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1. Recent Awards for Shropshire Projects

Section 4 of the update includes all Shropshire projects that have benefited from *Awards for All* funding between April and June this year. The total awarded to Shropshire is £98,300.

This is an encouraging amount, particularly considering that Heritage Lottery Fund, Arts Council and Sport England withdrew their funding from the programme in April.

A future update will highlight Shropshire projects that have received grants from these other distributors.

2. Tell us what you think! Results

Thanks to all of you that submitted the questionnaires. The update goes directly to over 200 individuals and we collected a sample size of over 10%.

Without exception, respondents agreed or strongly agreed with the following four statements about the update:

- The information is presented in a way that makes it easy to understand
- The information provided is reliable
- The balance between private, public and voluntary sector funding
- The news features on local funding successes are useful

Almost 50% of respondents believed that the update would benefit from project case studies and 40% of respondents would like to see the inclusion of policy reports.

We will discuss options for including these new features. However, we will keep the update limited to five pages.

Almost 50% of respondents confirmed that their organisation / department had benefited from funding discovered in the update, which is an excellent strike rate. We will ask some of the respondents to provide case studies for the projects that benefited from this funding.

It was encouraging to find that the majority of respondents cascaded the information to colleagues: 30% sent it to between 3 and 6 people and 17.5% sent it to 11 plus people.

The respondents were split 60/40 in terms of being in the public or voluntary sectors.

3. Funding News

EXTENSION OF BIG LOTTERY FUND'S REACHING COMMUNITIES

http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_reaching_communities

BIG has moved to extend the remit of its 'demand led' programme, to encompass areas of investment met previously by other BIG programmes.

This arrangement will continue until new programmes are launched in 2010.

The table contained in appendix 1 of this update details the extension.

SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL ARTS GRANT SCHEME (ROUND 2)

www.shropshireandtelfordartspartnership.co.uk

The next deadline for this scheme is 25th September 2009. Applicants can apply for up to £1000 if they are an organisation or up to £500 as an individual, and must contribute at least 25% in match funding.

This funding will support artists, arts organisations, community and voluntary organisations involved in arts activities, arts festivals and arts events in Shropshire.

Shropshire Council will fund events or projects that:

- provide a high quality arts experience
- improve access to arts activity for people living in Shropshire, in particular adults aged 16+
- raise the profile of the arts in Shropshire
- support the local arts economy
- ensure access for all

Pre-application information, advice and indication of other possible financial sources is available from the Shropshire Arts Service.

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Call Shropshire Council Customer Service on Tel: 0845 678 9000 or email arts.service@shropshire.gov.uk for more information.

ROWLANDS TRUST

This trust provides grants to registered charities in the west midlands, including South Shropshire. For the purposes of the fund, South Shropshire is the area south of the A5.

The trust supports a wide range of capital-based projects, such as equipment purchases, event costs and construction work, to charities that work with young, older and other needy groups.

The trust does not have an internet presence, so please contact the administrator for more information. The contact details are 78-84 Colmore Row, Birmingham, B3 2AB Tel 0121 456 8341, Fax 0121 456 8483.

CARBON TRUST LOANS FOR SMES

www.carbontrust.co.uk/loans

The Carbon Trust has expanded its interest-free loan scheme for SMES, allowing more businesses to install new energy-saving equipment.

The scheme can now provide loans of between £3,000 and £400,000 to SMES (including micro businesses). They can be used for purchasing equipment including boilers, refrigerator units, lighting and plant machinery.

The Carbon Trust also offers advice to businesses, including a free on-site service to help them identify the energy-saving equipment with the greatest potential to reduce their running costs.

ACCESS TO NATURE PROGRAMME

[Website](#)

This programme aims to improve access to and understanding of the natural environment across England through raising community awareness, active participation, education, volunteering and physical works.

It is open to voluntary and community organisations, also statutory bodies, schools, town and parish councils, with grants available of between £50,000 and £500,000.

Natural England has announced that the programme will close to applications earlier than anticipated due to current and expected demand.

The new final deadlines are as follows:

- Stage 1 applications: 1 February 2010 (9am)
- Stage 2 applications: 4 May 2010 (9am)

Potential applicants are encouraged to submit applications in advance of the final deadline.

ECOMINDS

www.ecominds.org.uk

This programme supports community / voluntary sector projects that aim to promote the integration of mental health service users into the community via the delivery of environmental work conducive to good mental and physical health.

Due to heavy demand for grants, Mind (the National Association for Mental Health) has announced final application deadlines, as follows:

- Large bids (£60,001 to £150,000), 12:00 noon Friday 30 October 2009
- Medium bids (20,001 to £60,000), 12:00 noon Friday 8 January 2010
- Small bids (to £20,000), 12:00 noon Wednesday 30 June 2010

GROWING BUSINESS AWARDS

<http://gba.realbusiness.co.uk/page/Entering>

The aim of these awards is to celebrate the achievements, innovation and entrepreneurialism of UK businesses. It comprises 10 award categories, such as:

- Green Business of the Year
- Customer Excellence Award
- Global Outlook and Expansion Award
- Young Entrepreneur of the Year
- The Stelios Award for Disabled Entrepreneurs

Applications are invited from independent companies that have less than 500 employees. Entry to more than one category is permitted.

Winners will receive a certificate and television, radio and press coverage. The Stelios Award for Disabled Entrepreneurs offers a cash prize of £50,000.

The deadline for receipt of applications is 18 September 2009.

SHELL LIVEWIRE YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR AWARD

<http://www.shell-livewire.org>

The Shell LiveWIRE Young Entrepreneur of the Year aims to recognise entrepreneurial talent in young people.

Winners will not only receive a cheque for £10,000, but also support and media exposure.

UK entrepreneurs aged between 16 and 30 on 11 September 2009 are eligible to apply. Businesses must have been trading for not less than three months and not more than 18 months on 11 September 2009.

Applications to the awards must be submitted before 11 September 2009.

HARDSHIP FUND

<http://www.cdf.org.uk/web/guest/hardship-fund>

This new fund offers grants between £50,000 and £250,000 to third sector organisations that are suffering financial hardship that is affecting their ability to deliver front line services in health and social care, housing support, education and training and advice, information and guidance.

To apply, organisations must have a turnover of £200,000 a year or more. The total amount awarded is subject to applicants demonstrating the need, and providing a detailed description of costs and activities, but it is highly unlikely to exceed 25% of your projected turnover for this financial year.

There is no specific closing date and applications will be assessed in the date and time order received until there are sufficient relevant applications up to the value of the Fund.

4. Recent Grant Awards May / June

Funder / Programme	Applicant	Project	Award
Big (Awards for All)*	Bridgnorth Buddies	This group will use funding to provide children with additional needs the opportunity to participate in extra-curricular activities within their local community.	£2,784
	Nash Parish Hall	Funding to improve facilities by refurbishing the hall's kitchen	£9,475
	Much Wenlock Primary School	A project to install new fixed play equipment and an outdoor shelter to enable the school to offer extra curricular activities to pupils and the wider community.	£10,000
	Minsterley Bowling Club	The award will help improve the facilities at the club and purchase a new mower.	£9,932
	Albrighton Village Hall	Funding to restore and develop four community rooms.	£9,000
	Hodnet Angling Club	The grant will help to provide disabled and wheelchair access to their fishing pools.	£10,000
	Haycop Conservation Group (Broseley)	A grant will make access improvements on site, train volunteers in conservation techniques, run a series of events and create a website to promote active participation and provide a community and educational resource.	£9,650
	Minsterley Parish Council	The project will construct an outdoor exercise area in a local park.	£5,000
	Cricket Federation for People with Disabilities (based in Oswestry)	The charity will host and market a countywide festival to celebrate 20 years of disability cricket within Shropshire. It will give those with learning and physical disabilities an opportunity to take part in cricket and recruit players.	£9,350
	Jackfield Village Hall Fund	The grant will help to rewire the lighting circuits and replace the light fittings in the village hall, to allow the community to engage in social and recreational activities in an improved environment.	£4,000
	Shifnal Cricket Club	To purchase wicket covers and a new fence to improve security and pitch usage.	£9,350
	Mount Pleasant Junior School (Shrewsbury)	Funding will provide an after school event promoting a healthy diet and where people can experience food from different cultures. The event will be open to the local community.	£1,600
	Marion Women's Institute	The project will record the memories of older members of the local community to produce and publish a book to preserve and share their experiences.	£3,159
	Landscape Recording Association (Location uncertain)	The project is to provide workshops in outdoor event and site management for members of the local community. The money is for workshop leaders' fees, venue hire and hire of marquee.	£5,000

The list shows all Awards for All grants awarded to Shropshire projects between 01/04/09 and 30/06/09

Programme	Eligible for Reaching Communities programme
Advice	Reaching Communities can now consider projects that provide advice on rights and responsibilities, as well as those that offer softer advice such as counselling
Family Learning	<p>Reaching Communities is now able to support projects that provide family learning activities – shared learning between adults and children in the family.</p> <p>Reaching Communities continues to consider projects that offer general family support such as parenting skills.</p>
Well - Being	Reaching Communities will continue to consider health, well – being or physical activity projects.
Young People	Reaching Communities will now consider projects that have young people as their primary beneficiaries
Children’s Play	Reaching Communities can consider activities that include play such as after school clubs or one o’ clock clubs, and small-scale refurbishments up to £50K capital grant and maximum £200K capital project
Community Buildings	Reaching Communities can consider small-scale refurbishments of up to £50K capital grant and maximum capital project size of £200K.
Community Libraries	Reaching Communities will continue to fund services taking place within libraries.
Parks	Reaching Communities can consider smaller projects within a park such as a park warden, or a refurbished football pitch. Maximum grant of £50K, maximum capital project size £200K
Programme	Ineligible for Reaching Communities
BASIS	Reaching Communities has never considered any projects that want infrastructure funding. This type of project is still ineligible for Reaching Communities
Changing Spaces	Projects which meet the eligibility criteria of Reaching Communities but which we might expect to fund under the Changing Spaces programme remain ineligible for Reaching Communities
Research	Reaching Communities has never been able to consider research projects, which produce knowledge aimed at an external audience with the aim of increasing the body of academic research. Research projects will remain ineligible for Reaching Communities