

# WOODLAND INITIATIVES UPDATE

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## GRANTS/FUNDING

### South East Woodland and Timber Fund (SEWTF)

Available to support the smaller timber processing or marketing projects particularly those involving collaborative working and supply chain development. Next deadline: 17th October 2008.

Contact: Chris Jankiewicz <mailto:chris.jankiewicz@forestry.gsi.gov.uk> 07770 598020 or Melanie

Wallis <mailto:melanie.wallis@forestry.gsi.gov.uk> 01420 23337

<http://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/infd-77wchv>

### Reaching Communities

Reaching Communities is an England wide programme that aims to improve communities and the lives of people most in need. The four main outcomes of the programme are: people having better chances in life, stronger communities, improved rural and urban environments, healthier and more active people and communities. Reaching Communities is administered by the Big Lottery Fund.

Grant £10,000 - £500,000

[http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog\\_reaching\\_communities.htm?regioncode=-uk&progStatus=open&status=theProg&title=Reaching%20Co](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_reaching_communities.htm?regioncode=-uk&progStatus=open&status=theProg&title=Reaching%20Co)

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### Bio-energy Infrastructure Scheme - Round 2

The Bio-energy Infrastructure Scheme provides grants to help the development of the supply chain required to harvest, process, store, and supply biomass to heat, combined heat and power (CHP), and electricity end-users. Grants are available for producer groups and businesses that are small or

medium-sized enterprises based in England and supplying biomass within Great Britain. The deadlines for receipt of applications was 12pm 5 August 2008 for applications from businesses; and 12pm 5 September 2008 for applications from producer groups.

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/farm/crops/industrial/energy/infrastructure.htm>

## **Enterprise Loans East Midlands**

A new initiative pledging £3 million to help fuel economic growth in the East Midlands. Enterprise Loans East Midlands is a new source of funding for business start ups and existing companies that have been turned away by conventional High Street lenders. A Community Development Finance Institution Fund, Enterprise Loans East Midlands, will be managed by First Enterprise Business Agency (FEBA) and provide loans of between £3,000 and £20,000. To qualify applicants, whether a new or existing business, must have developed a business plan, approached a bank and been declined, and been referred by a business adviser such as Business Link. Lending decisions will be made on a commercial basis, with loans being repaid over one to five years at a fixed rate: 5% above base rate and at a minimum of 10.25%.

<http://www.enterpriseloanseastmidlands.co.uk> or telephone 0845 602 7355.

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## **Access to Nature**

This scheme aims to encourage more people to enjoy the outdoors, particularly those who face social exclusion or those who currently have little or no contact with the natural environment - perhaps because they lack the confidence to get out and enjoy natural places or have few opportunities to do so. By 2014 the Government wants 1.7 million people - in urban, rural and coastal communities across England - to have benefited from this grant programme by giving them improved opportunities to experience and enjoy the natural environment and providing more opportunities to gain new skills .

Access to Nature is run by Natural England on behalf of a consortium of major environmental organisations. Grant awards of between £50,000 and £500,000 to support projects that deliver one or more of the scheme's main outcomes. A small number of larger grants of over £500,000 for projects which have a national significance or impact.

<http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/leisure/grants-funding/>

## **Volunteering Scotland Grants Scheme**

Grants of up to £35,000 plus small grants of up to £5,000 for projects creating high quality volunteering opportunities for new volunteers from disadvantaged groups who need additional support to become involved. Apply at any time.

<http://www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk/grant-schemes/vsqs>

## **Montague Thompson Coon Charitable Trust**

They are interested in funding projects creating access to the countryside particularly for disabled children. If your project is to create all abilities access and you can have a focus on encouraging use by disabled children then this fund may be worth looking at. They have awarded amounts of between £1000 and £8000 to a variety of projects creating access for disabled children.

Applications in writing to John Lister, Bay Tree House, Oak Lawn, Newton Abbot, Devon TQ12 1QP

## **The Peter Samuel Charitable Trust**

The trust seeks to promote the family's interest in medical sciences, and the quality of life in local areas, heritage and forestry/land restoration. Grants from £250 to £5000 for these types of projects. Apply in writing to Miss Emma Chapman, The Estate Office, Farley Hall, Castle Road, Farley Hill, Berkshire RG7 1UL Tel 0118 973 0047.

Source: CWA Scotland

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## **SRDP Forestry Challenge Funds – Scotland**

The Woods In and Around Towns Challenge Fund (WIAT) and Forestry for People Challenge Fund (F4P). The WIAT Challenge Fund aims to bring urban woodland into sustainable management and

improve recreation facilities by carrying out an agreed programme of work. The funding is targeted at woods within 1 km of settlements with a population of over 2000 people (WIAT area). The aim is to regenerate the woodland environment close to centres of population, improving the quality of life for people living and working there. It supports local involvement in woodland projects for health, learning and strengthening communities.

<http://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/INFD-7EPEED>

Source: CWA Scotland

## **Family Learning Fund**

Family Learning funds projects that involve adults and children learning together. Funding is available for projects that support families who face barriers to learning or who are not confident helping their children to learn. The fund is administered by the Big Lottery Fund (BIG) and is available for registered charities, voluntary or community groups, statutory bodies, charitable or not-for-profit companies, social enterprises and private sector organisations. Deadline 29th August 2008 [http://www.governmentfunding.org.uk/VCSLaunch.aspx?SCHEME\\_ID=12-S136](http://www.governmentfunding.org.uk/VCSLaunch.aspx?SCHEME_ID=12-S136)

Or <http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk>

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## **Urban Woodland – Scotland**

£24m over three years as the second phase of FC Scotland's Woodlands In and Around Towns (WIAT) Programme which aims to open up access and recreation opportunities for people living in towns and cities. This phase will help to create new urban woodland, introduce management to improve the quality of existing woods and work with communities to enjoy the benefits local woodland can provide. <http://www.forestry.gov.uk/forestry/infid-5w2nfz>

## **BASIS programme**

The BASIS programme aims to ensure that voluntary and community organisations throughout England have access to high quality support that will help them be more effective.

Infrastructure services help voluntary and community groups achieve their aims, through services such as training, providing information, representing community groups' interests, supporting networks and sharing good practice. Round two deadline 27th August 2008

[http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog\\_basis.htm](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_basis.htm)

## **NE £72m for the Natural Environment**

In addition to £68m for green farming schemes, Natural England has announced that it will allocate an extra £4m this year towards protecting and enhancing the marine environment, improving biodiversity and researching renewable energy options in the Severn Barrage. Despite the uncertainty in funding for the next two years, Natural England has also taken a decision to give funding certainty over a three-year period to key partners. Protected landscapes and habitats including Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and National Nature Reserves (NNR) will be maintained at 07/08 funding levels, to a total of £17m. Natural England has maximised the use of the Wildlife Enhancement Scheme (WES) with a budget of £9.5m, using more Higher Level Scheme (HLS) funding to support SSSI delivery. There will be efficiency savings of £16.5m to Natural England's budget over the next three years, including £1.1m through the termination of the Discovering Lost Ways project.

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## **LandSkills programme**

Part of the EU supported Rural Development Programme for England Land-based Skills funding which aims to deliver sustainable business benefits to agricultural, horticultural and forestry industries. This particular item refers to Yorkshire and the Humber where Lantra is managing the programme on behalf of Yorkshire Forward. Lantra will deliver a range of subsidised skills and knowledge transfer activity. email [LandSkills@lantra.co.uk](mailto:LandSkills@lantra.co.uk) <http://www.lantra.co.uk/LandSkills>

Source: Lantra Connect

## Youth Sector Development Fund

Round 2 of The Youth Sector Development Fund (YSDF) will focus on building the capacity and sustainability of Third Sector Organisations that have demonstrated their ability to work with disadvantaged young people. England only. The deadline for applications is 3/10/08. Funding runs from December 2008 to March 2011. Total Fund: £ 30,000,000 Grant Value - maximum: £2,500,000. DCSF are particularly interested in proposals that have a thematic focus on preventing young people from committing crime or becoming involved in anti social behaviour, gun or gang crime, in line with the Youth Crime Action Plan and wider government strategies on safer communities and cutting crime. DCSF would also welcome proposals from organisations that work with young offenders directly to prevent re-offending or facilitate restorative justice solutions. In the first instance organisations should email their details to <mailto:ysd.fund@dcsf.gsi.gov.uk> and DCSF will send you the relevant guidance and application material. Contact Joanne Wheeler on 0114 25921023. <http://www.everychildmatters.gov.uk/resources-and-practice/TP00046/>

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## Innovation Excellence and Service Development Fund

This Fund is for England and aims to provide three year funding that supports projects with an explicit focus on supporting and driving innovation, excellence and service development in the health and social care field, with a potential national impact. The Innovation Excellence and Service Development Fund replaces the Section 64 General Scheme of Grants. First stage applications by 08/09/2008. There are three funding strands project proposals can apply under:

1. Innovation; projects that demonstrate an innovative approach to delivery of health and social care provision under any of the DH policy areas i.e. Better health and well-being for all, Better care for all; Better value for all.
2. Excellence; existing projects that have proved they can successfully and effectively deliver improved outcomes and could be called 'excellent'. This strand of funding would support dissemination of learning from these 'excellent' projects and support wider application.
3. Service Development; develop new providers at pre-investment stage or develop organisation's capacity and sustainability to maintain services/provision whilst reducing dependency on central government funding. <http://www.dh.gov.uk/thirdsectorinvestment>.

## Community Tree and Planting Grants

Each winter the Woodland Trust encourage community groups throughout the country to organise and run tree planting events in their local community by offering tree planting grants. The grant is for the purchase of native broadleaf trees and related materials. More information: Paul Bunton, Community Project Manager, Tel: 0845 2935753

<http://www.treeforall.org.uk/GetDigging/Events+grants.htm>

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## North Yorks Aggregates Grants Scheme

Providing grants of up to £20,000 to North Yorkshire communities affected by quarries involved in the extraction of sand, gravel and crushed rock. Grants for up to 75% of the costs of approved works are available over the next three years. Priority projects will be those that improve community cohesion through Increased participation in volunteering and community-based activities and those that conserve and enhance biodiversity, natural habitats and the natural and built environments.

Expressions of interest for grants of up to £5,000 can be accepted at anytime. Those for grants up to £20,000 must be received by 20th August 2008 with a full application for submission by 30th September 2008. Expression of interest forms are available by contacting YDMT on 015242 51002 or email <mailto:info@ydmtd.org>.

## The Social Enterprise Loan Fund (TSELF)

TSELF plans to double the size of its loan portfolio over the next three years by providing funds to more social enterprises, in more parts of the country. This fund replaces the Local Investment Fund which involved DCLG, Business in the Community and the private sector, led by Nat West.

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

## **Third Sector Investment Programme**

New funding arrangements for Third Sector organisations in health and social care, which replaces the 'Section 64 General Scheme of Grants'. There will be two new funding schemes for 2009/10. Deadline for first stage applications is 8th September 2008.

The Strategic Partner Programme will recruit up to 10 organisations to act as Strategic Partners from the third sector. These partners will receive funding to act as advocates for the third sector more widely, making sure the views of third sector organisations are represented to the Department and communicating departmental policies effectively to the third sector.

The Innovation, Excellence and Service Development fund will fund projects that have the potential for national impact, contributing to the Departments objectives of improving health and well-being and creating better care for all. Organisations will be able to apply individually, or in partnership with other third sector organisations.

<http://www.dh.gov.uk/thirdsectorinvestment>

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## **Hill Farm Allowance Scheme**

Defra plans to replace the current Hill Farm Allowance scheme from 2010. Support to upland areas will be integrated into Environmental Stewardship schemes, to reward hill farmers for the environmental and landscape benefits they deliver. Final proposals will be announced later this year. Press release: <http://nds.coi.gov.uk/Content/Detail.asp?ReleaseID=374670&NewsAreaID=2>

## **Grassroots Grants Programme**

Local funders across England have been selected to give out grants between £250 and £5,000 to grassroots third sector organisations. Grassroots Grants, funded by the Office of the Third Sector and administered by the Community Development Foundation (CDF), will provide grants to small third sector organisations and with a £50 million endowment programme, help local funders build endowment funds to provide a continuous source of small grant funding, by matching funds raised in the community. The grants will be distributed to small community and voluntary groups in both urban and rural settings across England..

[http://www.cdf.org.uk/bfora/systems/xmlviewer/default.asp?arg=DS\\_CDF\\_TECHART\\_23/page.xsl/27&xsl\\_argx=3](http://www.cdf.org.uk/bfora/systems/xmlviewer/default.asp?arg=DS_CDF_TECHART_23/page.xsl/27&xsl_argx=3)

[http://www.cdf.org.uk/bfora/systems/xmlviewer/default.asp?arg=DS\\_CDF\\_TECHART\\_23/page.xsl/27&xsl\\_argx=3](http://www.cdf.org.uk/bfora/systems/xmlviewer/default.asp?arg=DS_CDF_TECHART_23/page.xsl/27&xsl_argx=3)

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## **Co-operative FiRE**

A £780,000 rolling fund from the Rural Regeneration Zone in the West Midlands, to encourage communities to develop renewable energy schemes. Delivered by community energy experts 'Energy4All', the programme will provide significant investment to support the planning stages of new social enterprises that are committed to developing energy solutions for their villages and market towns such as wind energy, hydropower and biomass. 0845 373 3612 or visit

<http://www.coopfire.coop>

## **Adults facing Chronic Exclusion (ACE)**

The ACE Programme is a 3 year, £6million fund designed to test new approaches to tackling chronic social exclusion amongst the most marginalised people in society. 12 pilots have been funded across England. They are testing out ways to improve outcomes for adults with chaotic lives and multiple needs through developing new types of intervention and changing local service provision. They are led by voluntary and public sector organisations, working in partnership with other local agencies.

[http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/social\\_exclusion\\_task\\_force/adults/](http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/social_exclusion_task_force/adults/)

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## **New Deal for Communities Funding**

Nearly £500m available for neighbourhood partnerships in deprived communities across the country, to continue helping their work to cut crime levels, improve educational achievements and boost job opportunities. Over £250m will be made available over the next two years, and is in addition to the £230m announced in April for this year. This funding means that the 39 New Deal for Communities partnerships will have received £2bn over the 10-year programme.

<http://www.neighbourhood.gov.uk/page.asp?id=617> According to the website this page is not being updated any more and in future you should go to <http://www.communities.gov.uk/communities/>

## **Paul Hamlyn Foundation**

The Foundation has an Education and Learning programme. They are looking to fund projects that promote innovation and change in the areas of supplementary schooling and tackling school exclusion and truancy. Running costs such as staff salaries and overheads can be included. Applications can be made at any time. <http://www.phf.org.uk/page.asp?id=85>

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## **Capacitybuilders**

Capacitybuilders Social Enterprise Programme, with £6 million being invested over the next three years. Capacitybuilders aims to help create a more effective third sector by improving support for third sector organisations. The Social Enterprise funding is to improve business support services, funding improvements like new mentoring schemes, more accredited advisers and work to develop emerging markets. Capacitybuilders will work with social enterprise networks in each region and other local partners including Regional Development Agencies to identify the best ways to meet local needs.

<http://www.capacitybuilders.org.uk/content/GrantApplicationsandReciepts/Funding200811.aspx>

A flyer about the Social Enterprise scheme:

[http://www.capacitybuilders.org.uk/Resources/t/9/1/Social%20Enterprise%20flyer\\_FINAL.pdf](http://www.capacitybuilders.org.uk/Resources/t/9/1/Social%20Enterprise%20flyer_FINAL.pdf)

The prospectus:

<http://www.capacitybuilders.org.uk/Resources/7//m/Social%20Enterprise%20Prospectus.pdf>

## **Faiths in Action**

A grants programme open to faith, inter faith, voluntary and community sector organisations at national, regional and local levels in England. Faiths in Action aims to support faith communities and others to promote understanding, dialogue and develop strong and sustainable partnerships. Grants of up to £12,000 are available to organisations over two years from April 2009 to the end of March 2011. Deadline for applications 1st November 2008.

There are four key priorities:

- A. Developing the confidence and skills to "bridge" and "link"
- B. Supporting shared spaces for interaction and social action
- C. Developing structures and processes which support dialogue and social action
- D. Improving opportunities for learning which build understanding.

Proposals under any of the above priorities that have a significant focus on women and / or young people will be given particular consideration. CDF are also keen to encourage and support both new and innovative approaches, as well as existing approaches that work well locally.

[http://www.cdf.org.uk/bfora/systems/xmlviewer/default.asp?arg=DS\\_CDF\\_TECHART\\_23/ page.xsl/27&xsl\\_argx=5](http://www.cdf.org.uk/bfora/systems/xmlviewer/default.asp?arg=DS_CDF_TECHART_23/ page.xsl/27&xsl_argx=5)

[http://www.cdf.org.uk/bfora/systems/xmlviewer/default.asp?arg=DS\\_CDF\\_TECHART\\_23/ page.xsl/27&xsl\\_argx=5](http://www.cdf.org.uk/bfora/systems/xmlviewer/default.asp?arg=DS_CDF_TECHART_23/ page.xsl/27&xsl_argx=5)

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## **The Growth Fund**

The Growth Fund will provide £732 million to support the delivery of infrastructure in the three newer growth areas and the growth points for 2008-09 to 2010-11. A consultation on the Growth Fund ended in early July 2008. This link leads to the Growth Fund Allocations:

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/housing/housingsupply/growthareas/growthfundallocations/>

This link leads to consultation responses:

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/housing/thegrowthfund>

## **Esmee Fairbairn Foundation**

A second phase of funding worth up to £19m. The organisation has announced three new strands based on food, a pilot programme of voluntary sector work in Northern Ireland and finance.

<http://www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk/pr-template.html>

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