

Bridgend Association of Voluntary Organisations

Your local county voluntary council

7. Finding and getting money

7.4.2 Lottery funding



Overview

This information sheet is designed to give details about Big Lottery Fund (BIG) grants schemes available to groups and organisations within the voluntary sector in Wales.

Big Lottery Fund 2006 – 2009

The Big Lottery Fund (BIG) will give out more than £120 million in Wales between 2006 and 2009. All programmes are part of BIG's mission to improve communities and the lives of people most in need. The programmes will have three key themes:

- Supporting community learning and creating opportunity.
- Promoting community safety and cohesion
- Promoting well-being.

These themes are supported by three outcomes that BIG hope its funding will achieve:

- People of all ages equipped with the skills and learning to meet the challenges of a modern society.
- People working together for stronger communities, social justice and better rural and urban environments.
- Healthier and more physically active people and communities.

BIG's programmes divide into two broad areas: demand-led and strategic.

Demand-led programmes encourage organisations and groups to bring their own ideas and solutions to BIG for funding.

The strategic programmes focus more on the type of outcomes BIG wants its funding to achieve, although it still encourages local solutions to local needs.

People and Places

Budget £66 million

People and Places aims to bring people together to make their communities stronger and to improve rural and urban environments. Projects can be funded that achieve one or more of the following programme outcomes:

- Revitalised communities.
- Improved community relations.
- Enhanced local environments and community amenities.

Grants will be available for capital and revenue projects and can be used for the development of communities or communities of interest. It is open to the community, voluntary and public sector.

The minimum grant is £5,001, the maximum is £1 million. No closing date has yet been set.

Healthy Families

Budget £20 million

Healthy Families is an initiative that promotes healthy and active lifestyles among children and families and make links between children's play, nutrition and physical activity.

Healthy Families is made up of two programmes, Child's Play and Way of Life. BIG has contracted with two expert organisations to help deliver each programme. They will provide support to applicants to make sure that projects are strategic and fit programme priorities as well as local and national priorities.

Child's Play

Budget £13 million

This is a strategic programme that aims to:

- Develop new play spaces for children in their communities.
- Develop play opportunities that allow children to choose how to play.
- Develop staffed open access play opportunities.
- Help create sustainable support networks to promote the development of play opportunities across Wales.
- Develop links with nutrition and physical activity.
- Inform families and children about play opportunities.

Up to £250,000 is available for infrastructure projects – Round 1 (infrastructure and play projects) closing date 4 May 2007.

Between £250,000 - £1 million is available for play projects - Round 2 (play projects) closing date 6 March 2009.

Way of Life

Budget £7 million

This is a strategic programme that promotes healthy and active lifestyles among children and families by creating a joined-up approach to children's play, healthy eating and physical activity.

The programme aims to do this by:

- Promoting a joined up approach to healthy eating and exercise through community-based projects working with families.
- Contribute to the evidence of what works in promoting healthy eating and exercise in children and families
- Foster joined up working on healthy eating and physical activity at local and national levels.
- Develop links with children's play.

The main beneficiaries of this programme will be children under 12 years old living in Wales. Other family members can also benefit as a result of their involvement with the programme.

Mental Health Matters

Budget £15 million

This programme, developed in partnership with a team of experts working in the field of mental health across Wales:

- Promotes the rehabilitation and independence of people with serious mental health problems.
- Supports people at greatest risk of serious mental health problems or suicide.

The programme is aimed primarily at people aged between 16-65 who:

- Have a serious existing mental health problem.
- Are at greatest risk of developing serious mental health problems.

As yet no closing date has been set.

Young People's Fund:

Make it Happen

Budget £1 million

This programme focuses on young people aged between 10-19 years old and aims to help them enjoy life and achieve their full potential, develop skills and contribute to their communities and to choose positive attitudes which discourage anti-social behaviour.

Grants of between £500 and £5,000 are available to help young people take a lead role in developing the sort of projects that they wish to undertake. Operating across Wales, BIG welcomes applications from all sectors of the community. Grants are not made to individuals.

An application from a school or statutory youth club must show that the planned activity is beyond those that normally go on within the school or club. For legal reasons at least one person from the group that receives the grant must be aged over 18 years old on their management committee or, they can apply through another organisation.

All recipients must meet one of the Young People's Fund aims.

Priority will be given to the following:

- Groups run by disabled young people.
- Groups run by young people from black and minority ethnic background.
- Small groups that have not have Lottery funding before.
- Groups of young people facing particular disadvantage.
- Projects which promote integration between young people with different experiences or backgrounds.

BIG welcome applications for projects combining different activities and can fund projects, activities and equipment that young people have decided will make a difference to them and the lives they lead.

No closing date has yet been set for this programme.

Awards for All Wales

Budget £2.25 million annually

This programme aims to fund projects which involve people in their local community, bringing them together to take part in and enjoy a wide range of heritage, charitable, health, educational, environmental and other community activities. Grants of between £500 and £5,000 are available.

BIG will fund projects that can be completed in 12 months to meet one or more of the following aims:

- support community activity
- extend access and participation
- increase skills and creativity
- improve the quality of life.

A range of organisations can apply. They must be:

- A not-for-profit group with a governing document such as a constitution, a bank or building society account and a set of accounts.
- A community or town council.
- School.
- Health body.

No closing date has yet been set for this programme.

People's Millions

Budget £66.5 million (UK wide)

This programme is a partnership between BIG and ITV in which viewers vote for the project they want to receive funding.

Previously BIG has funded projects that help communities to transform their local environments by improving green spaces, buildings and amenities.

Organisations can apply for grants of up to £80,000 plus VAT. The current focus of the programme will be for projects that help people to use and enjoy their local environments by:

- Making the local environment cleaner, safer and greener
- Improving the local natural environment
- Improving the design, appearance and accessibility of local amenities.

Open to voluntary, community groups, local authorities, schools and health organisations, the next round of TV voting will take place in November 2007.

No closing date has yet been set for this programme.

Research

Budget up to £25 million (UK wide)

The aim of this programme will be to influence local and national policy and practice by funding the production and dissemination of evidence-based knowledge.

In the longer term the programme will aim to help develop better services and interventions for beneficiaries.

Integral to meeting the aim of the programme will be the following five outcomes:

- Improved understanding of the issues relating to BIG's themes and country outcomes.
- Improved third sector participation and knowledge in developing, undertaking and using research.
- Improved dissemination of third sector led research.
- Increased participation of beneficiaries and users in a range of research roles.
- Improved partnerships between the third sector and research community.

The programme will be demand-led. It will fund medical and social research on issues identified, and considered important, by the charitable and voluntary community sector; support the use and dissemination of the research activity. Key will be that beneficiaries and users are involved in setting the agenda, conducting, managing and disseminating the research.

Only organisations from the voluntary and community sector will be eligible to apply for funding. They will be encouraged to link up with academic institutions and the wider research community and support is available to them from Third Sector First, a collaboration of specialists in research and social policy, to help them take the first step into the world of research and to lead an application.

No closing date has been set for this programme.

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Fair Share Trust

Budget £50 million (UK wide)

It was noted that some parts of the UK missed out on Lottery funding in the past. The Fair Share programme has been helping to change that. The Fair Share Trust, created by BIG in 2003, is part of that initiative. Targeted at 77 areas across the UK, the following are in Wales:

- Blaenau Gwent
- Caerphilly
- Isle of Anglesey
- Neath Port Talbot
- Wrexham

Each of the above areas has local priorities over and above the specific aims of the trust which are to:

- Build capacity and sustainability by involving local communities in decision making about lottery funding.
- Build social capital by building links within and between communities to promote trust and participation.
- Improve liveability by improving the living environment for communities.

The trust is a UK-wide investment trust that provides an expendable endowment for these areas. Grants are between £5,000 - £250,000 with all monies being spent by 31 March 2013.

The Community Foundation Network (CFN) is the sole UK trustee and has appointed delivery agents in each area.

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Community Foundations, 14-16 Merthyr Road, Whitchurch, Cardiff, CF4 1DG

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SPORTLOT Community Chest

A National Lottery funded grant scheme aimed at developing sport at grass roots level, particularly for young people, women and girls and disadvantaged groups. Decision-making for grants below £1,000 is carried out at a local level. Committees have been established in each of the 22 Welsh local authorities, made up of local people with knowledge of sport in the area.

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Sports Council For Wales,
Sophia Gardens, Cardiff CF11 9SW
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The Heritage Lottery Fund

As a Lottery distributor, the Heritage Lottery Fund has a number of funding schemes, the purpose of which are to:

- Safeguard and enhance the heritage of buildings, objects and the environment, whether man-made or natural, which have been important in the formation of the character and identity of the UK.
- Give everyone the opportunity to learn about, experience and enjoy their heritage.
- Maintain opportunities for access and enjoyment by future generations.

Through its range of grant programmes, the HLF aims to support heritage projects, large and small, submitted by a diverse range of organisations and groups.

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Arts Council of Wales

The Arts Council of Wales distributes funds on behalf of the Lottery to arts related projects.

Capital Grant Scheme

A fund predominately for arts buildings and equipment but can also support public art, feasibility studies and development work. A 'Capital Small Grant' is also available for projects between £2,000 and £10,000.

Creative Wales Awards (£5,001 to £12,000)

Funding for professional artists, with the view of helping artists develop their potential and refresh their skills and creative partnerships. The awards are also aimed to enable artists to take time away from their usual commitments in order to concentrate on developing their work.

Major Creative Wales Awards (£20,000 to £25,000)

In addition to the above, artists are required to demonstrate a consistent level of achievement and contribution within their area of professional practice in Wales.

Night Out – Community Touring Scheme

The purpose of this scheme is to help community groups and organisations host live professional performances without incurring the normal financial risk.

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