

MORE FUNDING NEWS

INVESTING IN IDEAS -BIG LOTTERY

Grants of up to £10,000 available to help explore early stages of potential projects. Funding can cover market research, feasibility studies, technical advice and guidance consultation, training and development and many other things.

Got the idea? Phone 0870 240 2391 to discuss or visit web site:
www.biglotteryfund.org.uk

PEOPLES MILLIONS

The People's Millions programme will provide grants of £50,000 to projects that make communities a better place to live by improving its environment. This means, buildings, amenities, public and green spaces and the natural environment. The fund is a partnership between the **Big Lottery Fund** and **ITV** that allows the public to vote for projects they want to receive lottery funding. For application packs: Tel: 08450 101112 or visit www.peoplesmillions.org.uk.

AWARDS FOR ALL

Awards for All is currently making some changes to its grant scheme which will be launched on 9th May 2006, including a new maximum grant level of **£10,000**.

New application packs are now available - call 0845 600 2040. Anyone wanting to submit an application they are already working on, using the old pink form, must do so before 30th June. If unsure contact 0870 240 2391.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FUND

This is a fund where young people decide for themselves how Lottery funds should be spent and a local panel of young people has been formed to do just that. Money is available to fund work with young people who are dealing with problems in their lives or who have particular issues to face. A fixed amount is available for Borders applications. Call 0845 606 1199 for an application pack or visit their website: www.biglotteryfund.org.uk

COMIC RELIEF

Comic Relief is encouraging groups in Scotland's voluntary sector to apply for funds. Programme areas are: young people experiencing problems with alcohol, mental health or prostitution; older people; refugees and asylum seekers; mental health; domestic violence and disadvantaged communities.

Under the main grants programme, awards can be made for up to 3 years - in some circumstances 5 years - and are usually between £5,000 and £100,000. Visit website: www.comicrelief.com

THE TUDOR TRUST

New funding guidelines from 1 April 2006. The Tudor Trust is a charitable trust which supports people and organisations working to achieve lasting change in their communities.

Grants from the Tudor Trust can take the form of core funding (including salaries and running costs), development funding, project grants or capital grants for buildings or equipment. The focus is on smaller groups, led by people of vision, which are committed to growth, progression and development.

There is a two-stage application process, which means that groups can find out quickly and without investing too much time and effort whether their project might be funded. For further information and guidelines visit website: www.tudortrust.org.uk or telephone: 020 7727 8522.

YOUTH CHEX

Young people/youth groups aged between 12 and 25 can still apply for small grants from this local Scottish Borders fund for projects that will benefit young people and the community. Each area has been allocated its own amount to ensure an even spread and a specific pot is earmarked for environmental projects. Decisions are made by local youth panels. For more information, ring them on 01896 755110.

GENERAL INFORMATION

“ONLINEBORDERS” WEBSITE

The Onlineborders website was officially launched on 6th March 2006 by SBC Director of Education, Glenn Rodgers. The site contains a wealth of information on local voluntary and community organisations, as well as care services, learning and guidance opportunities. Make sure your group is listed!

It is the result of a partnership between Borders Forum of Councils for Voluntary Service, Careers Scotland, NHS Borders, Scottish Borders Council Social Work Services and Community Learning and Development.

For further information, to join as a member, or to arrange a directory entry and/or microsite for your organisation please visit www.onlineborders.org.uk

OSCR LAUNCHED

The Office of the Scottish Charities Regulator is now open for business; this is the body which will approve charitable status in Scotland and monitor the way charities are run. It will also maintain a public register of Scottish Charities with full details. There are now 16 categories for charitable activity, and other changes relating to remuneration of Charity Trustees - the new name which covers anyone involved in the management of a charity. There is a workshop on changes to Charity Law at the Voluntary Sector Conference on 14 June (see page 2), or see their website: www.oscr.org.uk

HOW TO MAKE THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT WORK FOR YOU

A copy of 'Your Right to Know' leaflet explaining how to go about making a request for information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 can be obtained (FREE) from RAVS office in either Jedburgh or Hawick.

SCOTTISH VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS- ARE YOU SUPPORTED?

If you work in the voluntary sector, this is your chance to let the Scottish Executive and the Strategic Funding Review partners, know about what support you do (or don't) receive, and what services you think are needed in the future.

Consultants Rocket Science are looking for voluntary organisation to tell them what support they are able to access and what gaps exist by:

- a) Completing an electronic survey, *and/or*
- b) Attending a focus group – organised in various venues across Scotland.

Please **go to the website and register** to become involved. www.supportservices.co.uk (If you would like some information in a hard copy please contact **Julia McGhee at Rocket Science** – Tel: 0131 226 4949).

FILM FOR YOUTH FESTIVAL

Set up by world famous film director **Guy Ritchie** and youth work charity UK Youth, this film making festival for young people (aged 12 to 25) is now open for submissions. Do you have a short film you want to make? Here's your chance to attend a Film Master class with Guy; a residential week-long workshop in film-making for short listed entrants, gain a Youth Achievement Award and see your film screened at a prestigious premiere evening.

Submissions deadline: 23rd June 2006
Visit: www.filmforyouth.org.

CALOR SCOTTISH COMMUNITY OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2006

This award carries a prize fund of £5000 and seeks to recognise and reward the efforts of communities improving their area for the benefit of all. Applications must be submitted by **30th June 2006** and entry forms are available by ringing 01224 588900 or www.communityoftheyear.org.uk