This month’s featured funds:

Angus Environmental Trust
Bank of Scotland Foundation - Small Grants Programme
Big Lottery Fund - Community Spaces **NEW**
Cycle Friendly Communities Fund, Cycling Scotland
Douwe Egberts
Nexus Young Achiever Award **NEW**
Percy Bilton Charity
Rural Priorities Axis 3
Scottish Community Foundation - Our Community Our Future programme
Shell U.K. Limited Community Awards Charitable Fund **NEW**
SUBWAY and Heart Research UK - Healthy Heart Grant
The Triangle Trust 1949 Fund
The True Colours Trust
The Tudor Trust

EXTERNAL FUNDING TEAM NEWS
While electrical work continues at our office in County Buildings, Forfar, we are currently located at: Print and Design Unit, Sylvie Way, Orchardbank Business Park Forfar, DD8 1AY. However, mail should still be directed to County Buildings, and our telephone numbers and email addresses remain unchanged.

EXTERNAL FUNDING SURGERIES
We have arranged the next round of funding surgeries, all from 2pm – 4.30pm. The dates are as follows.
- Carnoustie – ACCESS office, Thurs 19 May
- Monifieth – ACCESS office, Mon 23 May
- Forfar – ACCESS office, Thurs 26 May
- Montrose – ACCESS office Mon 6 June
- Newtyle – ACCESS office Thurs 9 June

If you wish to book a slot (around 20-30 minutes per consultation), please contact externalfunding@angus.gov.uk giving your preferred time, or tel Eddie Findlay on 01307 473264. If these times are unsuitable and you wish to discuss a funding issue, please get in touch and we can arrange to see you at your convenience.

WWW.ANGUS4COMMUNITY.COM
Does your group need funding? If so why not register on our website www.angus4community.com which allows you to produce your own funding searches, find out details of up and coming events and much more. Over the last month there were a total of 42 users on the site with this being made up of 9 new Angus users, 23 repeat Angus users, 2 new users from out with Angus and 8 repeat non Angus users. If you would like to find out more about this site or would like a trial demonstration or help using it, please contact Bruce Thomson on 01307 473350.
ANGUS COUNCIL COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME

We've had a flood of applications in during the last couple of weeks. Applications for over £1,000 will go to the next Infrastructure Committee on 23 August as there is no committee during the summer recess.

Please remember that the guidelines indicate you should apply at least two months before your project begins and we cannot fund any aspect of your project or event retrospectively. If you are applying for £1,000 or less your project can be assessed and a decision made quite quickly, but for over £1,000 grant recommendations are ratified or rejected at Committee.

You can download the application form and guidelines from http://www.angus.gov.uk/externalfunding/communitygrant/default.html

If you are applying for a grant towards an event, please contact us before applying.

If you have any queries over the Angus Council Community Grant Scheme, or request assistance with your application form, please contact Alison Smith on 01307 473222 or contact externalfunding@angus.gov.uk

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COMMUNITY

BIG LOTTERY FUND - COMMUNITY SPACES PROGRAMME

**NEW IN JUNE**

The scheme - The programme aims to support communities to come together around a space or place that matters to them, helping those spaces and places be better used, and the communities to improve the environment and to work together to be healthier and more active. The kinds of projects they might fund include parks and community gardens, outdoor play areas, allotments and community centres or meeting spaces.

Projects will be required to meet all the following outcomes:

1. Communities come together to make better use of local spaces and places
2. Communities come together to improve their environment
3. Communities come together to get healthier and be more active

The programme will be geographically targeted to ensure it focuses on communities that need the funding most. This will be based on the Index of Multiple Deprivation and a population model to specifically address urban and rural areas. With this model, approximately 28% of Scotland’s total population will live in areas that are eligible to apply. Applicants will be able to check the eligibility of their space or place through the Big Lottery Fund website by entering the postcode of their project base.

Eligibility - Voluntary and community groups, community councils and schools are all eligible to apply. Local authorities cannot apply as lead applicants under this programme however a partnership approach between eligible groups and local authorities is eligible.

Amount - Organisations will be able to apply for grants of between £10,000 and £250,000 for capital or revenue projects (expected average grant around £100k). Applications will require a minimum of 5% match funding which can be in-kind.

Deadline - There will be deadlines for applications and there will be a 2 stage application process. There will also be a fast-track route for applications that either don’t require planning permission or have it already. Further details will be provided in the near future but to allow for early planning and to gauge interest in a possible event on this topic that the External Funding Team will host we would be grateful for any outline ideas to be forwarded to externalfunding@angus.gov.uk by the end of May.
SCOTTISH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION - OUR COMMUNITY OUR FUTURE PROGRAMME
The scheme - to assist groups of motivated community members to explore an issue further, get more people involved, get their group organised, develop a plan of action and move to the next stage. The emphasis is on communities coming together to achieve positive change, particularly in response to new challenges and trends which affect people whose voices may not be heard.
Unlike most of the Foundation's work, Our Community Our Future isn't about making grants to support community activity. Instead, it's about members of the SCF team working with groups of people to help them come together to plan, take action, and have an influence on issues that are important to their future. However, there will be a budget of up to £5,000 to help group’s commission research, training or further learning, or implement an action plan.
Contact - www.scottishcf.org/OCOF or by email to ocof@scottishcf.org
Deadline – 6 June 2011 for expressions of interest

ENVIRONMENT

ANGUS ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST
The scheme - Angus Environmental Trust supports a broad range of community driven environmental projects using funding paid into the trust by Angus Council to offset part of its landfill tax liability. AET have extended their remit and accept funding requests from village hall groups for renewable energy projects.
Amount – various
Contact – Gill Phillips on 01307 473334 or email PhillipsGE@angus.gov.uk
Deadline – apply at anytime.

CYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES FUND, CYCLING SCOTLAND
The scheme - The fund aims to increase the wellbeing of communities, enabling more people to have more opportunities to cycle and to use cycling as a way to achieve local outcomes.
Amount - Grants of up to £5,000 are available to projects that demonstrate effective ways of delivering benefits to communities through cycling.
Contact - Full information on the fund and application forms can be found here.
Deadline - 30 May at 12 noon

DOUWE EGBERTS
The scheme - Douwe Egberts UK has opened a competition to small charities with entry via Facebook only, open to registered charities in the UK with an income between £5,000 and £50,000 per annum. They are looking for ‘Local Stars’ charities - which work closely with their local communities and their final shortlist will be judged on this basis.
The theme is Re-fill, Re-use, Re-cycle and every project submitted to the competition should fit into one of the three pre-defined categories:
• A ‘Re-use’ project is defined by one which is low on funding.
• A ‘Re-fill’ project is defined by one which is falling into disrepair and need restoration.
• A ‘Re-cycle’ project is defined by one which is aiming to transform something unusable into something useful.
Amount – there is a prize of up to £10,000
Contact - The competition is run only via a designated Facebook page. The address is www.facebook.com/douweegbertsuk. Those without a Facebook account will need to register first.
Deadline – not given

HEALTH

SUBWAY AND HEART RESEARCH UK - HEALTHY HEART GRANT
The scheme - Charities and community groups in selected regions (Arbroath is included) can seek funding for projects that promote heart health (and not just healthy lifestyles).
Amount – up to £10,000
Contact - http://www.heartresearch.org.uk/grants/subwayhhg
Deadline - In Scotland the application period is 1 May to 30 June 2011.
BANK OF SCOTLAND FOUNDATION - SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME
The scheme - accepts applications from charities registered in Scotland. The Foundation focuses its investment strategy around two themes:

- Developing and improving local communities (for example, projects which bring people back into the community who may have been excluded; Enhancing learning opportunities across all ages and sectors.
- Financial literacy, financial inclusion and social housing

Amount – up to £20,000
Contact - For more information and to download an application form, please visit www.bankofscotlandfoundation.org/small-grants-programme
Deadlines - 19 July and 14 October 2011

PERCY BILTON CHARITY
The scheme - Grants are made to organisations and individuals in need throughout the UK.

- Registered charities assisting disadvantaged youth, people with disabilities and older people may apply for grants towards capital expenditure.
- Social workers may apply on the behalf of individuals who have a disability or mental health problem, or who are over 65, for grants to purchase basic furniture, equipment and clothing.

Eligibility - Only registered charities in the UK, whose primary objectives are to assist one or more of the following groups can apply:

- Disadvantaged/underprivileged young people (persons under 25)
- People with disabilities (physical or learning disabilities or mental health problems)
- Older people (aged over 60)

Amount – small grants up to £500 and large grants -one off payments for capital expenditure of approximately £2,000 and over.
Contact - http://www.percybiltoncharity.org.uk/index.htm

SHELL U.K. LIMITED COMMUNITY AWARDS CHARITABLE FUND

The scheme - The fund will support community activities in Aberdeen City, Aberdeenshire, Fife and Angus. The Fund will support registered charities and constituted community projects with a focus on:

- Education, Arts, music and culture
- Environment
- Safety
- Social inclusion
- IT

Amount - Grants of £250 to £2,000 are available, and will be administered through Scottish Community Foundation’s Express Grants programme.

Contact - Please use the following link to apply for an Express Grant at http://www.scottishcf.org/pub/a/65/Express%20Grants%20Application%20&%20Guidelines%20July%202010.doc

THE TRIANGLE TRUST 1949 FUND
The scheme - accepts applications from charity organisations for projects that support carers, community arts and education disability, older people, poverty, integration and rehabilitation. Preference will be given to smaller charities, charities which serve a locality or region of the UK, rather than national charities, and causes which find it more difficult to raise funds from the general public. The Trust accepts appeals for project and core costs but not capital funding.

Amount - Grants are normally in the range of £1,000 and £10,000.
Contact - www.thetrianglesfundtrust.org.uk for further information
Deadline – 12 August for 6 October decision

THE TUDOR TRUST
The scheme - the Tudor Trust has published new guidelines covering the period April 2011 to March 2012. The Trust is one of the largest independent grant-making trusts covering the whole of the UK, with annual spending in the order of £18 million; the trustees are not obsessed with innovation for innovation’s sake; the Trust supports work across a wide range of needs, focusing on helping people at the margins of society and tackling the root causes of their problems. The Trust supports work that “tries to meet the many different needs of people at the margins of our society”. It is interested in how organisations tackle the needs and the root causes of problems. The trustees want to encourage growth, progression and development and not simply keep things as they are. It prefers to support organisations with a turnover of less than £1 million.
Grants are made to organisations with income below £50,000 and it is rare that one with a turnover of more than £1 million gets a grant. Applicants do not have to be registered charities, but the activity must be charitable.

**Amount** - Grants average around £55,000. Grants can cover core costs, project costs or capital development needs. Money can also be spent on an organisation’s capacity building. Loans can be given if they most suit your requirements. There is no minimum of maximum grant level. Most grants are for one, two or three years though longer ones are possible if you can show that the extra time is required to make a complex problem approachable.

**Contact** - The Trust’s updated guidelines can be downloaded at [http://www.tudortrust.org.uk/](http://www.tudortrust.org.uk/)

**Deadline** - There are no application deadlines. Allow about a month for a decision on whether your initial application can progress to stage two. If so, allow a further three months for a final decision to be made. The first stage proposal should include:

- A brief introductory letter on your organisation’s letterhead providing background information
- An organisation details sheet,
- A copy of your most recent annual accounts and annual report.
- The answer to four questions: What difference do you want to make, and how will your organisation achieve this? Why are you the right organisation to do this work? How do you know there is a need for your work, and who benefits from the work that you do? How would you use the funding from Tudor?

The Trust will field questions about the specifics of their guidelines, but they do not enter into early negotiations about applications, preferring instead to receive the first-stage bid and work from there. The Information Team is available on 020 7727 8522.

**RURAL PRIORITIES AXIS 3**

To date, over 50 community organisations have been supported through Rural Priorities. These organisations have secured over £10.5 million of SRDP grant funding for a wide range of projects, all of which will significantly contribute to community resilience and sustainability of rural life. Individual grants have ranged from £5,000 to £750,000 plus.

The timing of the next RPAC for Axis 3 (rural enterprise and rural communities) projects will be announced at a later date as this announcement requires ministerial approval. The Scottish Government hope to confirm the date soon now that the Scottish Parliamentary elections have taken place. The February 2011 RPACs fully committed Axis 3 funding for financial year 2011 - 2012. Future RPAC(s) will therefore only be considering those projects with a start date beyond April 2012. It is likely that community groups and organisations will have most interest in Axis 3 Options as these include support for renewable energy generation, area access and micro enterprises. The Rural Direct Briefing on Rural Priorities options open to community groups can be viewed at [http://www.ruralgateway.org.uk/sites/default/files/RD%20Briefing%20%20Community%20Options%20%20Rural%20Priorities%20%20%20rev%200910.pdf](http://www.ruralgateway.org.uk/sites/default/files/RD%20Briefing%20%20Community%20Options%20%20Rural%20Priorities%20%20%20rev%200910.pdf)

**TRAVEL**

**WINSTON CHURCHILL MEMORIAL TRUST**

The scheme - Would experience overseas enhance your effectiveness in your career or field of interest? Could this bring real benefits and positive change to your community, the UK and yourself? Fellows receive a travel grant to cover return and internal travelling, daily living and insurance within the countries visited. Travel should last a minimum of 4 weeks.

The categories for 2012 are:

- Art History
- Communities that Work
- Discovery and Exploration,
- Medical and Health
- Education and Vocational Training,
- Environment
- Food and Rural affairs
- Innovation and the Public Services
- Science, Engineering and Technology
- The Arts and Older People
- Open

**Contact** – visit [http://www.wcmt.org.uk/](http://www.wcmt.org.uk/) for full details, eligibility, criteria and to apply

**Deadline** – 4 October 2012
THE TRUE COLOURS TRUST
The scheme focuses on the major barriers and challenges expressed by families, children and young people with complex disabilities and/or life-limiting and life-threatening conditions. We work closely with organisations that share our ambitions to provide imaginative, practical and often ground-breaking services in addition to delivering programmes that bring about sustained change both at a policy or practice level. The Trustees are committed to supporting a large number of excellent local organisations and projects that support disabled children and their families on a daily basis.

The Trustees are particularly keen to support:

- Hydrotherapy pools
- Multi sensory rooms
- Mini buses
- Young carers projects
- Sibling projects
- Bereavement support

Amount - grants of up to £10,000, usually for one-off purposes, to help smaller organisations develop and deliver programmes for children, their siblings and families.

Contact - http://www.truecolourstrust.org.uk/small_grants.aspx

Deadline - apply at any time

NEXUS YOUNG ACHIEVER AWARD
The scheme – Business Networking International's local branch, Nexus, based in Montrose, launched the Nexus Young Achiever Award on Friday, 5th May.

From 2007-2010, Nexus members raised £1,000 annually for a Young Employee of the Year Award. This year, a new award is available – the Nexus Young Achiever Award (NYAA).

There are many young people who deserve to be recognised for their achievements, and this is a fantastic opportunity for these to be recognised. Some young people regularly give up their time to do good in the community, either in the voluntary sector, in their workplaces, doing their bit for charities, or caring for people.

Young people aged between 16-25 in Angus and the Mearns are eligible to be nominated if they have demonstrated excellence in any way. There are various criteria; Volunteer, Employee, Carer, Hero and Courage.

Family, friends, employers and all members of the public are invited to participate. If you know someone who would be eligible, please submit your nomination.

Amount - £1,000 cash prize
Contact – For further information and nomination forms, email Kirsten Tomlinson at kirsten.walker@virgin.net or contact Kirsten on 01674 677270 / 07749 827812
Deadline – 31 October 2011

EVENTS

18 May, Webster Theatre – Voluntary Arts Scotland – Make a Splash funding
Would you like more people to take part in your arts and crafts activities? Then the Make a Splash! information and training session may be able to help. The two-hour event looks at existing barriers to arts participation (often unintentional) and how to pull them down. They’ll also explore ways to spread the word about your activities and grow your group. Run by Voluntary Arts Scotland, Make a Splash! is backed by a small grants fund, where you can apply for £250-£2,000 to encourage long-term participation in the arts by trying something new.

Join them 30 minutes before the event for free food and refreshments.

To book your FREE place visit www.vascotland.org.uk/makeasplash

“NATURE IS THE BEST CLASSROOM IN THE WORLD” LATVIA 5 - 12 SEPTEMBER 2011
This is an environmental interpretation programme organised with the Natural History Museum in Latvia. The program includes visits to the amazing Tervete Nature Park where the environmental interpretation is second to none and to Vestiena at Pakalniesi where they are responsible for training forest owners and educating children...
about the natural environment by using their senses. Previous reports are available at http://www.archnetwork.co.uk/blog/ICHI2010/Latvia and provide excellent descriptions and photographs of the sites to be visited and the variety of interpretation on offer.

Arch provides fully funded study visits for trainers from Scotland's cultural heritage industry to visit organisations in other European countries to exchange best practice and establish new contacts and partnerships for future cooperation. European Partners work in a variety of contexts including cultural tourism, ‘living heritage’, traditional construction techniques and reconstruction, tourist network development and museums. These study visits are funded by the Leonardo da Vinci programme; the costs of travel, accommodation and subsistence are covered by the grant.

ICHI (Innovation in Cultural Heritage Interpretation) aims to develop the skills of Scottish professionals who train or coach others in the field of heritage interpretation and tourism. This will be done through a programme of exchanges with partners in 7 European countries: Romania, Bulgaria, Turkey, Iceland, Latvia, Estonia and Slovakia. 5/6 people will be sent to each country, spending 7 - 8 days participating in workshops, site visits, hands-on activities and seminars. This is intended to be an intellectual exchange –European partners will come to Scotland, but you are not obliged to host them.

ICHI offers wonderful opportunities to network with people doing similar work in Scotland. It's a great way to fulfill you CPD requirements and personal training plans for 2011. All of our partners welcome input from participants, they are very happy to adjust their itinerary to cover topics that are of specific interest to Scottish practitioners. Details of the programmes are available at http://www.archnetwork.co.uk/blog/ICHI2011 or email sheila@archnetwork.org. You can download an application form at: http://www.archnetwork.co.uk/blog/ApplicationForms

VILLAGE HALLS AND COMMUNITY BUILDINGS NETWORKING EVENT - 5 JULY 2011, 11.45AM – 5.00PM, BIRNAM ARTS AND CONFERENCE CENTRE, PERTHSHIRE

What will this event be about?
It will build on what was achieved by SCVO's 2008 Village Hall Summit in Aviemore, and SAC's 2008 Community Facilities in Rural Scotland research findings, which both identified the issues and challenges being faced by village halls and community buildings in rural Scotland. This event will focus on looking forward to explore how we are now overcoming these challenges, what support is available, and what else we can do to succeed, including the launch of the new Keystone quality award from SCVO which will support organisations managing community facilities. To register your interest in attending this event, please complete the online form at http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RuralNetworkSACeventreg

RAFFLE OPPORTUNITY
If any Angus groups take up this offer and raise money, please let us know
Small charities have a chance to raise money by offering a raffle prize that most could not on their own hope to acquire. The prize car in the FSI's Great Big small Charity Car Draw, a new Fiat 500 1.2 Pop, has been provided by sponsor Zurich Insurance.
Last year 211 small charities generated a total of £69,560 worth of ticket sales.
Charities can choose to take part either offline (paper tickets), online (via personalised purchasing links to pass on to their supporters to make ticket sales even easier) or both. They sell tickets for £2 and get to keep 95.2% of this, the rest being used to cover the FSI's admin costs.
To register your charity for the 2011 Great Big small Charity Car Draw, you need to register on the FSI Community. Then click on the 'Great Big small Charity Car Draw 2011' button on your community dashboard. www.smallcharitycardraw.co.uk

PUBLICATIONS

Energy saving village halls

GIMME, GIMME, GIMME!
THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS has a number of downloadable funding booklets on topics including:

- Introducing Funding and Finance for Voluntary and Community Organisations
- The Art of Raising Money: using marketing theory to stabilise and grow your income
- Understanding income streams - Funder Needs Analysis Tool
- Brief Guide to Loan finance for Trustees

These are available from [http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/advice-support/funding-finance/sustainable-funding/publications](http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/advice-support/funding-finance/sustainable-funding/publications)

SCOTTISH CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION (SCIO)
The SCIO is a new legal form that has been purpose built for the charity sector in Scotland. It provides limited liability and separate legal identity to organisations that want to become charities but do not want or need the complex structure of company law. SCIOs will be regulated by OSCR and do not need to register with Companies House. SCVO have prepared a guide to SCIOs available at [http://www.scvo.org.uk/information/organisational-structures/scottish-charitable-incorporated-organisation-scio/](http://www.scvo.org.uk/information/organisational-structures/scottish-charitable-incorporated-organisation-scio/)

SUST FUNDING DIRECTORY
Sust.org is Scotland's first dedicated website to sustainable design in architecture and the built environment. The Sust funding directory pulls together the relevant information about Sustainability Grants available in Scotland: what grants are available, their criteria, funding levels, application processes and much more. Search the directory at [http://www.sust.org/tfd/](http://www.sust.org/tfd/)

PARTNER SEARCHES – EUROPEAN NETWORK FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT
Finland – "Young People In Developing Rural Villages"
An international LEADER project to promote the active citizenship of young people living in the rural areas. That objective happens by strengthening young people’s voice in decision making, by supporting the attractive living environment of young people in the rural area, by promoting the vitality of areas and by strengthening the international collaboration. They invite future partners to attend the AMAZING LEADER in Finland August 2011 [http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=103071233092675](http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=103071233092675)

- in rural areas there are many cultural initiatives which, because of the specificity of their setting-up, develop very innovative projects due to their approach of the territory & of the inhabitants. Unlike urban projects, these initiatives often suffer from a strong isolation, because of their geographical situation & a gap in the exchange and the transmission of good practices.

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