!) and are organising a series of events to promote it further – see the section on training and events for more details (page 3).



Creative Scotland

Creative Scotland took over the functions and resources of the Scottish Arts Council and Scottish Screen, but also has a wider set of responsibilities for developing the sector. For more information on Creative Scotland's Responsibilities, and current funding opportunities, please go to their website at:

<http://www.creativescotland.com/#/about/background>

Some local news



The Renfrewshire LEADER programme which can provide 50% funding for rural projects has recently relaxed funding deadlines for small projects (those seeking £3,000 or less) and will now accept applications on a rolling basis with decisions on individual applications within a couple of weeks.

Training news

We are increasingly aware of the tough financial times ahead it is getting progressively more important to identify and be aware of alternative sources of funding which might be available.

The External Funding Partnership are organising a series of events to help raise awareness of opportunities for funding through a number of new training events and seminars – see page 9 for additional details.

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Big Lottery: Investing in Communities

Investing in Communities will have a primary focus on tackling need and addressing inequalities. As such equalities, empowerment and the environment must be at the heart of the projects BIG will support. It will have three investment areas which are based around previous programmes but with a more sharply defined focus:

Growing Community Assets: aims to help communities have more control and influence over their own future through ownership of assets. These are usually physical assets, such as land, buildings or equipment, but may also include other types of asset such as energy. Projects must achieve all 4 of the outcomes below and critically the community must OWN the asset: **BIG want to fund:**

- **Communities** work together to own and develop local assets.
- **Communities** are sustainable and improve their economic, environmental and social future through the ownership and development of local assets.
- **Communities** develop skills and knowledge through the ownership and development of local assets.
- **Communities** overcome disadvantage and inequality through the ownership and development of local assets.

Life Transitions: aims to support projects that help people at key times of change, helping them to make their lives better for the future. BIG believe that better support at key times can help people get through expected transitions, like

leaving care, or stop people making unexpected transitions, like falling into debt. They want to put people at the heart of services to help them get the support they need. They will aim to reach people most in need and to target those who are least likely to receive support. They want to fund projects which help people in real need now, as well as projects that prevent need occurring by intervening early when people are at risk. They will target their funding where it can make a difference and complement what others, especially mainstream government services, are doing. **BIG want to fund:**

- **Becoming an adult:** Guiding vulnerable young people (care leavers, young people in the criminal justice system and young people with additional needs) towards adulthood — including helping them get a job for the first time.
- **Getting a job:** Engaging people who are disengaged from the world of work, focusing on people who are economically inactive.
- **Moving past challenging times:** Addressing the connections between addiction, offending, homelessness and mental health and supporting people who face more than one barrier to moving on.
- **Preventing the transition into debt:** Building financial skills and services for key groups (unbanked, tenants, homeless people, people with long term conditions, people from deprived areas).

Supporting 21st Century Life: will fund projects that build stronger families and stronger communities. It aims to improve the quality of family life by helping families most in need to deal with the challenges of family life; intervening early to prevent poverty and disadvantage and giving children a better chance in life. It will strengthen family connections and relationships and help improve communities. It will support family members of all ages and help families build resilience.

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Big Lottery: Investing in Communities (continued)

What BIG want to fund:

- **Emotional and social development of:** children who are in care; children at risk; children affected by parental substance misuse; children who care for another family member.
- **Parenting and bringing up children by:** lone parents; kinship carers; families at risk; step families; disadvantaged families.
- **Financial skills and services for:** carers (and those being cared for); older people; lone parents.
- **Caring for:** family members who are old; family members who are long term ill; family members who are disabled; the first time.
- Maintaining independence in older age

Biggest changes to the new programme:

- There are no application deadlines and the programme is now open for business.
- The application process now has two stages. Submit a stage one application and BIG will decide whether to invite you to submit a stage two application. Development Funding is available after Stage 1 approval.
- The programme is significantly more targeted at particular groups and outcomes.
- Up to £1M can be applied for over a period of up to 5 years.

For more information see the Big Lottery Website:
www.biglotteryfund.org.uk



People's Postcode Trust

Funding is available from £500 to £10,000

Applications re-open on Monday 11th October 2010, and close on Wednesday 10th November.

People's Postcode Trust provides funding opportunities to small organisations, community groups and charities.

The Trust acts within six fields of operation:

- Poverty Prevention
- Advancement of Health (not research)
- Community Development
- Public Sports
- Human Rights
- Environmental Protection

To find out more please see their website at

www.postcodetrust.org.uk

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Community Wildlife – Big Lottery Fund

Community Wildlife will fund projects that bring local people together to discover, enjoy or protect the wildlife in their local area. BIG have teamed up with the **BBC Wildlife Fund's Go Wild** campaign to bring you the Community Wildlife programme. This new programme will fund projects that bring local people together to discover, enjoy or protect the wildlife in their local area. The programme will fund between £300 and £10,000 for projects that:

- improve rural or urban environments for people to enjoy
- get people more active and healthier.

The programme has two rounds remaining – the deadlines are:

22 September 2010 and 24 November 2010

What to do next:

- If you have more questions, look at the **Questions and Answers page** on the Big Lottery Fund website.
- If you are eligible to apply, download a copy of the application form from the **apply page**.
- Not eligible? Please see the Big Lottery website the **other funding programmes**, or programmes from **other lottery funders**.

If you are unsure of anything or would like further help, please call 0845 367 0610 or email: general.enquiries@biglotteryfund.org.uk

Cashback 4 – YouthLink Scotland

£2.5 million fund opened to youth groups
Justice Secretary urges community organisations to get involved.

Youth projects throughout Scotland are invited to apply for funding from a £2.5 million pot of cash created from the proceeds of crime. Justice Secretary Kenny MacAskill announced that a fourth round of funding for youth projects from the CashBack for Communities scheme is now open.

The scheme, to be administered by YouthLink Scotland, the national agency for youth work, has been allocated £2.5 million to distribute over the next two years to local youth projects in the form of grants up to a maximum of £30,000 for Renfrewshire.

The 2009-10 allocations from this fund allocated the following grants in Renfrewshire:

Anti Social Investigation Team	£20,140.00
Bridgewater Housing Association	£8,073.00
Renfrewshire Council, Antisocial Investigations Team	£2,739.00

For more information on how to apply please go to: <http://www.youthlinkscotland.org/Index.asp?MainID=11384>

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The Esmée Fairbairn Foundation

The Esmée Fairbairn Foundation aims to improve the quality of life throughout the UK. They do this by funding the charitable activities of organisations that have the ideas and ability to achieve change for the better. They take pride in supporting work that might otherwise be considered difficult to fund.

Their primary interests are in the cultural life of the UK, education and learning, the natural environment and enabling disadvantaged people to participate more fully in society. Last year they committed over £22 million towards a wide range of work. Funding is channelled through two routes:

Main Fund

The Main Fund distributes about two-thirds of our funding. It is responsive to requests for support across the broad range of our interests, which are: the cultural life of the UK, education and learning, the natural environment and enabling disadvantaged people to participate more fully in society.

Strands

They will also allocate funds to specific strands of work. These will change over time, but overall they express our desire to make a contribution in particular areas of interest. We currently have four funding strands and there is a separate application process for them.

To find out more please go to: <http://www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk/funding/index.html>



The Wells Sports Foundation

The Wells Sports Foundation is a unique sporting charity created and entirely funded by successful entrepreneur, **Barrie Wells**, to provide financial and motivational support to sustainable grassroots sports projects. Their aim is to make a difference by promoting good health and healthy recreation, to motivate and encourage young people to take up sport as a lifelong activity.

They can provide support in two ways:

- By providing **grants** to qualifying sports clubs to help fund legacy projects that will increase participation in sport by young people both now and in the future.
- They also have a team of world class athletes who will visit schools, sports clubs and other voluntary organisations throughout the country so that young people can engage with and be inspired by some of Britain's most accomplished and promising athletes. These athletes are their **Ambassadors** and they are all funded personally by Barrie to help them take a step closer to winning medals in 2012 and beyond.

Further details are available at: <http://www.wellssportsfoundation.org/about-us/the-foundation.aspx>



Funding Opportunities

Bank launches new fund to support local communities

Natwest and The Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) have launched a new fund to support local charities and projects. The Community Fund will allow local people and customers the chance to help decide which community projects will benefit from the funding.

The initiative follows last month's launch of Natwest and RBS' customer charter which includes a commitment to support the local communities they work in.

380 individual funds of £5,000 will be set up to support charitable work in communities served by Natwest or RBS branches. Customers and members of the local community can nominate a charity or project by visiting their local NatWest or RBS or by logging on to natwest.com/communityfund and rbs.co.uk/communityfund.

Once all the nominations have been received a panel consisting of representatives from the bank, local people and community figures will select three charities/projects from those put forward. The community will then be invited to vote for their favourite of the three, with the most popular receiving a £3,000 grant with the two runners up each receiving £1,000.



Voluntary Action Fund – Community Chest

The funding and support they provide enables organisations to implement projects that

- challenge inequalities; and
- overcome barriers to active participation in community life.

For small groups in Scotland with annual income under £25,000.

- Grants are up to £1,000.
- Main purpose is capacity building and to help groups to deliver their activities better.
- Free training is also made available for committee members and volunteers, visits to other organisations or conferences; Professional support or consultancy.

Next deadlines are the 30th September, and the 31st December 2010.

For more information please go to: <http://www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk/5/grants/>



Awards

Philips Liveable Cities Award

The Philips Liveable Cities Award is a new global initiative designed to encourage individuals, community groups and businesses to develop practical, achievable ideas to improve the health and well-being of people living in cities.

Philips is looking for **individuals, community or non-governmental organizations and businesses who have ideas** - ideas for 'simple solutions' that will improve people's health and well-being in a city. To help translate these ideas into reality, three Award grants totaling £125,000 are on the line. One overall winning idea from any of the three categories outlined below will receive a grant of £75,000, while the two additional ideas will receive grants of £25,000.

The categories are:

- Wellbeing Outdoors
- Independent Living
- Healthy Lifestyle at Work and Home

Deadline: 28 October 2010



GlaxoSmithKline IMPACT Awards

The IMPACT Awards have been running since 1997 and are designed to recognise and reward charities that are doing excellent work to improve people's health. They are funded by GlaxoSmithKline and managed in partnership with The King's Fund. The awards are open to registered charities that are at least three years old, working in a health-related field in the UK, with a total annual income between **£10,000 and £1.5 million**.

- An overall winner will receive **£35,000**, nine other winners receive **£25,000** and up to ten organisations that are highly commended or runners up receive **£5,000** or **£3,000**.
- You do not need to present a new project. The awards are designed to recognise success and achievements for existing work.
- You decide how to use the award money.
- Organisations that win or are highly commended for an IMPACT Award will be offered free training valued at £4,000. Find out more about the **GSK IMPACT Awards Development Network**.
- Winners will be given a range of resources to help promote their work (such as professional photographs, films, banners and brochures).



Training and events

Small grants briefing sessions

Small Grants Briefing Sessions for Local Area Committee Applicants and Community Groups

Four information sessions have been organised by Renfrewshire Council to highlight a range of small grant opportunities for community groups and organisations. The sessions have been organised and promoted through the Local Area Committees to ensure that local projects are well informed about the range of potential funding options available to them.

The sessions will be held on:

- Tuesday 21st September, at 6.00pm;
- Thursday 24th September at 2.00pm;
- Thursday 30th September at 2.00pm; and
- Thursday 30th September at 6.00pm

To reserve a place or telephone David Robertson on 0141 842 5709 or david.robertson@renfrewshire.gov.uk.

Success stories

Small community groups can get funding!

It is often time consuming for smaller community groups to attract all funds that are needed to deliver a project. However if you “stick with it” it can pay off. For example, Spateston Tenants & Residents group have recently been awarded the final piece of their funding to progress the refurbishment of Spateston play park. They received £5,000 from Renfrewshire Environmental Trust, which completed the cocktail of funding

required to commence the work. They have already received £10,000 from their Local Area Committee, £10,000 from Awards for All and £1,000,00 from Linstone Housing Association.

It took them 15 months to reach this stage and the first site meeting with the contactor took place on 14 July.

Success stories

Awards for all Lottery grants, April to July 2010

Recipient	Project	Amount	Date	Lottery Funder
The Art Crew	The Art Crew will run a series of art workshops for people with mental health issues and take members on a variety of outings to art based locations such as the Kelvingrove Art Galleries. The grant will be used to pay for art materials, art tutor costs, hall hire costs and outings.	£6,760	19/04/10	Big Lottery Fund
Paisley Juniors Netball Club	Paisley Juniors Netball Club will use the grant to pay for netball equipment, training, coaching and transport to allow a team to participate in an Under-15's netball league.	£4,343	19/04/10	Sport Scotland
Renfrewshire Walking Network	The network will organise an access festival, linking with other community groups and Renfrewshire council. The groups aim is to encourage physical activity across a range of activities. This grant will contribute towards venue hire, photography, promotional materials, fleeces, polo shirts and sweat shirts.	£3,850	19/04/10	Big Lottery Fund
Loud 'N' Proud	The group wish to develop their existing music and performance facilities. They will create new practice rooms to allow them to increase their capacity and quality of services. This grant will fund 6 guitar amps, 3 bass amps, 2 keyboards, 3 amp racks, 3 amplifiers, 3 mixing desks, 3 CD players/recorders, leads, accessories and 2 drum kits.	£9,950	19/04/10	Big Lottery Fund
Kersland School	The school will purchase a range of gardening equipment and materials to create a public garden in the school grounds. The project will benefit school pupils as well as people from the local community. The grant will be used to pay for gardening tools, equipment, clothing, seeds and plants.	£2,385	19/04/10	Big Lottery Fund
Foxbar Adults and Children Together Group	This new group wish to establish a reading club that will be used for parents and their children aged 7-12 years. This grant will be used to pay for books, a trip to children's book museum in Newcastle, a Newcastle stadium tour, stationery, a laptop, a camera, a projector, a screen, usb sticks, transport costs for a Ben Nevis fundraising climb, three author visits, organisation logo on t-shirts and a theatre trip.	£7,406	19/04/10	Big Lottery Fund
Solid Rock Fundraising Committee	Solid Rock Fundraising Committee will provide classes in dance, gymnastics and cheerleading for young people in Paisley. The project will deliver specialised training to enable the beneficiaries to enter local and national competitions. The grant will fund 6 Tribond foam and carpet laminate rolls, music for 6 competition routines, specialised coaching for competition routines, competition entry fees for 63 young people and transport to competitions in Edinburgh and Newcastle.	£6,938	18/05/10	Sport Scotland

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Recipient	Project	Amount	Date	Lottery Funder
Lamont Farm Project	Lamont Farm is a city-farm in Erskine that cares for sick and homeless animals, and provides young people with the opportunity to learn about the health, welfare and care of a variety of creatures. The group intend to run Animal Care Workshops for children aged 8-16. They grant will fund sessional workers, education materials, marketing, publicity and room hire.	£9,085	18/05/10	Big Lottery Fund
Association of Scottish Community Councils	The association will develop a range of on-line training resources designed specifically for Community Councils. This grant for will be use to pay for 20 days of Consultancy fees.	£9,000	18/05/10	Big Lottery Fund
7th Paisley (JNI) Scout Group	This group will build an indoor climbing wall in the scout hall. The project will benefit all sections of the organisation as well as being used by a range of local community groups. The grant will pay for pre-construction works, the construction of the climbing wall, hardware, safety equipment and training costs.	£10,000	18/05/10	Big Lottery Fund
Woodlands Primary School	Woodlands Primary School will develop an area of their school grounds to provide a garden area. Children will learn about the environment and gain new skills. The grant will fund the purchase of fruit trees, plants & shrubs, seeds, vegetable starter kits, garden tools, tables, chairs and benches.	£4,775	18/05/10	Big Lottery Fund
Paisley Sea Cadets	The Cadet's Activities Programme will run a twice weekly programme over several months, including an accredited training course covering navigation and seamanship, diesel engineering and working with marine radios. The participants will also be able to take part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme. The grant will fund equipment including overhead projectors, a laptop with printer and stationery supplies as well as award ceremonies for the participants and their families.	£8,450	19/05/10	Big Lottery Fund
Erskine Youth Football Club 95s	The club will encourage children and their family members living in rural areas to take part in the sports. This award will fund the transport and refreshment for a family day to be held in Oban. The grant will also be used to pay for coach development and a first aid course.	£800	25/05/10	Big Lottery Fund
The Western Women and Girls Cricket Development Group	This group provides opportunities for women and girls to play cricket. The grant will fund 25 coaching sessions, tournament entry fees, training venue hire, matchday tops, matchday transport hire, training equipment and a first aid kit.	£1,000	25/05/10	Big Lottery Fund

Success stories

Awards for all Lottery grants, April to July 2010

Recipient	Project	Amount	Date	Lottery Funder
Renfrew Cricket Club	This club provides training and development in the game of cricket. The Renfrewshire based project focuses on encouraging women and young people to participation in the game. This grant will be used to pay for volunteer coaching fees.	£1,000	20/07/10	Big Lottery Fund
Bridge of Weir Primary School	This school project based in Renfrewshire focuses on basketball. This grant will be used to purchase two basketball stands and one set of agility ladders.	£823	20/07/10	Big Lottery Fund
Ferguslie Park North Tenants and Residents Association	This group wish to provide learning opportunities for adults through non-vocational training sessions. The grant will fund tutor fees, equipment, materials, venue hire, childcare costs, volunteer expenses and transport.	£3,054	30/07/10	Big Lottery Fund
Foxbar Families Association	This group will run a programme of activities and events for families living in the area, including parties, outings and family sports days. The grant will fund transport costs, theme park entry fees, Christmas party costs, Halloween party costs, hall lets, theatre tickets and a meal.	£6,633	30/07/10	Big Lottery Fund
Our Lady of Peace Primary School	This school will hold music sessions where children can learn to play instruments, give performances and record and produce CDs and DVDs. The grant will pay for IT equipment, software, musical instruments, music equipment, stage lighting, sound desk and radio microphones.	£10,000	30/07/10	Big Lottery Fund
Girlguiding UK South Eastern Division	This group will hold a 'Vision' event, where members will review their Centenary year and reaffirm their commitment to guiding. The grant is for facility hire, PA system hire, live link up hire, roadshow hire, children's entertainment hire, Community Art forum training, craft equipment and DVD production.	£9,695	30/07/10	Big Lottery Fund
Gleniffer High School Parent Teacher Association	This group will purchase picnic benches and tables for use in the school playground. The grant will pay for purchase, delivery and installation of picnic benches.	£9,661	30/07/10	Big Lottery Fund
Arkleston and Newmains Mother and Toddler Group	This group will organise a programme of trips, cultural activities and purchase improved play equipment for the benefit of 47 children between the ages 0 and 5. The grant will fund transport and entrance fees and will be used to purchase play equipment including a trampoline, toys and an easel.	£4,270	30/07/10	Big Lottery Fund
Senior Citizens Leisure Centre	This group will take its members on a trip to New Lanark World Heritage Site. The grant will pay for travel costs, entry to New Lanark and High Tea.	£3,585	30/07/10	Big Lottery Fund

Success stories

Awards for all Lottery grants, April to July 2010

Recipient	Project	Amount	Date	Lottery Funder
Campbell St OAP Club	This group will take its members on an educational outing to The Falkirk Wheel. The grant will fund coach hire, lunch and entry fees.	£1,165	30/07/10	Big Lottery Fund
The Buddy Beat	This group will provide drumming and percussion classes for people with mental health issues in Paisley. The grant will pay for tutor fees, hall hire, instruments, Christmas party and travel costs.	£7,945	30/07/10	Big Lottery Fund
Kilbarchan Improvement Projects	This group will refurbish and redecorate their existing computer suite in the Old Library Centre. The grant will pay for the redecoration and recarpeting of the computer room.	£2,409	30/07/10	Big Lottery Fund
The Mary Russell School	This school will work in partnership with its local Green Gym on various environmental development projects. The grant will pay for gloves, t-shirts, waterproofs, tools, plants, shrubs, flowers, bulbs, professional fees, transport and refreshments.	£6,950	30/07/10	Big Lottery Fund
Sew Art Disabled & Elderly Club	This group will provide a ten week long course in holistic therapy and exercise for its members. The grant will pay for practitioner fees and equipment, accommodation, transport and food costs for 18 people to travel to Glenshee for a short break.	£3,462	30/07/10	Big Lottery Fund
Linwood Lights	This group will create two theatre and music shows for the benefit of the local community. The grant will fund hall hire, printing costs, hire of music and lighting technicians and stationery and postage costs.	£4,240	30/07/10	Big Lottery Fund
St James Parish Pastoral Council	This group will rennovate the toilets in their hall. The grant will contribute towards the refurbishment of their hall toilets.	£6,000	30/07/10	Big Lottery Fund
A B C Tenants & Residents Association	This group will provide local people with a place to meet and become involved in a range of activities and events designed to bring the community together. The grant will fund 2 folding tables, a filing cabinet, 20 stackable chairs, a laptop, a printer, anti-virus software, a laminator, stationary, small kitchen equipment, a bingo machine, arts and crafts materials, small Christmas decorations, fruit, water and buffet costs for 4 community events.	£3,386	30/07/10	Big Lottery Fund
Caledonia & Glen Street Tenants Association	This group will develop a sensory community garden to provide a secure area for residents to socialise and enjoy the outdoors. The grant will be used to purchase a variety of garden materials and computing equipment. It will also pay for labour costs and refreshments for an open day.	£6,265	31/07/10	Big Lottery Fund Bottom of Form

External Funding Partnership

Remember, if you require assistance with any aspect of external funding then please contact your main contact within the External Funding partnership:

For community groups and small voluntary organisations seeking assistance with grant applications contact:

Paisley Partnership Regeneration Company
Iain Cunningham, Senior Development Officer,
0141 887 7707
Email: icunningham@paisley-partnership.co.uk

For voluntary organisations seeking a small to medium sized grant contact:

Renfrewshire Council for Voluntary Services (RCVS)
Email: info@rcvsweb.co.uk
0141 587 2487

For large voluntary sector projects or CPP/Council initiatives contact:

Renfrewshire Council External Funding Team
Ruth Cooper, External Funding Manager,
0141 842 5875
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We're here to help!

