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## Newsletter

July 2006

Welcome to the July newsletter with a selection of funding alerts and headlines for charities and social enterprises. Also, we plug the launch of a Business Link scheme which provides subsidized support to social enterprises.

### **Funding Alerts:**

- Big Lottery's Well-Being Fund: deadline July 26th
- Grant Programme for Nuffield Foundation: deadline July 17th
- Opportunities for Volunteering: deadline July 30th
- Big Lottery Bio-energy Capital Grants Scheme: deadline July 31st
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- Revamped Awards for All making it big locally
- M&S publish 2006 CSR report
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## NEWS FROM THE EASTSIDE...

### Access to Finance for social enterprise

Social enterprises that are seeking finance may apply for a grant towards their business support fees.

The subsidy can be used to pay for a range of advice such as identifying suitable funders, preparing a business plan or loan document and negotiating with investors.

One of the key objectives of the scheme is to increase the number of small businesses in London that actually secure funding. While this is a worthy priority it means that providers will tend to work only with enterprises that have a high chance of success. Consequently, the scheme may not be suitable for enterprises that are in need of extensive investment-readiness support.

Eastside is one of fourteen registered service providers across London, so if you would like to find out more about the scheme or learn whether you are eligible then please contact the office (details below). You can also find info on the Business Link for London website.

[www.businesslink4london.com/](http://www.businesslink4london.com/)

## Funding Alerts

### Big Lottery's Well-Being Fund: deadline July 26th

The programme will provide funding to support the development of healthier lifestyles and to improve well-being. These are large grants directed towards regional or national projects. Minimum grant is £1m.  
[http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog\\_well\\_being?regioncode=uk&progStatus=open&country=%20UK&status=theProg&chan=funding&title=Well-being](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_well_being?regioncode=uk&progStatus=open&country=%20UK&status=theProg&chan=funding&title=Well-being)

### Nuffield Foundation: deadline July 17th

Policy and research work funded in areas of Access to Justice, Child Protection, Family Justice and Older People. Grants available of £5k to £150k  
[www.nuffieldfoundation.org/go/grantprogrammes/page\\_6.html](http://www.nuffieldfoundation.org/go/grantprogrammes/page_6.html)

### Opportunities for Volunteering: deadline July 30th

Department of Health scheme aiming to enable local voluntary sector health and social care organisations in England to involve volunteers in their work. Grants available from £10-35k.  
[http://www.governmentfunding.org.uk/VCSSearch.aspx?WCI=htmSchemeView&WCU=GRANT\\_PKEY=11](http://www.governmentfunding.org.uk/VCSSearch.aspx?WCI=htmSchemeView&WCU=GRANT_PKEY=11)

### Big Lottery Bio-energy Capital Grants scheme: deadline July 31st

Aims to promote the efficient use of biomass for energy by supporting deployment of biomass fuelled heat and combined heat and power (CHP) projects. Grants available upto £500k

### Carbon Trust R&D grant: deadline August 9th

Financial assistance is available for innovative projects that demonstrate a potential to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Grants available up to £250k.  
[www.carbontrust.co.uk/technology/appliedresearch/default.htm](http://www.carbontrust.co.uk/technology/appliedresearch/default.htm)

### Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust: September 4th

Grants are available for projects that will encourage corporate responsibility, accountability, openness and responsiveness on a national level  
<http://www.jrct.org.uk/>

### Futurebuilders: now open for applications

The government-backed fund for charitable organizations that deliver public services will be open for applications from May 2006. Funding is mainly loan finance.  
<http://www.futurebuilders-england.org.uk>

## Headlines

### Specialist tax advice available to charities

HMRC office now provides advice to charities on all charity-related taxation issues, including VAT, direct taxes and Gift Aid (except PAYE and NIC). The HMRC Charities Helpline is available on 08453 020203 or at:

[www.hmrc.gov.uk/charities](http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/charities)

### Revamped Awards for All making it big locally

The Lottery has raised the ceiling for Awards to All to £10,000, providing small-scale community projects in England greater opportunities to benefit from Lottery funding  
[www.gnn.gov.uk/Content/Detail.asp?ReleaseID=209281&NewsAreaID=2](http://www.gnn.gov.uk/Content/Detail.asp?ReleaseID=209281&NewsAreaID=2)

### M&S publish 2006 CSR report

Marks & Spencer, the first major UK retailer to begin selling Fairtrade certified cotton clothing, teas and coffees, has published its 2006 Corporate Social Responsibility Report.  
<http://www.marksandspencer.com>

### Leading charities launch code of conduct

The charity Survival International, in conjunction with ten other leading charities, has launched an Accountability Charter setting out new standards of openness and ethical behaviour in reporting, fundraising and campaigning.

[www.survival-international.org/news.php?id=1677](http://www.survival-international.org/news.php?id=1677)

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