



*Diocese of Hereford*

# Funding News

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## Living Landmarks: Inspire: Building Thriving Communities

On 17th February, we received notification from the Big Lottery that our project, titled 'Inspire' was eligible to be considered for the next round of Living Landmarks. Between now and April 13th, the Big Lottery will be long-listing projects and deciding which of those will be receiving a project visit to decide on inclusion into the next round. We hope that the Diocese is one of those projects. Sadly, the Community Council of Shropshire feel unable to continue with their involvement in the project at present, but we have some very good contacts with the Shropshire Partnership and South Shropshire District Council so this should ensure that the northern archdeaconry is represented in terms of stakeholders should a project visit take place.

We need to collect some baseline information as evidence of need for our project, and we will be sending out a questionnaire to each parish/PCC secretary in the next few weeks, asking for details about your church and community and how you could take part in the Inspire Project. Please look out for the questionnaire, as it's vitally important that we have this information - not only for the further development of the project but to demonstrate the support there is from the parishes. We still have a long way to go, and we may not progress to the next round, however, if we do, we have to be ready to give it our best shot, so lots of prayers please. Wendy Coombey and Paul Scott

**What can the Heritage Lottery offer?** We are offering a days **Heritage Lottery Surgery** on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2006** at which you will be able to discuss and obtain advice about your own project in an individual session with an HLF Development Officer. If you have not got to that stage yet, you can also talk over your ideas with Wendy Coombey/Paul Scott. It will take place in The Forbury, Church Street, Leominster between 10 am and 4 pm. Each applicant (*up to 3 people per project*) will be allocated a 20 minute session. Please apply to Cheryl Combstock at the Diocesan Office (phone 01432 373340); places will be given on a first come, first served basis.

## The Henry Smith Charity

This charity likes funding 'faith' projects. It is, though, the work that is important, but a faith perspective can be an advantage. Their aim is to respond to need - an application should demonstrate local engagement and volunteer support. So they will fund very different projects. The grants team meet once a week and grade applications as either 'for funding' or 'eligible but' or 'not eligible'. On each occasion they will end up recommending 6 or 7 out of 30. Their annual grants can be for more than one year and up to 3 years and can include core costs eg administration. Small grants of between £500 and £10,000 are given for capital items or towards running costs. Helpful instructions are available. For further details contact Richard Hopgood (Director) on 020 73206884 or consult [www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk](http://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk).

## The LankellyChase Foundation

This charity does not specifically support religious organisations but many of its grants are for faith based work. It gets over 2500 applications a year and funds around 160 of them. It is not risk averse - it recognises some projects will fail. They particularly like partnership activity. They review their grant making policy every 4 years, but currently this has a strong social focus. They do, however, support work on Grade 1 rural parish churches located in villages of population less than 1000 - grant maximum £3000. For further details contact Peter Kilgarriff on 01235 820044 or consult [www.lankellychase.org.uk](http://www.lankellychase.org.uk).

## Laing Family Trusts

This includes 3 Christian foundations, but an application to one is considered for all. The Beatrice Laing considers church building projects - new build or extensions but not restoration or repair. However, it is only up to 1% of total cost. Maurice and Hilda Laing supports the advancement of the Christian faith, ethics and family life issues. Kirby Laing supports youth development particularly in a Christian context, culture and arts, health and medicine. They do not give an indication of the amounts they award - they will consider their offer on the quality of your application. For further information contact Miss Elizabeth Harley on 020 82388890.

## FREECYCLE in Herefordshire and Shropshire

Freecycle matches people who have things they need to get rid of with people who can use them. Their goal is to keep usable items out of landfill. By using those resources we already have on this earth, we lessen consumer impact on it. It also encourages us to turn out our junk. There are Freecycle groups in Herefordshire and Shropshire and in Europe too! You can contact [freecyclehereford@yahoogroups.com](mailto:freecyclehereford@yahoogroups.com) or [TelfordFreecycle@yahoogroups.com](mailto:TelfordFreecycle@yahoogroups.com) or look on the internet [www.Freecycle.org](http://www.Freecycle.org).

There is nothing to stop a church starting a Freecycle group for its community. We have no direct experience but are always willing to pass on a suggestion in aid of the planet.



## Tips on Applying to Charitable Trusts

Representatives of the charities on the opposite page gave presentations at the 'Fundraising with Passion' event at the CRE exhibition at Stoneleigh. Here are some top tips!

It is vitally important that the project addresses a compelling need. They look for evidence that it can be delivered - your track record. So provide evidence of capacity, of available skills, and of volunteer support. Understand what the trust will fund - capital needs like building, refurbishment or equipment; revenue support like project costs, core costs and salaries. Check priorities and exclusions.

Your project should be well planned, obviously, but is it do-able? Show partnership with other agencies. Don't use jargon - it can be a barrier. Provide the information you are asked for but don't be enticed into providing what you are not asked for. Proof read what you have written and if you have used mail-merge be very careful that it has worked - addressing the letter to the wrong name is not good! And finally, check that you haven't made claims that you can't support. And really finally, allow your passion to show.



**Lloyds TSB  
Foundation  
for England  
and Wales**

The income is derived from a shareholding in the Lloyds TSB Group, but is independent with its own Board of Trustees. It is done to 'increase community involvement, create goodwill, and be associated with charitable causes'. Last year

**£1.7 million came to the West Midlands Region.**

**Whilst some 40% of funds are allocated to specific areas, the disadvantaged or disabled people, the rest available for more general projects. Therefore, it is worth enquiring. It does not support building projects but will consider the community activities that Churches are involved in. Applications for equipment or staff, rent and utilities will be considered; and it can be continuation funding that is the support of an ongoing project. In 2005, 357 applications were received, of which 297 were granted - a success rate of 83% , which is better than many. The average grant size was £5723. So why not give it a go? Contact Melinda Connelly at the West Midlands Office, phone 01785 247488, or consult the website [www.lloydstsbfoundations.org.uk](http://www.lloydstsbfoundations.org.uk).**



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**BIG LOTTERY**

There's a lot happening to the Big Lottery at the moment - lots of new programmes in the pipeline. Stephna Davis-Watts, a West Midlands Regional Development Officer, gave an update at the Bishop's Palace recently. She reported that over the last 11 years Herefordshire had received around 1120 grants totalling £43 million pounds.

The themes are seen to represent the Lottery's new comprehensive outcome focussed approach. These focus on 'community learning and creating opportunity', 'promoting community safety and cohesion' and 'promoting well being'. Of the projected £2.3 billion for 2006-2009, 60 to 70% is directed to voluntary community sector organisations. Two thirds of the total will be 'Strategic', directed to the areas identified by the Lottery which includes Children's Play, Changing Spaces, Wellbeing, Family Learning, the Young People's Fund and Community Buildings. But, one third will be 'demand-led' reacting to ideas and propositions developed by groups to provide local solutions to local issues. As stated, funding will be outcome focussed, it will demand consultation and involvement of beneficiaries, it will encourage partnership working, it will provide full cost recovery (eg running and management costs), it will offer a 2-stage process with early evaluation of eligibility and offer funding for longer periods of up to 5 years.

The 'Reaching Communities' programme is of particular interest, as it is clearly designed to respond to the wide variety of possible demand-led projects. Specifically, it will help bring real improvements to communities and the lives of those most in need. It is flexible enough to address pockets of deprivation or disadvantage in otherwise outwardly affluent areas, particularly in rural or urban areas. It will fund both revenue and capital costs with grants of between £10,000 and £500,000 for up to a maximum of 5 years. It also allows full cost recovery, and amazingly, will fund existing as well as new projects. With regard to existing projects, the Lottery looks for evidence of success in delivery of outcomes. It will fund things previously supported by the Community Fund - it is coming with a clean sheet. Finally, you don't need match funding.

The Young People's Fund offers grants of between £5000 and £150,000 for projects up to 3 years, mainly for the 11-18 age-group under the tag line 'somewhere to go and something to do'. It will accept the 19-25 age-group if it is clearly disadvantaged or finding the transition to adult life difficult. Children and young people need to come up with their own ideas and be involved from the start. They are expected to be at the centre of planning and running of the project. One strand, 'The Big Boost' gives grants to individual young people. If it is a group application, it does not have to have a constitution.

Awards for all is, of course, on-going though with the increase to a maximum of £10,000. Details of the new Community Buildings fund are still unavailable, but we are assured that it will be launched by August.

If you want further details about Reaching Communities and the Young People's Fund contact Stephna Davis-Watts on 0121 200 3507. For Awards for All contact Leslyn Rew on 0121 200 3518, and, when it is announced, for Community Buildings contact Oliver Nicholls on 0121 200 3573. The websites are [www.biglotteryfund.org.uk](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk) and [www.awardsforall.co.uk](http://www.awardsforall.co.uk). For general advice, phone 0845 410 2030 for Big Advice, and 0845 600 2040 (application forms) or 0121 200 3511 (helpline). Alternatively you can email enquiries to [enquiries@biglotteryfund.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@biglotteryfund.org.uk).

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