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Our Heritage – Heritage Lottery Fund

The Our Heritage programme is for any type of project related to national, regional or local heritage in the UK. Applications can be made for a grant of more than £10,000 and up to £100,000. Under this programme, HLF fund applications from not-for-profit organisations, private owners of heritage (including individuals and for-profit organisations) and partnerships. This is a rolling programme and applications can be made at any time.

For more information, click [here](#).

On-Farm Anaerobic Digestion Fund – WRAP

The On-Farm Anaerobic Digestion (AD) Fund has been developed to help farmers in England get financial support to build small-scale AD plants on their farms.

The Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP) are delivering the fund on behalf of the government.

WRAP understands that the main barriers to developing AD on farms are: access to finance; availability of reference sites for technologies and case studies; demonstration of the benefits of AD; the potential high cost of technology.

To address these barriers and encourage the uptake of small-scale on-farm AD in the UK WRAP has developed a programme to help farms access finance, provide case studies and demonstration information and provide support for farmers who want to use AD on their farm.

The fund will be available to farms in England, that have access to slurries or manures; and who wish to build AD plants producing up to 250kW of power.

The scheme is split into two parts:

- A business plant grant up to £10,000 to investigate the environmental and economic potential of building an AD plant on the farm
- A capital loan up to £400,000 (or a maximum of 50% of the project cost). This is available for AD plants producing up to 250kW of power

There is a rolling programme for applications. For more information, click [here](#).

Local Sustainable Transport Fund – Department for Transport

On 23 December 2013 local authorities were invited to bid to the £78.5 Local Sustainable Transport Fund. The guidance launched on this date will invite local transport authorities in England (outside London) to apply for revenue funding up to a maximum of £1 million to support the cost of a range of sustainable travel measures.

Proposals should consider the importance of integrating sustainable transport to make it easier and more convenient for people to make their journey from door-to-door by public transport, cycling and walking. The guidance will also set out the criteria against which decisions on the allocation of funding will be taken and the need to demonstrate value for money, deliverability and affordability of package proposals.

This fund will also support Bikeability training.

The Department for Transport stated that “Additional information about the application process, including the application form, will be published on the Department for Transport website in the New Year”.

Click [here](#) for more information.

Heritage Enterprise – Heritage Lottery Fund

Heritage Enterprise supports enterprising community organisations across the UK to rescue neglected historic buildings and sites and unlock their economic potential.

You can apply for a grant from £100,000 to £5million.

Historic buildings are known to attract thriving businesses, and yet many of them lie vacant and derelict. With a Heritage Enterprise grant you can breathe new life into historic sites by repairing, adapting and giving them a productive new use. By funding much of the repair costs HLF hope to encourage private developers to work with community organisations to deliver commercially viable schemes.

Decisions are made either by the relevant HLF Committee of the Board of Trustees, depending on the scale of application. These are held at various times during the year.

Additional information can be found [here](#).

Heat Network Funding for Local Authorities – DECC

The government has launched a £6 million funding stream to support Local Authorities to develop low carbon heat networks.

The Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) administer the fund.

The government are keen to support plans for networks that draw their heat energy (immediately or in the future) from renewable, sustainable or recoverable sources as an alternative to or to complement gas CHP.

Bids, which seek to develop low temperature delivery networks, are encouraged:

- The fund will meet 67% of the estimated eligible costs of developing technical proposals and financial evaluations for the installation of new heat networks and the improvement and/or expansion of existing heat networks
- Local Authorities will be required to provide the other 33% of funding

The bidding process to apply for grant funding for the development of heat networks commenced in September 2013 and will continue through a series of six bidding rounds until March 2015. More information can be found [here](#).

First World War: Then and Now – Heritage Lottery Fund

This programme provides grants of £3,000 to £10,000 for communities to mark the Centenary of the First World War. HLF also provide grants of more than £10,000 for First World War projects.

For extra information, click [here](#).

Community Right to Build – Department for Communities and Local Government

Anyone planning new building projects in their community can apply for a share of £17 million to get their ideas off the ground.

Housing Minister Mark Prisk announced the fund in August 2013, which will offer additional support to people with plans and ideas for their neighbourhood, from self-build homes to community shops.

The minister said the money would ensure that those wishing to realise their vision would no longer be put off building by the challenges of design and permissions.

Until now, the £17 million pot was earmarked solely to help Community Right to

Build projects develop their proposals. But to ensure that local building plans can access the same support, whatever route they take, Mr Prisk has expanded the scheme to include any community project.

This means that communities who want to make a change in their area, such as creating a new playground, renovating an empty home or making plots available for house building will be able to access the money they need to develop plans and make it happen. The fund is available for communities outside London until March 2015 (Full article can be found [here](#)).

Additional information can be found [here](#).

Community Led Project Support Funding – HCA

This is a £14 million revenue-funding programme, which helps communities to achieve their development ambitions for their local area. The fund will provide revenue funding to help community groups to build their capacity to either submit a Community Right to Build order, which is an alternative way for communities to deliver the development they want – be it homes, shops, businesses or facilities – where the benefits of the development will be retained by the community for the community, or to apply for planning permission.

Communities interested in applying for support have the choice of applying for funding through two different routes:

- Community Right to Build – Provides support for community groups who want to submit an application for a Community Right to Build Order as an alternative to achieving planning permission
- Planning Application Route – Provides support for community groups seeking to achieve planning permission

The programme will remain open to receive new applications until funding is fully committed (or until end of March 2015, whichever occurs first). It is unlikely that new applications received after October 2014 will be able to be funded. Click [here](#) for more details.

Community Assets and Services Grants: Pre-feasibility and Feasibility

Over £10 million is available to community groups looking to take over local services. Pre-feasibility grants between £5,000 and £10,000 are on offer to help organisations build internal capacity. Organisations that can demonstrate a strong potential to compete for public service delivery contracts can apply for feasibility grants of up to £100,000 to help compete in a procurement process. A second tranche of applications are currently being welcomed.

Pre-feasibility and feasibility grants are also available to community groups

looking to buy buildings and assets valuable to the local community. For more information, click [here](#).

Commissioning Better Outcomes and the Social Outcomes Fund – BIG Lottery Fund and the Cabinet Office

BIG are focusing on approaches that use payment by results (PbR) mechanisms, particularly those, which involve social investment such as Social Impact Bonds (SIBs).

To achieve this two funds have been set up – the Cabinet Office’s Social Outcomes Fund and the Big Lottery Fund’s Commissioning Better Outcomes – with a joint mission to support the development of more SIBs.

Between them these funds are making up to £60m available to pay for a proportion of outcomes payments for these types of models in complex policy areas, as well as support to develop robust proposals.

The shared overarching aim is to grow the market in SIBs, while each fund has a specific focus that reflects the missions of the Big Lottery Fund and Cabinet Office.

For the Big Lottery Fund, this is to enable more people, particularly those most in need, to lead fulfilling lives, in enriching places and as part of successful communities.

For the Cabinet Office, this is to catalyse and test innovative approaches to tackling complex issues using outcomes based commissioning. For more information see the website.

The deadline is 31 July 2016. Additional information can be found [here](#).

Coastal Communities Fund – Big Lottery

The Coastal Communities Fund (CCF) aims to encourage the economic development of UK coastal communities by awarding funding to create sustainable economic growth and jobs. The third and final round of the current CCF programme will open on 10 January 2014. Grants of £50,000 and over are available. The closing date for stage 1 applications will be February 2014 (date to be confirmed).

For full details, click [here](#).

Young Roots – Heritage Lottery Fund

The Young Roots programme is for projects that engage young people with heritage in the UK. Applications can be made for a grant of more than £10,000 and up to £50,000. Under this programme, HLF fund partnerships of heritage and youth organisations to help young people shape and deliver their own projects in safe environments.

This is a rolling programme and applications can be made at any time. For more information, click [here](#).

Transition Funding – Heritage Lottery Fund

Transition funding is available to organisations in the UK who want to achieve significant strategic change – through acquiring new skills or knowledge, or new models of governance, leadership, business and income – in order to become more resilient and sustain improved management of heritage for the long term.

You may be in transition legally or structurally – for example, local authority heritage services transferring to trust status - or facing strategic or financial challenges due to loss of regular or anticipated income streams.

To apply you must be a previous recipient of an HLF grant. You can apply for a grant of more than £10,000 and up to £100,000.

More information can be found [here](#).

Sharing Heritage – Heritage Lottery Fund

The Sharing Heritage programme is for any type of project related to national, regional or local heritage in the UK. Applications can be made for a grant from £3,000 to £10,000. The fund is available to not-for-profit organisations or partnerships led by not-for-profit organisations wanting to explore, share and celebrate their community's heritage.

This is a rolling programme and applications can be submitted at any time. Full details can be found [here](#).

Reaching Communities England – Big Lottery

Reaching Communities funding is for projects that help people and communities most in need. Grants are available from £10,000, upwards and funding can last for up to 5 years.

If you think you need more than £500,000 you must call Big Lottery before applying to discuss why you believe a larger project is appropriate. There is no

upper limit for total project costs. Reaching Communities can fund salaries, running costs, a contribution towards core costs and equipment. Reaching Communities can also fund up to £100,000 for land, buildings or refurbishment capital costs.

All projects must address one or more of the following outcomes:

- People have better chances in life, with better access to training and development to improve their life skills
- Stronger communities, with more active citizens, working together to tackle their problem
- Improved rural and urban environments, which communities are better able to access and enjoy
- Healthier and more active people and communities

There is a two-stage application process. After submitting a Reaching Communities Stage One application form, applicants will be told within 6 weeks whether the project is one that might be considered for funding. If successful, the applicant will be sent a Stage Two application form. Applicants will usually have four months to complete this.

Full details of application process can be found [here](#).