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Please let us know if any of **your contact details** change so that we can keep our database up to date. If you receive this newsletter by post but do have an email address, please let us know so that we can email future mailings to you and so keep costs down. Thank you.

CaDVAS News

This time last month we were getting used to the results of the general election: now the sector as a whole is trying to take in what June's emergency budget will really mean for our beneficiaries and our organisations. See our section below - **Emergency Budget - Responses from the Sector** - for some comment and links to other sources of information.

We are pleased to report that the **Canterbury community portal** has at last recovered from its technical problems and is fully up and running again. However, whilst testing that the necessary repairs had taken place, we noticed that a lot of the details in the **Directory of Organisations** are out of date so *please* visit the portal website at www.e-canterbury.co.uk to check that your organisation is **registered** and that your details are **up to date**. If you're not sure how to register or update your details, do contact us.

Don't forget that as well as registering your organisation's service and contact details on the portal, you can also post **events, jobs, volunteer vacancies** and **rooms for hire**, so it's a really good, easy, free way of getting lots of information out to a wide audience.

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CaDVAS TRAINING

We are currently putting together our **Autumn training programme**, which will include lots more **IT**, more **First Aid** and some more workshops from **Kathy Roddy** on various aspects of **funding and fundraising**. We also hope to include the postponed session on **Health and Safety**, possibly something on **Food Hygiene** and more - look out for the detailed programme which will be appearing in your inbox within the next few weeks.

We are also working with colleagues from **CASE Kent** and **Swale CVS** to put together two conferences this Autumn, one on **Compact** and another on **Quality**. Details will follow in future mailings.

In the meantime, don't forget that our current training programme continues this month with:

Introduction to Mentoring

Date: Wednesday 21st July 2010
Time: 10.00am - 12.30pm
Venue: Hambrook Training Room, Thanington Neighbourhood Resource Centre
Cost: **CaDVAS** / CASE Kent / Swale CVS members £20
VCS Non-members £40
Non VCS £50

This half-day course will provide a general introduction to mentoring. We shall look at what mentors do and explore some of the attributes and personal qualities that make effective mentors. There will be opportunities to share experience from the life skills of the participants.

The trainer is **Philip Moore**, who is **Community Engagement Manager** with **Avante Partnership**, a leading provider of Care Homes and Care at Home in the South East. For the past 2 years he has managed the training and supervision of volunteer mentors within Avante's families and young people's **Stepahead Support** service.

To apply for a place please call 01227 452381 or email sue@cadvas.org.

Training for carers and staff working with

people with dementia

Elder World are offering up to 5 **free** places per organisation on their **What is Dementia? Part 1** training, but hurry - this free **offer ends** on July 31st 2010. For more information email enquiries@elderworld.com

EVENTS

Welfare to Work: Critical Interventions

15-16 September 2010
University of Kent, Canterbury, UK

Jointly organised by Kent Law School, Birkbeck Law School, and the Centre for Law, Ethics and Society at Keele University.

Registration is now open. There is no registration fee, but you are advised to reserve places early, as spaces are limited. For registration information please visit <http://blogs.kent.ac.uk/welfare/> .

Confirmed Speakers:

Lisa Adkins (Goldsmiths College, UK)
Wendy Chan (Simon Fraser University, Canada)
DAN - Disabled People's Direct Action Network
Hackney Unemployed Workers Group
Emma Head (Keele University, UK)
Priya Kandaswamy (Mills College, California)
Ontario Coalition Against Poverty
Lucy Williams (Northeastern University, US)
Winvisible

This **two-day workshop** will focus on the gendered, racialised and ableist effects of the **UK's new 'workfare' regime**. The new coalition government has already announced that they intend to take current reforms even further in another **Welfare Reform Bill**. Responding to these reforms, this workshop will bring prominent overseas scholars and activists with experience of 'workfare' elsewhere into conversation with UK-based socio-legal scholars and anti-poverty activists. Our aim is to begin a critical, interdisciplinary conversation within the field of gender, sexuality and law about workfare's potential effects on low-income communities, especially in relation to interconnected experiences of disability, single parenthood, racism and gender.

Themes for the workshops include:

1. Welfare reform in a neo-liberal landscape: Privatisation and private sector involvement in the provision of welfare benefits;
2. Contesting and Surviving Welfare Reform: Governmental strategies versus grassroots struggles;
3. Welfare Reform and criminalisation of poverty: 'Benefits fraud', benefits sanctions and the carceral state; and
4. Welfare to Work: Critical interventions into 'work for your benefit'.

Some travel and accommodation **bursaries** are available for postgraduate students and activists (by application). The deadline for receipt of applications for bursaries is **12th August 2010**.

We aim to make this an inclusive and accessible workshop. Detailed information about the accessibility of the building and other supports will be available soon. If you have specific questions and/or requests, please contact **Sarah Slowe** on s.e.slowe@kent.ac.uk.

For further details, see <http://blogs.kent.ac.uk/welfare/> or contact s.e.slowe@kent.ac.uk.

Supported by the Modern Law Review and Social & Legal Studies.

Organised Speed Networking Event

Kent Enterprise House, Monday 2nd August
5.30 pm-7.30 pm

- Business to Business
- Make contacts
- Generate leads
- Only £5 per person (includes refreshments)

To book call **01227 844 544** or e-mail o.longuet@enterprisingopps.org.uk

1 The Links, Herne Bay, Kent, CT6 7GQ

www.kentconferencentre.com www.kentofficespace.com

Income generated by **Kent Enterprise House** is used by **Kent Enterprise Trust** to improve people's prospects whilst also delivering services to the community.

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Members' News

Age UK or Age Concern?

A question that is frequently being asked is "are the local **Age Concern** centres now called **Age UK** centres?"

The answer is **no**, all our local Age Concern centres will continue to be Age Concern Centres. Age Concern (England) has joined together with Help the Aged and is now known as Age UK (a **national** charity). The **local** Age Concerns haven't joined together with anyone. They realise that the name Age Concern is recognised and trusted within the **local** community and value their reputation and independence.

A few Age Concern centres in other areas have decided to join the new charity and have changed their name to Age UK, but our local centres have no plans to do so at this time.

If people donate to Age UK (or Age Concern as it was) the money doesn't always reach a local centre, unless you request the money go to a specific Age Concern it will go to support Age UK nationally.

Local Age Concern Centres are looking for volunteers who could help with a wide range of tasks; if you have a little time to spare and would like to find out about volunteering please call **Gill Ball** on **07735 556811**

**Canterbury District
Community Alliance:**
supporting local voluntary and community groups

Annual General Meeting

The Canterbury District Community Alliance AGM will be held on the **22nd July** **between 12noon and 3pm** and will be held at the **Christ Church Hall** in **Herne Bay**. It is hoped we will have speakers to discuss the topic of the Herne Bay Regeneration and the proposed Gateway. Please pencil this date into your diary

Further details will follow shortly.

FREE ADVICE ON QUALITY FOR THE VOLUNTARY & COMMUNITY SECTOR

Would you like to improve the quality of your organisation and the services you run? Would you like some free advice? **CASE Kent** has a new volunteer - **Richard Foulger** - who has a wealth of experience and who is willing to work with **CaDVAS** members.

Richard recently retired from the London Borough of Bromley where he was Assistant Director with responsibility for Community Safety and Public Protection. His job brought him into contact with a number of partner organisations including the PCT, Police and Voluntary Sector. He was a member of the Safeguarding Adults Board, Health, Social Care and Housing partnership, the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership and Chair of the Youth Offending Team Management Board.

Over a period of about 20 years Richard was involved with a number of quality initiatives including **ISO 9000**, **Investors in People**, **Charter Mark** (now Customer Service Excellence) and **European Foundation Quality Model**. Richard has also recently been on the Implementing **PQASSO** course and although is he not yet a qualified mentor he is available to give advice. Richard hopes to use his experience to assist voluntary and charitable organisations. Although his time is free you will need to pay his travel expenses.

If you would like to book an appointment to meet Richard please email Liz or Jennie on ashford@casekent.org.uk .

SWALE & CANTERBURY CARERS' SUPPORT

**are seeking to recruit a
Support Officer - Adult Carers**

This is a fixed term contract for maternity cover until 31st March 2011. As part of the Adult Carers Support Team, this particular role will have a particular focus on parent carers and Children and Young people with Disabilities/Additional needs.

Responsible to: Chief Operations Officer

NJC Scale 20: £18,453 p. a. Pro-rata

Entitlements: Car Users & Mileage Allowances, Pension Contribution, 25 days Annual Leave Pro-rata

Hours: 20 hours per week, flexible, to meet the needs of the organisation

Base: Swale Carers Centre, Suite 9, Bank House, Sheerness

Aims of Post: To assist Swale Carers Centre to successfully deliver an exemplary, innovative and comprehensive range of services to Promote, Support and Empower Carers of All Ages, aligned to the organisations Aims, Objectives and contractual obligations

Further information: Please contact CEO **Chris Lovelock**.

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Closing date for applications: 16th July 2010

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Emergency Budget - Responses from the Sector

Emergency Budget 2010 -

What It Means For The Voluntary and Community Sector

The announcement of Chancellor George Osborne's **Emergency Budget** has led to concern among leading **sector umbrella bodies**.

The **Budget** includes plans to:

- **Increase VAT** from 17.5 to 20%, which is likely to lead to a rise in demand for charities' services as access to welfare benefits are tightened and unemployment rises.
- **Cut 25%** from Government departments across the board, with the exception of health and aid spending.
- **Cut the welfare budget** by £11 billion.
- **HMRC** intends to replace the current rules on substantial charity donors and will be consulting informally on this through the summer. Full legislation will be published in the autumn.
- Review the current National Lottery taxation arrangements.

Neil Cleeveley, director of policy and communications at **NAVCA**, said the Government needed to provide more information on their ideas for the **Big Society**:

"This is further evidence of just how tough public spending cuts are going to be. That's why we need to know the Government's plans for the big society.

"We need to know that local charities and community groups will get the support they need to help communities through these hard times."

ACEVO chief executive Stephen Bubb agreed that any plans for the Big Society must be as a result of consultation with the sector and showed concern about the rise in VAT:

"The scale of the challenge facing charities as a result of this Budget is enormous. The spending cuts outlined today will impact on frontline services. The vulnerable will likely receive less support, charities will be asked to do more, and will have to do so at a time that their cost base is rising due to the VAT rise.

"The Government has made clear that as it rolls back the state it wants a Big Society to flourish in response. If this is to happen, it is crucial that now the state works with us in genuine partnership, that we are fully engaged in the Spending Review and that it is not a PR process as some Conservatives have suggested."

The rise in VAT was a concern also for the **Charity Tax Group (CTG)**, who warned that the increase could cost charities £150 million a year.

Helen Donoghue of the **CTG** said:

"We fully understand the Government's urgent need to tackle the deficit through spending cuts and tax increases. But it has also emphasised the need for fairness and protection for the least well off and, as our research has shown, the impact of this VAT increase will have a detrimental and disproportionate effect on the charity sector."

The **social enterprise sector** said the Budget lacked detail on the Big Society and did not offer anything directly to social enterprises.

Investment executive at **Local Partnerships**, Dan Gregory, said:

"If the Big Society is to mean anything in practice, and not just as a cover story for cuts, then the big spending departments and local authorities will have to take it seriously. A handful of speeches and initiatives emerging from the Cabinet Office, communities or treasury departments will not make the big society, but we haven't seen any evidence of either in this budget. What is clear, however, is that the days of government throwing another fish over the side to social enterprises a couple of times a year have gone."

To view the full budget documents click [here](#) (opens in new window)

Source: HM Treasury, 22/06/2010

Budget update from NCVO 23.06.10:

Budget - ncvo have published a [short summary](#) of the key points and have also launched a ['Coping with the Cuts' section](#) on their website with advice and support to help you, and your organisation, cope with the cuts. There are useful guides and practical tools to help you diversify your income, strengthen key relationships and manage your workforce to guide you through the challenges ahead.

[DSC e-news July 2010 - Emergency budget 2010](#)

Wondering what the implication of 'emergency' budget will be for charities? With public

spending reductions of £30 billion a year until 2014-15, this equates to around 25% cuts for all but Health and Aid departments. Ben Wittenberg, DSC's Director of Policy and Research highlights where charities will be most affected, possible gains for the sector and advice on what to do to limit the impact. [Read more](#).

NCVO Member news bulletin 01.07.10

Our latest [Charity Forecast Survey](#) (Members' Confidence Survey) shows that sector leaders have the lowest levels of confidence in the financial situation of their organisation in over two years, and that they are concerned about the future of their organisations. To help you cope with cuts to funding we have set up a [section on our website](#) with resources and support.

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Other News

Kent Children's Fund Network are recruiting to a number of positions:

Roles include:

- Full time Deputy CEO (37 hours, one year fixed term - up to £35,000 per annum depending on experience). Closing Date: 30th July
- Part time Business Development Manager (15 hours, one year fixed term - up to £35,000 per annum depending on experience). Closing Date: 30th July
- Full time Play Development Worker (37 hours, permanent position - up to £16,830 per annum depending on experience) Closing Date: 22nd July
- Sessional Assessors and Tutors in Playwork - variety of positions available. Closing Date: 30th July

To apply please visit www.kcfn.co.uk and click on the Recruitment tab.

Consultation on the Future of Care for Older People

KCC's Cabinet has agreed for **Kent Adult Social Services (KASS)** to enter into a formal consultation process on the future of its **Older Persons' Service Provision**.

From 21 June 2010, **KASS** Officers have been meeting with staff, trade unions, service users, relatives, and other key stakeholders including County and Local Councillors to provide information on the proposals for the future provision of older person's services and commence the official process.

You will find the official letter and factsheet which explain the reasoning behind the proposals, the services involved and the process on the **CaDVAS** website at www.cadvas.org. Within the letter you are invited to put in writing your views and comments in relation to the proposals. Please send your comments **by 1 November 2010** to:

Older Persons' Futures
Room 3.12,
Brenchley House
123 - 135 Week Street
Maidstone
Kent ME14 1RF

Alternatively, If you would prefer to email your comments as part of the consultation process, please email opfutures@kent.gov.uk.

Progress for Providers

Progress for Providers is a self-assessment toolkit developed by **Walsall Voluntary Action** to allow organisations providing adult social care services to check their progress in responding to the personalisation agenda. For more information visit <http://bit.ly/pfpwals>

Source: NAVCA LINX 42, 10.06.10

Big Society information

The **NAVCA** website now has a page on the **Big Society**, the Government's policies to redistribute power from the state to society; and from the centre to local communities, and to give people the opportunity to take more control over their

lives. Visit www.navca.org.uk/big society

Source: NAVCA LINX 143 24.06.10

In Kind Direct scheme offers cut-price stationery

By Kate Youde, Third Sector Online, 16 June 2010

Charities are being offered **cut-price stationery** through **In Kind Direct**, the charity that distributes surplus consumer goods to voluntary organisations, and office supplier **Staples Advantage**. The charity has set up a new affiliate discount scheme with the retailer to allow charities that are registered with it to receive preferential pricing on **Staples** products.

Robin Boles, chief executive of In Kind Direct, said **current promotions** included **A4 paper** and **fairly traded tea, coffee and hot chocolate at less than cost price**.

She said the charity could never meet the demand from its 4,500 registered charities for office supplies, such as paper and envelopes, through donations alone. The new scheme would benefit charities that had not previously joined the network because they did not need its consumer products, she said. Boles said she hoped to tie up an affiliate scheme for IT hardware in the future.

For more information visit <http://www.inkinddirect.org/>

Calendar Check

New online charity calendar to help fundraising efforts

The developers of a unique free online calendar dedicated to charity events are urging all charities, both national and local, to upload details of their events.

<http://www.calendarcheck.co.uk/events/index.php> is a new website designed to help organisers plan their events more effectively and boost fundraising potential by avoiding clashes with other high profile occasions.

Organisers can search for competing charitable events and, having selected the perfect date, can simply upload details of their own event for free. Calendar Check also offers a means of directly communicating with supporters and creating greater awareness for their fundraising efforts.

Billed as the 'who, what, where and when' of charity events, more than 20 of the UK's major charities have already endorsed Calendar Check prior to its launch, including Cancer Research UK, the British Red Cross, NSPCC, Breakthrough

Breast Cancer and the Royal National Institute for the Blind.

There will also be an opportunity for charities to offer their supporters their own e-newsletters, which smaller charities may not have previously been able to provide because of their size or manpower resources.

Fraudsters claiming to be from the Charity Commission demand cash for services

By Ben Cook, Third Sector Online, 8 June 2010

Fraudsters posing as Charity Commission staff are attempting to get charities to hand over money for bogus services. The commission has alerted the police after being informed by a number of charities that they had received telephone calls from people claiming to be from the "debt collection department" at the commission and demanding payment for services and advertisements.

A commission spokeswoman said it had received a "small number of calls" about the scam, which in some cases involved demands being made by fraudsters for thousands of pounds. She did not say whether any charities had handed over money.

Andrew Hind, chief executive of the commission, said: "I am outraged that individuals are misusing the good name of the commission in this way."

A commission statement said: "Any call from someone claiming to work with or on behalf of the commission, and claiming any payment in a threatening way, is clearly bogus. **The commission does not charge for any of its services to charities**; it does not get involved in debt collection either directly or through contracting third parties to do so; and nor does it collect debt on behalf of charities."

It added that charities receiving calls from anyone they suspect to be fraudsters should contact the police. All commission staff should give their name, telephone number and email address when asked.

The **regulator's advice** is, first, to check that any email address supplied by a caller ends in **@charitycommission.gsi.gov.uk**; and, second, to check that the number supplied by a caller matches the direct-dial codes for one of the commission's offices:

020 7674 for London

0151 703 for Liverpool

01823 345 for Taunton

01633 2255 for Newport.

Cross-departmental taskforce will seek to cut red tape for charities

By John Plummer, Third Sector Online, 9 June 2010

A cross-departmental government taskforce is being established to look into ways of cutting bureaucracy for small charities.

Nick Hurd, the civil society minister, yesterday told Parliament that his department would work with the Department for Business, Innovation & Skills to find ways of **reducing regulatory requirements**. "We are committed to clearing the thicket of bureaucracy that too often gets in the way of doing good," said Hurd.

Speaking at Cabinet Office questions, Hurd said he was due to meet Andrew Hind and Dame Suzi Leather, chief executive and chair respectively of the Charity Commission, next week to discuss the subject.

"The government are committed to making it easier for people to set up and run charities and to **reduce the amount of regulation**, monitoring and reporting that has been imposed on the sector," he said.

Hurd also confirmed that the government planned to **review the criminal records and vetting and barring regime**, saying a number of voluntary organisations had expressed frustration about the existing system.

Asked by Labour MP Paul Goggins whether ministers would uphold **three-year funding and the Compact**, the public and voluntary sector partnership agreement, Hurd said the question was "a bit rich" considering former third sector minister Angela Smith's breach of the Compact last year.

"We want the **sector to work more closely with the state**, and the Compact has an important part to play in making sure that that relationship works productively," said Hurd. He said he would meet Justine Greening, the economic secretary to the Treasury, to discuss Gift Aid reform. "We have said that we would like to **reduce the bureaucratic burden associated with Gift Aid**, which falls on charities and disproportionately on small charities," said Hurd. "The Treasury-led Gift Aid forum is examining the case for reform and will report in September."

Value Volunteer Management

Volunteering England has launched a campaign to increase awareness of the

value and importance of investing in volunteer management.

Visit: www.volunteering.org.uk/valuevolunteermanagement

Volunteering England has also launched a Volunteer Management Portal that acts as a gateway to the world of volunteer management with links to over a thousand resources across England. Visit: www.volunteering.org.uk/vmportal

Source: NAVCA LINX 42, 10th June 2010

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Funding and Finance News

Four new financial guidance documents published by Charity Commission

By David Ainsworth, Third Sector Online, 9 June 2010

The **Charity Commission** has published four new sets of financial guidance. The guides, on **internal controls**, **insolvency**, **reserves** and **risk management**, update existing guidance for charities.

The document on internal controls, CC8, provides more information on electronic banking and safeguards against fraud. The guidance on reserves, CC19, contains more information about the factors that must be considered when deciding on a reserves policy. And the risk assessment guidance, CC26, contains new information about how to assess risk, including non-financial risk.

Andrew Hind, chief executive of the commission, said: "In an uncertain economic climate, it is more important than ever for charities to review and actively manage the risks they face. Regardless of a charity's size, this revised guidance is something for all trustees to read."

FINAL YEAR OF GRASSROOTS GRANTS*

Could your group use a grant of £5,000?

Now in its final year, **Grassroots Grants** has already benefitted well over 350 volunteer led community groups across Kent and Medway since August 2008.

Groups with **income below £30,000 per annum**, particularly those that may not have applied for funding previously should find this an opportunity too good to miss. Application forms are straightforward and there are no deadlines for submitting them. There will be a very quick turnaround time once we have received a complete bid.

Awards can be used for many purposes, which might include: Purchase of equipment, revenue costs up to 31 March 2011, small refurbishment or access projects

Groups that apply need to: have been active for a year, have annual income of less than £30,000 and be able to run activities that benefit their community.

How to apply

For an application pack or more details about the fund call **Kent Community Foundation** on **01303 814500** or email us at admin@kentcf.org.uk . Help with the completion of application forms is available.

All Grassroots Grants must be spent and accounted for by 31st March 2011.

**See below for other programmes which are likely to be cut or are under review by the new Government*

Big Lottery Community Wildlife Programme

Community Wildlife is **Big Lottery Fund's** new programme for projects that bring local people together to discover, enjoy and protect the wildlife in their local area. For more information go to:

http://www.wellbeingsoutheast.org.uk/chances4change/newsandevents/latest_news/

The programme is now open to a wide range of organisations including voluntary and community organisations, schools, town and parish councils, and statutory health authorities. Grants of **between £300 and £10,000** are available for:

Projects that improve rural or urban environments for people to enjoy, for example by:

- * protecting wildlife habitats
- * creating a nature trail, woodland walk or wildlife garden
- * improving community spaces, such as rivers, ponds and woodlands.

Projects that get people more active and healthier, for example by:

- * exploring parks, rivers and the countryside to look for rare or endangered species
- * encouraging people to take up gardening or go on nature walks
- * providing opportunities for children to learn about nature through play.

The **Community Wildlife** programme is a small grants programme running in partnership with the BBC. It complements the BBC's '**Go Wild**' campaign and is designed to provide opportunities for people and communities to become involved with, enhance and protect their local wildlife.

The programme has been launched with up to £2 million available across the UK and organisations can submit applications before the **three programme deadlines** of **21st July, 22nd September** and the **24th November 2010**.

For further details about the programme and to get an application form please visit our website or call our helpline on: **0845 367 0610**. For more ideas for projects visit the BBC Wildlife Fund website at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/wild/>

Learning Disability Partnership Fund

Eastern and Coastal Kent Primary Care Trust (PCT) is pleased to confirm that all East Kent Learning **Disability District Partnership Groups** will receive £10,000 in 2010/11.

As **Better Health** is one of the priorities identified by **Valuing People Now**, the PCT would like **District Partnership Groups** to look for ways to use their **Partnership Fund** in order to take forward this health agenda. This funding is to support and develop projects between the **PCT**, the **DPG** and other local groups/organisations.

Bids are invited to develop projects aimed at improving the health and wellbeing of people with learning disabilities in their local communities. Projects will be expected to be delivered within 12 months of receipt of funding. Future funding can not be guaranteed.

More information about the fund will be posted on the **CaDVAS** website at www.cadvas.org

For an application form to apply for funding please contact **Sue Peach**, Learning Disabilities Commissioning Team on **01233 618373**, sue.peach@eastcoastkent.nhs.uk

Grassroots Grants gives way to new Communities First fund

By Kaye Wiggins, Third Sector, 22 June 2010

The government's new **Communities First** fund, which will provide start-up funding for community groups, will replace the Grassroots Grants scheme when it runs out in April next year. **The Office for Civil Society** has confirmed that the £130m Grassroots Grants fund, which was set up by the Labour government to support small charities and community groups, will not be renewed.

Cabinet secretary Francis Maude announced the Communities First fund earlier this month. He said it would foster the creation of new community groups in deprived areas, but did not say how much it would be worth. An Office for Civil Society spokesman said details of Communities First would be announced in December.

Charities minister **Nick Hurd** has indicated that government funding for **Capacitybuilders** and the volunteering charity **v** is also under review. The OCS spokesman said all of the department's spending was potentially under review because of the need to reduce the national deficit.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO PROGRAMMES RUN BY THE OFFICE FOR CIVIL SOCIETY?

The 2007 Third Sector Review pledged £500m in 2008-11. After today's Budget, the figure for the next spending round is likely to be smaller.

DECISIONS ALREADY MADE

Futurebuilders

Closed after all of its funds, totalling about £155m, were allocated to help 375 organisations bid for public service delivery contracts. Civil society minister Nick Hurd has said income from the repayment of its loans would be redirected to fund community organisers and neighbourhood groups. "We think that the future of loan finance delivery is through the Big Society Bank, and we want to encourage the traditional banking industry to meet the sector's debt needs," he said.

Grassroots Grants

£80m for small grants to community groups and £50m to match other funding of local foundations. Will not be renewed from 2011. No funding yet allocated to new Communities First fund for local start-up bodies.

DEFINITELY UP FOR REVIEW

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Received £38.1m in government funding in 2009/10 and is due to receive £39m in 2010/11. Government plans to develop a national citizen service to offer volunteering

opportunities to school leavers.

Capacitybuilders

Has a budget of about £90m in the 2008-11 spending round; came under criticism from the National Audit Office.

ALSO BEING CONSIDERED

The Compact

£6m in all was allocated to support the agreement between the public and voluntary sectors.

Strategic Partners

In 2008/09, £12.2m went to partners such as umbrella body Navca and CSV.

Community Assets

£30m fund for 2008-11 to transfer local council buildings to the voluntary sector.

For further up-to-date news on funding available try the following contacts:

Inside Track, the **KCC External Funding Service** newsletter - email externalfunding@kent.gov.uk to be added to their mailing list or contact **Martyn Riley, External Funding Officer, Chief Executives Department, KCC.** Tel: 01622 694384; Email: martyn.riley@kent.gov.uk for more information, or visit their website at www.kent.gov.uk/externalfunding

Kent CAN, the county level infrastructure organisation which exists to support and promote the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) in Kent and Medway, provides regular funding e-bulletins and also hosts the **GRANTnet** funding search website. For more **information** visit www.kentcan.org

Kent4Community, which is a free web based grant search facility, at www.kent.gov.uk/community_and_living/external_funding/search_for_grants.aspx

j4bCOMMUNITY.co.uk

produce a regular funding newsletter; email

newsletter@j4bcommunity.co.uk

Funding Buddies, a programme to assist community and voluntary groups access

funding opportunities. It will also develop training courses to increase and enhance the skills of community organisations.

Contact Kent Funding Buddies:

Tel: 01303 813790

Fax: 01303 814203

Mobile: 07900 560235

Email: nigel.turley@ruralkent.org.uk


Website: www.fundingbuddiesinkent.org.uk

Funding Central is a free is a free smart website for all third sector organisations, including community groups, providing access to thousands of funding and finance opportunities, plus a wealth of tools and resources supporting organisations to develop sustainable income strategies appropriate to their needs. It is managed by **NCVO** and funded by the Office of the Third Sector. Visit www.fundingcentral.org.uk

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If you have difficulty contacting any of the above, please feel free to contact CaDVAS for further information and advice.

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