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Land-owners offered help with grants for small wind turbines

Evance, a small wind-turbine manufacturer (formerly Iskra), and Segen (Evance's UK distributor) have launched a new database to support landowners in tracking down grants available for the installation of small wind turbines. In particular, the database will signpost grants available from Europe's €345million Agricultural Fund for Rural Development, which is administered by the regional development agencies. The fund can offer grants of up to 40 per cent of the installation costs. Anyone wishing to access the grants database should contact Segen 0845 094 2445 or email info@segen.co.uk.

Funding Available for Local Projects

Many of us think we know how our local town or community can be improved but only some of us try to develop practical ideas to get things done – and too often, such initiatives falter because of lack of funding. Now, if you are a local community group, local business, not for profit organisation or charity which has ideas on how to improve the Greater Dartmoor area, a new organisation may be able to help you.

The Greater Dartmoor Local Environment Action Group (GDLEAF) has £1.8m of European money to invest in local projects which support economic and social well-being. It is looking for organisations operating in the Greater Dartmoor area – which extends as far south as the towns on the southern edge of Dartmoor, including Totnes, South Brent and Ivybridge – with project ideas which fall into one of three key areas. Projects will be eligible for funding if they can demonstrate that they encourage new ways to help local businesses access markets or distribute products; or find innovative ways to help local communities improve community facilities and encourage business services; or develop projects which exploit the natural, cultural and creative heritage of the area. There is a strong theme throughout in achieving sustainable communities and addressing environmental concerns, including a small energy fund to help put environmental systems in place.

Chairman of Greater Dartmoor LEAF, Trevor Smale concludes:

'We are all excited at the chance to help build sustainable businesses and improve community facilities in the Greater Dartmoor area, but we must also

ensure that this money is invested wisely. Through securing other matched funding, the projects we support should deliver up to £4m of new development funding. The GDLEAF team is determined to ensure that the projects we support will bring tangible economic and community benefits to local people.' Greater Dartmoor LEAF is supported by Devon Renaissance. More information on the scheme is available at www.greaterdartmoorLEAF.org or from Devon Renaissance on 01837 658643.

First schemes announced for Low Carbon Infrastructure

Details of the successful schemes for the first tranche of funding from the Homes and Communities Agency's (HCA) low carbon infrastructure initiative, totalling £11.85m, were announced.

The initiative, a partnership with the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) and Communities and Local Government (CLG), will provide funding for schemes across the country to benefit from new and existing low carbon energy plants by creating the infrastructure needed to link them up.

Read more on the pioneering Low Carbon Infrastructure fund at:

<http://www.homesandcommunities.co.uk/first-schemes-low-carbon-infrastructure-initiative>

Applied research funding programme open to applications

The Carbon Trust announced that it's now open to applications through the Applied Research Funding Programme and has doubled the size of grants available under this programme from £250k to £500k, this will enable the development of more ambitious projects with potential for even greater carbon savings. Applied Research Grant funding is available to businesses, research institutions and other organisations and aims to support the development and commercialisation of technologies which have the potential to reduce UK carbon emissions. A minimum of 40% match funding is required. There are two stages to the application process: an initial proposal, followed by a full proposal. The next deadline for application is the 14th December 2009. Funding for Applied Research Open Call applications from institutions or organisations based in Scotland for the 2009/2010 financial year is now fully committed.

<http://www.carbontrust.co.uk/technology/appliedresearch/>

Increasing recycling plastics packaging in the UK by 2011

Wrap have announced the launch of a new mixed plastics capital grant. The aim of the grant is to help to significantly increase the recycling capacity of non-bottle household plastics packaging in the UK by 2011. WRAP has developed this Mixed Plastics Capital Grant to stimulate investment in additional capacity to: reduce the tonnages of household Mixed Plastics packaging waste going to landfill; generate a supply of high quality recycled polymer from post-use household Mixed Plastics packaging waste in, that can

substitute for virgin plastic in the manufacture of new items; and promote projects which will displace the use of virgin plastics in the manufacturing of plastic based products by adding or increasing the recycled plastic content. Wrap are seeking project proposals that as a minimum, will be capable of receiving mixed plastics as a feed material and sorting it into the major polymer streams. Proposals will preferably include further reprocessing operations such as, but not limited to, washing, grinding and extrusion of the sorted outputs and to produce high quality recycled fractions such as pellets and/or flakes that can be used directly to manufacture new plastic items with a recycled content. WRAP can offer up to £2m as a grant and providing that the total State Aid intensity does not exceed 30% of the total eligible capital costs of the project, applicants may wish to seek public funding from elsewhere. The deadline for applications is the 10th September 2009.

http://www.wrap.org.uk/templates/wrap_tender.rm?id=28265&docs=1

Grants of up to £20,000 to implement sustainable energy projects

E.ON the power and gas generating and distributing company has announced the launch of a new Sustainable Energy Fund. The E.ON Sustainable Energy Fund offers grants of up to £20,000 to community groups and not for profit organisations who wish to consider and implement sustainable energy projects in their buildings. Projects that can be considered include; the purchase and installation of one or more renewable energy technologies (e.g. wind, solar thermal, PV, wood etc); the renovation of existing facilities to incorporate micro-generation technology (e.g. the reinstatement of a watermill and the purchase of a turbine to produce hydro-electricity); an energy efficiency makeover for your building that could demonstrate significant energy savings and also behavioural change amongst users; and the use of new or innovative technology to deliver either energy savings or micro-generation capacity.

To be eligible organisations must benefit specific community groups namely: Young people; Elderly people; and People in fuel poverty.

The next closing date for applications is the 16th October 2009.

<http://www.eon-uk.com/about/sustainableenergyfund.aspx>

Funding to install renewable energy technologies (lottery funded)

Not for profit organisations such as community groups, charities, schools, colleges and faith groups, etc are being invited to apply for funding to install renewable energy technologies (such as wind turbines and solar panels) and energy saving measures (such as roof and cavity wall insulation).

Under the new Community Sustainable Energy programme £8 million will be available for the installation of microgeneration technologies and energy efficiency measures (Capital grants) and £1 million for project development grants. The maximum Capital grant available is £50,000 or 50% of the project costs. The maximum project development grant is £5,000 or 75 per cent of

the study cost - whichever is lower. The funding programme is being managed by the Building Research Establishment on behalf of the Big Lottery Fund's "Changing Spaces" Programme.

The Selection Panel are particularly keen to receive more applications for projects in the East Midlands, London, North East, North West and Yorkshire as proportionally there have been fewer applications so far.

Project development grants (for studies investigating the feasibility of installing any combination of the technologies) will be awarded on a first-come first-served basis until all funds are spent. Capital grants will be awarded on a competitive basis at quarterly selection panel meetings.

The next application deadline is the 7th August 2009.

<http://www.communitysustainable.org.uk/>

Support for community led environmental initiatives

A partnership of five of the country's leading not-for-profit organisations have come together to provide support and funding to help young people improve green spaces in our communities. SITA Trust, v the youth volunteering charity, BTCV, The Wildlife Trusts and the BBC's Breathing Places campaign, have joined forces to develop a two-year programme called GreenPrints which will offer funding of up to £10,000, as well as support and practical expertise from the partners, to enable 16-25 year olds to make a real difference to the communities in which they live.

The funding is open to not for profit organisations for projects designed and delivered by groups of volunteers aged 16 to 25. SITA Trust and v have each pledged £1 million to fund the programme, making it one of the largest single investments made by either organisation to any funding programme. The overall programme will be managed using the expertise and experience of SITA Trust and BTCV. One of the most unusual elements of this programme is the individual, dedicated mentor-support that will be provided by the BTCV and The Wildlife Trusts to assist with the practical delivery of every single project that is supported.

The next application deadline is the 12th August 2009.

<http://www.sitatrust.org.uk/apply/greenprints>

Grants for planting trees

The Tree Council, the lead tree campaigning charity working to promote the importance of trees within the changing environment has announced that its Trees for Communities and Trees for Schools grant making programmes are now open for applications. Funds are available for schools and community groups within the UK who are able to show that children under the age of 16 will be actively engaged in the planting projects. The Tree Council are able to fund projects between £100 and £700 and successful applicants will receive up to 75% towards their planting costs. For example, if your project totals £700, The Tree Council would offer up to £525. The remaining 25% will need

to be secured by your school or organisation.

If you are interested in applying for next year, the 2010 application forms for schools and community groups will be available to download after National Tree Week (25 November 2009 to 6 December 2009) with a closing date of 31st May 2010.

<http://www.treecouncil.org.uk/?q=grants>

Supermarket supporting education projects in the community

The Tesco Charity Trust has announced that it is now accepting applications for grants to support children's education and welfare projects. The funding is available to community and voluntary groups who can apply for grants of between £500 and £4,000.

Previous projects supported have included; playground equipment in schools; sensory garden or room projects; outdoor classrooms; breakfast and after school clubs; holiday play-schemes; befriending schemes; day trips social trips for the disabled; and part funding to purchase minibuses. The closing date for applications is the 30th June 2009.

The Tesco Charity Trust has been in existence since 1987 and aims to provide approximately £600,000 in grants each year. In addition the Trust also provides grants to groups working with and supporting elderly people and/or adults and children with disabilities.

This funding stream is due to reopen for applications on the 1st August with an application deadline of the 30th September 2009.

http://www.tescopl.com/plc/corporate_responsibility/local_communities/community_investment/charitable_giving/tesco_charity_trust/

A one off opportunity for people to work for their chosen charity

World of Difference will give eight UK residents the chance to work for a charity of their choice overseas for a whole year, whilst earning a salary of up to £25,000 plus £20,000 in related expenses.

Deadline: 30th July 2009.

http://www.vodafone.com/world_of_difference.html
worldofdifference@vodafone.com

New loan package for housing co-operatives

Triodos Bank, which lends exclusively to organisations that benefit people and the environment and Co-operative & Community Finance which provides loan finance for co-operatives, employee owned businesses and social enterprises have come together to help housing co-operatives buy property. After years of unsustainable house price rises, property is becoming affordable again. For housing co-operatives who are ready to buy their own property, these two

organisations can help to make the most of the lull in the housing market, helping housing co-operatives provide affordable, tenant controlled homes for their members. Housing co-operatives apply for two loans. One from Triodos Bank and one from Co-operative & Community Finance. Triodos Bank can lend up to 80% of the value of the house. Co-operative & Community Finance can lend up to 25%. Housing co-operatives will usually need to contribute at least 5% of the value of the property from their own funds, but the lenders may be able to consider a lower contribution in some cases. Application will be assessed by a Relationship Manager at each lender who will let the applicant know if their application is considered viable.

http://www.triodos.co.uk/uk/business_banking/business_finance/210236/234790/loans_housing_coops/

£70 million community builders programme launched

The Adventure Capital Fund (ACF), in partnership with Futurebuilders and the Community Alliance has announced the launch of the new £70 Million Communitybuilders programme. The aim of the programme is to help build more cohesive, engaged and active communities through investment in community-led organisations looking to develop long term viability.

Communitybuilders is designed to help community-led organisations work towards long-term financial stability and away from grant dependency so they can continue to meet the needs of their communities for future generations. Interested organisations will be able to apply for a mixture of loans and grants and have access to expert support and mentoring services. Organisations that are interested in applying for funding should register their interest by phoning 0191 261 5200.

<http://www.communitybuildersfund.org.uk/index.html>

Funding to improve small community and voluntary groups

Groups of individuals as well as small community and voluntary groups within the UK that want to improve their communities can apply for funding through the Wakeham Trust.

The Trust is particularly interested in supporting:

- * Neighbourhood projects.
- * Community arts projects.
- * Projects involving community service by young people.
- * Projects set up by those who are socially excluded.

The Trust also support innovative projects to promote excellence in teaching (at any level, from primary schools to universities), though we never support individuals. The Trust normally give grants to projects where an initial £75 to £750 can make a real difference to getting the project up and running.

To be eligible, applicants need to be registered charities or have access to a registered charity that will be willing to accept funds on their behalf.

The type of activities supported in the past include:

A grant of £250 to three young people in Leamington Spa who were trying to set up a youth club. The Trust gave them £250 to help set up the club in an old Scout hut.

A grant of £50 to an unemployed ex-professional footballer in Yorkshire to buy footballs and equipment for a group of 100 or so tough kids to play football.

Applications can be made at any time.

<http://www.wakehamtrust.org/>

The BIG Family Idea

The Big Lottery Fund in partnership with National Family Week is inviting people of all ages in the UK to enter the BIG Family Idea competition, with an idea that could improve family life, either in their street or revolutionises life for families throughout the UK.

The idea could aim to:

- * Change government legislation.
- * Help disadvantaged families.
- * Encourage a healthier family lifestyle.
- * Enhance communication between family members.

There are no restrictions on the size of the idea, and this could be a product; service; event; campaign; or a great social idea. BIG will provide £150,000 of Big Lottery Fund to an organisation who can develop the winning idea. An example of a great idea includes:

The Walking Bus. There's a driver at the front and a conductor at the back (specially trained parents), it takes the same route to school every day picking the kids up along the way.

The closing date for entries is the 31st July 2009.

<http://www.nationalfamilyweek.co.uk/view.The-Big-Family-Idea>

A new initiative that is searching for up to six villages with a great business idea

The Big Lottery Fund (BIG) together with the BBC have announced the launch of Village SOS, a new initiative that is searching for up to six villages with a great business idea and six enterprising individuals to act as Village Champions and help them achieve their ambitions. All types of voluntary and community organisations such as charities, community organisations, social enterprises, village and community based co-operatives are invited to apply. They must represent rural villages across the UK with fewer than 3,000 people that have an idea for a new business that could bring energy and life back into the community. The final six projects will share up to £3 million and will take part in a major prime time BBC One series, launched as a Learning Campaign to support more villages to develop their idea.

The deadline for applications is the 14th August 2009.

http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_village_sos.htm?regioncode=uk&status=theProg

The new small grants fund for local community and voluntary groups.

Community and voluntary groups will soon be able to provide a wider range of projects and activities for local residents in Teignbridge thanks to a new fund of nearly £28,000.

The **Making it Happen** Fund has been set up by the Teignbridge Strategic Partnership as part of their ongoing commitment to improving the overall quality of life for residents and visitors in Teignbridge. The Teignbridge Strategic Partnership is aiming to distribute the money over two years to approximately 50 deserving organisations.

Grants of up to £500 will be awarded to projects whose total cost is up to £5,000 and grants of up to £1,000 will be given to projects whose total cost is between £5,000 and £10,000. The funding will be split into two rounds, one in 2009 and one in 2010. The application period for the 2009 funding round will be from August 3rd 2009 until September 30th 2009. Awards will be made during October.

Cllr Alan Connett, Chair of the Teignbridge Strategic Partnership said: *"We have created the Making it Happen Fund to stimulate worthy projects and activities in local communities across Teignbridge. The money distributed through this new fund will hopefully make a big difference to groups that are committed to sharing the Partnership's aims of continuing to improve economic, environmental and social well-being in Teignbridge."*

The fund is available to voluntary and community organisations providing a service in the Teignbridge District area and proposals are being encouraged from groups that are either actively improving access to services, promoting healthy living and leisure opportunities, looking after the environment, or working towards creating safer and stronger communities.

The Making it Happen Fund aims to help groups get more local people involved in their activities and assist them in creating a real sense of belonging within their communities. Groups will be able to expand, offer new opportunities in community projects and play a part in maintaining and improving the quality of life for people in Teignbridge.

Organisations that would like an application form should contact Gary Powell, Teignbridge Community Projects Officer, on 01626-215895 or go to www.teignbridge.gov.uk/makingithappen
