

RBKC External Funding Bulletin – Issue 6

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This bulletin highlights external funding opportunities, news and other issues relevant to Council officers and partners

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Funding News

Successful Funding Bids

Central London Connexions partnership has secured a £1.8m **European Social Fund** contract to deliver a programme of support to 1319 young people at risk of becoming NEET across central London. For more information contact Bally Sappal, at bally.sappal@rbkc.gov.uk

The Youth Arts Team has secured £29,996 over 2 years from The National Foundation for Youth Music. The Music Academy will involve professional musicians from the AllStars Collective in teaching young people singing, song writing, guitar and piano. The students will gain accreditation and have the opportunity to perform in the Music Academy Talent Competition. The funding will also provide apprenticeship opportunities in Music Technology and Event Management. For more information contact Jennifer Kirk at jennifer.kirk@rbkc.gov.uk

Contact Lucy Ashdown to share your funding successes.

External Funding Forum

An External Funding Forum for Council officers will take place on 10 August 2011, 11-12.30pm. The Forum is for managers and officers who are responsible for securing funding. Contact Lucy Ashdown to register/for details.

Support and Investment for Social Enterprises

Social investment is a new and emerging marketplace. There are a growing number of investors and initiatives that specialise in supporting and investing in the development of social enterprises, including social banks, social funds/Intermediaries, foundations, and the public sector. An overview of [Funding and investment opportunities for Social Enterprises](#) is now available on the Council's website (in the business and enterprise section).

Social Enterprise London is running a new leadership development programme with mentoring and training bursaries available: www.exemplas.com/LMAS.

Lottery Update

The **BIG Lottery Fund (BLF)** is refreshing its England-wide portfolio of programmes around the concept of 'People Powered Change'. They are running a number of new, tightly targeted programmes this year. A new £25m **Realising Ambition** programme will support young people aged 8-14 at risk of offending. They have opened a search for a UK partner who they will work with to identify 20-30 existing successful initiatives to scale up. They have launched a **Millennium Now** report that celebrates the legacy of the millennium and will distribute £11m in legacy funding to projects the public can vote for. Meanwhile, BLF's main 'open' grant programmes - **Reaching Communities (RC)**

and **Awards for All** remain open. RC includes a £75m **Community Buildings** stream, with up to £500,000 to renew existing buildings situated in the 15% most deprived LSOAS (2007 Indices of Deprivation). BLF is experiencing increased numbers of applications. The current success rate for RC indicates there is a 20% chance of being invited to submit a full application; then a 50% success rate at stage two.

Another Lottery distributor, the **Heritage Lottery Fund**, has increased its budget from £8.6m in London last year to £10.86m in 2011/2012 (excluding national programmes). Priorities for 2011/2012 include BME led/focussed projects. Details of all HLF programmes are in the RBKC Funding Directory.

Better Outcomes

BLF have undertaken research into applicants' experience of their 'outcomes' approach to funding and as a result have updated and published new 'Big Guide to Outcomes' a useful tool for planning any project: <http://www.biglearningzone.org.uk/>

European Social Fund (ESF) and European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)

The June 2011 LDA ERDF/ESF newsletter is now available <http://tinyurl.com/5ub46jj>. ESF/ERDF opportunities are also highlighted below.

Funding Focus

The [RBKC Funding Directory](#) includes funding opportunities from government, the Lottery, trusts and foundations. Separate reports are now available focusing on [EU funding opportunities in 2011/12](#) and opportunities for social enterprises (see above). Just a few of the current funding opportunities are highlighted below. Refer to the documents above for many more opportunities.

Sport

The [London Marathon Charitable Trust](#) distributes grants of **£250 to £180,000** to support community sports facilities and projects. 2011 deadline: August 31, 2011. Sport England's [Sports match](#) scheme will provide awards of **£1000 to £100,000** to match, pound for pound, income secured

from commercial sponsorship or charitable trusts for projects that grow participation in sport. Next deadline: September 19, 2011.

Health

The Department of Health has grants of up to **£5000** available for organisations to become [Information Standard Certified](#). Deadline: September 30, 2011.

Arts and culture

The [Esmee Fairbairn Collections Fund](#) is awarding galleries/museums up to **£100,000** for research into the understanding and use of collections. Deadline: October 31, 2011.

Arts Council England and partners have launched a [Digital R&D Fund for Arts and Culture](#), a new £500,000 fund for projects that will harness digital technologies to connect with wider audiences: Deadline: September 2, 2011.

Employment and skills

The [Skills Funding Agency](#) has announced a range of upcoming procurement opportunities for adult skills. Further details will be made available by 15 July 2011.

The Department of Work and Pensions has launched an [Innovation Fund](#) inviting 'social investment partnerships' (large and small) to explore new ways of tackling youth unemployment. 1st deadline: 5 August.

Energy efficiency/environment

The Department of Energy and Climate Change will launch its [Renewable Heat Incentive Scheme](#) in July. The first phase will incentivise the business and public sector to install renewable heat equipment (e.g. solar/ground source heat pumps). Finally, two new Urban Development Funds have been set up by the Mayor using ERDF funding. The £35m [Foresight Environmental Fund](#) will finance energy/recycling infrastructure projects. A fund manager for an Energy Efficiency Fund is due to be confirmed shortly.

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