

WHAT FUNDS

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Heritage Lottery Fund - Funding for Anniversaries

The HLF will make awards totalling at least £10m over the next four years to fund projects exploring the heritage of some of the UK's most important anniversaries.

The money will be invested to ensure that those moments which form a central part of our national history are commemorated and understood by people today.

This new emphasis for their funding reflects the fact there is enormous enthusiasm to provide more opportunities to foster the sense of community spirit and national pride that anniversaries, such as the Diamond Jubilee, can inspire.

If you are considering a project in the next few years, it might highlight important historical dates that will resonate with people and communities across the UK. For example:

- The centenary of Dylan Thomas' birth
- The 800th anniversary of the Magna Carta
- The Bicentenary of the Battle of Waterloo
- 150th anniversary of Beatrix Potter's birth
- 50 years since England won the football World Cup
- 50 years since the first solo sailing circumnavigation of the world from west to east.

HLF can provide funding to help groups, communities and organisations mark these anniversaries by exploring, conserving and sharing their heritage. They are offering grants from £3,000 - £10,000; £10,000 - £100,000 and £100,000 upwards.

<http://www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/whatwefund/Anniversaries/Pages/Anniversaries.aspx>

Tel: 020 7591 6044

E-mail: anniversaries@hlf.org.uk

Boost Charitable Trust

Boost Charitable Trust was created in 2005 to build on over-looked sporting talent, to champion the disabled and disadvantaged and to inspire them to overcome their challenges through the power of sport.

Today, Boost supports a number of organisations with grants, since inception, totalling in excess of £750,000. The major focus is within the United Kingdom. All their activities, which you will find detailed in their website, are designed to give opportunities to those who wish to fulfill their sporting ambitions, at any level. Boost believes that sport is for everyone and they hope to work with people from all ages, races, colours, creeds and physical abilities. The Trust will only support charities or non-profit making organisations with a focus on sport.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

Tel: 020 7078 1955

E-mail: lucy.till@boostct.org

<http://www.boostct.org/index.htm>

The Bulldog Trust

This funding initiative aims to assist applicants right from the start of the application process by NOT requiring applicants to complete an application form but instead asking applicants to tell them what they need. This approach is aimed at addressing common problems faced by organisations lacking time to complete complicated application processes or who find it difficult to adjust their project to meet strict and very specific funding criteria. Funds come from The Golden Bottle Trust and the Bulldog Trust.

It is intended that applicants provide simple details of their organisation along with some basic figures to support their request for funding. There are no criteria, save that the project be charitable and that funding will really make a difference and move the organisation forward.

Trustees are looking to fund charities and organisations where either:

- The grant will generate a result which is proportionately much greater than just the small sum of money received, or
- The grant will allow the organisation to overcome a temporary hurdle, setting it on track to succeed in what it aims to do

Examples include: extending the reach of an existing offering, creating a new strand of work that strengthens sustainability, developing new partnerships, or simply becoming more organised within their own operations.

The next deadline is 14th November 2014.

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<http://www.bulldogtrust.org/grantmaking.htm>

Esmée Fairbairn - Merger Fund

This fund is intended to help organisations carry out any reasonable work that enables them to make the decision whether or not to merge. Applicants to the fund need to be at, or close to, the preliminary stage of discussions with an identified potential merger partner (or partners). The fund is not intended to meet costs associated with a merger once a firm decision is made to proceed but is for organisations uncertain about what the decision might involve or those who are unsure whether to proceed.

Applications will be considered for consultancy on pre-merger issues including feasibility work consultation with staff/beneficiaries/members/other stakeholders facilitation of discussions with the potential merger partner/s governance, planning, financial, legal, HR or communications advice and any other reasonable work.

Organisations may be able to gain advice from the Trust on where to seek suitable advisory support.

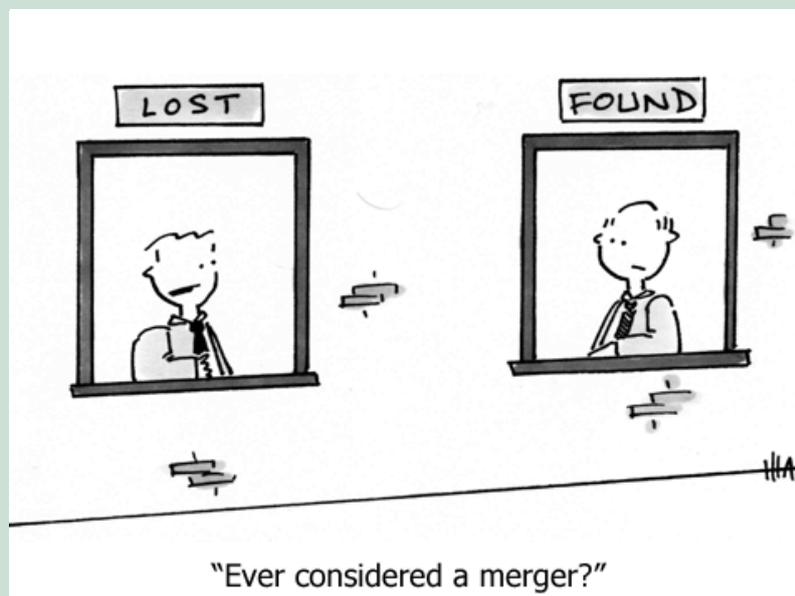
Esmee Fairbairn will assess applications based upon whether the potential merge will:

- be likely to improve policy and practice more widely
- lead to wider benefits for the local, regional or national sector
- have an impact on the efficiency and effectiveness of merged services; whether that be in increased numbers of beneficiaries, improved methodologies, expanded networks, longer term sustainability or increased quality, and have an impact on the wider sector beyond the immediate interests of the two (or more) organisations.

There is no closing date for the fund, but they are assessing applications as they come in and this means that once all the funds have been allocated new applications will not be considered.

<http://esmeefairbairn.org.uk/what-we-fund/sectors/merger-fund>

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Social Action End of Life Support Fund

The Cabinet Office and Hospice UK have launched a new £1 million fund focused on the social aspect of end-of-life support. The fund aims, in particular, to build on some of the existing ways in which volunteers are improving the experience of people at the end of life, and their families, by reducing isolation, meeting emotional needs, and helping them remain connected to the community.

There is no maximum or minimum grant size but it is expected that grants will be £50,000 or more.

Charitable and NHS hospices, hospitals, care homes, charities, public bodies, social enterprises and community enterprises are invited to apply. Privately-owned care homes will only be eligible where they are involved in a project led by a voluntary-sector partner.

Deadline: 7 November 2014

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/1-million-fund-to-support-people-at-end-of-life>

UK Groups Can Look Forward to Spring with a Grow Wild Grant

Local community groups wishing to bring people together to transform neglected and uninspiring community sites into spaces which everyone can enjoy have until 2 December 2014 to apply for funding for projects starting in March 2015.

Supported by funding from the Big Lottery Fund and led by Royal Botanic Gardens in Kew, Grow Wild is a four-year programme that aims to bring together community members, especially young people, to transform disused, unloved, neglected or uninspiring sites into a place that is attractive and useful by planting and sowing wild flowers, plants and trees that are native to the UK.

Grow Wild is looking to fund at least 60 community projects in 2015 across the UK. Grants of between £1,000 and £4,000 are available for planting projects that start in March and finish by October 2015. The total spend must equal £1,000, £2,500 or £4,000. The grants will be paid in full at the start of the project. Match funding is not required.

The funding can be used to cover costs specifically related to the Grow Wild project and can be used for materials, plants and seeds, and any volunteer costs. The Grow Wild Team likes to develop a close relationship with groups that receive funding. In addition to the funding, the team offers training and support in promoting the funded projects.

Applications will be accepted from voluntary, community and youth groups, charities, constituted not-for-profit groups, parish, town and community councils, and secondary schools since the focus is on people aged 12 to 25 years.

The deadline for applications is 2 December 2014 (midnight) and successful groups will be notified in February 2015.

Grow Wild's partners are Groundwork UK (England, Wales and Northern Ireland) and greenspace Scotland and Youth Scotland.

Full details can be found at: <https://www.growwilduk.com/>

Comic Relief - UK Grants

Comic Relief welcomes proposals from projects working with young people, older people, others who face disadvantage, particularly in areas with high levels of deprivation and projects that use sport to transform lives.

The UK grants team provides flexibility by allowing organisations to select the approaches they feel are most effective in tackling pressing issues.

The UK Funds priorities are:

- Better Futures
- Healthier Finances
- Safer Lives
- Stronger Communities
- Fairer Society

Minimum grant is £10,000 with no upper limit. Most grants fall between £20,000 and £40,000 pa and only a few larger grants are made. Larger grants need to demonstrate either regional or national significance and be delivered by a number of partners or clearly break new ground.

They usually expect to fund a minimum of 25% of the total costs of a project and although willing to fund up to 100% of the cost of the proposal they prefer organisations with some additional sources of funding as well. There are no deadlines and you can apply at any time.

E-mail: grantsinfo@comicrelief.com

<http://www.comicrelief.com/>

Foyle Foundation - Small Grants

The Foyle Foundation Small Grants Scheme is designed to support smaller charities in the UK, especially those working at grass roots and local community level across a wide range of activities.

Applications are welcomed from charities with an annual turnover of less than £100,000 per annum. This scheme will not support larger or national charities or those able consistently to generate operational surpluses or with unrestricted reserves equivalent to three months turnover.

Grants will be for one year only and of between £1,000 and £10,000. These will only be made to charities able to show this grant will make a significant difference.

All applications will be acknowledged but if you have not heard from The Foundation within four months of your application being acknowledged, you should assume that your application has been unsuccessful.

Applications can be submitted at any times but it may take up to four months to obtain a decision from Trustees. Please apply well in advance of your requirements.

E-mail: sgs@foylefoundation.org.uk

<http://www.foylefoundation.org.uk/small-grants-scheme/>

New Grant Making Trusts

The Lady Cobham Foundation
James Trafford
Speechly Bircham LLP
6 New Street Square
London
EC4A 3LX

Objects: General charitable purposes especially education and training.

Area of Benefit: Dorset and Hampshire.

Charity number: 1158764.

Trustees: Mr James Anthony Trafford; Mrs Camilla Jane Boileau; Mr Dominic Peter Corti Emmerson; Lady Nadine Felicity Cobham.

Comments: James Trafford is a trustee of the Hugh Insley-Fox Charitable Trust (charity number 1135349). He is also a trustee of the Michael Cobham Foundation (charity number 1078874), as are Lady Nadine Cobham and Camilla Boileau.

Lady Nadine Cobham, 71, is the widow of the former chairman of Cobham plc, defence contractors, Sir Michael Cobham. He died in 2006.

Camilla Boileau is their daughter.

The Lotus Charitable Foundation
Rohin Shah
55a Welbeck Street
London
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Objects: For the public benefit to support and promote such purposes as are charitable under the law of England and Wales.

Area of Benefit: Undefined.

Charity number: 1158736.

Trustees: Mr Raoul Shah; Mr Rohin Shah; Raju Shah.

Comments: Rohin Shah is a director of Lotus Capital, which was established in 2013. Its registered address is:

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