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Grants for positive activities for young people

Action Earth

CSV Environment

Annual small grants scheme coordinated by CSV Environment in support of Action Earth Campaign, to enable people to take part in practical conservation projects and empower them to improve the quality of life for themselves, their communities and future generations.

<i>Amounts</i>	up to £50
<i>Duration</i>	For projects taking place between 1 March and 31 July each year.
<i>When to apply</i>	See website
<i>Application process</i>	Register interest for 2009 campaign via website.
<i>Address</i>	St Peter's College, College Rd, Saltley, Birmingham B8 3TE
<i>Website</i>	http://www.actionearth.org.uk/
<i>E-mail</i>	naseem@csvgenvironment.org.uk
<i>Telephone</i>	0121 328 7455

Action in our communities

Ford Britain Trust

Small grants (within a wider capital grants programme) for work supporting activities with clear benefit to the community, work with young people/children, schools, special educational needs, those with disabilities. Applications invited from registered charities, schools/PTAs, not for profit organisations (including small clubs and societies).

<i>Amounts</i>	Small grants up to £250
<i>Duration</i>	
<i>When to apply</i>	Four times per year - check website for next round
<i>Application process</i>	Download application from website
<i>Address</i>	The Director, c/o Ford Motor Company Limited, Room 1/445 Eagle Way, Brentwood, Essex CM13 3BW
<i>Website</i>	http://www.ford.co.uk/ie/fob_trust/-/fob_trust_intro/
<i>E-mail</i>	mailto:fbtrust@ford.com
<i>Telephone</i>	



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Awards for All

Supported by Arts Council England, the Big Lottery Fund, the Heritage Lottery Fund and Sport England

National lottery programme providing grants for people to take part in art, sport, heritage and community activities, and for projects that promote education, the environment and health in the local community. Open to non-for profit groups, town or parish councils, schools or health bodies. Bids will need to address at least one of three key aims including: extending access and participation; increasing skills and creativity; and improving quality of life.

Amounts	Between £300 and £10,000 (in any two year period)
Duration	
When to apply	Apply any time up to 31 March 2009.
Application process	Application form and guidance notes available for downloading from the website. Hard copies available on request. Successful applicants notified within eight weeks.
Address	Applications to be sent via regional offices (see guidance for details)
Website	http://www.awardsforall.org.uk/england/index.html
E-mail	mailto:general.enquiries@awardsforall.org.uk
Telephone	0845 600 20 40 or textphone 0845 755 6656

Big Challenge

UnLtd and Changemakers (funded by v and Vodafone)

Competition open to any 16 to 25 year-old who has an idea for a project or campaign that helps other young people lead more positive and healthy lives. Applications for 2009 must focus on one of four areas: drugs, sex and alcohol; sustainable living; gang culture; and healthy living.

Amounts	Funding pot of £60,000 (winners will have their project costs paid for and receive support and mentoring to help them put their ideas into practice).
When to apply	2008/09 challenge has now closed. The second Big Challenge will be launched during summer 2009 – check website for details.
Application process	Application form available from the website. Applications may also be submitted as a film, a written piece, a presentation or any other creative format. Shortlisting is undertaken by young people from the Big Challenge Youth Leadership Team before final vote by the public.
Address	Big Challenge, UnLtd, 123 Whitecross Street, London EC1Y 8JJ
Website	http://www.bigchallenge.org.uk/howToApply.aspx
E-mail	mailto:bigchallenge@unltd.org.uk
Telephone	0207 5661129



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Benevolent Fund

Weaver's Company

Fund's priority areas are on helping disadvantaged young people, aged 5 to 30, and offenders and ex-offenders, particularly those aged under 30. Prefers to fund local organisations such as those working in a village, estate or small town and who should normally have an income of less than £100,000.

Amounts	up to £15,000 per annum
Duration	up to three years
When to apply	Grants committee meet February, June and October. Applications to be received at least 10 weeks before next committee meeting.
Application process	Application form available for downloading from the website. Applicants informed of outcome within two weeks of a grants committee meeting.
Contact	
Address	Saddlers' House, Gutter Lane, London EC2V 6BR
Website	http://weavers.jhadmin.net
E-mail	charity@weavers.org.uk
Telephone	020 7606 1155

Community Action Programme

HBOS Foundation

Grants programme focusing on supporting two key themes of money advice and financial literacy, and activity aimed at developing and improving local communities in the UK.

Amounts	up to £10,000
Duration	
When to apply	Any time
Application process	Application form available from website. Decisions on applications made within two to four months of receipt.
Contact	
Address	Po Box No 5, The Mound, Edinburgh EH1 1YZ
Website	http://www.hbosfoundation.org/
E-mail	
Telephone	



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Community Cash Awards

The Prince's Trust

Grant scheme to help young people set up a project that will benefit their community. The scheme targets young people aged 14-16 in school but struggling, or those aged 16-25, unemployed or working less than 16 hours a week. Projects must be run and managed by young people, clearly benefit the local community, benefit the people running the project; and be a new or developing project.

Amounts	up to £5,000
Duration	
When to apply	Any time
Application process	Apply online
Contact	
Address	18 Park Square East, London NW1 4LH
Website	www.princes-trust.org.uk
E-mail	
Telephone	0800 842 842

Community Dividend

The Co-operative

Scheme makes grants to local community groups, self-help groups, voluntary organisations and community charities across the UK. It supports a wide range of activities and facilities with an emphasis on projects that seek to relieve poverty, improve education or other purposes benefiting the community.

Amounts	Between £100 and £5,000
Duration	
When to apply	Any time
Application process	Application form available from website. Decision on applications made by local Co-operative Group area committee. Applicants informed of outcome within four months.
Contact	
Address	The Co-operative Group, Customer Relations, Freepost MR9473, Manchester M4 8BA
Website	http://www.co-operative.coop/en/community-fund
E-mail	community.fund@co-op.coop
Telephone	0800 068 6727



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Community Spaces

Groundwork

Range of small, medium, large and flagship grants for community groups across England that hope to create and improve their local environment. The programme is particularly keen to receive applications from youth groups for their own projects - importance is placed on young people being fully involved in projects and where possible leading projects that are of direct benefit to them.

Amounts	starting at £10,000
Duration	Various - see website.
When to apply	Small and medium grant applications - any time. Large and flagship grants - by January 2009.
Application process	Short form to be submitted via the website before online application is provided. Small and medium grant applications receive decisions within 10 weeks. Medium and flagship applications follow a second stage application process with decisions made 12 weeks thereafter.
Contact	
Address	Groundwork, Lockside, 5 Scotland Street, Birmingham B1 2RR
Website	http://www.community-spaces.org.uk/
E-mail	info@community-spaces.org.uk
Telephone	0121 2368565

Faiths in Action

Community Development Foundation

Communities and Local Government (CLG) funded grants programme which aims to bring communities together, promoting positive relationships and collaborative social action between people of different religions and beliefs. Grant will support a wide variety of local activities in a range of community settings. Priority areas include: developing the confidence and skills to "bridge" and "link"; supporting shared spaces for interaction and social action; developing structures and processes which support dialogue and social action; improving opportunities for learning which build understanding. Within these, work with a significant focus on women or young people, particularly where they have been involved in the planning of activities, will be given priority.

Amounts	up to £2,500 (round 2)
Duration	
When to apply	Grants will be distributed in two rounds. Round one is now closed. Round two will open in July 2009.
Application process	Application form and guidance available for download. CDF is also running a number of briefing events - see website for details.
Contact	
Address	
Website	http://www.cfdnetwork.co.uk/node/277
E-mail	
Telephone	01223 400 341



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Foundation for Sports and Arts

Littlewoods Gaming

Supports a wide range of sports and arts based activities where there is clearly beneficial impact across the community, particularly encouraging the active participation of young people.

Amounts	up to £40,000
Duration	
When to apply	Scheme ends March 2012 - no new applications for funding accepted beyond March 2009.
Application process	Applications to be made using online form available from the website.
Contact	
Address	Walton House, 55 Charnock Road, Walton, Liverpool L67 1AA
Website	http://www.thefsa.net/application.htm
E-mail	contact@thefsa.net
Telephone	0151 259 5505

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KidsOut

Provides small financial grants for disadvantaged and special needs children up to the age of 18 for activities or equipment that will give them fun and happiness. This can include holidays (UK only), fun days out, residential trips, activities or play equipment. KidsOut is currently only accepting funding for individuals and their families.

Amounts	No set amount (part funding expected from applicant)
Duration	
When to apply	Any time
Application process	All applications are judged on individual circumstances and merit. The application is considered by a committee, which meets four times a year. The process can take 3 – 6 months.
Address	14 Church Square, Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire LU7 1AE
Website	http://www.kidsout.org.uk/v2/what/funds
E-mail	kidsout@kidsout.org.uk
Telephone	01525 385252



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Grassroots grants

Community Development Foundation

Grants programme divided into two parts; small grants programme supporting community activities and an endowment fund, running from 2008-2011. The grants are open to small, local voluntary and community groups with an annual income below £20,000.

Amounts	Between £250 and £5,000
Duration	
When to apply	Any time
Application process	Applications should be made to Local Grassroot Funders appointed by CDF. List of contacts available from the website.
Address	See website for list of local funders
Website	http://www.cdf.org.uk/bfora/systems/xmlviewer/default.asp?arg=DS_CDF_TECHART_23/page.xsl/27&xsl_argx=3
E-mail	
Telephone	

Hedley Foundation

Grants for specific one-off projects, with young people's education, recreation, support, training, health and welfare as its main objective.

Amounts	Average grant awarded at £3,000
Duration	
When to apply	Any time
Application process	Application form available from website. Trustees meet six times per year to consider applications.
Address	The Hedley Foundation, 1-3 College Hill, London EC4R 2RA
Website	http://www.hedleyfoundation.org.uk
E-mail	mailto:pbarker@hedleyfoundation.org.uk
Telephone	



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Help Yourselfes

British Gas and Save the Children

Small grants programme supporting projects led by young people and addressing issues such as education, employment and self confidence. Projects should aim to improve the life chances of young people in the most vulnerable and disadvantaged groups, and for higher level awards, those living in communities experiencing severe poverty. Projects should be entirely young people led or be working with children and young people to develop their ideas.

Amounts	up to £1,000
Duration	Projects to be completed within the timescale given for each round (usually over three month period).
When to apply	See website for details of next round.
Application process	Successful applicants notified within 2-3 months of receipt of application.
Address	Save the Children, 5th Floor, Hawthorns House, Halfords Lane, Smethwick, West Midlands B66 1BB
Website	www.helpyourselves.org.uk
E-mail	mailto:helpyourselves@savethechildren.org.uk
Telephone	

It's Your Community

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Grants scheme to help people make real differences to their communities. It funds a range of projects focusing on four categories: rebuild and restore; cultural; active; green and clean.

Amounts	Up to £1,000
Duration	Grant to assist with sustainable projects continuing once the grant is spent.
When to apply	Apply when ready to spend - grants awarded monthly
Application process	Apply online. Successful applicants notified within 28 days.
Address	
Website	http://www.itsyourcommunity.co.uk
E-mail	hello@itsyourcommunity.co.uk
Telephone	0800 902 0250



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My Mediabox, Mid/Big Mediabox, Mix Mediabox

Mediabox

Funds which offer disadvantaged 13 to 19 year olds in England the opportunity to develop and produce their own creative media projects. Funds aimed at organisations working with young people are also available.

<i>Amounts</i>	From £1,000
<i>Duration</i>	
<i>When to apply</i>	New funding rounds available from April 2009
<i>Application process</i>	See website.
<i>Address</i>	
<i>Website</i>	http://www.media-box.co.uk/funding_choose.php
<i>E-mail</i>	mailto:info@mediabox.co.uk
<i>Telephone</i>	0121 753 4866

Platform 2

Christian Aid, BUNAC, Islamic Relief

Three year programme providing fully-funded opportunities for 18-25 year olds to volunteer for 10 weeks in a developing country. The scheme is aimed at those who wouldn't normally get the chance to volunteer abroad. On their return to the UK participants attend a three day residential workshop where they design a personal activity plan to share their experiences and raise awareness of development issues within their own communities.

<i>Amounts</i>	
<i>Duration</i>	10 weeks
<i>When to apply</i>	See website
<i>Application process</i>	Application forms available from the website. Suitable applicants will be invited for interview.
<i>Address</i>	Platform2, 16 Bowling Green Lane, London, EC1R 0QH
<i>Website</i>	http://www.myplatform2.com/about/
<i>E-mail</i>	
<i>Telephone</i>	



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Small grant schemes

Football Foundation

Range of grants designed to improve facilities, create opportunities and build communities in grass roots football. It includes the Community Scheme which provides funding up to £250,000 for projects that use football and sport as a force for social change and that aim to address social exclusion and inequalities in education and health. The Small Grants scheme offers up to £9,000 for activities that aim to increase participation by players and volunteers in grassroots football. Funding is also available to replace unsafe goalposts and provide junior football kits to support under-18 teams and adults with disabilities.

Amounts	Various
Duration	Various - Community Scheme projects last between one and five years.
When to apply	Any time.
Application process	Apply online or request paper application form.
Contact	See website for key contacts for individual scheme
Address	
Website	http://www.footballfoundation.org.uk/
E-mail	enquiries@footballfoundation.org.uk
Telephone	0845 345 4555

Small grants programme

Nationwide Foundation

Small grants programme forming part of the Foundation's Supporting Families programme which aims to tackle disadvantage and deprivation. Priority themes include domestic violence, prisoner's families, and young offenders. The young offenders strand supports projects designed to provide young people who are, or have been, involved with the criminal justice system with rehabilitation programmes; these would provide opportunities to obtain the skills, confidence and personal support networks to enable them to lead fulfilled and successful lives. Applications can include projects working with young ex-offenders and those at risk of offending, as well as those who are in or are leaving custody. Activities funded include those that improve access to services and help develop basic skills such as literacy and numeracy courses, arts education, social and life skills.

Amounts	up to £5,000
Duration	
When to apply	Any time
Application process	See website for application form and guidance notes. Decisions made within three months.
Address	The Nationwide Foundation, Nationwide House, Pipers Way, Swindon SN38 2SN
Website	http://www.nationwidefoundation.org.uk/funding.asp
E-mail	enquiries@nationwidefoundation.org.uk
Telephone	01793 655113



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Small grants scheme

Percy Bilton Charity

Small grants scheme assisting one of three priority group including disadvantaged or underprivileged young people under 25. Funding focuses on activities and facilities for supported housing schemes and educational and training projects to divert disadvantaged young people who may be homeless and/or unemployed away from crime, substance/alcohol misuse and homelessness. Funding for facilities for recreational activities and outdoor pursuits specifically for young people who are educationally or socially underprivileged or disadvantaged are also considered.

Amounts	up to £500
Duration	
When to apply	Any time
Application process	Application form available for downloading from the website. Applications considered monthly.
Address	Bilton House, 7 Culmington Road, Ealing, London, W13 9NB
Website	http://www.percybiltoncharity.org.uk/index.htm
E-mail	
Telephone	020 8579 2829

Tudor Trust

Trust is keen to support work across the UK which addresses the social, emotional and financial needs of people at the margins of our society. They are particularly interested in helping smaller, under-resourced organisations which offer direct services and which involve the people they work with in their planning. Established funding areas include: youth, community relationships, substance abuse, and homelessness.

Amounts	No set amount
Duration	Usually over one, two or three years.
When to apply	
Application process	Two stage process. First stage proposals include an introductory letter. Those invited to stage two will be informed within one month. Decisions on most applications made within three months of progression to second stage.
Address	7 Ladbrook Grove, London W11 3BD
Website	http://www.tudortrust.org.uk/
E-mail	
Telephone	020 77278522



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Funding initiative for young people aged 16-25 in England, who want to set up a volunteering project in their local community. Projects must create at least three new volunteering opportunities for 16-25 year olds, be youth-led, take place in England and benefit a chosen community.

Amounts	Up to £2,500
Duration	
When to apply	See website for details of current round.
Application process	Application available for downloading from website.
Address	
Website	http://www.vinspired.com/vbuzz/campaigns/171/
E-mail	info@vinspired.com
Telephone	0800 089 9000 or text 'v' to 80010 and someone will call back

Vocalise!

Youth Music

Open grants programme which encourages music making for children and young people aged 5-18 (or up to 25 for those with special education needs, disabilities or in detention). The Vocalise! strand provides grants between £5,000 and £20,000 for activities where the voice is the main instrument, including traditional choral singing or popular music styles with or without microphones. Make it Sound gives priority to proposals that include music-making activities for children and young people who find it hard to access opportunities that may help them to develop and progress - grants of between £10,000 and £200,000 are available for this strand.

Amounts	Between £5,000 - £20,000
Duration	No less than 6 months and no more than 18 months (Vocalise!) or 24 months (Make it Sound)
When to apply	Any time
Application process	Register interest online to receive an application form and 'hot tips' guidance.
Contact	
Address	One America Street, London, SE1 0NE
Website	www.youthmusic.org.uk
E-mail	info@youthmusic.org.uk
Telephone	020 7902 1060



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Wakeham Trust

Focus is on projects where an initial small grant can make a real difference to getting the project up and running. The Trust is especially keen to help groups who are usually considered recipients of voluntary action (eg. young offenders) when these people themselves become involved in helping other groups in the community. The Trust does not fund organisations which are well established or which employ staff.

Amounts	Between £75 and £750
Duration	
When to apply	Any time
Application process	Apply in writing against headings provided on the website or by completing an online application form.
Address	Wakeham House, Rogate, Petersfield, Hants GU31 5EJ
Website	http://www.wakehamtrust.org
E-mail	wakehamtrust@mac.com
Telephone	01730 821748

What's the Big Idea? Award, Pilot Award and Studio Award

First Light Movies

UK wide grant scheme aimed at organisations working with young people between five and 19 on film making projects. Includes two production funding streams (Pilot and Studio Awards) and one script development strand (What's the Big Idea? Award).

Amounts	£3,000, £5,000 and £30,000 (match funding required)
Duration	
When to apply	Four rounds per year - see website for details of next round
Application process	Register online to download guidelines and application form. Funding decisions notified in writing within two months of any deadline.
Address	Unit 6 Third Floor, The Bond, 180 - 182 Fazeley Street, Birmingham B5 5SE
Website	http://www.firstlightmovies.com/funding/
E-mail	mailto:info@firstlightmovies.com
Telephone	0121 7534866

Young Roots

Heritage Lottery Foundation

Grants for youth projects involving young people aged 13 to 25 in heritage-related learning and action.

Amounts	Between £5,000 and £25,000
Duration	Up to 18 months.
When to apply	Any time - rolling programme.
Application process	Decisions on applications within 10 weeks of receipt.
Address	See website for regional contacts
Website	http://www.hlf.org.uk/English/HowToApply/OurGrantGivingProgrammes/YoungRoots/
E-mail	enquire@hlf.org.uk
Telephone	020 7591 6000



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Youth in Action

Youth Action Network

Youth in Action Small Grants offers grants of up to £500 to groups of young people to plan and run their own youth-led projects, events or activities during National Volunteers' Week which takes place each year between 1-7 June.

Amounts	£500
Duration	
When to apply	In advance of National Volunteers Week - see website for details
Application process	Apply online
Address	Crest House, 7 Highfield Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 3ED
Website	http://www.youthactionnetwork.org.uk/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=532
E-mail	info@youthactionnetwork.org.uk
Telephone	0121 455 9732

Youth in Action - Youth Exchanges

Connect Youth International

Grants for groups of young people on bilateral exchanges travelling or hosting their partners. They can include help with the preparation for a youth exchange by giving the organisers grants for Advance Planning Visits.

The Youth for Europe scheme encourages young people's active participation and the development of their concept of citizenship. It has three strands: Youth Exchanges, with partner organisations at bilateral, trilateral or multi-lateral level; Youth Initiatives at either the local/regional level, or at the transnational level; and Youth Democracy projects. The European Voluntary Service allows individual young people aged 18 to 30 to volunteer in another European country for up to a year. Short-term placements (3 weeks to 6 months) are also available for young people who face real disadvantages (e.g. physically, mentally or economically). Group EVS, an addition to the programme, allows young people to undertake collective volunteering activities. EVS activities include: projects within the care sector, working with children, people with disabilities or with the elderly; with young people in creative settings plus ecological or environmental projects.

Amounts	
Duration	The minimum duration of a project should be 7 days.
When to apply	See website for deadlines.
Application process	Applications available via the website.
Address	
Website	http://www.britishcouncil.org/connectyouth-our-programmes.htm
E-mail	
Telephone	



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Youth Opportunity Fund

Central government - Department for Children, Schools and Families

Funds available to young people aged 13 to 19 to develop their own community based projects - money can be used to buy equipment or fund activities. Funds are also available to assist with building and facilities costs (Youth Capital Fund).

Amounts	Varies between local YOF panels - funding of £173m available until March 2011
Duration	Contact local YOF Panel for details
When to apply	Contact local YOF Panel for details.
Application process	Applications should be made to individual local authorities and decisions will be made by 'youth panels' of local young people.
Contact	See website for local contacts
Address	
Website	http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/YoungPeople/Youthfunds/DG_067006
E-mail	
Telephone	

YouthBank

YouthBank UK

Grant making initiative run by young people for young people. Local YouthBanks provide small grants to fund young people's good ideas to benefit their local community. Decisions about who to fund are made by panels of 'grant-givers' made up of young people from the local area. Funding criteria and application process varies between

Amounts	Varies between individual YouthBanks
Duration	Varies between individual YouthBanks
When to apply	Varies between individual YouthBanks
Application process	Contact local YouthBank for application details.
Address	See YouthBank UK website to find details of nearest YouthBank
Website	http://www.youthbank.org.uk/
E-mail	youthbank@nya.org.uk
Telephone	0116 2427446