

Wales Council for Voluntary Action

Supporting charities, volunteers and communities

7. Finding and getting money

7.4.10 Funding sources for environmental projects



The following list gives details of possible sources of funding for voluntary organisations that are involved with environmental projects.

The entries in this listing are intended as a general guide - you should always contact the appropriate trust or organisation for more detailed information. This list is not exhaustive.

The Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund for Wales

The Aggregate 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 will be 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; and
- 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, Welsh Environment, The Sustainability Fund Unit Planning 4c, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF10 3NQ

Tel: 029 2082 3261 or 029 2080 1492

Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation

The Foundation avoids publishing specific areas of interest in order to maintain a broad spectrum of charitable giving but most grants fall into the following categories: education; the arts; heritage; youth; community; environment/conservation; animal welfare; health; medical research; housing; welfare and leisure. There is no limit set on the size of grants, but they range from single payments between £200 and £5,000. Grants do not necessarily require match funding. Grants will be made to registered charities including schools in the UK.

Contact: Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation,

20 Berkley Square, London W1J 6LH

Tel: 020 7408 2198

asstdirbsunleycharfund@ukgateway.net

Biffaward

Biffaward is the name given to the multi-million pound, environmental grant giving fund utilising the Landfill Tax Credit Scheme. The aim of Biffaward is to improve the quality of life and foster vibrant communities. Funding is available for projects that: provide and improve public amenities; create, restore and manage areas specifically to increase biodiversity; enable smaller groups to access funding more easily and support community led regeneration schemes of regional or national significance.

Contact: Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts, The Kiln, Waterside, Mather Road, Newark, Nottinghamshire NG24 1WT
Tel: 0870 036 1000
grants@rswt.org
www.biffaward.org

BOC Foundation for the Environment

The BOC Foundation for the Environment awards grants for projects proposing practical solutions to a range of environmental problems being experienced in the UK. Applications will be considered from any group or individual with an interest or responsibility relating to the environment. The Foundation is particularly interested in providing top-up grants to projects that have already attracted partial funding from other sources. In many cases, other potential sources of finance are recommended to project teams looking for extra funding. The Foundation concentrates on projects that improve air and water quality.

Although there are no fixed limits to the level of funding, most grants are between £25,000 and £75,000.

Contact: BOC Environment Grants, The BOC Group, Chertsey Road, Windlesham, Surrey GU20 6HJ
Tel: 01276 477222
barry.beecroft@group.boc.com
www.boc.com/foundation

The Ernest Cook Trust

The trust support supports projects that are clearly educational and it is also keen to support applications that educate people about the rural environment and the countryside.

There are five main grant categories of which one is environment and rural. Grants range from £100 - £3,000 in the small grants category. Larger grants range from £5,000 - £10,000 although there are a few larger awards made for specific educational purposes. Small grants are considered at frequent intervals while larger grants are considered at the trust's two main meetings and must be finalised by 31 January and 31 August each year. Awards are made on an annual basis and must be from registered charities or not-for-profit organisations or their representatives.

Contact: The Ernest Cook Trust, Fairford Park, Fairford, Gloucestershire, GL7 4JH
Tel: 01285 713 273
Fax: 01285 711 692
grants@ernestcooktrust.org.uk
www.ernestcooktrust.org.uk

Charles Hayward Foundation

The Charles Hayward Foundation runs a number of grant making programmes, which include art, preservation and the environment, community facilities, the elderly, medical research, early intervention, hospices, criminal justice, special needs, youth at risk and overseas. The trustee's policy is to support organisations in undertaking projects which are: preventative or provide early intervention; developmental or innovative; promote or continue good practice; add value to existing services.

Funds may be allocated towards the capital costs of buildings, extensions, adaptations, equipment and furnishings. Project funding is occasionally granted for start-up or development activities where this is not part of the on-going revenue requirement of the project. The size of grant is typically £1,000 to £20,000.

Contact: The Hayward Foundation, Hayward House, 45 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU
Tel: 020 7370 7063/7067
www.charleshaywardfoundation.org.uk

Low Carbon Buildings Programme

Formerly the Clear Skies grant programme, the Low Carbon Buildings Programme provides grants for micro generation technologies to householders, community organisations, schools, the public and not-for-profit sectors and private individuals.

The grants fund a number of technologies including: solar photovoltaics, wind turbines, small hydro, solar thermal hot water, ground/water/air source heat pumps, bio-energy, renewable CHP, microCHP and fuel cells. To be eligible to receive low carbon buildings grant you must use an accredited installer and an accredited product.

Under Stream 1 of the programme grants totalling £10.5m will be made available to householders and community organisations. A further £18m will be made available to public, not for profit and private sector organizations for medium and large scale micro generation projects. Community organisations can apply for up to 50% of the costs of buying and installing micro generation technology, up to a maximum of £30,000.

Contact: Tel: 0800 915 0990
info@lowcarbonbuildings.org.uk
www.lowcarbonbuildings.org.uk

Coalfields Regeneration Trust

Aims: The Coalfields Regeneration Trust's mission is 'to promote and achieve the social and economic regeneration of the Coalfields of England, Wales and Scotland'.

The Trust has specified that it will support projects that fit into one or more of the following funding themes:

- Supporting communities includes both capital and revenue elements that creates or improves community facilities; improves access to services including health, debt and welfare rights advice, and supports the involvement of local people.

- Learning communities includes activities for people of all ages on accredited and non-accredited courses providing they are additional to statutory provision. It includes early years, out of school activity and summer camps, youth work activity, mentoring and volunteering schemes.
- Enterprising communities is to support the development of social enterprise and voluntary groups to generate income, it includes start up costs, developing buildings and equipment to improve sustainability, business training and schemes that focus on sharing resources and contracting.
- Supporting people in to work aims to build on existing employment schemes by supporting new and locally designed approaches that get people into work. These include project that improve job prospects through wage subsidy, vocational skills and tailor made training schemes; schemes that target hard to reach people; activity centred around growth industries providing training and job guarantee schemes; and labour market programmes.

Eligibility: Grants are made to charities, voluntary organisations, local authorities, agencies and partnerships. Community groups and small organisations are eligible if they:

- have an appropriate constitution;
- have a bank account with cheques signed by at least two people;
- submit a well planned and costed application which will make a positive contribution to coalfield regeneration.

Applicants must be financially sound, and should not have reserves which are greater than 12 months running costs or more than four times the value of the sum applied for.

Applications: Guidelines and application forms are available from the Trust's Pontypridd office. Applicants are invited to discuss their proposals with the Regeneration Manager. The Trust emphasises the need for comprehensive planning for projects. There are separate application arrangements for:

- Bridging the Gap (small grant) (£500 to £10,000) – requiring constitutions, recent accounts, an independent referee, and a project description.
- Main Grant (£10,000 to £100,000) – requiring more detailed information.

Area covered: Existing and former coalfield areas and, exceptionally, projects outside these areas which will benefit a coalfield area. Detailed information is available from the CRT office.

Contact: Coalfields Regeneration Trust,
Maritime Offices, Woodland Terrace,
Maesycoed, Pontypridd,
Rhondda Cynon Taff CF37 1DZ
Tel: 01443 404 455
Fax: 01443 408 804
alunt@coalfields-regen.org.uk
www.coalfields-regen.org.uk

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.

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

D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust

The income of the trust is used to support charitable causes connected with the arts, medical welfare and environment. The environment theme covers: the preservation of the countryside and woodlands, protection of species and their habitats under threat or in decline, conservation of the marine environment and sustainable fisheries and heritage conservation.

The majority of grants are made on a one-off basis, ranging from £1,000 to £50,000. Commitment is given to make grants to charities that do not enjoy a high profile in order to create significant impact on the work of the charity concerned. The majority of applications are considered twice a year in July and December.

Contact: The D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust, 1 Savoy Hill, London WC2R 0BP
Tel: 020 7420 2600.

ENTRUST Landfill Communities Fund

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.

ENTRUST do not fund any works within the LCF. 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 is a partnership of organisations in the voluntary sector, funded by the Welsh Assembly Government. Its aim is to contribute to sustainable development by supporting and encouraging voluntary action to protect and improve the environment in Wales. Projects must be formally registered to be eligible for some of their grant schemes. There are five grant funds, each of which can cover up to 75 per cent of a project's costs.

Management grants: Funds new posts with registered projects or constituted and well-established groups.

Project grants: Given to registered projects for the purchase of large capital items or building costs

Development Grants

Training support grants: For registered projects for training of staff or volunteers and events organised by the project to train others.

Pre-project grants: Given to constituted groups only for work to be done by external consultants investigating into the feasibility of a project, and promotional materials to help the project gain support.

Start-up grants: Cover initial costs of setting up a group, such as the hire of a room to meet in. There must be a bank account in the group's name to receive funds.

Contact: Environment Wales, Baltic House, Mount Stuart Square, Cardiff, CF10 5FH

Tel: 029 2043 1769

info@environment-wales.org
www.environment-wales.org

Esmée Fairbairn Foundation

Esmée Fairbairn is one of the largest independent grant making foundations in the UK. The Foundation makes grants to organisations that aim to improve the quality of life for people and communities in the UK, both now and in the future. Grants are made through two routes:

- Main Fund
- Strands

The Foundation invites applications from registered charities or groups with charitable purposes. There are no deadlines for applying.

Contact: Esmée Fairbairn Foundation, 11 Park Place, London SW1A 1LP
Tel: 020 7297 4700 Fax: 020 7297 4701

info@esmeefairbairn.org.uk
www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk

Garfield Weston Foundation

The Foundation aims to support large and small projects from national and local groups equally. Applicants are required to have charitable status or be able to receive payment through a local charity, as this is necessary for the processing of cheques by the Foundation.

Grants consist of a one-off payment of up to £3 million but the majority are between £100 and £20,000. Match funded, revenue and non-capital projects may be eligible. Areas of interest are: education, arts, health, environment, community, youth, religion, welfare and general.

Applications are all considered on their own merit rather than through adherence to any specific criteria.

Contact: The Garfield Weston Foundation, Weston Centre, Bowater House, 68 Knightsbridge, London SW1X 7LQ
Tel: 020 7589 6363
Fax: 020 7584 5921

J Paul Getty Jr Charitable Trust

The trust aims to fund projects to alleviate poverty and misery in general, and unpopular cases in particular, within the UK. The emphasis is on self-help and enabling people to reach their potential. The trustees favour small community and local projects, which make good use of volunteers. There are four main beneficial areas:

- Social welfare
- Therapeutic use of the arts
- Conservation
- Environment

Grants are usually in the £5,000 to £15,000 range, for both capital and revenue. Some small grants of up to £2,000 are also made in between the quarterly trustee meetings. Priority is likely to be given to projects in the less prosperous parts of the country, particularly outside London and the South East, and to those, which cover more than one beneficial area.

Contact: The Administrator, J Paul Getty Jr Charitable Trust, 1 Park Square West, London NW1 4LJ
Tel: 020 7486 1859
www.jpgettytrust.org.uk

The Rainford Trust

The Trust's priorities include charitable and voluntary organisations which aim to enhance the quality of community life and which seek to provide new kinds of employment, and programmes whose objects are the provision of medical care, education and environmental improvement. Grants are awarded for buildings, capital costs, projects, research, salaries and start up costs.

Contact: The Secretary, c/o Pilkington plc, Prescott Road, St Helens, Merseyside WA10 3TT
Tel: 01744 20574

Sainsbury Foundation – JJ Charitable Trust

One of the general areas of focus is the environment. In the past grants have been made for sustainability projects, species recovery projects, environmental education and general conservation and environmental projects. There are no limitations set on the types of organisation that may be eligible for funding, although Sainsbury

Trusts generally prefer new, innovative and unusual work.

Contact: The Sainsbury Foundation – JJ Charitable Trust, Allington House, 1st Floor, 150 Victoria Street, London SW1E 5AE
Tel: 020 7410 0330

Details of other Sainsbury Foundation Trusts with an interest in environmental issues, i.e. Ashden Charitable Trust, the Headley Trust, the Linbury Trust, the Monument Trust, the Staples Trust and the Woodward Charitable Trust are also available from the above address.

Will Charitable Trust

This trust exists to provide financial assistance to charitable organisations whose activities are fall within four main categories, three of which are health related whilst the fourth covers conservation of the British countryside including its flora and fauna.

Grants range between £3,000 - £20,000 although most fall within £10,000. Applicants, especially those applying for the first time are encouraged to contact the trust before applying. The annual deadline for conservation related applications is 31 August.

Contact

The Will Charitable Trust, Sunbury International Business Centre, Brooklands Close, Windmill Road, Sunbury on Thames, Middlesex, TW16 9DX
Tel: 01932 724 148

UK Villages Community Kitty

The UK Villages Community Kitty was established in 2001 to celebrate the first birthday of the national and local community website UKVillages.co.uk and so assist small groups working at the heart of their community. Environmental projects have been previously funded and are shown as being typical examples of those projects likely to receive awards.

A percentage of revenue generated by UKVillages.co.uk goes into the Community Kitty which is then topped up by friends, sponsors and supporters. Awards from the Kitty are allocated twice each year – 10 April and 10 October. Grants are available from £50 - £300.

Applications can only be made by groups that have put a notice up about their activities and registered on the Societies and Groups section of UKVillages.co.uk. Applications can only be made through this website.

Contact: www.ukvillages.co.uk

Woodroffe Benton Foundation

The Foundation gives preference to: Financial assistance to those in need as a result of disaster or by reason of social and economic circumstances; the provision of care for the sick and elderly; the promotion of education; conservation and improvement of the environment. Eligible organisations must be registered charities based in the United Kingdom. Grants are normally in the region of £700- £1,000 and trustees meet quarterly to consider applications in January, April, July and October.

Contact: The Secretary, Woodroffe Benton Foundation, 16 Fernleigh Court, Harrow, Middlesex HA2 6NA
Tel: 020 8421 4120
alan.king@which.net

The Woodward Charitable Trust

This is one of the Sainsbury Family Trusts which share a joint administration but it operates quite differently to most of the others in the group in that it gives a large number of small grants in response to an open application.

Trustees award three types of grant:

- Major grants between £10,000 - £50,000.
- Small grants between £100 - £5,000.
- Children's summer scheme grants between £500 - £2,000.

Trustees favour small scale, locally based initiatives. Funding is primarily for one-off projects, but the trustees are willing to consider core costs.

Environmental projects receive funding where there is a strong education element provided they are distinctive and not merely part of current fashion.

Contact: The Woodward Charitable Trust, Allington House, 1st Floor, 150 Victoria Street, London, SW1E 5AE
Tel: 020 7410 0330
Fax: 020 7410 0332
contact@woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk
www.woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk

The National Lottery Awards for All Wales

A National Lottery grants programme for local communities. It grants of between £500 and £5,000 are available to fund projects which involve people in their

local community, bringing them together in a range of heritage, charitable, health, educational, environmental and other community activities.

They will fund projects that can be completed in 12 months by not-for-profit groups, community of town councils, schools or health bodies.

Contact: Tel: 0845 600 2040 or 01686 611 740
www.awardsforall.org.uk

Heritage Lottery Fund Heritage Grant Schemes

The Heritage Lottery Fund is helping communities throughout the United Kingdom to protect and open up their countryside, parks and gardens and to make vital contributions to nature conservation. They particularly want to encourage projects involving land and countryside that is of outstanding importance, especially where this is at risk.

They also encourage strategic projects that aim to improve a whole area or a particular type of landscape. Grants can be made to buy, conserve and manage land of importance for its scenery, history, wildlife, cultural, or local value. Applicants must ensure an appropriate balance between conservation and access. Grants are also made for historic parks, gardens and other urban green spaces. They particularly want grants for urban parks to help contribute to the regeneration of deprived areas.

Contact: Suite 5A, Hodge Hall, Guildhall Place, St. Mary's Street, Cardiff, CF10 1DY
Tel: 029 2034 3413 or 029 2034 3427 or HLF Helpline 020 7591 6042

enquire@hlf.org.uk
www.hlf.org.uk

Civic Initiatives (Heritage) Grant Scheme

Support for projects which help to preserve, enhance or improve the physical environment in Welsh towns and increase social awareness of the heritage in Wales.

Contact: Civic Initiatives (Heritage) Grant Scheme, Cadw: Welsh Historic Monuments, Crown Building, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF10 3NQ
Tel: 029 2082 3038
Fax: 029 2082 6375
cadw@wales.gsi.gov.uk
www.cadw.wales.gov.uk

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For further information contact

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