



7. Finding and getting money

7.4.4 Welsh Assembly Government grant funding

Overview

The Welsh Assembly Government offers a wide range of grants to organisations across Wales such as local authorities, Community Safety Partnerships and the voluntary sector. The grants are used to deliver services that meet the needs of the public in Wales, such as improving housing, reducing homelessness, promoting community safety and regenerating areas of deprivation.

This information sheet contains details of the grant schemes offered by the Welsh Assembly Government either directly or, via independent bodies. There is a brief summary of each scheme and contact details.

The Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund for Wales

The Aggregates Levy was introduced by the Finance Act 2001, which came into effect in April 2002. Part of the money generated by the Levy has been used to set up a Sustainability Fund to address the environmental costs associated with aggregate extraction. In Wales, the Fund is used to address issues specific to Wales:

- Legacy of old minerals permissions.
- Promoting the use of alternative materials to aggregates.

- Reducing the impact of aggregate extraction.
- Environmental and amenity benefits to communities affected by aggregate extraction.
- Conserving sites of special interest.
- Educational projects.

Funding is available for projects that address the above issues and meet the criteria set out in the information packs. Potential applicants are advised to discuss proposed projects prior to submitting an application.

Contact: Welsh Assembly Government, Planning Policy Branch, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF10 3NQ

Tel: 029 2082 3261 or 029 2080 1492

Planning.Division@wales.gsi.gov.uk

CADW

Civic Initiatives (Heritage) Grants

The scheme provides grants up to £5000 to local voluntary organisations for projects which contribute to increasing awareness of the historic environment and promote its appreciation. This could include staging exhibitions or the publication of educational material about the historic environment.

Physical works will be considered where they improve public appreciation of the historic environment.

This could include the erection of plaques, which assist with the presentation of historic structures, improve public appreciation of the historic environment or promote visitor information.

The scheme is of particular relevance to civic societies who will need to contribute match funding.

Rural Regeneration Grant Scheme

Cadw can offer a grant towards repairing a building in the countryside in order to make it suitable for a previous use or convert it for a new use.

The building must be

- listed
- 'at risk'
- in the countryside or a village of 500 inhabitants or less.

The grant is available to trusts, charities, public bodies, individuals, or businesses (but there are conditions if the building is sold within ten years).

This scheme is for buildings of any type, including agricultural, industrial, religious, domestic, and commercial.

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Nantgarw, Cardiff, CF15 7QQ

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cadw@wales.gsi.gov.uk

www.cadw.wales.gov.uk

Welsh Archaeological Trusts

Grants from this programme are only made to the four Welsh Archaeological Trusts to undertake rescue archaeology throughout Wales.

The trusts are concerned with the development and implementation of policies relevant to the preservation, recording, interpretation and presentation of the archaeology historic landscapes and built heritage of Wales.

Contact: Gwilym Hughes

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www.cadw.wales.gov.uk

Community Facilities and Activities Programme

The Community Facilities and Activities Programme is designed to provide or improve community facilities and support community activities aimed at the regeneration of communities. The programme is open to voluntary and community groups.

Applicants need to be independent, self-governing, non-profit distributing, primarily non-business and be for public benefit. The programme can provide support to help provide facilities or carry out activities which will promote the regeneration of communities by tackling the following priorities:

- Creating or refurbishing facilities available to the community as a whole, or adapting them to ensure equal access to disabled people as required under the Disability Discrimination Act 1995.
- Acting to improve the built or natural environment for local people.
- Improving the well-being of the community by encouraging active and healthy life styles.
- Providing facilities or activities which reduce poverty, inequality,

discrimination and social disadvantage.

- Encouraging training that targets vulnerable or excluded people.
- Stimulating community businesses and social enterprises.
- Assisting the promotion of job opportunities and increased incomes.
- Involving people of all ages and abilities in the community and addressing the needs of socially excluded groups.
- Strengthening the cultural and linguistic identity of the community.

Community activities

The programme can fund any proposals that support the involvement of local people in community activity that will contribute to the regeneration of an area. Applicants are encouraged to submit proposals that are compatible with the Communities First Community Vision framework.

Grants may be awarded for capital projects of up to three years and the largest grants are normally £300,000.

Please note that owing to existing commitments, there will be limited funding available.

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Judith Davies
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Carmarthenshire, Denbighshire,
Flintshire, Newport, Torfaen &
Wrexham**

Richard Fowler
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**Anglesey, Cardiff, Gwynedd,
Monmouthshire, Neath Port Talbot,
Pembrokeshire, Vale of Glamorgan**

Mike O'Shea
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**Bridgend, Ceredigion, Conwy,
Merthyr, Rhondda Cynon Taff,
Swansea**

Roger Plater
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Powys

Children and families organisations grant

The overall objective of the scheme is to support the core activities of voluntary organisations in the social care sector working on an all-Wales level, to develop preventative child and family support services, and to avoid family breakdown.

Its aim is to develop the capacities of eligible voluntary organisations to help the Assembly achieve its objectives of creating a more inclusive society with equality of opportunities and to enable children to play a positive role in the community wherever possible. It focuses on the following themes:

- National representation of bodies providing services for children in Wales.
- Day-care.
- Looked after children (including advocacy, fostering and adoption).
- Disabled children.
- Parenting.
- Child protection.
- Children from ethnic and other minority groups.
- Play.

Contact:

Welsh Assembly Government,
Childrens Startgey Division and
Families Division (Child and Family
Programmes Team)

Andrew Carter

Tel: 029 2082 5894

Leia Dally

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**Provision of advice and services
in relation to youth crime and
domestic violence**

The grant scheme allocates funds to specialist voluntary organisations which provide a range of services and advice to local agencies in respect of youth crime, domestic violence and violence against women. The scheme is aimed primarily at organisations which are able to operate effectively at an all Wales level, though local or regional projects of an innovative nature may be considered.

Funding is available for organisations which provide consultancy, training and support to youth offending teams, and for organisations which provide advice and services in respect of domestic abuse or violence against women.

The scheme includes revenue support to assist voluntary organisations working with domestic abuse problems to alleviate homelessness and rooflessness.

If you wish to apply for funding from this scheme, detailed guidance notes and application forms are available.

Contact: Jane Andrews, Community Safety Division, Welsh Assembly

Government, Rhydycar, Merthyr Tydfil
CF48 1UZ

Tel: 01685 729088

jane.andrews@wales.gsi.gov.uk

**The Sustainable Development
Fund**

The Sustainable Development Fund (SDF) aims, through partnership, to develop and test new ways of achieving a more sustainable way of living in a countryside of great natural beauty and diversity, in which the local characteristics of culture, wildlife, landscape, land use and community are conserved and enhanced. The scheme started in June 2000 in National Parks and started in April 2001 in Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs). The scheme is open to individuals or organisations from the public, private or voluntary sectors if they can demonstrate that their proposal meets the eligibility criteria. The level of grant support for the voluntary sector will not normally exceed 75%, and for other organisations will not normally exceed 50%, but up to 100% will be available in exceptional circumstances. The scheme's objectives are to:

- Explore ways of pursuing concurrently the principles of sustainability and of breaking down barriers that can act as obstacles to sustainability.
- Develop models for the sustainable management of the countryside that could be applied more widely in Wales.
- Generate greater awareness and understanding of sustainability.

Priority will be given to eligible products that:

- Demonstrate innovation or best practice.
- Involve young people and local communities.
- Leverage contributions from other sources.
- Add value or new dimensions to existing sustainability projects.

Application forms are available from the National Park Authorities and from AONB Officers in local authorities that have AONBs. All projects will have to meet the eligibility criteria listed below.

They have to:

- Be sustainable.
- Demonstrate they have genuine support or involvement of communities.
- Support one or more of the objectives of the scheme.
- Be complementary to key local and national strategies, e.g. Local Agenda 21.
- Bring organisations together in partnership to tackle problems.

Contact:

Brecon Beacons National Park
Tel: 01874 624 437

Pembrokeshire Coast National Park
Tel: 01646 624 874

Snowdonia National Park
Tel: 01766 770 274

National Assembly for Wales
Tel: 029 2082 3169

Wales: The Active Communities Initiative

The aim of the Active Communities initiative is to rebuild a sense of community throughout Wales. The Welsh Assembly Government wishes to support all Wales projects that raise the profile of and stimulate more volunteering and community involvement. This funding stream is managed by Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA) on behalf of the Welsh Assembly Government.

Specific Criteria

This funding stream is for purely project-based work, on an all-Wales basis only. If your project is locally based, you will not be eligible for funding under this initiative. Potential applicants wishing to secure future project funding will be required to meet at least one of the following four key objectives:

- Improving the infrastructure.
- Capacity building.
- Media and promotion.
- Research.

Within these threads, projects will be supported that promote and maintain volunteers and community involvement in the following areas:

- Rural.
- Youth.
- Ethnic minorities.
- Older people.
- Disabled people.
- Employees.

In addition, particular attention will be given to means of improving:

- Access to volunteering opportunities.

- Co-ordinating the work of volunteers and volunteer agencies.
- Increasing the funding for volunteering and community involvement.

The latest bidding round for this funding took place in September 2006 and awarded 3-year funding to the successful applicants from 2007-2010.

Applications forms can be obtained from the Wales Council for Voluntary Action's Helpdesk
Tel: 0800 2888 329
activecommunity@wcva.org.uk.

Health and Social Care Sector - Local Mental Health Grants Scheme

This small grant scheme is a one off grant and the maximum grant limit (per project) is **£3,000** available to eligible organisations.

Applications are invited under this scheme from constituted voluntary organisations. The purpose of the scheme is to support and enhance the voluntary sector contribution to the care of adults experiencing mental health problems, and their families and carers, in Wales.

A wide range of projects can be considered for funding including:

- provision of equipment and improved accommodation;
- publications;
- research;
- training for staff and volunteers;
- one off activities.

The beneficiaries of this scheme must be those suffering mental health problems, their families or carers in Wales.

This scheme does not support children's services.

The scheme is aimed primarily at groups and organisations that are either not currently receiving funding, or are receiving less than £10,000, from the existing Local Mental Health Main Grants or SPD scheme.

Closing date for applications is 16 January 2009

Contact: WCVA's Helpdesk
Tel: 0800 2888 329
help@wcva.org.uk

Health and Social Care Sector - grants for all Wales voluntary organisations operating in the social care sector on an all Wales basis

These grant schemes operate under Section 64 of the Health Services Act 1968 and Section 28b of the NHS Act 1997.

The purpose of the grant is to support funding gaps in the core activities of voluntary organisations operating in the health and social care sector and at an all-Wales level for:

- Older people (s64).
- Carers (s64).
- Adults with physical and / or sensory disabilities (s64).
- Adults with learning disabilities (s28b).
- Adults with mental health problems (s28b).

Separate grant schemes operate for each of the above groups of people. To be eligible for consideration, voluntary organisations must work in the health and social care sector for people in at least one of the above categories and they must operate on an all-Wales (national) basis.

The main aim of the schemes is to enable eligible voluntary organisations to help the Assembly achieve its objectives for people in the above categories as set out in *Wales: A Better Country*.

A bidding round for this grant scheme opened on 6 August 2007 and closed for applications on 19 October 2007.

Contact:

Older People - Graham Carter

Tel: 029 2082 3423

Carers - Gavin Parry

Tel: 029 2082 6980

Physical/Sensory Disabilities – Sarah

Cochrane Tel: 029 2082 3097

Learning Disabilities - Alyson Collins

Tel: 029 2082 5441

Mental Health - Tina Jones

Tel: 029 2082 5734

mentalhealthpolicymailbox@wales.gsi.gov.uk

Health Challenge Wales voluntary sector grant scheme

The grant scheme exists to strengthen health promotion work in Wales. Grants are offered to national voluntary organisations, which can contribute to health promotion and complement national developments in health promotion in Wales.

Funding rounds invite applications that respond to Health Challenge Wales by:

- Helping to influence the conditions necessary for people to lead healthy lives and to improve their health.
- Helping individuals and groups to do what they can to improve their own health and that of their families.
- Helping to communicate the 'better health' message more effectively.
- Improving the ability of national voluntary and community organisations to engage with the Welsh Assembly Government and key partners to develop health promotion policy and practice. This may involve working either individually or collectively with, for example, the Wales Centre for Health, the National Public Health Service and local Health, Social Care and Well-Being partnerships to achieve improved health outcomes in Wales.

The key health themes of Health Challenge Wales are:

- Smoking.
- Obesity.
- Accidents and injuries.
- Alcohol and other substance misuse.

- Infections (sexually transmitted; healthcare acquired; vaccine preventable; dental decay).
- Mental health and well being.

Contact

Michelle Lessard

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HPVSGS@wales.gsi.gov.uk

Home Improvement and Care & Repair Agencies

Revenue support is available to assist care & repair agencies which provide practical, technical and financial help and advice on home improvements, maintenance and repairs to older and disabled home occupiers to allow them to remain in their own homes in the community for as long as they wish or are physically able to.

Contact:

Mr Jeff Childs

Tel: 029 2082 5219

Mr Huw McLean

Tel: 029 2082 3921

housing-privatesectorunit@wales.gsi.gov.uk

National voluntary youth organisations grant scheme

To assist national voluntary youth organisations, which facilitate youth services for young people in Wales, to increase the extent and quality of opportunities for non-formal learning for all 11 to 25 year olds in Wales.

To provide financial assistance towards central costs and projects undertaken by a single organisation or a combination of organisations and agencies. Any national organisation, which can show that it is operating in

the Youth Work/Service Sector and delivering a distinct programme of youth work in Wales, to young people aged 11-25 years of age, is eligible to apply. The scheme is not open to local voluntary youth groups or organisations or constituent groups of national voluntary youth organisations.

Detailed notes for guidance and application forms are available from the Youth Work Strategy Branch.

Contact:

Children and Young People’s Strategy Division, DCELLS, Ground Floor, Ty’r Afon, Bedwas Road, Caerphilly CF83 8WT.

Tel: 01443 663746

Fax: 01443 663753

www.wales.gov.uk/entendingentitlement

Prevention and Alleviation of Homelessness and Rooflessness

Revenue support to assist voluntary organisations to alleviate homelessness and rooflessness in Wales is available to:

- Assist homeless, potentially homeless people or roofless people, particularly those for whom local authorities are not required to secure housing under the 1996 Act.
- Provide specialist advice, support and/or accommodation not readily available elsewhere.
- Conduct research into the incidence and causes of rough sleeping in an area.

The Welsh Assembly Government has in the last few years allocated additional revenue and related capital funding to support local authorities facilitating the

development of local homelessness strategies. Funding has also been provided for local authorities across Wales for Temporary Accommodation and Prevention projects.

For 2006-2008 funding has been made available to organisations to support Good Practice in Homelessness programmes.

Further details are available from the Grants Team, Housing Directorate of the Housing Strategy and Services Unit. Bids must be submitted via local authorities in the area in which the project will be operating.

Contact:

Melanie Shott

Tel: 029 2082 3339

Andrea Cleaver

Tel: 029 2082 6945

housinggrantsadministration@wales.gsi.gov.uk

Social Housing Management Grant Programme

The purpose is to clearly link the programme to the achievement of the social housing vision and broad objectives set out in:

- Wales' National Housing Strategy.
- Housing strategies in place at the local level.

The main themes of the programme change on an annual basis. Current themes are:

- Helping older people live independently in their own homes and other housing activities relating to improving health.

- Housing management and sustainable development.
- Housing management and anti-social behaviour.
- New horizons – innovations in social housing management.

Themes in past years include:

- Letting of social housing.
- Marketing social housing.
- Best value.
- Promoting tenant participation and training.
- Promoting and mainstreaming equality of opportunity.
- Housing and health.
- Developing local housing strategies.
- Developing council housing stock business plans.
- Examining and evaluating alternative models of social housing management.
- New Horizons - innovation in social housing management.

A copy of the application form, detailed notes for guidance and the criteria can be found on the Assembly's website, or e-mail:

housinggrantsadministration@wales.gsi.gov.uk

Contact:

Nick Jones

Tel: 01685 729198

Substance Misuse Action Fund

This fund is allocated to the 22 Community Safety Partnerships (CSP's) in Wales to commission services against the needs identified in their local Substance Misuse Improvement Plans.

The fund is accessible by the voluntary sector through collaboration with their local CSP.

Contact: Steve Craddock, Performance Management and Finance Manager, Substance Misuse Strategy Implementation and Finance Team Community Safety Division Welsh Assembly Government Rhydycar Merthyr Tydfil CF48 1UZ
Tel: 01685 729105
Stephen.Craddock@wales.gsi.gov.uk

Assembly Sponsored Public Bodies (ASPBs)

ASPBs are not Assembly departments or part of one but they do provide Welsh Assembly Government funding for various causes. They are semi-autonomous bodies operating at arms length. Each has a board which is charged with the responsibility for its work.

Arts Council of Wales

The Arts Council of Wales distributes funds on behalf of the Welsh Assembly Government and National Lottery to arts related projects.

Capital Grant Scheme

A fund predominately for arts buildings and equipment but can also support public art, feasibility studies and development work. A 'Capital Small Grant' is also available for projects between £2,000 and £10,000.

Creative Wales Awards (£5,001 to £12,000)

Funding for professional artists, with the view of helping artists develop their

potential and refresh their skills and creative partnerships. The awards are also aimed to enable artists to take time away from their usual commitments in order to concentrate on developing their work.

Major Creative Wales Awards (£20,000 to £25,000)

In addition to the above, artists are required to demonstrate a consistent level of achievement and contribution within their area of professional practice in Wales.

Night Out – Community Touring Scheme

The purpose of this scheme is to help community groups and organisations host live professional performances without incurring the normal financial risk.

Contact:

Arts Council of Wales, 9 Museum Place, Cardiff CF10 3NX
Tel: 029 20 37 6500
Fax: 029 20 22 1447
www.artswales.org

Countryside Council for Wales

The Countryside Council for Wales (CCW) is the government's statutory advisor on wildlife, countryside and maritime conservation matters in Wales. It promotes the protection and enhancement of the landscape, the conservation of wildlife and habitats, opportunities for quiet enjoyment of the countryside, and public understanding of the environment.

Having gone through a transitional period in the delivery of its grant aid, CCW is adjusting to a new Corporate Strategy themed approach to delivering

its work, together with a changing emphasis on funding within the environmental sector.

Potential grant applicants are encouraged to contact the Regional Countryside Officer in their local office before submitting a grant application. Grants will not normally exceed 50 per cent of the scheme costs.

Contact: Countryside Council for Wales, Maes-y-Fynnon, Penrhosgarnedd, Bangor, Gwynedd LL57 2DW

Tel: 01248 385500

Enquiry Line 0845 130 6229

enquiries@ccw.gov.uk.

www.ccw.gov.uk

Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales

The main work of the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales (RCAHMW) is to compile information by surveying, recording and interpreting terrestrial and maritime archaeological and historical sites, structures and landscapes.

RCAHMW supports other bodies working in the same field mainly through advice. However, where appropriate, it is prepared to give financial support.

Contact: RCAHMW, Plas Crug, Aberystwyth, Ceredigion, SY23 1NJ

Tel: 01970 612 203

david.browne@rcahmw.org.uk

www.rcahmw.org.uk

Sports Council for Wales

The Sports Council for Wales operates a number of funding schemes that aim to increase participation and improve performance in Welsh sport. Further detailed information on the grant schemes and eligibility criteria is included in the relevant guidelines available from the Sports Council.

Coach Cymru

A Welsh Assembly Government and Lottery Sports Fund for Wales funded scheme, providing funds for the training, support and employment of coaches.

Élite Cymru

Providing the most highly promising athletes in Wales with the support they need to achieve their potential. This could include sports science support, medical back-up, career and education advice, coaching and access to training facilities. Applications for support are considered only for those sports and activities recognised by the Sports Council for Wales.

Facility Development

A National Lottery funded capital scheme aimed at improving sports facilities at both a local and national level, in areas identified as having the greatest levels of recreational, sporting and financial need. Projects must demonstrate lasting and maximum sport benefit as well as value for money.

Girls First Initiative

An initiative for Welsh secondary schools aimed at encouraging girls to participate in after school sporting activities. A maximum of £1,000 is available per school.

Overseas Expeditions Development Support

A scheme to assist in funding overseas expeditions which will enhance the development of a sport. Grants are limited to a contribution of up to 50% of the estimated costs of travel, safety equipment and other essential materials. The level of grant rarely exceeds £1,000.

Minor Grants

Providing funding for projects that create new, additional or improved opportunities to play sport. The scheme is used widely to encourage individuals, families and communities to become more active. Total project costs cannot exceed £12,500.

SPORTLOT Community Chest

A grant scheme aimed at developing sport at grass roots level, particularly for young people, women and girls and disadvantaged groups. Decision-making for grants below £750 is carried out at a local level. Committees have been established in each of the 22 Welsh local authorities, made up of local people with knowledge of sport in the area.

Sports Safety

A scheme to assist national sports safety organisations, sports safety clubs and rescue teams to provide safety and rescue cover for people taking part in recreational activities in the natural environment. Eligible activities include capital schemes, replacement specialist equipment and special projects to raise participation and/or standards. Maximum grants awarded are 75% of total project costs to a limit of £7,500 for

capital expenditure and £2,500 for revenue expenditure.

Sportsmatch Cymru

A scheme providing a vital link between the commercial sector and the development of grass-roots sport, offering sports clubs and governing bodies support with projects that increase grass-roots participation, by match '£ for £' investment by the private sector.

Contact: Sports Council For Wales,
Sophia Gardens, Cardiff CF11 9SW
Tel: 0845 045 0904
Fax: 029 2030 0600
scw@scw.co.uk
www.sports-council-wales.co.uk

Welsh Language Board

Established under the Welsh Language Act, the Board's main purpose is to facilitate the use of the Welsh language.

The Board seeks to work in partnership with those organisations offering advice and help to service providers in Wales to give a natural choice of language to their customers.

Grants to promote the Welsh language

The Board offers grants to voluntary organisations working on projects that will lead to an increase in the use of Welsh.

This scheme provides financial assistance for activities which increase and facilitate the use of Welsh. Grants may be provided for a period of up to three years.

In addition there are grant schemes to provide bi-lingual materials and for businesses. All eligible applicants must have a constitution, acceptable legal status and a democratic management structure.

However, the Board can consider applications from new organisations, or from organisations which are established but have not yet formalised their status.

Contact: Welsh Language Board,
Market Chambers, 5-7 St Mary Street,
Cardiff CF10 1AT

Tel: 029 2087 8000 Fax: 029 2087
8001

post@welsh-language-board.org.uk
www.welsh-langauge-board.org.uk
www.bwrdd-yr-iaith.org.uk

Funding from other Government-related funds

There are a range of miscellaneous sources of Government-related funding and include Assembly funds administered by voluntary bodies such as Wales Council for Voluntary Action and county voluntary councils.

Community Loan Fund

Established by Finance Wales in 1999, Community Loans were developed in order to support community enterprise across Wales.

The aim of the loan fund is to bridge gaps in financial support for a growing social economy. By closing these gaps, loans underpin the financial viability of community enterprises, making them more sustainable in the long-term.

Community loans act as a catalyst to increase the flow of funds into community regeneration enterprises. The loans can be accessed by charity trading arms; community businesses; co-operative; credit unions; development trusts; employee-owned businesses; social businesses; social firms; enterprises run by ethnic groups and voluntary organisations.

Job creation and economic development are essential elements for any successful application. However, Finance Wales offers step-by-step guidance and support to applicants via a dedicated professional fund manager.

Contact:

Finance Wales plc, Oakleigh House
Park Place, Cardiff CF10 3DQ

Tel: 029 2033 8100

Fax: 029 2033 8101

sarah.mayze@financewales.co.uk

info@financewales.co.uk

www.financewales.co.uk

ENTRUST

Landfill Tax Credit Scheme (LTCS)

Whilst not strictly Government-funded, this grant scheme permits landfill operators to support a wide range of environmental projects by giving them a 90% tax credit against their donations to environmental projects. Landfill tax credits must be spent in compliance with the landfill tax regulations. HM Revenue and Customs have announced that the Landfill Tax Credit Scheme is changing its name to the Landfill Communities Fund.

ENTRUST does not fund any works within the LTCS. ENTRUST's role is strictly regulatory and they cannot

compel any landfill operator to fund a particular project.

It is, however, charged with enrolling, monitoring and auditing organisations that have enrolled with ENTRUST as Environmental Bodies. These distributive bodies help other groups access landfill tax credits.

There are a number of routes to accessing funding. Organisations do not need to be charitable although they must be non-profit distributing and any surplus must be used to further fund your organisation's objectives.

Contact:

ENTRUST, 6th Floor Acre House,
2, Town Square, Sales,
Cheshire M33 7WZ

Tel: 0161 972 0044

Fax: 0161 972 0055

information@entrust.org.uk

www.entrust.org.uk

Environment Wales

Environment Wales aims to protect and improve the environment in Wales by supporting voluntary action which contributes to sustainable development. The Initiative has been running since April 1992.

The Environment Wales Initiative is administered by the Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA) on behalf of the Welsh Assembly Government.

The initiative's objectives are to:

- Achieve sustainable improvements to the Welsh environment through practical projects.
- Increase understanding of sustainable development and the

environment through information, education and advisory services.

- Help create new environmental initiatives which also allow communities and voluntary organisations to contribute to their social and economic needs.
- To support and train staff and volunteers engaged in these activities.

Projects given priority are generally those:

- Which are innovative or collaborative, particularly those which amplify sustainable development and could be used as a model elsewhere.
- Which encourage and support the participation of communities in Local Agenda 21.
- Where the grant would raise the quality of work and achieve greater benefits for the environment.
- Where the grant may increase the potential to raise income through a project
- Which are able to attract support from other sources.

Contact: Environment Wales

Baltic House, Mount Stuart Square,
Cardiff CF10 5FH

Tel: 029 2043 1769

info@environment-wales.org

www.environment-wales.org

Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA)

WCVA administers a number of grant schemes on behalf of the Welsh Assembly Government.

Members of WCVA receive funding information as part of the fortnightly *e-briefing*, or by signing up for WCVA's free e-membership you can receive the fortnightly *Funding news* bulletin. There is also funding information in the Communities First Support Network (CFSN) *e-bulletin*, which WCVA circulates monthly on behalf of CFSN.

Communities First Trust Fund

Communities First is a Welsh Assembly Government regeneration programme targeting the most deprived communities in Wales. The Trust Fund, an initiative of the Communities First Support Network (CFSN), provides small grants for groups in Communities First areas for any type of activity that involves local people through community-led organisations. The fund, administered by WCVA, is aimed at supporting activities that provide economic, environmental, social or cultural benefit for people.

Contact:

CFSN Helpline

Tel: 0800 587 8898

enquiries@communitiesfirst.info

www.communitiesfirst.info

Communities Investment Fund

As part of CFSN the Communities Investment Fund was launched by WCVA in collaboration with its project partners, Development Trusts

Association Wales and Wales Co-operative Centre, to make long term investments through a flexible loan funding package. This is supported by development grant assistance which is aimed at helping organisations towards loan readiness.

The Fund will help build the sustainability of independent community-based voluntary social enterprises and organisations located in Communities First areas within Objective One areas which are unable to raise sufficient funding from more conventional sources. This is a key strand in the Welsh Assembly Government's programme to address social exclusion, and will be achieved by helping to develop business capacity to generate income, by raising the level of business skills in managing assets successfully, and by encouraging the running of good quality business operations.

Contact:

CFSN Helpline

Tel: 0800 587 8898

enquiries@communitiesfirst.info

www.communitiesfirst.info

Millennium Volunteers

Millennium Volunteers is an UK wide programme for young people who are interested or involved in volunteering. The purpose of the programme is to promote and recognise a sustained commitment by young people aged 16-24 to voluntary activity which makes a clear impact on the community.

In Wales the programme is managed by the MV Advisory Panel, a partnership between WCVA and the Council for Wales Voluntary Youth Service

(CWVYS). Applications can be made for sums £50 to £7,000 to cover volunteers' costs. There is no restriction on the number of applications that can be made. Applications from youth-led projects can be approved very quickly through a fast track system. The advisory panel meets four times per year.

Contact:

WCVA Helpdesk
Tel: 0800 2888 329
help@wcva.org.uk
www.wvca.org.uk

Volunteering in Wales Fund

The Volunteering in Wales Fund (VIWF) is administered by the Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA) on behalf of the Welsh Assembly Government. Funds are made available for the promotion of volunteering in Wales, particularly involving unemployed people, in the fields of health and social welfare.

The aim of the fund is to:

- Support Welsh projects whose aims are mainly achieved by volunteer effort and support.
- Support not-for-profit organisations whose primary purpose in seeking grant support is to recruit, train and place volunteers.
- Encourage good standards and practice in volunteering.

- Support those people at risk of social exclusion through the medium of volunteering.

Grants of up to £25,000 are available in the first year, and there is the opportunity to apply for second and third year funding of up to £12,500 and £6,250 respectively.

Any constituted voluntary organisation working, or planning to work in Wales, is eligible to apply.

Awards will not normally be made for projects which are eligible for funding from more appropriate Welsh Assembly Government sources.

Applications closed on 31 October 2008. Successful applications will receive funding from April 2009.

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