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GRANTS FOR WOMEN'S PROJECTS 2009/10

The Scottish Community Foundation aims to help Scotland's communities become stronger, believing that *stronger* communities will be more *successful* communities, with a better quality of life for everyone. Women play a crucial role in creating and sustaining strong communities but there are often barriers which prevent their participation or engagement with local opportunities, or stop them fulfilling their potential to play a role within the broader community. They may struggle to get their voice heard in order to influence decisions that affect them, their families and communities.

The Foundation established the **Women's Fund for Scotland** in 2002, to focus resources on projects that seek to address these barriers at a local level and enable women to develop themselves and their communities and to improve their own quality of life.

Grants will be available to:

- Organisations predominantly run by and for women
- Organisations with women-only projects, which seek to support and empower women.

Applicants must be constituted not-for-profit groups. Note that statutory organisations and organisations with an annual income over £250,000 may no longer apply to this programme.

Grants will only be made to projects that benefit women aged 16 or over.

Grants of up to £5,000 are available for a wide variety of costs and projects, subject to some exclusions (listed overleaf). Grants must be spent within 12 months of being awarded and applications must be for between 25% and 100% of a project's or item's total cost.

Projects should support women's development, self-sufficiency, and economic and social equality. The majority of this funding will be available for locally focused projects that also contribute to the regeneration or development of a specific geographic area, for example:

- Enhancing local facilities, for the purpose of encouraging women who experience discrimination, disadvantage, or live in areas of deprivation to live or work within their local community;
- Benefiting local women who have particular needs because of their gender, age, sexuality, disability or race or religion;
- Assisting women to make use of local facilities and opportunities for education, training or employment purposes;
- Promoting a safe and crime free environment for women in their communities.

Case Studies of previous grants from the Fund are available on our website www.Scottishcf.org/grantsforwomen

We also expect projects to address at least one of the Scottish Government's 5 Strategic Objectives:

1. **WEALTHIER AND FAIRER** - Enable people to increase their wealth and more people to share fairly in that wealth.
2. **HEALTHIER** - Help people to sustain and improve their health, especially in disadvantaged communities, ensuring better, local and faster access to health care.
3. **SAFER AND STRONGER** - Help local communities to flourish, becoming stronger, safer place to live, offering improved opportunities and a better quality of life.
4. **SMARTER** - Expand opportunities for communities to succeed from nurture through to life long learning ensuring higher and more widely shared achievements.
5. **GREENER** - Improve Scotland's natural and built environment and the sustainable use and enjoyment of it.

We would be particularly interested to receive applications which also incorporate some form of social enterprise, as well as meeting the above criteria.

Grants for International Women's Day 2010

Around the world, International Women's Day (IWD) marks a celebration of the economic, social, cultural and political achievements for women. Funding will be available for projects which celebrate International Women's Day, 8 March 2010, in Scotland, where they meet the general Women's Fund criteria above. Grants may assist with costs such as:

- Accommodation/premises hire for events;
- Childcare provision/carer costs;
- Reasonable costs for Guest Speakers;
- Catering requirements.
- Translation/interpreting costs;
- Publicity costs;
- Evaluation of events;

The Women's Fund for Scotland does NOT fund the following:

- Statutory organisations, Individuals or groups without a constitution
- Groups whose annual income is more than £250,000
- Projects primarily benefiting people under the age of 16
- International exchange visits
- Groups whose request is for less than 25% of the total project costs
- Groups whose grant request is for the advancement of religion or politics
- General fundraising appeals or activities
- Payments towards areas generally understood to be the responsibility of statutory authorities
- Groups who will then distribute the funds as grants or bursaries
- The purchase of second hand vehicles
- The payment of debts or other retrospective funding

How and When to Apply

Applications can be made using the Scottish Community Foundation's Express and Main grants application forms, depending on the amount requested. Visit www.scottishcf.org/grantsforwomen to download forms and guidelines or contact us (see below).

For Main Grants (over £2,000), please note the requirement to explain how your project meets the national outcomes in section 8 of the form.

Applications for all grants can be made **up to 11th December 2009**. Applicants for IWD grants are encouraged **not to wait until this date** to make an application, in order to allow a decision to be made in sufficient time to plan for their events.

Main Grants applications (from £2,000 to £5,000) will receive a decision within approximately 3 months from receipt of an eligible and complete application. Decisions on **Express Grants (requests up to £2,000)** will normally be made within 6 weeks – however please note that **Express Grant applications that are submitted in November and December of 2009 will not receive a decision before 1st February 2010**.

Organisations may only apply for one grant (Main or Express) at a time. Groups can receive both one Main and one Express grant in any year from either the Women's Fund for Scotland or the Scottish Community Foundation's general 'Community Grants' programme. If an application for either a Main or Express grant (from either the Women's Fund or Community Grants) is successful, the group will not be able to reapply for a further grant of that size (i.e. Main or Express) until there has been a minimum interval of eight months. If an application is unsuccessful the organisation may apply again immediately.

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