

National funding for training

Awards for All

Purpose: help improve local communities and the lives of people most in need. The bid can cover funding for training courses, qualifications such as NVQs, and volunteers' expenses

Who can apply? Community group, not for profit group, Parish or Town Council, Health body, or school

Support available: grants between £300 - £10,000

When to apply? Any time throughout the year

Website <http://www.awardsforall.org.uk>

Capacitybuilders - Volunteer Management Programme

Purpose: to fund an approved skills development package

Who can apply? Volunteer Managers in England

Amount available: Bursaries of up to £1,950. Capacitybuilders will pay the training provider directly

When to apply? Closing date for Level 3 skills development bursaries is 30 June

Website <http://capacitybuilders.org.uk>

Reaching Communities

Purpose: finance projects that respond to needs identified by communities actively involve with them. Funding of staff and volunteer training will be considered

Who can apply? Registered charity, voluntary or community group, statutory body, charitable or not-for-profit company, social enterprise

Support available: grants of between £10,000 and £500,000. For applicants seeking smaller sums of money (up to £40,000 a year), a simplified application and assessment procedures are in place

When to apply? Throughout the year, now open to applications

Website http://2.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_reaching_communities

BT Community Connections

Purpose: to enable community and charitable organisations to get online and make use of information and communications technology (ICT)

Who can apply? Organisations, working in any field of community benefit, located throughout the UK or ROI

Support available: A laptop and a year's free broadband connection

When to apply? Application for 2010 are closed. To find out about when application will be open you can complete an online form

Website <http://www.btcommunityconnections.com/>

Lawrence Atwell's Charity

Purpose: help young people fund their training and qualification in their chosen career

Who can apply? Individuals aged 16-26 who come from low-waged families

Support available: grants from £100 to £1,000

When to apply? Applications are considered on a first-come, first-served basis

Website www.skinnerhall.co.uk/lawrence_atwell.htm

Clore Social Leadership Programme

Purpose: training of aspiring leaders in the third sector

Who can apply? Individuals resident in the UK who are working in, or closely with, the wider third sector in the UK as a paid member of staff or volunteer

Support available: In 2011, between 14 and 20 Fellowships will be available. Each Fellowship will be eligible for a bursary of up to £20,000 to support the Fellow or the organisation which currently employ them

When to apply? Deadline for applications to the 2011 Programme: 3 June 2010

Website <http://www.cloresocialleadership.org.uk>

Emerging Leaders International Fellows Programme

Purpose: training of young scholar-practitioners through applied research, seminars with scholars and practitioners, and professional networking opportunities.

Who can apply? Practitioners and researchers under the age of 36 that live outside of the US. Applicants must hold a degree and speak and write English fluently

Support available: cost of tuition, accommodation, round-trip air tickets and a generous stipend (taxable) to help cover research-related and additional living expenses

When to apply? The 2010 programme application process is closed. Information on future deadlines will be reported when known

Website <http://www.philanthropy.org>

Senior International Fellows Programme

Purpose: professional development of third sector practitioners from outside the United States who are decision-makers in their professions

Who can apply? Senior-level practitioners over the age of 35 that live outside of the US

Support available: costs of tuition plus a stipend of US \$1,300 to cover living expenses. Accommodation and economy round-trip air tickets are also provided

When to apply? Deadline is 30 June 2010

Website <http://www.philanthropy.org>

Allen Lane Foundation

Purpose: support for start-up, core or project costs, including staff training

Who can apply? Not-for-profit organisations across the UK with an annual income of less than £100,000. Organisations must do work which benefits people in certain groups, or generalist work which includes significant numbers from more than one such group: Asylum-seekers and refugees; gay, lesbian, bi-sexual or transgender people; gypsies and travellers; offenders and ex-offenders; older people; BME communities; migrant workers; mental health; people experiencing domestic violence.

Support available: Grants between £500 - £15,000

When to apply? Applications are processed continuously

Website <http://www.allenlane.org.uk/>

Resources

Funding Central is a free website for the voluntary and community sector providing access to funding. For more details visit <http://www.fundingcentral.org.uk>

Directory of Social Change is a charity that provides subscription funding websites and other useful resources for voluntary sector organisations. For more details visit <http://www.dsc.org.uk>