On Sunday, 2 February 2014, 17:54, Joan Milne <Joan.Milne@fife.gov.uk> wrote:

Hi

Please find below a range of grants that may be of interest.

Please let me know if you would like removed from this mailing list.

Kind regards,

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**ScotRail Foundation Grants (Scotland)**

The ScotRail Foundation has announced that for the period 2013/14 it has committed £100,000 to be distributed to community groups and good causes.

Groups and organisations in Scotland can apply for funding through the ScotRail Foundation for community development projects. Specifically for projects that provide support for children and young people; improve the local environment; and improve local communities general health and wellbeing. ScotRail would prefer to link projects to some of their own corporate themes (or a local train station) but this is not essential. This could include:

* Addressing vandalism, particularly at train stations
* Respecting the railway and preventing accidents
* Improving the local community’s connections with/or awareness of a local train station; etc.

ScotRail has two categories of award, these are:

* £250 - £1,000
* £1,001 - £5,000.

The next closing date for applications is the 17th January 2014.

<http://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/scotrail.aspx>

**Coastal Communities Fund (UK)**

The Big Fund has announced that the third and final round of the Coastal Communities Fund (CCF) will open for applications in January 2014.

The Coastal Communities Fund, which is financed through the Crown Estate's Marine activities, will provide grants in excess of £50,000 per project to support the economic development of a wide range of projects including those that support charities, the environment, education and health. Within the UK a total of £27 million is available.

The fund is open to applications from a wide range of organisations including:

* Charities
* Voluntary and community sector organizations
* Social enterprises
* Local authorities
* Development agencies in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland
* Local enterprise partnerships in England
* Private sector companies.

Since the start of the CCF in 2012 the Big Fund has awarded grants to 62 organisations across the UK to the value of £32 million.  Projects supported include a grant of £2 million to establish a national tourism academy in Bournemouth and a grant of £800,000 to expand the North York Moors heritage railway service.

The deadlines for stage one applications during 2014 will be:

* England – February 2014 (date to be confirmed)
* Wales - 4 March 2014
* Northern Ireland - 24 March 2014
* Scotland - 24 March 2014

<http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/global-content/programmes/uk-wide/coastal-communities>

**Tesco Charity Community Awards (UK)**

The Tesco Charity Trust has announced that its Community Awards for grants for children’s welfare and/or children’s educations (including special needs schools) will re-open for applications on the 1st December 2013.

Through the Awards, one-off donations of between £500 and £4,000 are available to local projects that support children and their education and welfare.

Previous projects supported have included:

* Sensory garden or room projects
* Outdoor classrooms
* Breakfast and after school clubs
* Holiday play-schemes
* Part funding to purchase minibuses.

The Tesco Charity Trust has been in existence since 1987 and aims to provide approximately £600,000 in grants each year.  The Tesco Charity Trust Trustees also consider grant applications at their tri-annual meetings. These grants range between £4,000 and £25,000 and are to support local, national or international projects in areas where Tesco operate.

The closing date for applications will be the 30th January 2014.

<http://www.tescoplc.com/index.asp?pageid=121#ref_tescocharitytrust>

**Supporting International Biodiversity (UK)**

The Department for the Environment, Farming and Rural Affairs (Defra) has announced that funding applications are currently being invited for Fellowships and Scoping awards under the Darwin initiative.

The Darwin Initiative’s main aim is to support bio-diversity projects in developing countries.  Through the Scoping Awards, the Darwin Initiative offers one-off funding of up to £5,000 for travel costs to enable prospective partners to collaboratively develop a Darwin project application. The purpose is to ensure that more organisations with biodiversity expertise have the chance to apply for Darwin project funding, by enabling less well-resourced organisations to develop project applications.  Darwin Fellowships are targeted at promising members of recent or current Darwin Initiative projects who are from countries rich in biodiversity but poor in financial resources. Drawing on expertise in biodiversity, the programme aims to give Fellows the opportunity to broaden their skills in biodiversity, typically by working towards formal qualifications or by developing policy skills.  There are no restrictions on the location or nationality of applicants. That is, there is no longer a requirement for the lead or any of the partner organisations to be from the UK. However, organisations applying for funding from the Darwin Initiative must have a credible record of undertaking activities in a similar field.

The closing date for applications for both the scoping awards and the fellowships is the 3rd February 2014.

<http://darwin.defra.gov.uk/apply/>

**People's Postcode Trust Small Grants Programme (Scotland, Wales and North of England)**

The People's Postcode Trust has announced that its small grants programme is due to re-open for applications on the 6th January 2014 and close on the 21st February 2014. Through its small grants programme, the People's Postcode Trust offers grants of between £500 and £10,000 to small organisations and community groups for projects lasting up to 6 months in the areas of Poverty Prevention; Advancement of Health; Community Development; Public Sports; Human Rights; and Environmental Protection. Previous projects supported include:

* Birkenhead YMCA which received a grant of £6,271 to set up a community garden project for homeless people;
* and the Moray Art Centre which received a grant of £2,000 to run a play therapy group for children with autism.

Eligible regions for this funding round will be Scotland, Wales and the North of England.

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

**Canoe Foundation (UK)**

The Canoe Foundation has announced that the next closing date for applications for its grants is the 3rd February 2014.

The Canoe Foundation makes grants to support or promote paddlesport with a specific focus on young people and/or people with a disability. The funding is available to not-for-profit organisations, charities, clubs, schools and other interest groups based in the UK, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands. The Small Grants Panel has a budget of £25,000 per year and usually awards grants of up to £1,000. However, in exceptional circumstances the Small Grants Panel may award up to a maximum of £2,000.

Larger grants (anything above £2,000) and those which fall into the other key areas:

* Places
* Heritage
* International

These are decided on by the Charity's Trustees.

Previous projects supported include:

The Swindon & District Canoe Club which received a Canoe Foundation Grant towards a double kayak. It has been used and enjoyed by countless members of the canoe club at our regular weekly swimming pool sessions and on trips.

The Mary Hare School for Deaf Children, which was awarded £2,000 by the Canoe Foundation to purchase a fleet of 14 sit on top kayaks, paddles and safety equipment.

<http://www.canoefoundation.org.uk/cf/index.cfm/grants/>

**Scotmid Grants (Scotland)**

The Scotmid Co-operative is offering small grants to assist and support community projects and initiatives throughout Scotland.

Last year Scotmid awarded grants totaling £235,000 to organisations ranging from parent and toddler groups to national campaigns.  Funding is concentrated on the  areas of:

* Children/education
* Community Groups
* Active Lifestyles
* Environment
* The Elderly
* Homelessness
* Fairtrade
* Arts & Culture
* Charity.

To be eligible for funding, applicants must be a group or individual acting for the wider benefit of the local Community; and live within the geographic boundaries of one of Scotmid  Regional Committees.

Applicants can be submitted at any time.

<http://www.scotmid.com/corporate/community-charity/community/communities.aspx>