

EXTERNAL FUNDING NEWS

(Dorset County Council April 2009)

1: Sport England Promote Sports in Rural Areas

A new £10 million fund to create sporting opportunities for people in rural areas is now open for applications. This is the first in a series of themed funding rounds aimed at increasing community based sports. The Rural Communities Themed Round is designed to give a wide range of organisations, from local authorities to sports clubs and smaller community groups, an opportunity to develop and deliver new and innovative projects to overcome barriers to both participation and supply of sporting opportunities.

The minimum grant available is £10,000, but in order to maximise the positive effect on sport in rural areas, Sport England is explicitly encouraging high value, high impact projects. A significant proportion of the successful bids are expected to be projects requiring National Lottery funding of more than £500,000. A detailed application prospectus is available on Sport England's website. The closing date for applications is the 30th June 2009.

Website: http://funding.sportengland.org/funding_programmes/rural_communities1.aspx

15:Tudor Trust Announces New Funding Guidelines

The Tudor Trust has announced new funding guidelines for the period 2009 – 11. Although they will continue to make grants across their established funding areas, which are youth, older people, community, relationships, housing, mental health, substance misuse, learning, financial security and criminal justice. The Trust will now also be open to hearing about work in areas the it has not funded before. Grants can take the form of core funding (including salaries and running costs), development funding, project grants or capital grants for buildings or equipment. There is no maximum or minimum amount that an organisation can apply for. There is a two stage application process and applications can be submitted at any time.

Website: <http://tudortrust.org.uk/Default.aspx>