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Round 2 of the Advice Plus programme will open in November. There will be £20 million available across the nine England regions. Advice Plus aims to help people in need access good quality advice on their legal rights and responsibilities, so that they can avoid or overcome disadvantage. The programme will fund third sector legal advice services that collaborate with other advice services in their local area. Advice Plus will only fund projects focusing on legal rights and responsibilities.

The programme can support organisations that specialise in advice and those that offer a wider range of services such as credit unions, self-help groups, social and community enterprises and community-based cooperatives. Grants of between £10,000 up to £500,000 lasting up to five years are available for capital and/or revenue costs including overheads.

BLFG want to see expert, consistent and sustainable advice services that are provided for a wide range of people. .

Projects should meet one or more of the following outcomes:

- People have better access to advice services so that they can get the information, guidance and support they need
- People who need advice get better services that help them overcome or avoid disadvantage and improve their lives



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- Organisations that give advice, and organisations that support them, to have more influence on relevant policy and practice
- Organisations that give advice get better support that helps them to work more effectively.

BIG will be holding seminars in each English Region. These will only be open to eligible groups and you will need to provide answers to a set of questions to demonstrate this. The following link will take directly to the Advice Plus pages on the BLF website.

http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_advice_plus.htm?regioncode=-uk&progStatus=open&status=theProg&title=Advice%20Plus

The Changing Spaces programme is for improving green spaces, supporting the growing and use of local food and improving access to the natural environment.

Grants will be made available to local groups through three intermediate organisations.

Royal Society for Wildlife Trusts will give grants to promote local food for local communities. Grants from £2,000 up to £500,000 will be available for projects that involve growing, processing, marketing and distributing local food; composting and raising awareness of the benefits of such activities. The fund will be open for applications in January 2008. For more info visit:

<http://www.rswt.org/localfood>

Groundwork UK will fund projects to improve community spaces, such as play areas, community gardens, parks, wildlife areas, ponds, courts and village greens and pathway improvements. Groundwork will also provide a network of trained facilitators who will offer specialist advice to successful applicants. The Community Spaces programme will accept applications from spring 2008. Grants will range from £10,000 to £50,000, with a small number of large grants of up to £450,000 also available.

Visit: www.community-spaces.org.uk

Natural England's Access to Nature scheme will support work that encourages more people to enjoy the outdoors, particularly those who face social exclusion or those that currently have little or no contact with the natural environment. Grants from £50,000 to £500,000 will be available. The programme will open early next year.

<http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/leisure/grants-funding> for more info

There are due to be two more strategic partners under the Changing Places programme. The BLF plan to announce 2 additional strategic partners soon. Watch this space.

Lloyds TSB Foundation has revamped its website. The Foundation focuses on supporting small and medium under funded charities that can make a



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significant difference to the lives of disadvantaged people by helping them to play a fuller role in the communities of their choice. The website includes

- a step-by-step guide to the application process
- a range of case studies and reports on current grants
- and a new media guide with advice on generating publicity for your work.

Lloyds TSB Foundation operates a regional network of offices and you can often get a quick response to your grant application. My experience is that it is always worth a chat about your proposal with the regional office before going ahead with your application. But, use the step by step guide to check your eligibility first, to avoid wasting their time.

www.lloydstsbfoundations.org.uk

The Camelot Foundation, which provides grants for specialist work with young people, will close by the end of 2008. Contrary to recent reports, the Chair of Trustees has stated that contrary to recent speculation the Foundation will continue to award Grants in the near future. The Camelot Foundation gets its money from Camelot, the National Lottery operator which will not be continuing to support the foundation due to the increasingly exacting lottery operator regime.

Camelot Foundation's funding focuses on projects that support young people who have slipped out of mainstream of society, or are in danger of doing so. www.camelotfoundation.org.uk for details.

Esmee Fairbairn has announced that they will be taking a new approach to grant-making from January 2008. They plan an open, less prescriptive way of working, which will enable them to listen to your ideas. They hope to fund a wider range of work than before, so there is no need to rush applications through under their existing guidelines. They will also run a small number of more focused funding strands.

The current Application Guidelines are no longer available. The Foundation will accept completed applications under the current guidance and format until **31 October 2007**. Any proposal received after that date will be dealt with under the new approach from January. www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk

The Baring Foundation is once again inviting applications for core costs grants to arts organisations working with refugees and asylum seekers. £600,000 has been allocated for this. This is the fifth annual grant round with this theme and it is unlikely that it will be continued beyond next year. Arts organisations with annual income in 2006/07 of less than £50,000 will not be funded.

Organisations currently funded under this programme, or which have received a grant in the last 2 years for working with refugees and asylum seekers, may



not apply. The deadline for applications is 12th December 2007. This programme will have its final round next year.

www.baringfoundation.org.uk/2008Artscoreguide.pdf for guidelines

Food and Nutrition

Are you running a community food initiative which you think deserves recognition?

The third round of the Dame Sheila McKechnie Award has been launched and applications should be submitted by 6th December 2007. The awards are to help to develop innovative approaches to tackling food inequality. There are 2 awards of £15,000 each over three years. More info and application forms from: www.food.gov.uk/aboutus/how_we_work/damemckechnieaward

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